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News and Updates

EDITORS' WELCOME

Once again we head into autumn, leaving behind an extraordinary summer of record-breaking hot weather and low rainfall. As I write this we've just experienced the first thunderstorm for several months, and I look forward to seeing the plants around looking a little more hydrated.

Don't forget to wind the clocks back when BST ends on Sunday 30th October!

As the colder weather approaches, it does seem that the whole country is facing a period of anxiety, uncertainty and turmoil, and the cost-of-living crisis looks like it is going to get worse before it gets better. My hope is that Northstowe's community can pull together, and we can help each other through the worst of the trouble. There are resources right here in Northstowe, such as the food bank, CAP money-saving group, and not forgetting the free food from the community pantry on the Olio app. Don't be afraid to use them!

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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 December 2022 / January 2023 issue is November 1st.

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HOUSEHOLD BIN COLLECTIONS

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| Thursday 6 th October | Blue and Green Bins |
| Thursday 13 th October | Black Bin |
| Thursday 20 th October | Blue and Green Bins |
| Thursday 27 th October | Black Bin |
| Thursday 3 rd November | Blue and Green Bins |
| Thursday 10 th November | Black Bin |
| Thursday 17 th November | Blue and Green Bins |
| Thursday 24 th November | Black Bin |



Report Missed bins at:
<https://www.scambns.gov.uk/bins/report-a-missed-collection/>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



As the summer is behind us, I look forward to events which will lead up to the festive season. The Community Forum will take place on 12th October at Northstowe Secondary College. This will start with a drop-in session from 6 p.m. where multi agencies and organisations involved in the development at Northstowe will be available to answer residents' questions.

Our community groups have been very busy organising the Running Festival and the Great Big Green Week this autumn. The Northstowe Running Festival group have managed to bring the community together on 3rd/4th September on a weekend packed with fun activities for the whole family, live music, food vans and more. With 40+ participating partners and 80+ volunteers the event was a success, if you'd like to view photos from the day, these are available via their page: <https://www.facebook.com/northtowerunfest>.

Equally, Sustainable Northstowe are preparing to celebrate a week of action against climate change kicking off with a community action day on 24th September which will concentrate on cleaning up and recycling, followed by various other events on the theme of sustainability throughout the last week of September.

A new Neighbourhood Watch group is being set up by residents, please get in touch if you'd like to get involved. Also, a couple of new faith groups are being established: Northstowe Muslims and Hindu Samaj Northstowe. As a way of bringing the community together, I would like to start promoting festivals of all faith groups, please let me know if this is something you'd like support with. I'd also like to know about any local events to promote them to our wider community.

Lastly, if you're new to the area or just want to know your neighbours, join me once a month to deliver welcome packs, as a way of welcoming the new residents. A quick reminder, as well, that I am at Northstowe Secondary College every Wednesday 9:30 – 3:00 p.m., pop in and say hi!

Mihaela Stan

COMMUNITY GROUPS GO FREE TO WIMPOLE

Wimpole Estate, a National Trust property just south-west of Cambridge, are offering local community groups free admission to the estate and its facilities. This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage creativity and connection with nature.

Polly Ingham-Watts, the General Manager of Wimpole Hall, is passionate that everyone can enjoy all that Wimpole has to offer and recognises that National Trust membership or the standard admission charges are not accessible to everyone. If you help run a community group and you think that up to 16 of your members would be interested in receiving free admission, please email northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk for a copy of the application form.

Passes may be used on any day except on bank holidays and the weekends preceding bank holidays. Where practical, community groups are encouraged to visit during weekdays as Wimpole can get very busy at weekends when there may be less scope to cater for additional needs.

Wimpole Estate consists of a historic mansion, beautiful gardens, a show farm and extensive parkland, there is plenty of free parking for cars and minibuses, a visitor reception centre, electric buggies to assist people with limited mobility, as well as cafes and shops. For more information visit <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate>

UPDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY FORUM

Northstowe Community Forum is *your* opportunity to hear directly from the developers, the councils, and other public sector bodies, to ask questions and find out everything about what's been happening recently and their plans for the future.

Here are some of the things mentioned at the last Community Forum in July. Complete notes and presentations are available at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/northstowe-community-forum/>

