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News and Updates
from all Northstowe's
social clubs and groups



News and Updates

EDITORS' WELCOME

It is very good to have a relatively 'normal' summer again, we hope you are enjoying all the BBQs and getting together with relatives, neighbours and fellow Northstowers. Already it has been a summer full of festivals and sporting activities; from Glastonbury opening its doors again and a lady in her 80th with zimmer frame being one of the first to enter the compound, to Wimbledon in which Andy Murray's match continued well into the evening – and wasn't it interesting to see the ball boy catching the ball before it was called out!

To all the Teachers and Students going back to school soon, we hope the Summer break has been enjoyable. To all those going off to University, Northstowe News sends you best wishes as you embark on this new journey in your life.

September has always been my least favourite month and I used to find myself not looking forward to it, I think it stems from the changes I always experienced – going into a new school year or even starting new school, which means new things to learn and possibly having to make new friends, a new timetable to memorise, and on top of all this the days starting to get shorter and colder.

Because of this I decided to embark on a challenge this September so that it makes me anticipate it coming. The challenge I set myself is to encourage two people a day for the entire month – and you can join me in that as well, it can be just saying 'well done' to the friend next to you on the playground or 'good job' to the person on the checkout who has just scanned all the groceries.

Let's make it a September we can all look forward to and enjoy the new things that await us.

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HOUSEHOLD BIN COLLECTIONS

Thursday 4 th August	Black Bin
Thursday 11 th August	Blue and Green Bins
Thursday 18 th August	Black Bin
Thursday 25 th August	Blue and Green Bins
Friday 2nd September	Black Bin
Thursday 8 th September	Blue and Green Bins
Thursday 15 th September	Black Bin
Thursday 22 nd September	Blue and Green Bins
Thursday 29 th September	Black Bin



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INTERIM COMMUNITY FACILITY

South Cambridgeshire District Council has reached an agreement with housebuilder Taylor Wimpey for the purchase of its two show homes and Sales Information Centre on Pathfinder Way. The buildings will be a medium-term replacement for the community facilities which previously were located at the Community Wing of Pathfinder Primary School.

It is anticipated that the purchase will complete in October this year (2022). The legal agreement to facilitate the purchase is now being finalised.



A planning application for a temporary change of use of the building being purchased has been submitted to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service by the Council. Comments from the community are welcome as part of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service's process.

To view the plans, or put forward your views on the temporary plans for the building, please scan the QR code or see the link below:



<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=REHW3RDXKTM00&activeTab=summary>

The District Council has been working with Northstowe's community groups that have been holding events and classes in the Wing and they will temporarily operate from other rooms and spaces at the Pathfinder Primary School and Northstowe Secondary College.

Information about the community space available to book can be found by:

Pathfinder Primary School – email office@pathfinderschool.org.uk for more information

Northstowe Secondary College – view spaces and book. The college offers a 15% discount on booking their facilities if community groups making the booking are located in Northstowe or Longstanton. Any queries can be sent to lettings@northstowesc.org.uk

If you have further queries please email Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

Northstowe News is produced by a small group of volunteers. We're always looking for regular or one-off articles, photos, artwork, event reports, notices, and anything else that may be of interest to the Northstowe community. If you would like to write in the magazine please email northstovenews@gmail.com with your questions, ideas and contributions.

The submission deadline for the October / November issue is **September 1st**.

The cost of printing and distribution of this magazine was supported, in part, by the Northstowe Developers Community Fund and the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

NORTHSTOWE NEWS AGM

On the 27th June Northstowe News met for its first AGM since the new committee formed a year ago. In that time readership has increased from 1000 copies to 1300 copies and we made the exciting decision to move to full colour magazines. We reviewed our facebook pages and website and the groups finances. Northstowe News is grateful for funding from the Northstowe Developers fund, the National Lottery and the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation which have helped keep us running whilst the new committee took over. The committee was unanimously re-elected.

We also took this opportunity to review the responses to our readers feedback survey. We were pleased with some fantastic feedback including "You are amazing, thank you for all the hard work you do putting this magazine together." "Thank to all for doing the newsletter and making our town a community!" but also took on board that some readers worry about the environmental impact of receiving a paper copy. We note that if residents have a "No Junk mail" sticker in their windows they will not receive Northstowe News unless they have written "No Junk mail, except Northstowe News" on their stickers – and Northstowe News will continue to be available on the facebook group and also on our website northstovenews.com. We are committed to reaching everyone in Northstowe so even those who choose not to join Facebook know what is happening and can join in with our thriving, friendly community.

We reviewed our safeguarding and equal opportunity policies and are committed to all committee members of Northstowe News having training in these areas and working to reach hard to reach groups. We encourage all residents of Northstowe to help with the magazine and people wishing to send in photos, recipes, poems or columns – or to join the committee, can contact us at northstovenews@gmail.com.

NORTHSTOWE WINTER FESTIVAL IS BACK

Yes we know it's early to be planning for the festive season, but we'd love you to get involved so now's the time to get your thinking caps on!

Northstowe Winter Festival celebrates all that is wonderful about that time of year: whether it's Advent, Christmas, Hannukah, Yalda, or anything else – if you're organising a celebratory event in Northstowe that's open to the community, we'd love for it to be a part of Northstowe Winter Festival.

For now, all you need to do is get in touch with Northstowe Arts at northstowe.arts@gmail.com. We'll send you the branding and make sure your event is listed when the website – northstowewinterfestival.co.uk – goes live. It's completely free and there's no deadline!

HELP SHAPE POLICING PRIORITIES IN YOUR AREA

Residents across Cambridgeshire are being invited to have their say and help shape policing priorities in their area.

Following a pilot in Cambridge city, Neighbourhood Policing Teams have launched a new way to influence what officers in your community focus on. This online tool provide a quick and easy way to have you say.

People living in Northstowe are invited to take five minutes to fill out an online survey each quarter so local officers can understand what crime is happening in their area.

Residents are also invited to attend an online meeting each quarter where there will be a presentation on recent policing activity from the team and the results of the survey will be shared. During the meeting neighbourhood teams will be able to listen to concerns, discuss, and allow residents to have an influence on what local police teams tackle.

After the meeting, the team will work on the matters agreed and update residents with progress over the following three months before the process begins again.

Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, who looks after the neighbourhood teams across the south of Cambridgeshire, said: "Our very genuine desire is to focus our neighbourhood teams on the things that are of the highest risk and concern for our residents. We are also really keen to tell you more about those things you might not realise or see us doing.

"We want to reach out to as many residents as possible. We're aiming to provide you better access to your neighbourhood police officers, to understand what is happening in your areas from a crime perspective and allow you to help shape the police activity."

"Online contact will never replace police teams being out on patrol to speak with, however residents have told us this is a quick, easy and effective means of getting to know your team and shaping what they do."

Residents can fill in the survey here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/bYXEZWCb3u>



Residents can also see a list of dates for the online meetings over the next eight months and sign up here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/cambridgeshire-constabulary-14356769797>

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR, CLLR RICHARD OWEN

2022 Elections and new Town Councillors!



In May, there were local elections for district and parish/town councils in South Cambridgeshire. With 11 candidates for 15 available seats, all candidates for Northstowe Town Council were re-elected for the term running from 2022-26. I'd like to thank departing Town Councillors Louise Gamon, Maria Harrison,

Firouz Thompson and Ilse van der Meijden for their work over the past year! At our Annual Meeting of the Town Council, I was honoured to be re-elected as Mayor with Cllr Littlemore as Deputy Mayor for the 2022-23 civic year. There's so much for us to work on over the next year, including pushing to make sure the facilities our town needs get built as soon as possible.

In our June meeting, we co-opted four new Town Councillors to take us back up to the full 15 - Ioana Sovago, Balaji Kinnera, Leena Kumari Ummadi and Majdi Mgaidia. Congratulations on joining the council, and I'm looking forward to working with you over the next 4 years!

ParkPlay

In May, Northstowe Town Council decided to work with ParkPlay, a non-profit organisation dedicated to bringing organised games to local parks. We're partnering with Longstanton Parish Council to bring these sessions to Western Park, hopefully starting in late summer - sessions will be run on Saturday mornings throughout the year, free of charge for anyone of all ages who wants to take part! I'm the coming weeks, we'll be looking to help recruit a Play leader from the community to run these sessions - watch this space!

Northstowe Delivery Group

We're pleased to see the formation of the Northstowe Delivery Group to help push forward the facilities our town badly needs, along with over £12m in new investment to make them buildings we can be proud of as a town for decades to come. We are pushing hard for Northstowe Town Council to be represented on this group, as it's vitally important that local and community knowledge is central to the decisions being made.

Northstowe Community Forum

After 2 years of virtual forums due to Covid, the District Council-organised Northstowe Community Forum is returning in-person on Tuesday 26th July at Northstowe Secondary College! There'll be a drop-in session with poster presentations from 6pm (Town Councillors will also have their own stall), with the forum running from 7-9pm. I'd encourage as many residents as possible to attend to find out more about what's happening in Northstowe and make your views heard. I've always found the in-person forum to be much more effective than online, and the drop-in sessions are great to be able to talk to the developers and your local representatives.

As always, if there are any issues you'd like to raise to the Town Council, please get in touch with either me (cllr.owen@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or Mark, our Town Clerk (town.clerk@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk) - there is always a standing item for public participation at our council meetings as well, with full council meetings on the 4th Wednesday each month except August.

Cllr Richard Owen

TOWN CLERK, MARK NOKKERT

The last few months have seen a noticeable number of 'Firsts' for the Town Council:

In March – April:

- First Annual Meeting of the Electorate ('AGM'), attended by a good number of residents.
- First End-of Year Accounting, for the first year's work as a Council.
- First full Internal Audit, showing healthy internal procedures and processes.
- First survey conducted, with amazing 555 community responses on the market survey – see elsewhere in this edition for the results.

In May and June:

- First Council elections held, followed by co-option of new Councillors filling the remaining Member Seats.
- First Grant Scheme launched, following the development of a Grant Awarding Policy – the Council welcomes grant applications from the community!
- First 'Meet your Councillors' stall at Northstowe Day, resulting in many good discussions with residents.
- First Jubilee Event organised, together with many active community groups and willing residents; we hope you enjoyed the Northstowe Jubilee Party on 5th June.
- First Annual Meeting of the Council which saw the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor re-elected, policies updated and Councillors allocated to represent the Town Council at external partnerships for the Civic Year 2022-'23.

Going forward, the Town Council is entering an exciting time: we have now all 15 Councillor seats filled again and, besides the developments already mentioned by the Mayor, the plans for the market are going to be developed further until ready to pilot.

Mark Nokkert, Town Clerk

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS



Northstowe came together on 7th May to celebrate its fifth anniversary. The day was a huge success with approx 500 people in attendance enjoying a range of activities including a free bouncy castle, activities-bowls, table tennis, family fun run, children's story telling, art activities and learning about the different community led groups already supporting Northstowe and its . Agencies such as the Police, Child and family centre, E bikes, recycling team, Cambs County Council and South Cambs District Council were on hand giving advice and support. It was such a success that the different community groups who led the event are considering making it an annual event. Well done to all the groups and volunteers who made this such a success! If you would like to volunteer to support community activities and events, please do get in touch. Northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

Now that the wing has closed and the railings no longer available to share community activities and events, we have transferred (not for profit) activities and events posters to the community noticeboard located on the Green, Pathfinder Way. In addition, a monthly list of community activities and events (again not of profit) "what's on" will be shared on the noticeboard from August 2022 and on our Facebook page "Northstowe Community". Please do let us know if you are offering not for profit activities or events to support the Northstowe community and we'll be happy to list it- monthly deadline is 11th to capture the following months activities.