- SCDC acknowledges that community buildings have not been built as quickly as they should have been, and hope to demonstrate in the coming months a mark change both in the pace of delivery and in the way the council communicates with residents.
- Sports Pavillion construction should start on-site in October this year, with completion at the end of May 2023.
- Roads and highways within Northstowe will complete over the next 24 months, as house frontages complete. Cycleways will be made in red tarmac and painted at the end of this period.
- No projected date for the opening of Southern Access road, but hope to be open to public by end of summer 2022. Processes to take place so it can open permanently and safely.
- Northern Greenway and LEAP 1&2, currently with L&Q, will be handed over to Greenbelt in Autumn. LEAP 3 (insect-themed play sculptures) & LEAP 4 (large grassed areas with trees, swings and slides) to open up summer of next year (*subject to approval*).
- Outline planning permission is granted for Phase 3A (south of Phase 2, up to 4000 homes) and Phase 3B (north of phase 1, up to 1000 homes) - although 3A is subject to judicial review concerning the supply of potable water, with a hearing in November.
- Two areas adjacent to 3B are planned separately. Endurance Estates (100 homes) got permission earlier this year, and Digital Park is approved subject to Section 106 agreement.
- Building of the Heritage Annex starts on site this summer. It is a modular build and should open Autumn/Winter this year with local archaeological finds available for viewing.
- Ground water level monitoring will take place during Phase 3 development as a precautionary measure, but this development is not anticipated to change levels in the surrounding area. No abstraction of ground water is taking place – drainage is designed as a sealed system keeping ground and surface water separate.
- There were only 7 reports of a breach of planning control for the whole year of 30/6/21 - 30/06/22 – not many for a development of this scale. Please do report out-of-hours work to [scambs.gov.uk](https://www.scambs.gov.uk) and not just on facebook! L&Q / Homes England can also enforce co-operation clauses in contracts, if they are informed.
- Willingham Medical Practice (and Longstanton Branch surgery) do not consider Northstowe to be the cause of long appointment waiting times – the whole of the NHS is struggling. The practice were aware and prepared for Northstowe to be built, and its relatively young demographic are less of a drain on GP resources.

NORTHSTOWE Community Forum

A space for local residents to engage with developers and public sector bodies about the new town of Northstowe



Wednesday 12 October
Drop-in 6pm, Presentations 7pm
Northstowe Secondary College

View the agenda, or join the forum: www.scambs.gov.uk/northstowe-forum
Submit your questions in advance to: Northstowe.Community@scambs.gov.uk

FAREWELL TO KATHRYN BECK

As of 16th August 2022, Kathryn Beck, Northstowe Community Development Officer has changed role within South Cambs District Council. Kathryn explains, "Northstowe has a wonderful community with so many fantastic community minded residents. Its been great to get to hear and share information to new residents of the various community groups delivering events and activities and the work partners do to help shape and form the town. Long may this continue! I look forward to popping back at future events to say hello."



NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN MAYOR, CLLR RICHARD OWEN



Northstowe Delivery Group

Since the last issue, SCDC has officially established the Northstowe Delivery Group to oversee the delivery of community facilities across. It has now been confirmed that in addition to our District and County Councillors, Northstowe Town Council will have a seat on this board and our Town Clerk will also be attending these meetings. Our representation in this group is vital to help influence the development of these facilities as they are brought forward, as well as to ensure transparency and clear communication of progress with the community.

Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage

Over the past few months, there have been several worrying incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage occurring across Northstowe, including damage to Pioneer Park and vandalism of the Urban Splash offices. It's always a small number of people who are responsible for these acts, but the impact on the community can be severe. We are working with community support groups and local police to help find those responsible, but any information you can help provide to the police is invaluable. Reporting incidents using the Cambridgeshire police online reporting tool helps build up patterns of behaviour, which can help police target their limited resources in the most efficient way possible.

Remembrance Day at Bug Hunter Waters

Last year, along with Pathfinder Church, local schools and uniformed groups, Northstowe Town Council took part in the first Remembrance Day ceremony next to the Phase 1 lakes. We will again be participating in this year's ceremony, which will be on Sunday November 13th in the same location (the newly named Bug Hunter Waters). It would be wonderful to see as many residents as possible there.

As always, if there are any issues you'd like to raise with the Town Council, please get in touch with either me (cllr.owen@northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk) or Mark, our Town Clerk (townclerk@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 Tuesday each month.

TOWN CLERK, MARK NOKKERT

The Council would welcome grant applications from the community!

The Town Council has quietly been working on developing a brand-new grant scheme of its own. This was launched in late spring. We have had a few initial inquiries since, but we would now very much want community groups to come forward who would like a share of the monies to do things for and within Northstowe and its residents!

How does it work?

Each year, the Town Council will set aside some money in its budget to support organisations with grants. Northstowe Town Council wishes to provide grants to organisations for projects that will benefit the town and its residents, and that would target one or more of the following;

- Promote Northstowe in a positive and lasting way;
- Provide a service, or improving a service's effectiveness, to Northstowe residents;
- Meet the needs of residents experiencing social or economic difficulties;
- Enhance residents' quality of life, health or wellbeing;
- Improve recreation or sport provision for residents;
- Improve the environment or sustainability.

Applications are considered by the Council or appropriate Committee. We have kept the application form relatively straightforward, and you can always contact us if you have an idea and are wondering how you could shape your application.

Where to find out more? The grant application form and associated grant guidance/policy document are available on the Town Council's website, www.northstowntowncouncil.gov.uk.

Mark Nokkert, Town Clerk
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Display from 2021 Remembrance Day ceremony in Northstowe.

Cllr Richard Owen, Town Mayor

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Funding confirmed for Northstowe Community Facilities

We are extremely pleased to report that South Cambs District Council has committed more than £14.8 million in funding, to secure high-quality community facilities for Northstowe residents.

A report discussed at the Full Council meeting in July outlined a plan for the Council to help fund the growing new town's Sports Pavilion and Community Centre on Phase 1, and Civic Hub and additional Sports Pavilion on Phase 2. Councillors unanimously agreed the proposals at the meeting. You can read the full report on the council website Agenda for Council on Thursday, 21 July 2022, 2.00 p.m. (moderngov.co.uk)

The phase one Sports Pavilion, near the Western Park sports pitches, will provide changing facilities for teams and officials and a multi-use club room and catering facilities. The contract for building this has been awarded and work is expected to start on site in October this year and complete by May 2023.