If you would like to be involved and help shape your community, by volunteering with like- minded people, need signposting for support or have an idea on an activity that you'd like to see, please do get in touch with us- your Northstowe Community Development Officers- Kathryn Beck and Mihaela Stan. We offer weekly drop in sessions at the Northstowe Secondary College- Wednesdays between 9.30am and 3pm, leisurely walk and talk sessions, we are also available via email; northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk,evening meetings and some weekend community events. We have recommenced delivering welcome packs to newer residents and welcome volunteers to come along to welcome and meet people.

Mihaela Stan and Kathryn Beck

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Sarah Cheung Johnson, Cllr Alex Malyon

We are extremely pleased and honoured to have been re-elected in May as District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington and Westwick and Northstowe. The Liberal Democrats retained overall control of South Cambridgeshire District Council, increasing our number of councillors to thirty-seven out of forty-five.



The full results were:

Sarah Cheung Johnson (LibDem) – 1326
 Alex Malyon (LibDem) – 1183
 Harry Challands (Conservative) – 425
 Khadijeh Zargar (Conservative) – 340
 Clare Wilson (Labour) - 252

It has been a privilege to serve these communities for the last four years and we are delighted to have another four years to continue with our work as councillors. Our priorities for the next four years include fighting for action to address the issues caused by dewatering in Longstanton, working with Oakington to try and secure flood mitigation for the village and pushing for faster delivery of community facilities in Northstowe that will be of benefit for the whole local community. We will of course continue to work very closely with our County Councillor Firouz Thompson on these and other local issues.

A full set of the District results can be found here:
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/our-district-election-results-2022/>

UPDATE ON BIN COLLECTIONS

Our Greater Cambridge Shared Waste crews are facing a challenging period due to staff absences/shortages. There are two primary reasons for these staff shortages, which are also being reported by other local Councils. At Greater Cambridge Shared Waste, despite our sustained and long-term recruitment campaign, we still have vacancies for eight drivers and 14 loaders. Usually, these vacancies would be covered by agency staff. However, there is clearly a shortage of agency staff in our area which means there are fewer relief staff able to support us. Our Greater Cambridge Shared Waste colleagues continue to work with HR to see how our positions can be made even more attractive to potential applicants.

Thank you for bearing with the crews who are working very hard. Updates on bin services are posted on the council website and we will share via social media.

UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO WATER ISSUES IN NORTHSTOWE

We met with representative of NTC on site to further understand their hypothesis (full details of this can be found on the Northstowe Town Council website) regarding the reduction in groundwater levels in Longstanton and Northstowe. We are chasing up on further data on groundwater monitoring from Homes England and L&Q and for progress with L&Q's investigations and the proposed CCTV survey to examine whether there is leakage of water from the groundwater aquifer causing the reduction in water levels.

URBAN SPLASH

You may have seen the news that the consortium delivering the Inholm development in the first parcel of Northstowe Phase 2, Urban Splash, has gone into administration. At the time of writing neither we as councillors nor the SCDC have any further details on what will happen next with this part of the Northstowe development. We will ensure the wider community is kept updated as well as asking for this to be on the agenda at the Northstowe Forum.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR NORTHSTOWE

Following the elections, we thought it would be a good time to update you on where we are and where we are headed, with getting some of the key community facilities for Northstowe.

Funding Community Facilities - Section 106

The developers have an obligation to provide funding for facilities in a new development like Northstowe through Section 106 contributions. Many of the problems we are now seeing with delivering facilities stem from issues with the funding that was originally agreed. Unfortunately, the agreement for Northstowe Phase 1, signed back in 2014 under the previous administration at the District Council, was particularly poor for today's residents: the money assigned for community buildings contained serious cost under-estimates – these sums have not increased with inflation and so there is now a very significant shortfall in what we need to deliver the community facilities the community needs. The District and County Council will need to make up this shortfall.

Phase 1 Community Building

The lack of a permanent community building is one consequence of the poor Section 106 agreement. Technically it should have been delivered by now, but the plans submitted by the developer were for an extremely basic building that simply would not have met the needs of the community. We think that residents deserve better! Since SCDC purchased the land for the community building and enterprise zone, which will be at the heart of Phase 1, we have been working with the community, Town Council, and local businesses on a masterplan for this area which will include a community building, that really meets the needs of residents.

Interim Community Facilities

This does mean that we need some interim facilities, to bridge the gap from when the Community Wing is handed back to Pathfinder school. The District Council has stepped up here and agreed to purchase the two show homes and the Sales Information Centre from Taylor Wimpey on Pathfinder Way. Work will be carried out to adapt these for use as a temporary community space. The District Council has been working with Northstowe's community groups that currently hold events and classes in the Wing to put plans in place which will see them temporarily operate from other rooms and spaces at the Pathfinder Primary School and Northstowe Secondary College until the interim community space becomes available.

Delivery of the permanent, long-term community buildings in the early phases of the town – the sports pavilion, community centre and Civic Hub – will be unaffected by these proposals. Once appropriate permanent community space is available the Council will return the interim community space to housing and develop the adjacent piece of land that has planning permission for flats.

More information on these plans can be found here
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-invests-in-northstowe-to-provide-community-facilities/>

The Sports Pavilion

The delivery of the Phase 1 Sports Pavilion has been delayed, again due to issues with the section 106 agreement and the need to find additional funding. The transfer of the land from L&Q and the pandemic also added further delay. We now have planning permission, and the Council are in the final stages of agreeing a construction partner to start work. We are confident that the building design and the space will be a welcome addition to Northstowe facilities. We are particularly pleased that we were able to amend the building design to make it more sustainable, adding solar panels and an air source heat pump. We also secured the addition of a changing places toilet.

GP Provision

The Northstowe health centre, including GP services, will be housed in the Civic Hub – part of Phase 2 – so it is vital we don't see long delays in the delivery of this building. During the pandemic, the local NHS was understandably struggling to engage fully in the planning process for this building, but progress is now being made again, and we look forward to soon seeing a design for this building which really meets the needs of the new town.

We've long raised concerns about the difficulty residents have in getting GP appointments and this has been raised with the local NHS. They have told us there is still capacity for new patients to register locally. We know this will be frustrating for residents struggling to get GP appointments, but we know that this is not just a problem related to Northstowe and people across South Cambs have this same issues. We have asked for contingency planning in case local GPs reach capacity before the new health centre opens and escalated this to senior levels.

Over a decade of national government underfunding and failure to tackle the national shortage of GPs is a large factor in this and we will be pushing our MP for action.

A Shop for Northstowe

We are also continuing to push for a temporary solution to the lack of a shop at Northstowe. We have spoken with many residents who agree that even a small shop stocked with basics would be useful. While we are really pleased to see the efforts of Sustainable Northstowe, Co-op and the community in providing a community larder, getting a shop for the town is one of our top priorities.

FORMATION OF NORTHSTOWE MANAGEMENT GROUP

We have long been demanding a group to oversee all aspects of Northstowe rather than it be handled in different areas at the Council. We are pleased that a newly formed Northstowe Delivery Group will be convened which Alex and Sarah will sit on and the senior responsible officer will be Anne Ainsworth, the Council's COO. We are hoping with such senior representation and a focus we can see some real progress on items we have all found frustrating.

COUNCIL PROPOSES FUNDS FOR NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY FACILITIES

More than £12 million in funding, to secure high-quality community facilities for Northstowe residents, is being proposed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

A report published by the Council outlines a plan to fully fund the growing new town's Sports Pavilion and Community Centre on phase one, and Civic Hub and additional Sports Pavilion on phase two.

The phase one Sports Pavilion, near the sports pitches, would provide changing facilities for teams and officials and a multi-use club room and catering facilities. The Community Centre would be within the Local Centre and will be a multi-use facility for Northstowe residents.

The Civic Hub on phase two is intended to be the landmark building within the Town Centre. This will be a five or six storey building, with space for community activity and development, a library service, a GP surgery, and other similar services. The Sports Pavilion on phase two is likely to be like the phase one Pavilion, but details are still being confirmed.

If Councillors agree to the proposals, the money to pay for the investment into Northstowe will come from capital receipts.

When developers build new homes that will have a significant impact on an area or community, they are asked to contribute funding to local services like community buildings through what is known as a Section 106 agreement. Funding arrangements intended to cover the cost of constructing Northstowe's community buildings in phases one and two were outlined in Section 106 agreements that were signed several years ago. This was before construction work began at the new town.

However, in the years that have passed, it has become clear that the funding allocated for the community buildings will not cover the full costs of building them. One of the main reasons for this is because the costs associated with construction have risen significantly recently because of several national and global factors. These include issues such as Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic, rising inflation, the fuel crisis, and its repercussions on global material production and, more recently, Russian sanctions.

As a result, and to ensure that truly high-quality community facilities are delivered for current and future residents of Northstowe, South Cambridgeshire District Council is proposing to step-in and cover the shortfall in funds to bring the new buildings forward as quickly as possible.

The proposed funding, which will be discussed by Councillors in the weeks ahead, includes:

- £1.5 million towards the phase one Sports Pavilion
- £6.5 million towards the phase one Community Centre
- £2.3 million towards the phase two Civic Hub
- £2 million towards the phase two Sports Pavilion

All District Councillors will vote on the proposals at the Full Council meeting held on Thursday 21 July.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Lead Cabinet Member for Communities, Cllr Bill Handley, said: "These plans show how we propose to ensure that these four important community buildings are fully-funded and can be delivered for the benefit of Northstowe residents well into the future. Clearly all Councillors will need to have their say by voting on the plans, but this is our way of showing that we want to do all we can to support this growing new community. New towns and their facilities do not spring up overnight, and indeed take many years to blossom. The plans that will be discussed in the weeks ahead aim to outline a clear path to getting Northstowe residents the long-term community facilities that they need and deserve."

We know how keen residents of Northstowe are for community facilities to be delivered as quickly as possible; so are we. These proposals, and the recent investment in the interim facilities, show the Council is working hard to make sure Northstowe has high quality community buildings. This is despite the incredibly challenging financial times that we are living through, which are impacting individual households and the construction industry globally. We know that Northstowe is already a brilliant place to live, with its community groups and events, green spaces, waterparks, play areas, schools, and transport links. We're committed to making it even better for people already living here and for future residents of Northstowe.

Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson

District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington & Westwick and Northstowe

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR



Dear Residents, I hope you have all managed to get a break during summer, whether you have or are going away, or staying at home with family or catching up with friends. Here is my summary of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) matters at the time of writing in early July.

CENSUS

Cambridgeshire has seen one of the UK's biggest population increases over the past ten years, data just published from the 2021 Census shows. Overall, the number of people living in the county rose by more than 57,000 in the last decade to 678,600. This 9.2% rise is higher than the East of England average, in a national picture which saw the East grow faster than any part of the UK.

The figures confirm the County Council's contention that previous Office of National Statistics figures—on which the government bases its grant allocations—under-estimated the size of the county's population. Included within the Cambridgeshire Census figures is an overall 26% rise in the number of Cambridgeshire people aged 65+, against an 18.6 per cent national average rise—with a high percentage increase of people in the 70 to 74 age band in all districts.

While the more urban areas of the county like Cambridge have seen population growth across all age ranges, its more rural areas have seen small or no growth in the youngest age groups (0-19) but large increases in older populations. Last year's census took place in March 2021 and data from the census will be published in stages over the next two years. Future releases will include figures on ethnicity, religion, the labour market, education and housing. Also, for the first time, there will be information on UK armed forces veterans, sexual orientation and gender identity. www.ons.gov.uk/census

HIGHWAYS

A14 BAR HILL BRIDGE - RAMPS: Patching took place 4 nights in June and during that time CCC specialist team also carried out the ground investigations and testing, which will be discussed with National Highways who built the A14. CCC Highways team did also inspect the area over the A1307 leading to B1050 and are creating Traffic Management plan for it to be also repaired.

B1050 ROUNDABOUT: CCC's Road Safety Audit Stage 1 (Concept and Stage), 2 (Detailed Design) have been completed, the final Stage 3 (Post Construction) is yet to be completed and CCC will meet with Homes England and Sisk to get this over the line. Road safety audits are carried out on all significant County Council and developer promoted highway schemes. This is to ensure adequate levels of safety are maintained and that problems previously identified at similar sites are avoided in new works. The Traffic Management (cones) enable final works to be completed safely.

COUNTY WIDE NEWS

Highways IT system

A new Highways IT system is on the cards for the CCC, but officers have been asked to do more work on their proposals after a report to the Strategy & Resources Committee, more discussion with Highways & Transport Committee councillors on what we would want to see from such a system.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

The Council's Children & Young People Committee will receive on 5 July a report on the strategy to deliver more SEND school places. It will also be asked to amend the specification of new build primary schools to include 55m² of additional SEND space per up to two forms of entry.

Household Support Fund

The Government has confirmed that it is extending the Household Support Fund for six months of 2022/23 and has allocated £3.58M of grant funding to Cambridgeshire for this. The Fund is intended to provide support to households through free school meals for eligible children during school holidays, and for payments to people in need. In order to meet the Joint Administration's commitment to provide free school meals in the holidays throughout the year, and to have a direct support scheme that is comprehensive, the Strategy & Resources Committee has allocated a further £1.87M to supplement this locally.

Inflation adds to council costs

The County Councils Network and the Society of County Treasurers have revealed that spiralling inflation has left 40 of England's largest councils with £729M of additional unfunded costs since they set their budgets in March.

To balance their budgets, as they are legally required to and control costs, councils warn they face a winter of 'difficult decisions'. The increased costs nationally include:

- £428M for adult social care services
- £72M for children's social care
- £397M for capital projects
- £107M for energy prices
- £136M for external contract and labour costs
- £77M for school transport services
- £259M for staff pay

These inflationary costs far outstrip any increases in Government funding or council tax.

CONTACT DETAILS: Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions.

Firouz Thompson

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County Councillor for Longstanton, Northstowe, Over, Oakington & Westwick

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THE RESULTS ARE OUT!



Northstowe market survey

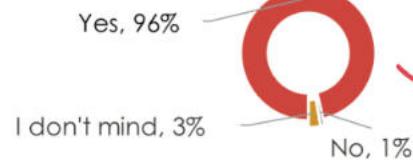


In February, Northstowe Town Council launched a survey to gather input from residents on what you would like to see in your market and how it should operate.

The survey went out as a hard copy to all households in Northstowe, and was published on social media as well as in news articles and was signposted in various locations in the town.

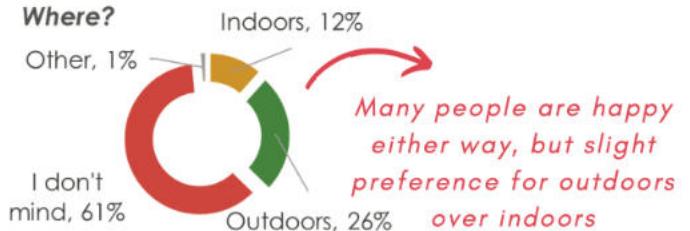
It closed on 27th of March, with a total of 555 replies! Thank you to all who have given their views
Here are the results:

Do you want a regular market in Northstowe?



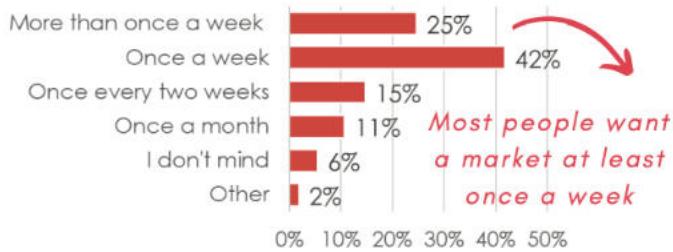
Great majority in favour of a market

Where?



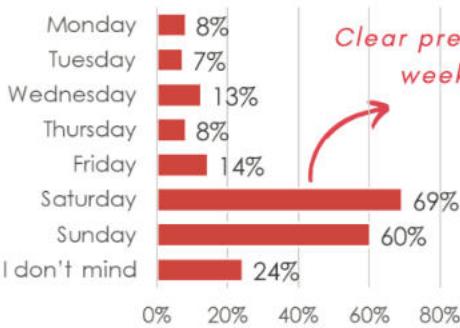
Many people are happy either way, but slight preference for outdoors over indoors

How frequent?



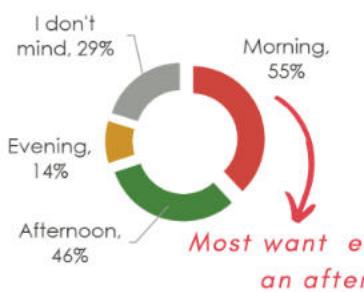
Most people want a market at least once a week

What day of the week?



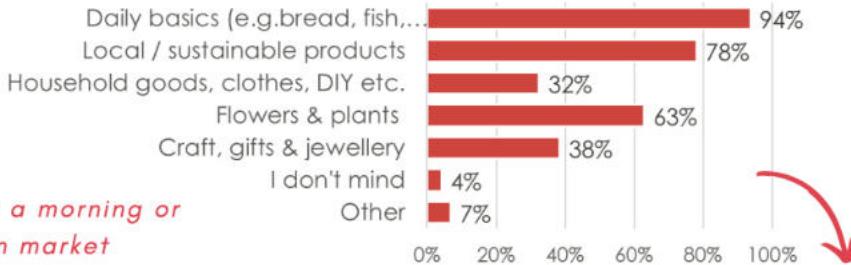
Clear preference for a weekend day

What time of the day?



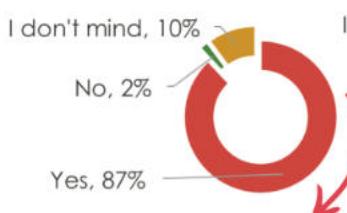
Most want either a morning or an afternoon market

What would you like to see in the market?



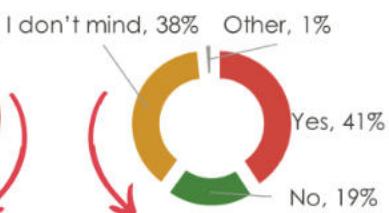
Majority of people want daily basics, local or sustainable produce and plants and flowers

Refreshments?



Vast majority want to see refreshments in the market

Child-friendly activities?



Some people want child-friendly activities, some don't mind

We also received lots of very useful comments. These are published alongside survey results in the Town Council news page and the notice board at the Green.

What's next:

The Council is working very hard to bring a market as soon as it can, aiming to run the pilot market for 6 months starting by the end of this year. Based on the survey replies, it is developing a plan for the operation of the market, seeking permissions from the right authorities, reaching out to possible traders and looking at how to staff the management of the market.



**Questions?
Something to add?**

Contact the Council:

townclerk@northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

<https://www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk/>



Sports, Health and Wellbeing

HOCKEY AT HOME

Reflecting on the first year of Huntingdon Ladies' residency in Northstowe

Rewind to last September and the glorious sunshine of Northstowe's running festival. This was the first opportunity I had to meet some members of the Huntingdon Ladies' Hockey Club and I was struck by what a friendly bunch they were. When I confessed that my experience was limited to one year the mid-90s, I was reassured that they had plenty of sticks I could borrow but I would probably want to order my own gum guard!

That summer's day couldn't have been in starker contrast to the dark, cold Tuesday evenings throughout the winter training. Yes, I will admit that there were many occasions when I returned home from work and the last thing I wanted to do was don my shin pads, even arriving at the Astro pitch in tears one week after an especially stressful day. But, without exception, I always left the sessions feeling on top of the world.

If, like me, "which position do you play?" is a terrifying question because you don't even know the possible responses, worry not. Everyone in the club is supportive and helps you to develop each week. It is totally fine if you don't know your push pass from your drag flick. Our more experienced members (some of whom play hockey at international level) are so good at sharing their knowledge and really do nurture newcomers. The club welcomes everyone and there is a great mix from late teens all the way through to golden oldies.

It's lovely to be part of a club that goes beyond the pitch too. We all looked quite different out of our kit at the Christmas social. I can safely say that my 10-pin bowling leaves rather a lot to be desired, so I'd better stick to hockey.

I haven't felt confident enough to play in a Saturday match yet, but my hockey skills have improved so much over this first year thanks to the encouragement of my teammates. Goodness me, the celebrations when I scored my first goal in training! And of course, everyone at work heard about it the following day.

We compete in the East Area Hockey League in Women's Division 3 North West with matches on Saturday. I do still have a few rules to learn, but 2022 will hopefully see me making my match debut. (I am pleased to report that only one match injury ended in an A&E visit last season!)

Before starting hockey, I only knew my neighbours living on my road in Northstowe, but now I have a wider circle of friends in the town and a real sense of belonging at a sports club here. Four of the Northstowe residents who joined the club in 2021 are now on the committee, getting involved in running the club, and we would love you to join us this coming season.

Email huntingdonhockeyclub@gmail.com if you have any questions, follow us on Instagram @hunthockey and Facebook @huntingdonhockey, and come along to our first training session of the new year on Tuesday 30 August 2022, 7.00pm to 8.30pm, at Northstowe Secondary College. (The season runs until the end of March 2023.) Supporters and cheerleaders would be very welcome at our home matches too.

Join us on Tuesday evenings and see how much more fun your winter is this year.

Ros Hart, Secretary of Huntingdon Ladies' Hockey Club 2022-23



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RIDE 'N' STRIDE

Make a date in your diaries, if you enjoy

Walking, jogging, running, cycling, riding your horse, electric scooter, moped, etc...

Saturday, 10th September 2022

For the *Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust*

Annual Ride 'n' Stride

The annual Ride 'n' Stride is a fundraising event for the CHCT.

It involves people being sponsored to travel to as many churches taking part as they can in one day. Those taking part usually nominate one church in the county to receive 50% of their sponsorship money.

All necessary information and forms are on the website:

<https://camchct.uk/ride-and-stride/>

This contains entry forms, details of churches taking part, and the facilities they can offer (eg toilets), from which you can plan your route.

Last year, we opened St Michael's church, which is part thatched and beautiful in its simplicity, for this event for the first time. We provided refreshments and a friendly face or two to welcome people taking part. It was great fun to meet some interesting people willing to help us.

This year, we would love to have a **Team St Michael's** taking part, raising much-needed funds for St Michael's church. There are 2 ways to do this:- (1) by enjoying getting yourself round two or more churches, nominating St Michael's, Longstanton, to receive 50% of your sponsor money, or (2) by being sponsored for a time, even one hour helps a lot, on the welcome desk. You would be unlikely to be left alone, without one of the Friends of St Michael's with you.