The Community Centre will be within the Local Centre and will be a multi-use facility for Northstowe residents. The Local Centre is expected to contain a mixture of shops and commercial development. The plan is to submit a planning application and procure a main contractor to develop the community centre by the end of 2022.

The Civic Hub on phase two is intended to be the landmark building within the Town Centre. This will have 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 similar to the phase one pavilion, but details are still being confirmed.

This is a real milestone for Northstowe residents and shows how committed the District Council is to our growing new community. New towns and their facilities don't appear immediately but take careful planning and a lot of hard work to bring forwards. We can now however be confident that there is now a funded plan in place to deliver these new buildings which Northstowe residents need and deserve.

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 some time ago. 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 put together a plan to step-in and cover the shortfall in funds to bring the new buildings forward as quickly as possible. The funding which has now been confirmed by Councillors includes:

- £1.53 million towards the phase one Sports Pavilion
- £6.5 million towards the phase one Community Centre
- £4.82 million towards the phase two Civic Hub
- £2 million towards the phase two Sports Pavilion

The money to pay for the investment into Northstowe will all come from capital receipts, aside from a contribution of £300,000 from the Renewable Energy Reserve, towards the phase one Sports Pavilion.

Northstowe Community Forum

It was good to see the Forum returning to a face-to-face meeting in July and to have an opportunity for residents to drop in and speak with the developers and council officers before the meeting. During the meeting there were updates from L&Q, Homes England, South Cambs District Council, and the Willingham GP practice. Presentations and notes from the meeting are all available online via the Northstowe Community Forum page

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-forums/northstowe-community-forum/>

You will also find a link there to some Frequently Asked Questions from the Forum. It is worth having a look at these to find answers to common questions like when will the first shops and cafés open at Northstowe or when will Northstowe get its own GP surgery? If you have a question or answer that you would like added to the page, you can email the communications team at SCDC.

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/northstowe/your-common-northstowe-questions-answered/>

The next Forum will be held on 12th October with drop-in from 6pm, presentations, 7pm. Venue: Northstowe Secondary College

If you would like to ask a question or would like a specific topic or theme discussed, please email this request to northstowe.community@scambs.gov.uk

Phase 2A Urban Splash

You may have previously seen the news that the consortium delivering the Inholm development in the first parcel of Northstowe Phase 2, Urban Splash, had gone into administration. We are pleased to say that Homes England have now entered into a contract with the Administrators (Teneo) to complete all the communal areas, access, and boundaries that applies to the 43 homes already partially completed on the peninsula area. A linked agreement will also see the completion and sale of the remaining homes. As such we expect that the development will be completed in accordance with the original expectations. Work will start immediately and is due to complete this year. A separate decision will be made as regards the remainder of undeveloped Inholm land in due course.

Northstowe and Longstanton Water Issues

We recognise the concern locally about groundwater levels in the Northstowe area. The council have now published information online to act as a 'frequently asked questions' document to help residents understand the issues involved. This can be found here:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/northstowe/northstowe-groundwater-investigations/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these, or any other matters.

Alex Malyon and Sarah Cheung Johnson

District Councillors for Longstanton, Oakington & Westwick and Northstowe

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR



I hope that you enjoyed the summer and managed to get a well-earned break.

We're now well into autumn with wonderful colours but fading light at either end of the day. Please take care with changing road and path conditions and set out to travel safely wherever you go.

Here is my summary of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) matters at the time of writing in early September.

Cost of living crisis

CCC has been working with partners including District Councils and the Fire Authority on the help that needs to be made available to local residents facing huge cost of living challenges in the months ahead.

Advice and information on a single page:

CCC is collating helpful information and advice on a single webpage. This includes information about schemes the Council is running or administering, as well as schemes run by others. More information will be added as it becomes available. <https://tinyurl.com/39mj9hwa>

Household Support Fund:

CCC is reminding residents of the household support fund to increase uptake from eligible people of pensionable age. The Council is producing a leaflet on this fund for distribution through faith and community groups and at foodbanks.

<https://tinyurl.com/49fvr2d>

Warm hubs:

Cambridgeshire ACRE is working with East and South Cambridgeshire District Councils on the provision of a network of 'warm hubs' to enable people to stay safe and warm over what is likely to be a very challenging winter of fuel and food poverty for many. <https://tinyurl.com/4543845k>

CCC budget gap widens:

Galloping inflation is a problem for households and businesses, but also for the Council. It has significantly widened the Council's budget gap, as well as leaving more residents in need of serious financial help from the Council as energy bills soar and the cost of living continues to rise.

Northstowe Running Festival

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marcin Lis, Lizz Mayers and an army of volunteers for organising the second year of this community event. It has been an amazing weekend bringing together local businesses, Radio DJ, musicians, food trucks, community groups, residents and not forgetting the great runners over two days. We are already looking forward to next year.