For more information on anything to do with this event, especially for helping on the welcome desk, please email: anne.littlefair@ntlworld.com from 10th July.

LONGSTANTON AND NORTHSTOWE LIMPERS

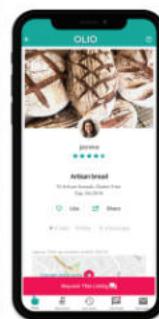
The Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers have been enjoying the light evenings and warm weather, having just completed a 6-week block of Wednesday evening trail runs around the local area. With a lot of our members following our previous 10km training plan, we have been able to stretch our legs and explore some of the trails that were previously out of reach! With this block of sessions ending, we are returning to a 6-week block of interval training on Wednesday evenings, focusing on improving speed, agility and balance. Run Leader Lizz is completing her England Athletics Coaching course and has shown us lots of fun new exercises, which can help improve our running technique. For those less keen on longer runs or speed work, we are still running our beginners' easy 5km sessions alongside these Wednesday sessions and everyone is welcome!

As always, our Monday social runs are also open to both members and non-members, and are organised so everyone is able to run at their own pace. We have been enjoying getting to know some of the new faces attending these sessions: both newer and more experienced runners looking to meet new people. Finally, we are also organising members away runs, with monthly Sunday trips to further afield beauty spots and parks for runs of around 10--15km. Recently, we've enjoyed running together at Hatfield Forest, Wimpole and Knapwell!

If you're interested in attending our sessions, we meet at Northstowe Green every week. Monday social runs start at 7:30pm and are open to everyone. Wednesday beginners' sessions are also open to all and meet at 7pm. If you have any questions or want to have a chat before you come along, you can find us on Facebook or email

longstantonlimpers@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Community Pantry is now ONLINE!



OLIO is a free app connecting neighbours, community organisations and shops so surplus food can be shared instead of thrown away.

Volunteers are collecting food from the Coop's in Longstanton and Willingham 7 days a week and will be distributing the food via Olio.

Sign up today and join the food sharing revolution today!

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Hungry? How to GET HELP

We know that anyone can reach crisis point and we're here to help when that happens.

Food bank vouchers are available from local agencies such as citizens advice, schools, and churches. Vouchers can be redeemed at Distribution Centres across Cambridge, including the Northstowe centre - currently held at Northstowe Secondary College

Each gives you a parcel of three days of emergency food, providing non-judgemental support at the point of crisis.

Looking to donate?

The nearest collection point is at Bar Hill Tesco

Want to volunteer?

Get in touch!

Read more: cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk
One contact is Revd Beth Cope (Pathfinder Church)
07720 330 272 contact@northstowe.church

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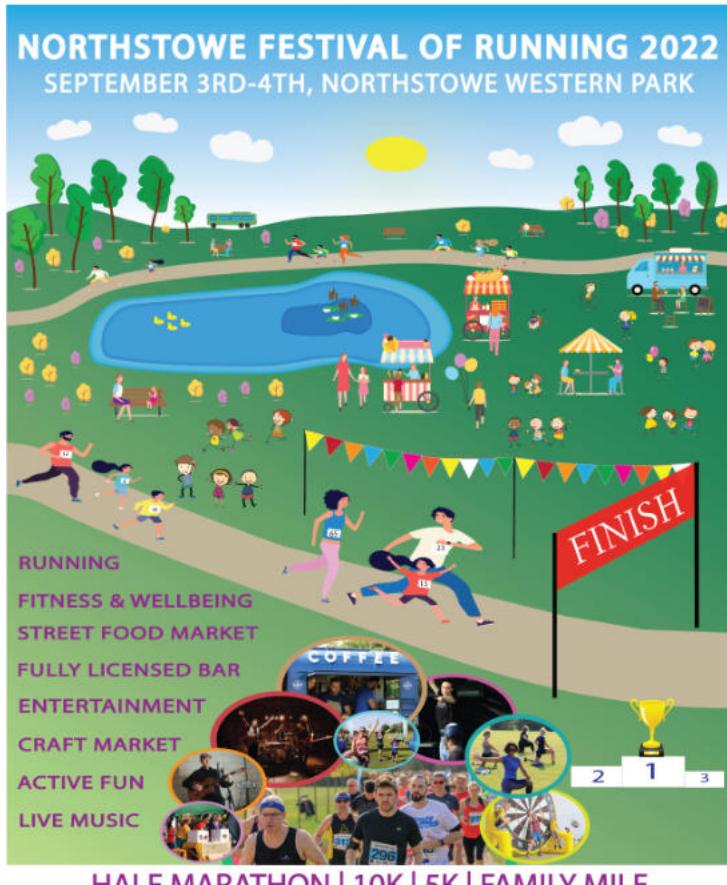
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NORTHSTOWE BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

As always Northstowe Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been keeping busy over recent months, with the brighter evenings we have had more activities taking place outside such as Archery, fire lighting and Athletics. Arts and crafts are also a feature across the groups promoting their creativity and problem solving as well. They have also attended camps with their individual groups, enjoying the great outdoors, cooking on a fire and lots of team building, bushcraft activities and some singing. The Cubs were also able to celebrate winning 1st prize for the tug of war event at the districts football/ activity tournament. Well done Cubs!

The groups need to pay a special thanks to the Co Op Local Community Fund which has been awarded to us and has helped support in building activities and resources for the groups so that they can thrive. In addition another big thank you to the Children and Young person's grant, we all appreciate the support in these challenging times. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are always keen to support



their community, they supported with the Northstowe running festival so please do get in touch if you are aware of an event that we could contribute to.

We offer older young people the opportunity to help in the groups as part of their growth and we have some keen helpers already developing new skills and encouraging younger peers. In addition we are always keen to hear from people who are interested in supporting as a helper, leader or as part of the committee. Please contact info@1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk



We have a lot to look forward to over the next few weeks and months, we have ended our time at the pathfinder Community wing and relocated to Northstowe secondary school. More camps are planned and the purchase of some really robust tents.



We continue to be very busy in school as we head towards the end of term.

One of our Trust values is 'extending the boundaries of learning' and students have had a number of enrichment and curriculum linked trips this term. At Easter, some Year 8 and 9 students had the opportunity to go to the Manchester City training ground and train in the club facilities. It was an opportunity our students relished. One of the coaches commented on how great our fee paying school was, surprised we happily told him that we were a state funded school, and this was how our children are expected to behave. They were polite, engaged and were curious and keen to learn more. Year 7 have also had an overnight stay at a camp in Norfolk. Students learned to sail, climb, kayak and develop their team work skills. The students were a real credit to us and to their parents, as thanks to Covid many of them had not ever stayed away from home or gone on a school residential.



Our sports department have also given our students a number of opportunities too. This week we have the Olympic Cup Athletic event and next week the Athletics festival in St Ives. A number of students have chosen to go and compete. It has been great to watch them out on our new playing fields, learning to throw javellins. A number of students have also been involved in the women's football referee course and the Dodgeball coaches course. As our students get older it is great to see students begin to take a lead in festivals and tournaments. We even have a number of students including two in year 7 who lead an afterschool club.

It is an exciting time of year for us as we welcome our new year 6 students to the college. In addition to the 35 students that have joined the college during the last year, we will welcome 133 new students to Year 7 in September. It was lovely to meet our new students at our primary school visits, we do make a point of going out to every school to meet children. We also enjoyed meeting families at our recent 'Meet the Tutor' evening. Year 6 students did a scavenger hunt, while our House teams spoke to their parents, then both students and parents met their new tutor. This is the first year that we will have Senior Tutors and SSAs for all houses, and we wanted our families to have a warm welcome to their new house teams.



We have also had a number of curriculum related learning activities, outside of the classroom. Year 7 have visited Warwick Castle, on a glorious day (unusual as it normally rains when we visit!). They had the chance to walk around the castle, on the battlements and see the dungeon as well as watching a falconry display. Again our Year 7 were polite, making way for other visitors and listening to instructions and demonstrating our NSC values of Kind, Curious and Hardworking all day. Year 8 students had a fabulous opportunity to visit Harry Potter World and do a workshop on scenery and costumes. It was a long day, but a great day out, where students got up close to real life Harry Potter items. Our Year 9 art students also had the opportunity to go to Wysing Art studios in Bourne and completed a workshop with an artist. We do have some talented young people with very creative minds. We know that education is broader than just the academic subjects and we have had a number of careers events for all years, and a financial education session for our Year 9 students, where they learnt about interest, loans and saving.



I can't finish without telling you how impressed I was at the Trust Performing Arts Showcase on the 20th June, when primary and secondary students came together from the Eastern section of the Trust to put on a phenomenal performance, including, show songs, choirs, dance, drama, solos and even a jazz band! After all of the restrictions of covid, it was heart-warming to see the talent in our community schools.

We wish all of our families and community a happy and healthy summer.

Carole Moss

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Heatwave and very hot weather

Most of us welcome hot weather, but when it's too hot for too long, there are health risks. In England there are on average 2000 heat related deaths every year. If hot weather hits this summer, make sure it does not harm you or anyone you know.

Why is a heatwave a problem?

The main risks posed by a heatwave are:

- not drinking enough water (dehydration)
- overheating, which can make symptoms worse for people who already have problems with their heart or breathing
- heat exhaustion and heatstroke

Who's most at risk?

A heatwave can affect anyone, but the most vulnerable people are:

- older people – especially those over 75
- those who live on their own or in a care home
- people who have a serious or long term illness – including heart or lung conditions, diabetes, kidney disease, Parkinson's disease or some mental health conditions
- those who may find it hard to keep cool – babies and the very young, the bed bound, those with drug or alcohol addictions or with Alzheimer's disease
- people who spend a lot of time outside or in hot places – those who live in a top floor flat, the homeless or those whose jobs are outside

The top ways for staying safe when the heat arrives are to:

- look out for others, especially older people, young children and babies and those with underlying health conditions
- close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler and remember it may be cooler outdoors than indoors
- drink plenty of water as sugary, alcoholic and caffeinated drinks can make you more dehydrated
- never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially infants, young children or animals
- try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm
- take care and follow local safety advice, if you are going into the water to cool down
- walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat, if you have to go out in the heat
- avoid physical exertion in the hottest parts of the day
- wear light, loose fitting cotton clothes
- make sure you take water with you if you are travelling

For more information please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

NHS App

Many people installed the NHS app in order to get their Covid pass, but did you know you can also use the NHS app to book appointments and order your repeat prescriptions? Proxy access also lets patients access medical services for a child or someone else they care for. For more information visit www.nhs.uk/nhs-app

Carers Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting **on Weds 3rd August** at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting **between 2pm and 4pm**. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely **FREE!**

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Willingham Surgery. Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

The Over Day Centre - open Monday to Friday 09:30 till 15:30.

Services include:

- A free taster day to experience the Day Centre.
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Contact Centre Manager, Hayley Smith on 01954 231807 or by email care@overdaycentre.co.uk if you are interested in attending the Day Centre. The GP is also able to refer our patients into this service on request.

Busy Service

Willingham Surgery is currently dealing with nearly 2000 inbound calls every week. We are also issuing around 1500 prescriptions and seeing approximately 1000 patients every week. Every month we refer around 350 patients to secondary care and other community specialists. The surge in demand for the GP is a direct result of the Covid backlog in secondary care and community services.

This pressure is evident across the whole of the NHS and is not unique to Willingham. We are working hard to reduce phone queues and waiting times for routine appointments and ask for patience and understanding at this difficult time.

The practice has expanded in line with the growing population in Northstowe, and evidence of this has been provided to the Parish Council and the Patient Participation Group. Further information sessions for residents are planned later in the summer and details will be provided in the Newsletter and on Social Media in due course.

Willingham Surgery Patients Group

A meeting was held on the 17th May 2022. If you attended the meeting and left your email address with me, you, along with existing members, will hopefully have received all the paperwork relevant to the meeting. Any problems/queries please do contact me.

If you were not at the meeting but would like a copy of the above send an email to: sue.ayling1@ntlworld.com. If you have no internet access, drop a line to me:

Sue Ayling 30 Church Street Willingham or call 01954 260718

Before our next meeting on **Wednesday 14th September at 7.00pm in the Ploughman's Hall** we will be announcing the results of the elections for: Chair and Secretary.

Please see below the timetable of the process.

Sue Ayling: Secretary, Tom Cowley: Chair

Elections

If you are registered with Willingham Surgery and would like to be involved in the process of nominating someone for the above position/s and voting all you need to do is contact Sue Ayling in one of the ways mentioned above and we will ensure that you get the paperwork.

Timetable for the Election

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| 5 th - 25 th August | = apply for nomination papers from the Secretary |
| 25 th - 30 th August | = all nominations to be returned |
| 1 st - 10 th September | = Voting papers go out |
| 10th September | = Papers to be returned to be counted |
| 14th September | = Results announced at the meeting |

Online appointments

Routine appointments are available via the online booking system. You can book your appointment via the NHS app or by visiting www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk.

In order to access this service you will need to register for Systmonline via our reception team, if you have not already done so.

Type 2 Diabetes

Type 2 Diabetes is much more common than type 1. In the UK roughly 90% of all adults with diabetes have type 2. You can manage type 2 diabetes by eating healthily, exercising regularly, and achieving and maintaining a healthy body weight.

You need to keep an eye on your health and have regular check-ups if you have type 2 diabetes because it can lead to:

- heart disease and stroke
- loss of feeling and pain (nerve damage)
- foot problems – like sores and infections
- vision loss and blindness
- miscarriage and stillbirth
- problems with your kidneys
- sexual problems – like problems getting or keeping an erection

For more information on diabetes visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diabetes/>

New baby registrations

New parents are advised to register their baby at their earliest convenience. Your baby will need an 8 week check with the GP, therefore registration as soon as possible after birth is advised in case your child requires GP treatment in the meantime.

You can collect registration packs from reception or request postage to your home address. Forms can also be collected before birth when you attend your next midwife appointment.

Covid19 Vaccinations for children aged 5-11

If your child is aged 5-11 yrs old, they are eligible for a vaccination. You can book your appointment via the National Booking System. You can do so through www.nhs.uk/covidvaccine or by calling 119.

Some clinics in our area now also offer vaccinations on a walk-in basis for children aged 5-11. Clinics are available for 1st doses for children aged 5+ at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club and the Grafton Centre. We advise you to check <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk> for opening times before visiting.

Extended Access Appointments

Our patients have access to evening and weekend appointments at Nuffield road Medical Centre in Cambridge, Comberton Surgery, St Mary's Surgery in Ely and Royston Health Centre.

You can book an appointment through our receptionists who will give you the time, date and venue for your appointment. These are for **non-urgent, routine** appointments only.

You will be given a choice on when you would like to book your appointment and information on where to go.

Services offered within the Extended Access are -

- GP Consultations
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner consultations
- Nurse appointments offering dressings, asthma and diabetes reviews, contraception reviews, etc.
- Health Care Assistant appointments offering ear irrigation, wound care, blood test, etc
- Phlebotomy: Routine blood tests are available within Extended Access Clinics
- Cervical Screening

Please note that your consent for their clinician to view your medical record will be required in order for an appointment to be booked for you.

Extended access appointments **are not** suitable for patients identified with a potentially life-threatening medical condition which required referral to urgent or emergency care settings. Walk-in patients are also not accepted.

For support with the management of minor ailments, please contact your local pharmacist or visit the NHS Choices website

Lisa Smith –Assistant Practice Manager– June-August 2022


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Crochet for Beginners	13/09/2022	04/10/2022	19:00-21:00	4	£48	NSC	Tuesday
Knitting & Crochet Surgery & Social	03/11/2022	24/11/2022	19:00-21:00	4	£48	NSC	Thursday
Learn to Knit an Advent Sock/First steps in sock knitting	29/09/2022	20/10/2022	19:00-20:30	4	£45	SVC	Thursday
Knit an Advent Sock/Learn More Sock Knitting Techniques	10/11/2022	01/12/2022	19:00-20:30	4	£45	SVC	Thursday
Mosaics	03/11/2022	08/12/2022	19:00-21:00	6	£76	SVC	Thursday
Health & Wellbeing Classes							
Foraging Evening Course	27/09/2022	18/10/2022	19:00-21:00	4	£48	SVC	Tuesday
Drumming Up Wellbeing	08/11/2022	29/11/2022	19:00-21:00	4	£48	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walking Beginners	13/09/2022	04/10/2022	09:30-10:30	4	£32	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walker Improvers	13/09/2022	18/10/2022	10:30-11:30	6	£48	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walking Beginners	08/11/2022	29/11/2022	09:30-10:30	4	£32	SVC	Tuesday
Nordic Walker Improvers	08/11/2022	13/12/2022	10:30-11:30	6	£48	SVC	Tuesday
Pilates	12/09/2022	12/12/2022	18:00-19:00	11	£85	SVC	Monday
Pilates	12/09/2022	12/12/2022	19:00-20:00	11	£85	SVC	Monday
Vinyasa Flow Yoga	12/09/2022	12/12/2022	20:00-21:00	11	£85	SVC	Monday
Tai Chi Beginners	20/09/2022	29/11/2022	19:00-20:00	10	£93	NSC	Tuesday
Tai Chi Beginners	21/09/2022	30/11/2022	19:00-20:00	10	£93	SVC	Wednesday
Badminton Improvers	06/09/2022	13/12/2022	20:00-21:30	15	£96	SVC	Tuesday
Fitness Pilates for Everyone	07/11/2022	12/12/2022	18:00-19:00	6	£46	NSC	Monday
Pilates for Everyone	12/09/2022	12/12/2022	13:30-14:30	11	£85	BHV	Monday
General							
Photography Beginners	12/09/2022	17/10/2022	19:00-21:00	6	£68	SVC	Monday
Photography Advanced	07/11/2022	12/12/2022	19:00-21:00	6	£68	SVC	Monday
Indian Curry House Favourites	10/11/2022	24/11/2022	19:00-21:00	3	£35	SVC	Thursday
Language Courses							
IELTS	13/09/2022	06/12/2022	19:00-21:00	12	£121	SVC	Tuesday
Improve Your English	14/09/2022	07/12/2022	18:00-20:00	12	£121	SVC	Wednesday
Italian Beginners	14/09/2022	07/12/2022	16:45-18:00	12	£102	SVC	Wednesday
Italian Beginners Plus (Online)	15/09/2022	08/12/2022	18:30-20:00	12	£108	SVC	Thursday
Italian Intermediate	14/09/2022	07/12/2022	18:00-19:30	12	£121	SVC	Wednesday
Italian Advanced Conversation	14/09/2022	07/12/2022	19:30-21:00	12	£121	SVC	Wednesday
Spanish Beginners	19/09/2022	12/12/2022	18:00-19:30	11	£111	SVC	Monday
Spanish Beginners	21/09/2022	07/12/2022	18:00-19:30	11	£111	NSC	Wednesday
Saturday Workshops							
Dynamic Mindfulness	08/10/2022	1 day	10:00-16:00		£45	SVC	Saturday
Woodwork	08/10/2022	1 day	10:00-16:00		£45	SVC	Saturday
Indian Street Food	08/10/2022	1 day	10:00-16:00		£45	SVC	Saturday
Mosaics	08/10/2022	1 day	10:00-16:00		£45	SVC	Saturday

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Community Groups and Social Events

WHAT'S ON IN NORTHSTOWE

KEEP US UPDATED PLEASE!

Spotted any errors, changes, or more groups to be included? Please email northstovenews@gmail.com

MONDAYS

Tang Soo Do (£)

Family-friendly martial arts club. Tiny Tigers class for 4-6 year olds at 4pm followed by a junior class for 7-11 year olds from 4:45pm. Email enquiries@Northstowetsd.co.uk

Over Power (£)

Fitness, Strength, Conditioning circuits. We help ladies to tone up, lose weight and feel great. Pathfinder School playground, 6pm and 7pm, www.overpowerfitness.com overpowerfitness@outlook.com

Tai-Chi (£)

Weekly relaxation and inner peace. 19:30 at the Pathfinder Primary School. To book please email

malcolmsavannah233@gmail.com

Social Run

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers social run meeting on The Green at 19:30 facebook.com/LandNLimpers

Book Club

Meet to discuss books in Monday evenings once per month. New members always welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/607693023324785>

TUESDAYS

Huntingdon Hockey Club (£)

Northstowe Secondary College Astroturf, 7pm - 8:30pm
All abilities welcome. Contact huntingdonhockeyclub@gmail.com

Fastbreak Basketball (£)

Indoor sessions in the Northstowe Secondary College Sports Hall, 12 & Under at 6pm, 14 & Under at 7pm northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

Northstowe Board Games

Join us Tuesday evenings to play modern-style strategy and tabletop games, anything from Alhambra to Ziemlich Zügig! Starts 7:30pm at 21 Heron Road, CB24 1AS. For details, e-mail northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk

WEDNESDAYS

Sustainable Northstowe

A community group with a vision to make Northstowe a green, clean, biodiverse and interconnected place for current and future residents. 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm in Pioneer Park or online (weather dependent). For more info see facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe or email sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Longstanton and Northstowe Limpers

Session starting at 7pm for people that are new to running or getting back into it. facebook.com/LandNLimpers

Over Power (£)

(See Monday's entry for details)

Pathfinder School playground, 6pm & 7pm

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Stop, Breathe, Pray – 1st Wednesday of every month, 8pm. Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close (www.northstowe.church)

THURSDAYS

Pop Up Youth Club

Thursdays 4-5.30pm at Pioneer Park (age 11+) with The Connections Bus Project & Northstowe Youth Hive [check social media for termtime details]

Tang Soo Do (£)

Family-friendly martial arts club. Tiny Tigers class for 4-6 year olds at 4pm followed by a junior class for 7-11 year olds from 4:45pm. Email enquiries@Northstowetsd.co.uk

Fastbreak Basketball (£)

Indoor sessions in the Northstowe Secondary College Sports Hall, 10 & Under and 16 & Under at 7:15pm, Adult sessions at 8:20pm

northstowe@fastbreakbasketball.co.uk

Over Power (£)

(See Monday's entry for details)

Pathfinder School playground, 7pm

Clubbercise (£)

Easy to follow dance routines, toning and combat moves with disco lights and glow sticks. 7:15pm at Over community centre. marilynsq@icloud.com

FRIDAYS

Mobile Library

2nd Friday each month, 3:20–4:20pm on The Green. Free to all, join at the vehicle or online.

Judo (£)

Ages 5 to 105 from beginners to Dan grades. On Fridays at the Pathfinder school, 5–6pm (under 8s) and 6–7pm (over 8s). For more information contact colinappidojo@gmail.com

SATURDAYS

Sustainable Saturdays

Information stands, swap events and popup Refill Station with zero plastic waste. 3rd Saturday of the month, on The Green. See facebook.com/sustainablenorthstowe or email sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Catholic Mass

Visiting priest from Cambridge. 6pm in the Octagon at Bar Hill. For more details contact Bunty Waters 07734 690580 or Fr. Adrian Gates 01223 622699

Northstowe Foodies (£)

Various days/times on The Green. Follow us on FB or Instagram for the weekly food truck listing.