Firouz Thompson

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

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions. firouz.thompson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

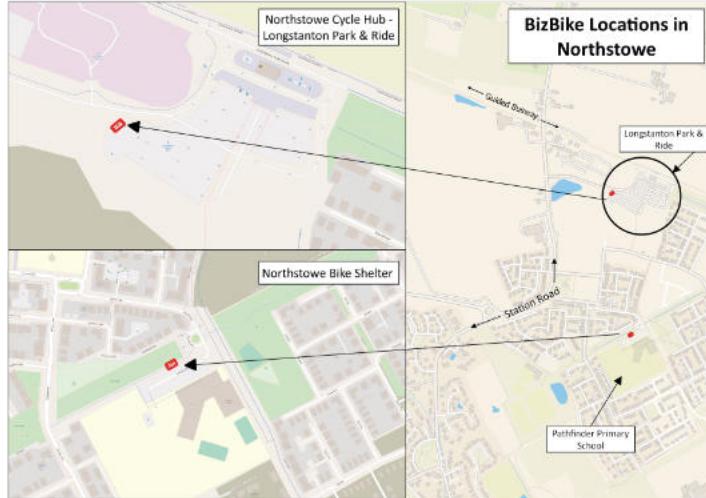
For those on social media please follow Longstanton, Oakington & Northstowe Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/longstantonoakingtonnorthstowe>

NORTHSTOWE COMMUNITY E-BIKES

800 Northstowe residents have registered for the Community E-bike service and have taken over 2,000 rides since its launch in February last year. But we want to encourage more rides so here are some tips and tricks to make your ride easy and enjoyable.

- Download the free Bizbike app (you can use this QR code to download):
- The bikes are located at the P&R Hub and the Shelter at the primary school (see map).



- When you register you will be emailed detailed instructions with the unlock codes for these. Or call our helpline to request them.
- Turn on the control panel on the handlebars. Select a bike with 4 indicator lights showing high battery power level.
- Use the app to scan the QR code on the framelock on the back wheel.
- Adjust the saddle to suit your height – about hip-height when you stand next to the bike.
- Please lock the hub/shelter before you leave.
- Select low, medium or high level of motor assist.
- The bikes have six derailleur gears, with controls on the right handlebar. It's best to start in 2nd or 3rd gear to gain momentum. As you pedal, the motor will be activated.
- As you gain momentum, you can switch to higher gears.
- When you return your bike, close the framelock to end your ride.
- Please lock the Shelter once you have parked and locked your bike.
- Please report any mechanical problem, puncture etc via the app, by text to the helpline or email to info@bizbike.club
- Don't risk loss of this service through the theft and vandalism which we have experienced: please report any misuse of bikes to us immediately!



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NORTHSTOWE LAKE NAMING WINNERS

Northstowe has three new lakes. Their primary function is for surface water drainage and water attenuation, but they will also bring extensive benefits to wellness and outdoor lifestyles, as well as nature and the environment at Northstowe. Two of the lakes are to be opened to the public for recreational use (one already open), and one of the lakes primarily for wildlife habitats.

Homes England launched a competition in March for the community to name the lakes. We launched the competition so that local residents could give each of the lakes an identity, making it easier for meeting friends or for events, or in the future water-based activities like kayaking at the weekend. We were looking for submissions based on one or more of the following themes:

Wellbeing – as Northstowe is a Healthy New Town and the lakes will provide a place for residents to enjoy

History - with a community on the wider site dating back from the Doomsday book to Saxons, Romans and more recently, the RAF

Wildlife – to reference the ecological and wildlife measures being delivered at the Lakes and the wider site

Following the submission of the names and closing of the competition deadline, the names were filtered down to a selection which met the judging criteria, and then a group of local stakeholders got together to discuss and shortlist the names and choose a top three. Entries were anonymised so the panel chose names based on the merits of the names only.

The judging panel included local elected councillors, a local resident who attends Northstowe Secondary College, Anglian Water and Homes England. We also consulted Northstowe Town Council with the final names for comment before contacting the winners.

It is intended to use signage or artwork near each lake to recognise their new names – more on this soon!



**LAKE 1
BUG HUNTER WATERS**

Chosen by Dayna McCarthy and her 4 year old son because they love catching bugs at the lake.

Judges loved this name and thought it would encourage all ages to connect with the lake.



**LAKE 2
UNITY LAKE**

Chosen by Matthew Wood and his daughter for a community committed to working together and finding common ground.

Judges felt this name would signify Northstowe's community and surrounding communities coming together to enjoy the space.



**LAKE 3
HALCYON MERE**

Chosen by Andrew Collier to reflect the sanctuary found by wild birds in the area. The Halcyon bird in Greek mythology has the power to calm the rough oceans to nest.

Judges felt the name reflected the planned natural tranquillity of this lake.

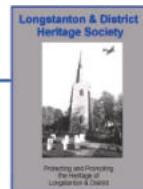
Matthew Brown, Northstowe Lead at Homes England said 'It has been great to work with the community and partners on this project. These lakes are great assets for the community and we hope people enjoy using them.'

Congratulations to all our winners. We hope you enjoy your Decathlon vouchers and goody bags provided by Anglian Water and Homes England.

We are grateful to everyone who entered the competition.

Words by the Northstowe Project Team at Homes England. Photography by Phil Mynott

LDHS UPDATE: NORTHSTOWE October / November 2022



GROUNDWATER STILL CAUSES CONCERN FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

LDHS includes landscape features in its definitions of heritage assets and for many years the Heritage Society has had serious concerns about groundwater issues, since ponds began drying out across Longstanton in 2015. These concerns have been escalating in recent months and the Heritage Society welcomes the extensive work that has been carried out on this issue by both Northstowe Town Council and Longstanton Parish Council.

Residents will be aware that our Secretary, along with other local residents, has been involved with campaigning on this issue and this has been done in a personal capacity. Whilst landscape heritage matters do concern the Heritage Society we are mindful that the groundwater problem is a complex one and there are various opinions on what should or should not be done regarding this issue.

Below are photos taken between the 3rd and 6th of July showing the disparity in water resources between Longstanton and Northstowe. We do hope that the cause of the problem can be identified and a solution found, before local ponds and wells across both communities disappear forever. A new Environmental and Groundwater Group (LEGG) has been set up by local residents and this new group is committed to working constructively with local councils and others to help resolve this issue for the benefit of both Longstanton and Northstowe communities. Water is a precious resource and it is vital that its use is sustainable, not just now but in the future too. The impacts of serious and long term groundwater depletion means that this issue does need to be addressed urgently.



Photo of the pond at Hatton House taken on 3rd July 2022. This once beautiful pond on what was Hatton Farm is now just mud.



Aerial view of part of the Northstowe Phase 2 lake - 6 July 2022

HARVEST TIME MEMORIES

Longstanton (part of which is now within the Northstowe boundary) has been predominantly a rural village since its first mention in the Domesday book of 1086. It was following the construction of the airfield in 1939 that the population profile of the village began to change. The village farms were still a major employer for local people in the 1950's but agricultural mechanisation and greater access to private cars saw local residents seeking job opportunities further afield.

Below is a photo of harvest time on Manor Farm, Longstanton (c 1950's) - a reminder that this once rural village played an important role in food production. Part of Manor Farm was sold in 1938, so that RAF Oakington could be built and some of the remaining paddocks are destined to become public open space for Northstowe and Longstanton residents in due course.



Harvest at Manor Farm, Longstanton c 1950's

RAF OAKINGTON MEMORIES



Newly donated photograph to the LDHS Archives, showing a crew from 7 Squadron RAF Oakington

At the time of writing, LDHS, along with the rest of our communities, is looking forward to the Heritage Facility being opened on the site of the former Bomber Command base. All Saints' church and the local community

also looks forward to welcoming members of 7 Squadron Association to the village in October for their annual Memorial Service. It was hoped that the new Heritage Facility would be open in time for their visit but we are not sure that this will be possible. In the meantime, additional RAF Oakington photographs and archives are being offered to the Heritage Society and we will accept everything that we can. However, the work load and professional expertise needed to maintain and manage this historic archive for the long term will require a review of the LDHS Archives once they have moved into the Heritage Facility store room. It is vital that decisions are made as to how the LDHS Archives can best be protected for future generations and most importantly how they can best be kept as a local community asset for Longstanton, Northstowe and the surrounding villages.

St. Michael's Baptismal Well – where has all the water gone?



The existence of the baptismal well in the churchyard of St. Michael's is an extra attraction for visitors coming to see this special little thatched church. The well is believed to date back to pagan times and has been a unique feature of the churchyard here in Longstanton for centuries. It is said that Christian churches are located on the site of pagan worship: as the well pre-dates the church it would mean it is at least eight hundred years old. Historically the well has never been known to run dry – until now.

So why is there no water in the well?

The current issue of dewatering in the Longstanton and surrounding villages, is gathering considerable support from concerned residents who have seen natural water courses and ponds run dry and the Kingfisher pond completely depleted of water: all this whilst the nearby lake at the Phase 2 site is replenished from groundwater engineered for the new development.

Why does it matter?

Beyond the obvious impacts on several water features, and longstanding horticultural businesses in the village, there are also the environmental effects on local nature and our visible landscape; this cannot be underestimated. With a considerable reduction of groundwater deposits, what will happen to the established trees, the hedgerows and green spaces of Longstanton, its associated wildlife, and the foundations of our traditionally built cottages and churches? The proximity of all the aforementioned, add to the overall living environment for residents of Northstowe, as well as those in Longstanton. It makes no sense to be artificially creating 'natural' habitats and in the process damaging the existing natural environment.

To find out more about this issue, visit the Longstanton Environmental Groundwater Group (LEGG: <https://legginfo.co.uk>). For the benefit of the wider community we need to see action from the SCDC, the Environment Agency and most importantly the developers, before it is too late.

The Friends of St. Michael's Church

NORTHSTOWE GROUNDWATER

Cllr Dr Tumi Hawkins, South Cambridgeshire District Council Lead Cabinet Member for Planning, said: "We recognise the local concern about groundwater. On behalf of Longstanton Parish Council, we commissioned an independent report on this matter and are continuing to work with key organisations to understand the causes and next steps."

"During the phase one works, the developers did remove water from the site as part of their initial construction works. At that time, the removal of water did not require consent from the Council or the Environment Agency. The position has subsequently changed, and consent would now be needed from the Environment Agency, to protect groundwater resources."

This type of procedure is common on new developments and is necessary to lay critical infrastructure (such as underground pipes – so the ground must be dry) before any new homes start to be constructed. It is not intended to be permanent and the submissions to the Council as part of the phase one planning permission did not propose the permanent reduction of groundwater levels on the site.