SUNDAYS

Comberton Ramblers

Enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area, between 5-7 miles, 10:15am alternate Sundays.

www.combertonramblers.org.uk

Community Litter Pick

3rd Sunday each month [Not August] at 10:30am. Meet outside Urban Splash marketing suite, opposite Lockhart Way. Bring gloves! bit.ly/NorthstoweLitterPick

A partnership of Northstowe Town Council, Plastic Free Longstanton and Northstowe, and Pathfinder Church Northstowe.

Emmanuel Church Northstowe

A growing gospel-centred church serving a growing new community. Sunday morning services for all ages at 10:30, at Northstowe Secondary College.

www.emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Pathfinder Church Northstowe

Your local Church of England church with an inclusive ecumenical welcome: praying, exploring, and sharing. Sunday Gatherings 3.30-5pm (normally at Pathfinder Primary School, but check www.northstowe.church)

Ignite Youth Group

Youth group from Emmanuel Church Northstowe for anybody ages 11-14. Runs alternate Sundays from September 11th, 5pm at Northstowe Secondary College. Email ignite.ecn@gmail.com

CLOTHES SWAP

SUSTAINABLE NORTHSTOWE

TALKS & WORKSHOPS

'TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT' STALL

REPAIR CAFE (TBC)

JUMBLE TRAIL

TOY SWAP

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK
24th Sept - 2nd Oct 2022

...AND MUCH MORE!

Get in touch if you have an idea for an event!
sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

Community Litter Picks

Third Sundays at 10.30am
July 17th [not Aug] Sep 18th

NEW VENUE: starting opposite Lockhart Way (Urban Splash marketing suite)

Bags, pickers, gloves, hoops and jackets provided
bit.ly/NorthstoweLitterPick

A map of Northstowe showing the location of the litter picks at Lockhart Way. The map includes labels for Wing Road, Rampton Road, Northstowe Phase 2, Future Town Centre, and various roads like Hampton Drift, Shipton Road, and Hampton Way. Several people are shown walking or carrying bags along the paths.

NORTHSTOWE YOUTH HIVE

Loads of outdoor activities, games, karaoke, games console, tuck shop, and support and advice from friendly youth workers from *The Connections Bus Project*, responding to what YOU asked of the Northstowe Youth Hive team

Pop Up Youth Club at Pioneer Park

Thursdays
4-5.30pm



until 1st Sept
[check social media beyond]

11y+

connectionsbusproject.org.uk; Charity No. 1168343
working with the Northstowe Youth Hive ([@Northstowe_Youth](mailto:youth@northstowe.info)), funded through the Northstowe Support Partnership

PIONEER CAFÉ IS GOING ON TOUR!

Are you looking for something to do on Wednesday mornings now that Pioneer Café at the Community Wing has closed?

All Saints Church in Longstanton have a pop-up café every Wednesday morning (10am-12.30pm) with different community groups running it each week, and we're delighted that Pioneer Café volunteers will be there on Wednesday 10th August!

Everyone is welcome; hot and cold drinks and simple snacks available at low cost. See you there for a coffee and a catch-up?

If you'd like to keep up to date with Friends of the Wing as we transition to support our new community facilities, please drop us an email at friendsofthewing@gmail.com.

BELLRINGING IN LONGSTANTON

All Saints Church Longstanton bell ringers are always pleased to welcome new and returning ringers to their band.

Change ringing is a traditionally English craft suitable for those aged 10+. It is a team activity that will stimulate your brain and give you a gentle physical workout. Above all, it is fun!

If you might be interested, please contact us by email at longstanton@elyda.org.uk for more information, or to arrange a taster lesson.

We practice most Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00pm at All Saints church (corner of High Street and Rampton Road, Longstanton), but might miss some during the summer, so please email first.

More information on bell ringing can be found at: <https://bellringing.org> and <https://cccb.org.uk>

UPDATES FROM SUSTAINABLE NORTHSOWE

Last few months have been busy for us, as we took part in Northstowe Day and joined various fêtes and events in local schools and neighbouring villages to have a stall.

Our pantry continues to save hundreds of items of food a week, we now collect from Longstanton and Willingham Co-op seven days a week. We've been delighted to welcome several new volunteers every month, and more are always welcome, so do get in touch if you'd like to help. As the Community Wing was closed in mid-June, the pantry has no longer a physical home. Until the new Community Facilities are ready, we will be using Olio a lot over the upcoming months. So, download it and watch out for our volunteers uploading food to give away each evening. We will also be bringing the collected food to be given away on our Super Saturdays at the Green (3rd Saturday of the month) and possibly some days at the Secondary School. Please check social media to get latest updates.

Plastic-Free Longstanton and Northstowe also launched "Pick Your Patch", a new local initiative in the fight against #PlasticPollution and litter. The idea is that many hands make light work and that if people look after a small patch in their local area then collectively we can keep it clean! If you'd like to get involved, email PlasticFreeL&N@gmail.com and let us know which area you'd like to look after.

Sunflower competition continues, so please send us your pictures to let us know how yours are growing and bringing colour and life to our community!

Looking ahead, we have big plans for the start of the School year as we plan to join once again the Great Big Green Week, a national celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature, from 24th September to 2nd October. We are looking at holding a big clean-up event, toy and clothe swaps, organise talks and workshops and more. Keep updated by following us on social media, or email if you want to know more!

Sustainable Northstowe
@sustainablenorthstowe
Sustainable.northstowe@outlook.com

LONGSTANTON VILLAGE MARKET



Thank you to everybody who came to visit our Market on the 4th June. We hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the Jubilee over the long weekend. The weather worked in our favour on Saturday and we had a lovely mix of stalls with amazing crafts, bakes, flowers and more. Also the charitable and community stalls had a great day raising awareness and meeting new faces. Most of the cakes were sold out before the end of the market!



Our next date is 17th September, at the same time of 10am till 12.30pm.

We will have some of the same lovely stalls and a few different ones too.

We welcome new applications from local crafters, independent producers, community groups and charities - if you would like to join us on the green please email longstantonvillagemarket@gmail.com

Upcoming dates:

- Autumn market, 17th September, 10am - 12.30pm
- Christmas market, 3rd December, times to be confirmed

Longstanton Village Market, The Village Green, Nelson Crescent (next to Co-op), Longstanton.

Follow us on Facebook/longstantonmarket for the latest event updates.

Last minute addition: we would like to thank Ali for her tireless effort and determination to get these markets up and running again. Without her support, this amenity would not have been available to the village. Thank you Ali.

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Talk to us:

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07973 499224

www.cambridgeelectrictransport.co.uk



NORTHSTOWE AGE 5

A PHOTO PROJECT



Thank you to everyone who has already submitted a picture. We are gathering a really great collection.



Peter Cope, Northstowe Age 5
Photo Project Lead

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE

What are we looking for?

- You or your family – outside your house or at a Northstowe 'landmark'
- Groups of people: clubs, organizations, or even whole streets
 - why not gather around your club banner or street sign?

What to do?

- Take your own picture – or get in touch via the website and I'll bring my camera
- Safely upload the picture and permission form to the project's secure server

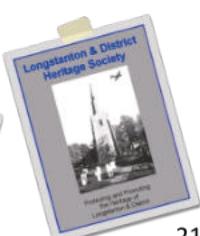
What next?

- Look out for a display later in the year here in Northstowe.
- We will also produce a photobook to be preserved by Longstanton and District Heritage



FIND OUT HOW TO ADD YOUR PICTURE AND MORE...
NORTHSTOWECOMMUNITY.ORG/PHOTO

SUPPORTED BY:



Cambridge Open Art Exhibition

Saturday 15th October 2022

10am to 5pm

Sunday 16th October 2022

10am to 4pm

Free entry to visitors and
easy parking

At Swavesey Village College,
Gibraltar Lane, CB24 4RS

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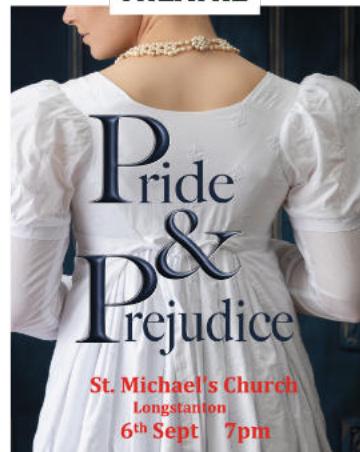
KEEP IN TOUCH WITH NORTHSTOWE ARTS

What a fantastic – if slightly damp – day we had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June! Thank you to everyone who came along, particularly if you got involved in some of the bits we organised: making sun catchers which looked beautiful even if there was no sun, performing or watching the Pathfinder Primary School choir, and dancing at the family ceilidh with the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band.

We're busy planning for the next few months now – there will be lots going on up at the Pavilions by Northstowe Secondary College, and of course the return of the Northstowe Winter Festival.

Would you like to be the first to hear all our latest news, and find out how to get involved? Sign up to our mailing list at bit.ly/northstowe-arts-newsletter or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @NorthstoweArts

THIS IS MY THEATRE



St. Michael's Church
Longstanton
6th Sept 7pm

<https://www.thisismytheatre.com/tickets>

Charities
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MATCH STICK

A story by Neens

She born somewhere in the woods. She was part of a wild tree. She went through many changes; physically and emotionally. She had gone through a painful journey. Finally, she turned as a match stick.

Life is a never ending probability theory. Millions of matchsticks, thousands of match boxes. Who knows where she falls and which box she gets in? Just roll around and fall into one of the match boxes.

Isn't it the journey towards the destiny? To light up someone's life! Even if it is just for a minute! light up and die! That is the life destined for her.

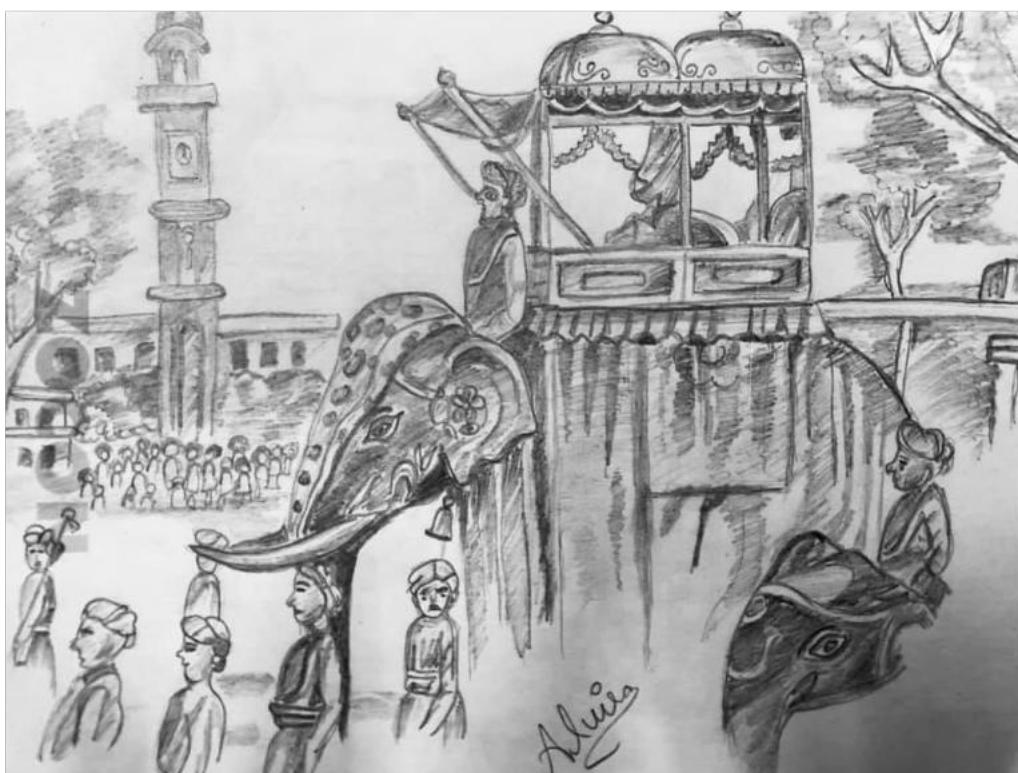
But, what if she gets into a smoking person? or to a priest? Does it make any difference? Nothing matter for her. The truth is there is no "go back" for her; burn and light up! That's all! Everything is destined!