The Council has sought clarification from developers L&Q Estates about the relationship of the drainage scheme with the groundwater. L&Q Estates have suggested that the development is not responsible for this change. There are ongoing investigations of potential routes for movement of groundwater from near to the Kingfisher Pond but there is no firm conclusion on this matter currently. The Council is continuing to investigate whether the observed changes in levels in the Kingfisher Pond are likely to recover. Variations in climatic conditions – noting that this year for example rainfall is 50% of average – has made drawing such a conclusion more difficult.

A South Cambridgeshire District Council spokesperson adds: "Construction work on Northstowe phase three, for which the Council gave planning permission earlier this year, has not started yet. So, linking that decision to experiences of reduced groundwater for residents of Longstanton is wrong. For the phase three decision, we consulted with the Environment Agency who, along with our officers, carefully considered the issue. The Environment Agency raised no objection to the phase three proposals, and we have imposed appropriate conditions covering monitoring of the groundwater conditions when works do start on this phase in a few years."

Sports, Health and Wellbeing

OVER DAY CENTRE BIKE RIDE

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this year's bike rides and the riders who enjoyed the rides. With the two rides from Northstowe and the three from Over, 113 riders joined us with nearly £2,200 raised for the Day Centre.

We were most fortunate to have sponsorship from Law & Lewis, Joiners; Redmayne, Arnold & Harris, Estate Agents; and Cambridgeshire Bathrooms, to meet event expenses so that all rider donations went to the Day Centre. Very many thanks also to Tom Miller, First Aider; Darryl Bass, Passionate Flowers, Broom Wagon; and Brucies Bikes, Mechanical Support; to Tesco, Bar Hill for drinks & snack-stop water and fruit for the family rides; to the Over Community Centre for the BBQ & bar for the after-rides social with live music; to local WIs and friends for superb cakes for the cake & raffle table; to all local businesses who so generously gave raffle prizes; and to the registration teams, rides marshalls and sweepers who helped run the event. Particular thanks go to Willingham Wheels and Swavesey & Over Cycling Club for organising the rides with Day Centre Trustees.

The photos below capture the spirit of some of the rides and social after.



COTTEHAM TENNIS CLUB



Cottenham Tennis Club at the Fen Edge Festival

We were delighted that quite a few Northstowe residents have discovered our club. It was a good summer, starting first with the Fen Edge Festival held on the Cottenham Green and College at the end of June. We organised Tennis for Free on the Cottenham Sports Centre courts and thoroughly enjoyed watching everyone, from three-year-olds to active older people, having a hit. Club volunteers dressed in our cheerful green t-shirts also ran the Crazy Golf which was great fun.

In July we had a special evening at the Cottenham Village Hall to watch the Wimbledon men's final on the big screen, consuming strawberries, Pimms and good beer in the process. This could become an annual event! Our summer camp in August was well attended and results for the inter-club competitions were mixed, but we continue to be keen to put up teams.

Attila is our new level 3 accredited coach and coaching runs to 17 December: groups on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings, individuals Thursday and Friday afternoons/ evenings. Book via gamesettennis.co.uk

Great news! All memberships will be half price from 1 October (valid to 23 March 2023, and you can try six weeks of coaching before joining and try out three club nights for free. See

cottenhamtennis.co.uk or email info@cottenham tennis.co.uk

FAMILY TOURNAMENT. A DRESS-UP-AS-A-MONSTER event for all ages at Cottenham courts, **16 October, 9.30 – 12 noon**. Free entry for members, non-members welcome (one player in each pair must join – eg, £5 for a junior). Entries open now until 9 October at gamesettennis.co.uk



Three year olds take up tennis for free with coach Toby.
(Photos by Wendy Dear)

FREE TO FEED CAMPAIGN

Businesses across South Cambridgeshire are being encouraged to welcome families who breastfeed and / or pump thanks to a new campaign launched this month.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is working with the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Infant Feeding Team and 'Best Start in Life' partnership to support venues across the district to become more welcoming to families who breastfeed and/or pump in public.

The #FreeToFeedCP campaign is encouraging businesses and community venues to pledge their support for families who breastfeed and/or pump by signing up and displaying the sticker and promotional material in their premises.

Among the first businesses to take the 'FreeToFeedCP pledge were Shepreth Wildlife Park and Govia Thameslink Railway. To launch the campaign, a group of families took a train trip from Cambridge to the animal park to enjoy a day out.

Cllr Bridget Smith, Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Breastfeeding is proven to be very beneficial to the health of the mother and baby, it should not be daunting for mothers to breastfeed or pump in bars, cafes, restaurants and other venues while they are out with their children. As someone who breast fed all three of my sons, I feel strongly that normalising breastfeeding and pumping in public is really important and something we can all help with through conversation and support."

Nina Morley, of NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Infant Feeding Team, said: "As a service we are proud to hold stage 3 UNICEF baby Friendly Accreditation and we believe that breastfeeding has amazing health benefits for families, but knowing where to access support for breastfeeding can be difficult. All families, by law, are free to breastfeed and/or pump for their baby in public, anytime, anywhere. If breastfeeding parents are aware of local venues that support breastfeeding and will be welcoming of them, it will make a huge difference to their confidence, and will support their breastfeeding journey."

Jenny Saunders, Customer Services Director for Thameslink and Great Northern, said: "We're committed to making our services as comfortable and accessible as possible for everyone. That includes making breastfeeding and pumping normal everyday activities on the train, that no-one feels awkward about.

"It was a great pleasure to welcome these Cambridgeshire families on this special trip, and to support this important campaign by the District Council and their NHS partners. Many thanks are due to Sarah Grove of the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership for bringing everyone together to make this happen.

"I breastfed both my kids, and on a train too, so this is something I really endorse. I hope the event gives all breastfeeding and pumping families the confidence to travel with us and feel 'Free to Feed'."

The #FreeToFeedCP campaign is designed to raise the confidence of families and increase understanding among the public, businesses and community venues. Breastfeeding friendly venues often report a real improvement in customer service and can have the added benefit of attracting a new client base.

Almost three-quarters of women start breastfeeding when their child is born, but this drops to below half within six to eight weeks. Evidence shows the right support can help families sustain breastfeeding for longer.

To take the pledge and become breastfeeding friendly, venues must adopt the "breastfeeding welcome" policy, and ensure staff are aware of how to implement it.

For more information and how to get involved, visit the South Cambridgeshire District Council #FreeToFeedCP page on their website

WE SUPPORT THE



#FreeToFeedCP CAMPAIGN

BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had a much needed break over the summer and look forward to returning to regular weekly slots with a varied programme of activities planned for the Autumn. We have kicked off the programme with supporting at the Northstowe running event! Well done to all. The groups meet weekly at Northstowe Secondary College and also use local parks and outdoor spaces for planned outdoor activities.

If you are keen to become involved in supporting as a volunteer or as a young person looking to join please contact www.1stnorthstowescouts.org.uk

HUNTINGDON HOCKEY CLUB

We had an incredible response to the article in the last edition of Northstowe News with lots of new players joining us for the new season. Our home matches, taking place at Northstowe Secondary College, for the rest of this year are as follows. Push back for all home matches is at 10.30am and supporters (or future potential members) are very welcome to come and cheer us on!

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| 24 September 2022 | Huntingdon 1 | v | Wisbech Town 2 |
| 08 October 2022 | Huntingdon 1 | v | St Neots 2 |
| 29 October 2022 | Huntingdon 1 | v | Kettering 3 |
| 12 November 2022 | Huntingdon 1 | v | Pelicans 2 |
| 19 November 2022 | Huntingdon 1 | v | Kettering 2 |
| 03 December 2022 | Huntingdon 1 | v | Cambridge South 4 |

For more details please contact huntingdonhockeyclub@gmail.com or visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/huntingdonladieshockeyclub

LONGSTANTON GRASSHOPPERS CRICKET CLUB



In 2007 we achieved ECB Clubmark status, being one of the first 5 clubs in Cambridgeshire with this we pride in maintaining it. This shows that as a club we are sustainable, well run and provide the right environment for our members. Every year we continue to invest in our facilities, equipment, and coaches.

Since that period the club has continued to evolve playing as a village team throughout the whole of Cambridgeshire with members from surrounding villages and Northstowe. The club has both a senior and junior section. Our Senior section has two league teams that play on a Saturday and started a friendly Sunday league team during 2021. Our junior section flourished with over 80 junior members across our Colts Programme and ECB All Stars. We had 3 junior age groups competing in junior league cricket in 2022 this consisted of U10, U12 & U14 teams. Due to the popularity of subscription, we will be looking to expand our age groups and coaches to encourage people into the sport.

This year our 1st XI played in the CCA Senior 1 league where we came 4th and our 2nd XI playing in CCA Junior 3 North where we came 7th. We are actively recruiting for senior players, both male and female and look forward to seeing more people over the year in our winter/spring nets and next year for outdoor training. We do organise socials throughout the year inclusive of visits to pubs & curry nights to get to know each other off the pitch as well.

The Colts section had a wonderful year of 11-a-side cricket, Cric-8 which is pairs cricket and ECB All Stars. The award ceremony in July was a wonderful way to sum up another successful year and we love to celebrate all the children's success both personally and in their cricket development.

If you are looking to be placed on a waiting list for youth cricket next year please email coltslgcc@gmail.com. For anyone with a general enquiry please reach out to info@longstantoncc.co.uk or go to our website for more details Longstanton Grasshoppers CC (play-cricket.com).



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WINDY BABY?

Most babies get trapped wind at some point in their lives. In my entirely personal experience, there seems to be a transition between that wind being able to evacuate their body automatically, and them having to make an effort, and while they're learning how to push it out, they can get very painful episodes of trapped wind.