But what if she get thrown to road and wet in rain? If she doesn't have an option to light up at all? That is called "fate". The "destiny" change to "fate". Her entire struggle is to reach the "fate"! Isn't it cruel? She shouldn't have born. She shouldn't have born.

The poor match stick...

INCREDIBLE INDIA

A picture by Alvira Khan (David Wilson)



LDHS UPDATE: NORTHSTOWE August / September 2022

Northstowe and Longstanton Heritage Facility

At the time of writing, work on delivery of the heritage building continues, but delays to some aspects of the project mean that the building will not open until the Autumn. Whilst LDHS had hoped that the opening of the facility could coincide with 7 Squadron's Memorial Service at All Saints' church, Longstanton, on the weekend of 8/9th October, this is now in doubt. Hopefully, by the time the next edition of Northstowe News is published the opening date of this new and exciting community facility will be finalised. Prior to opening, the LDHS Archives will move to a storeroom within the building, but this will be subject to the necessary agreements being put in place with the County Council.



Artist's impression of the Heritage Facility to be sited on the former RAF Oakington site, adjacent to the Homes England offices. © Proctor & Matthews Architects

Extracts from our Annual Report for 2021-2022

LDHS Archives - During the last year, the Heritage Society has begun work on cataloguing the archives. Over this time we have been well supported by the County Council Museums Officer as well as by Longstanton Parish Council, through its heritage representative Cllr McPhater. This year has seen communications with the Northstowe Town Mayor and the Town Clerk strengthen, which has helped develop a good working relationship with both communities. LDHS has continued to develop proposals for our display within the new building and ideas have been submitted to the design team. Over the last year we have continued to add information to the archives, and we now have two full sets of Longstanton Life magazines going back to its launch. One of these sets will be donated to the Cambridgeshire Collection in due course. Additional photographs and information on RAF Oakington and Longstanton has also been added to the collection this year, and we continue to archive the Northstowe News magazines on behalf of the new town. It is worth reiterating that the Heritage Society aims to protect and promote the rural, social and military heritage of Longstanton, Northstowe and Oakington and Westwick and this joint remit is allowing significant progress to be made towards an integrated approach to our heritage.

Northstowe / Longstanton Heritage Stakeholder Group (formerly the Heritage Steering Group) has continued to meet over the last year, with additional stakeholders being invited to join this important group. New Terms of Reference have been drawn up and LDHS is pleased to see that many of our objects are being supported by this wider group of organisations which, in addition to LDHS, includes representatives from the County Council, SCDC, Homes England, Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council. LDHS is also pleased to see that the new Terms of Reference allow for wider participation in the future, which will enable other parish councils to join if they wish to do so.

LDHS Supports Northstowe Celebrations

LDHS welcomed the opportunity to help Northstowe celebrate two important events, held this May and June. May saw events to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the first Northstowe residents moving into Phase 1, and June saw both Northstowe and Longstanton residents celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Expertly hosted by members of The Wing and Northstowe Town Council, the two events were a wonderful opportunity to meet residents from both communities and chat through those aspects of heritage that they were interested in. Whilst some visitors were interested in the military heritage of our communities, many others were interested in the history of Longstanton and what the village looked like before Northstowe was built. The feedback to the Heritage Society's contribution to both these events was excellent and illustrates how LDHS can make an important contribution to the new heritage facility and community life for Northstowe and the surrounding villages.

Below are a two photographs that commemorate both these historically significant events.

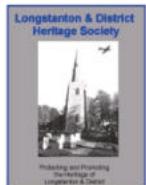


Above: Northstowe Working Group, along with the Clerk of Longstanton Parish Council and others celebrate the first residents moving into Northstowe (May 2017)

Below: LDHS exhibition at The Wing, Pathfinder School, Northstowe to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II (June 2022)



Hilary Stroude (Secretary)



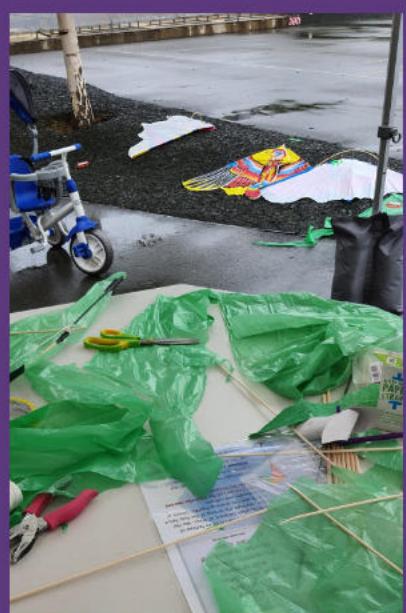


The weather over the June Bank Holiday may have been drizzly and damp but the celebrations in Northstowe to mark the Queen's Jubilee were anything but dull. The bring-and-share picnic scheduled to take place on the unopened Busway swiftly moved to the halls at Pathfinder primary school where the school choir sung songs written to commemorate the occasion. Revd Beth Cope from Pathfinder Church led prayers for the Queen and mayor Richard Owen made a speech before the town came together to sing the national anthem. The Northstowe Social Committee had arranged for cupcakes and a cake which the mayor cut, and these were enjoyed by all.

Next door in the community wing the community cafe was open and children decorated crowns and biscuits supported by Emmanuel Church. LDHS had a display celebrating jubilees past and the past of Northstowe. There was a family ceilidh, badminton and table tennis, and a quiz on the Royal family. Northstowe arts had arranged silk painting sessions to make bunting to adorn the school hall and outside in the school field many braved the weather to make kites and attempt to fly them. It was a fantastic occasion to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and say goodbye to Northstowe's beloved Community Wing.

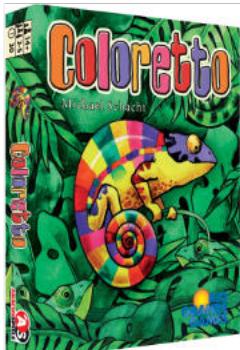
Michelle Kemp





Photos by Northstowe Social, Northstowe Arts and Emmanuel Church. Cupcakes were donated by Cambridge Luxury Bakes and the Cake was donated by Kookie.

Game of the Month



Coloretto is designed by Michael Schacht and published by Rio Grande

There's a deck of coloured cards, and you're aiming to collect cards in three of the nine available colours: other colours count against you. On each turn you either i) draw a card and place it on a pile (of up to 3 cards) in the middle of the table, or ii) take one of the piles, and sit out the rest of the round. Once everyone has taken a pile, the next round begins and everyone can join in again, and more rounds continue until the deck runs out.



What you must remember is that when you place a card on a pile, everyone else will get a chance to take it before you do. Of course you will try to make a pile which benefits you but would be bad for anyone else to take. But watch out, as each player only has to decide at the end of the game which colours to count positively - a pile containing cards you thought your opponent might avoid, they may decide is worth picking up after all!

We like Coloretto because of the continual balance of judging where is the best place to put a card so it doesn't help your opponents too much. The artwork is simple but helpful, and we like the way the image of a chameleon fits with the idea of changing what colours you're trying to collect. It doesn't drag, a game can be played in 10 minutes or so, and works equally well from 2 players up to 5.

Can you pick the right colours at the right time to earn victory? Find out by playing Coloretto at boardgamearena.com, or join us on Tuesday evenings – for details search Facebook for "Northstowe Gamers" or email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk



Northstowe Gamers

Online and in-person board gaming meet-ups

Tuesdays 7:30pm

facebook.com/groups/northstowegamers

northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk

NORTHSTOWE BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets once a month on Mondays at 7.30pm on Zoom. We have an exciting selection of books to read in the coming months. If you have read, or would like to read any, we would love you to join our discussions. Details are on our FB page.

August *Coroner's Lunch* by Colin Cotterill

The first in a crime series, this is set in Laos in 1976. Siri Paiboun, a Paris-trained doctor, is appointed state coroner after most of the educated class has fled the Communist Pathet Lao. This is an off-beat mystery with a touch of the supernatural. If you enjoy Alexander McCall Smith's books, this may be one for you.

September *The Coroner* by Matthew Hall

Following last month's theme, we move on to another mystery series. This one is set in the Bristol area, although you may be aware of a Canadian TV series which moves the action to Toronto. Jenny Cooper is hoping for a quiet life in her new job, but after the sudden death of her predecessor, she discovers files of hidden secrets and buried evidence.

October *Dune* by Frank Herbert

This month we change genre to a classic science fiction series. Dune is a desert planet, almost completely without water, but it is the only source of a drug capable of extending life and enhancing consciousness. In Dune, Paul sets out to avenge the traitorous plot against his family.

November *Lock In* by John Scalzi

A rather different SF novel this month, hopefully not too soon for us to read after Covid. Fifteen years from now, a new virus sweeps the globe. Most of those afflicted experience nothing worse than fever and headaches. A few suffer acute meningitis, creating the largest medical crisis in history. And 1% find themselves "locked in" – fully awake and aware, but unable to move, or respond to stimulus.

December *Dissolution* by CJ Sansom

This month we read a historical mystery. It is 1537 and Thomas Cromwell has ordered that all the monasteries should be dissolved. Cromwell's Commissioner is found dead and Dr Shardlake is sent to discover the truth about what happened. His investigation forces him to question everything that he himself believes.

BOOK REVIEW

Lagoon by Nnedi Okorafor is a sci-fi novel about an alien invasion in Lagos, following the adventures of Adaora, a marine biologist, Anthony, a rapper, and Agu, a soldier, as they befriend Ayodele, the aliens' ambassador, and deal with the city's response to her arrival and the changes going on in their own lives.

It's a weird book. There's probably some cultural context I'm missing, especially when it comes to the pacing, and some of the rapid and extreme perspective shifts and sudden introductions of new elements were quite disorienting. For example, in the final part of the story, a lot of local folklore creatures appear, apparently in reaction to the aliens, and it almost feels like the city itself is coming to life. Explanations are light on the ground and the reader is swept along in the confusion. However, it was a wild ride and extremely moreish; I always wanted to know what was going to happen next.

Technically, 'sci-fi' is a misnomer; I chose it because the book centres on an alien invasion, but the fact that Ayodele and her people are aliens doesn't really matter; they could be any powerful supernatural creature. The focus of the book is on how the humans of Lagos react to the shift caused by their arrival.

As a warning, this book does include significant violence, mentions of sexual assault, and on-screen religious and spousal abuse. I would recommend it for adult readers looking for a different flavour of (sort of) sci-fi.

Becca Edney



GANESH CHATURTHI – A HINDU FESTIVAL



Ganesh Chaturthi or Vinayaka Chaturthi is a 10-day Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Ganesha – the elephant headed Hindu deity. Ganesha is known as the God of wealth, sciences, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity. People around the world seek his blessings before starting any important work.

Lord Ganesha was created by Goddess Parvati out of jasmine oil, sandalwood and sweet aloes that she rubbed into her body before having a bath. She wanted someone to guard her bathing chamber while taking her bath. Picking up a flat wooden knife she scraped the scented paste off her body and kneaded it into a lump. When it was firm enough, she fashioned the figure of a boy. She then held it up to her face and poured her life's breath into him. In the twinkling of an eye, a young boy stood before her. The boy gazed into his mother's face and bowed. She then gave him the task of guarding her bathing chamber while she took her bath. While Parvati was bathing, Lord Shiva came to the scene and wanted to enter the bathing chamber. However, Ganesha blocked him from entering persisting it was his mother's orders not to allow anyone inside. Enraged, Lord Shiva cut off Ganesha's head and entered the chamber. Parvati was heartbroken seeing the headless body of her son lying by the door. She turned on Shiva like a mountain lioness, angry, tears pouring down her face and demanded for her son's life. Upon learning that Ganesha was his own son, Lord Shiva felt sad and promised to bring Ganesha back to life. Lord Shiva ordered his Devas to bring back the head of the first living creature they saw. The Devas left and almost immediately saw an old tusker shuffling down the path. They cut off its head and took it to Shiva. Shiva then knelt down by the headless body of his son and placed the elephant's head on the raw, bleeding neck. The head merged seamlessly into the torso of the boy and a moment later the little eyes flickered open and Ganesha was born.

The dates of the Ganesh Chathurthi normally fall in August or September every year and is celebrated with great devotion and joy by Hindus around the world. At the start of the festival, idols of Ganesha made using water soluble natural ingredients are made and placed on raised platforms in homes or in elaborately decorated outdoor tents. Pooja and Aarthi takes place on the 10 days of the festival. The idol is offered Ganesha's favourite dishes like the sweet dumplings known as modaks. The idol is anointed with red sandalwood paste and yellow and red flowers.

The festival ends on the tenth day, the idols in every home are then carried to local rivers in huge processions accompanied by drumbeats, devotional singing, and dancing. They are then immersed in the water called Visarjan. In Mumbai alone in India, around 150,000 statues are immersed annually.



The newly formed group in Northstowe "Hindu Samaj Northstowe" is planning its first procession which is open to all Northstowe residents. A map of the procession will be shared nearer the time and the idol will be immersed in the water parks. You don't have to be a Hindu to take part in the procession.

Hindu Samaj Northstowe

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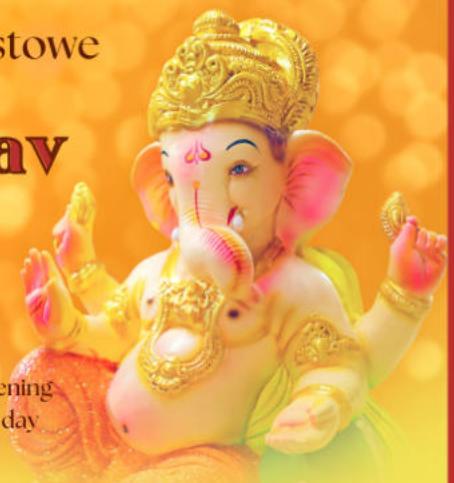
more details to follow soon



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CHURCH
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In June, the Northstowe Community Wing closed for community use. It was open for only 3 years, and 2 of those years its use was limited by Covid. But it was our church's first "home" in Northstowe itself, and we enjoyed gathering there on Sunday mornings to worship God and learn more about him. So it is sad that this lovely community space is no longer available.

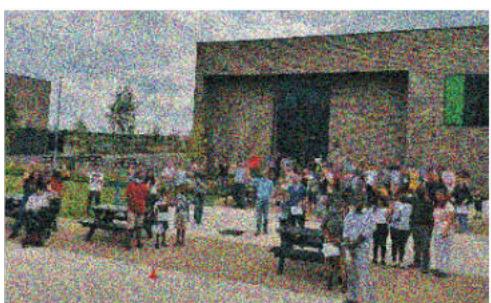


But our journey as a church has been one of God providing temporary homes for us along the way. When we started as a church in 2018, there was no venue we could use in Northstowe, so we met in venues in Swavesey. Then we arrived at the Northstowe Community Wing and expected to settle there. But Covid hit, and we moved to Zoom, and in summer 2021 to the much larger space in Northstowe Secondary College where we now meet.

So what have we learned in that 4 year journey? We've been reminded that all our earthly homes are temporary, because our ultimate home is eternal. And we've been reminded that a church is not a building but a community of people gathered to learn about and follow Jesus. Having a venue that keeps out rain and cold is helpful, but the building does not make a church. Rather, it is the people who make a church community.



So we hope we don't have to move venue any time soon. But if we do, we won't panic or despair. Because this community of people following Jesus have already moved multiple times in our short church life, and through it all have been growing as Jesus' people.



If you are looking for community in Northstowe, if you feel disconnected and lonely, then you are very welcome to visit and join our community. If you are asking the big questions (see box) then you are very welcome to visit us. We don't claim to have all the answers but we are learning from the one who does: Jesus Christ, God become human.

Every human being has to shape their life by the way they answer the biggest questions:
Is there meaning and purpose to the universe? What is my place in the universe? What happens after I die? How should I live?

How do you answer those questions?
Where do you look for the answers?

Why not visit one of our regular **Sunday gatherings, 10:30am in Northstowe Secondary College?**
There are usually children's groups running for primary aged children, along with a creche.
After the service there are free refreshments.

You can also watch our services online: facebook.com/emmanuelchurchnorthstowe

You can find our more information on our website: emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Please feel free to contact us with any questions contact@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org



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praying, exploring and sharing

This summer, we've welcomed Revd Stephen Dove as our new Assistant Pioneer Minister. Like Revd Beth, he's here to support community development, nurture missional and worshiping communities shaped for this time and place, and to mark life events such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Already, he's been getting to know other new residents, joining litter picks, community events, and youth and family activities, as well as bringing his creativity to our Sunday worship, midweek gatherings, and schools work.



Other recent highlights have been our involvement in Northstowe Day (with labyrinths, deckchairs, and the Eco Art displays), kite flying at Jubilee Day, launching Little Explorers (a midweek group offering "time for you, your baby, and God"), participation in the Over Day Centre Bike Ride, interactive all age worship services, and a joy-filled Wild Church Baptism, concluding with an immersive reading of Mary Hanrahan's poem "Ever at play in God's presence", drawing on Proverbs 8:30-31, which starts...

**"God jumps in puddles with me,
laughing and splashing rainbows on the road..."**

We're church – but perhaps not as you know it! Half our community are under 16, many weren't previously part of a church community, and others come from across the church traditions. Together we are pilgrims on a journey, asking questions and exploring the connections we find between everyday life and our spirituality and faith.

Through the summer, keep an eye on social media as we plan for August Adventures – often heading offsite on Sundays. These include a trip to the Greenbelt Festival on 26–29 August 2022 to celebrate artistry, activism, and belief. We'll be at community events too, including taking the Deckchair Listening Project down to the Northstowe Running Festival, Sept 4th – so, if you see us, why not "put your feet up" and tell us "what's on your mind"?



Our regular pattern of Term Time activities will restart

from Sept 11th: On Sundays, we meet in Pathfinder Primary School at 3.30pm, with Wild Church on the last Sunday of the month. And we've mid week activities at various times too. Why not check our social media, then pop in and find out more for yourself?

Contact Revd Beth at Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe, CB24 1AW (01954 261 181)
contact@northstowe.church; www.northstowe.church Follow our social media (fb.me/PathfinderChurch) or newsletter (bit.ly/PathfinderChurchNews) to see pictures, news, and more.

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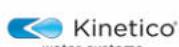


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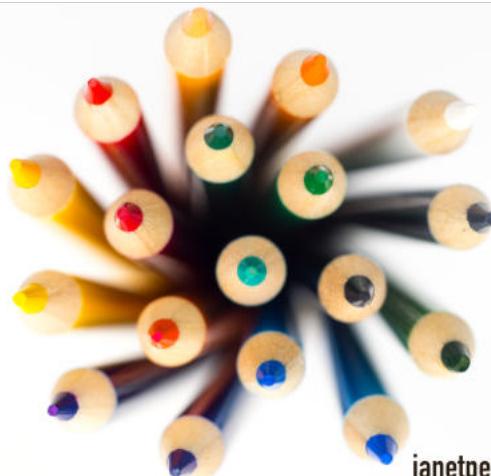


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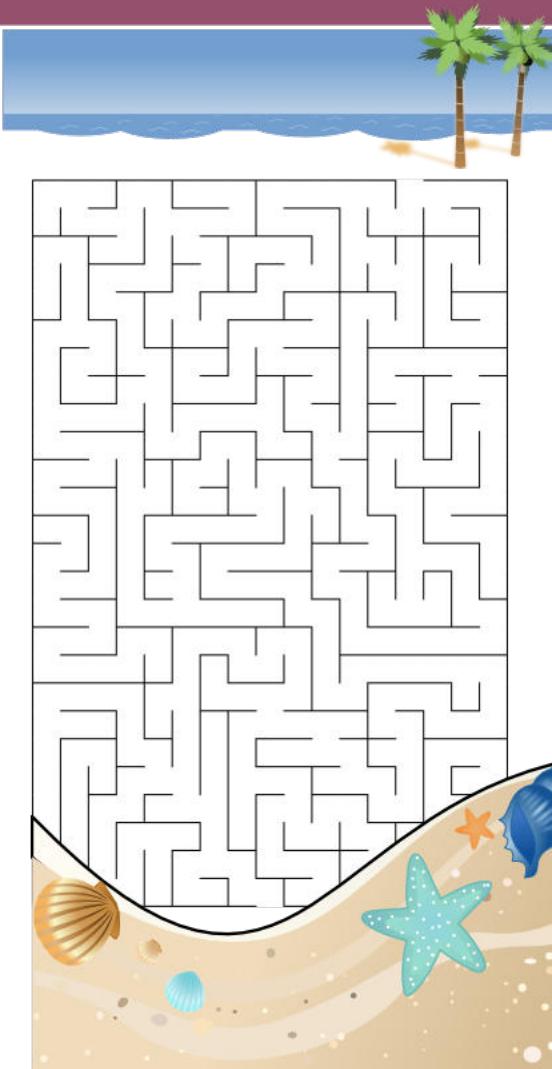
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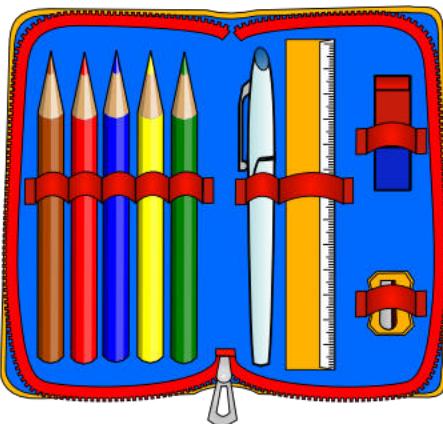
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