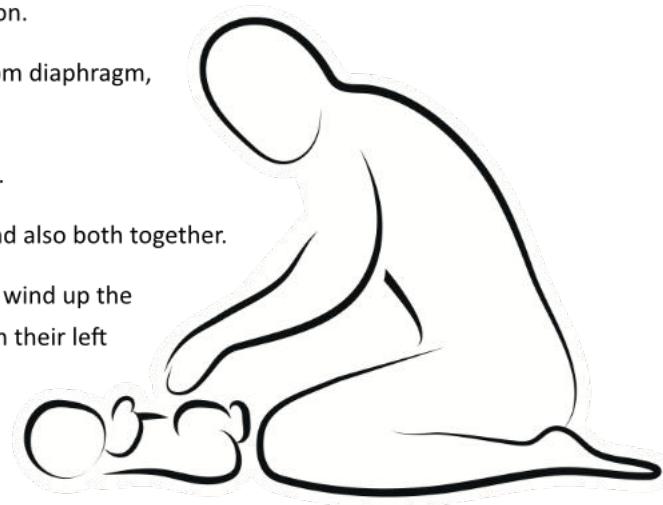
We can help them with a few baby massage moves. I'd recommend you use a vegetable oil that you'd be happy to ingest, let your baby know what's happening, and only massage them when they're happy.

For any massage moves done on the tummy, we need to ensure we stay below the ribcage, and that we only move clockwise (as you're facing your baby).

- **Opening move:** gently caress from the waist towards the navel.
- **Circles:** use the pads of 2-3 fingers to draw circles around the belly button.
- **Tummy squeaker:** use outer edge of the hands to stroke downwards from diaphragm, alternating hands.
- **Square:** turn the above circles into a box, working on the large intestine.
- **Apanasana (knees to tum):** bring baby's knees to tummy, alternating and also both together.
- **Bonus move:** keeping their right knee pressing into the tummy (moving wind up the large intestine), use the outer edge of one hand to stroke downwards on their left side, working on bringing the wind down the large intestine.

Cristina Freniche

Baby Massage instructor and owner at My Yoga Corner, Northstowe



Hungry? How to GET HELP
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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

The Friday Group
A new group for grown-ups where kids are welcome.

Share ideas over a cup of tea or coffee and take away tips on a variety of areas including making money go further, staying in control of home energy, lifting pressure, wellbeing, cooking on a budget.

Where: Northstowe Secondary College

When: From Friday 23rd September (term time only).
10.30am to 12md.

For more details contact:
johannascoones@capuk.org
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Introduction from our new Clinical Pharmacist

Hello to the patients of Willingham and Longstanton surgery. My name is Simon Swallow and I have joined the practice as a Clinical Pharmacist. A little about me first, I live in Godmanchester and have done most of my adult life. I have two grown up sons (23 and 19), both of which I am very proud of and are now pursuing their own lives in the careers they have chosen. I have been a pharmacist since 1993 and have had a very varied career working for Boots and more recently Lloyds Pharmacy. I have worked as a pharmacist most of the time but also have held senior management roles, been part of a training team and more recently taught in further education- which I will be continuing when not in my clinical pharmacist role.

You may be speaking to me/seeing me at some point when you have contact with the surgery, I look forward to meeting you as my time in the surgery progresses. I hope to bring some of my experience and knowledge to help the surgery to deliver the best care possible to its patients, although I do have a steep learning curve to climb too.

I will be working very closely with other Dr's in the surgery to improve patient care providing extra help to manage long-term conditions, advice for those on multiple medicines and helping with any minor ailments you may have. Keeping you at the centre of your care as a patient I am a firm believer in. I look forward to meeting/ talking to you as my time in the surgery progresses.

Parents attending with young children

Please be aware that young children may need to be brought in a pushchair, in order for them to be safe during clinical procedures and examinations. Young children should not be free to explore and run around clinical spaces whilst a parent is unable to supervise them.

Dispensary Requests

When requesting your repeat medication via SystmOnline or our website, please check whether you have nominated to collect your medication from the dispensary at Longstanton (Longstanton and Northstowe patients ONLY), Tesco Bar Hill or The Willingham Pharmacy.

You can choose and change your nomination at any time. You may find your nomination changes automatically if you have decided to collect an acute prescription from a different place than you normally collect your repeats.

Please be reminded we currently need 3 days to process all requests for repeat medication.

Flu Clinics

We are now offering Flu vaccinations at the surgery. Dedicated clinics have been set up on Saturdays and there are currently appointments available on Sat 8th October and 22nd October. Further dates will be released and advertised on the Willingham Medical Practice Facebook page and website.

Please support your surgery and contact our receptionists to book your appointment.

Over Day Centre

The Over Day Centre Association (<https://www.overdaycentre.co.uk>) is a charity that provides professional care catering to individual needs, in an environment that is friendly, engaging and health & safety conscious.

Over Day Centre supports individuals in their desire to maintain social interaction and to stay as independent and active as possible with opportunities to make new friends and participate in enjoyable activities. The service provides much needed support and respite for families caring for a loved one.

Currently it costs £26 per day to attend including a hot 2-course lunch and all drinks and morning & afternoon snacks. The minibus will collect from home, and has a wheelchair lift (there is **no** extra charge to use the bus)

For further information please contact the The Over Day Centre Association on 01954 231807 or email care@overdaycentre.co.uk

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 5th October** 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.

Lisa Smith –Assistant Practice Manager–October 2022



THE PATHFINDER C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have welcomed lots of new families to our school this term as well as new staff across the school. Thank you to everyone in the community who has played a part in making them all feel welcome. We are now in the second year of delivering our new knowledge rich curriculum. You will be able to see lots of information about what the children are learning on our school website.

For more ways to keep up to date with our news and future events, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

School Lunches - Aspens

Last academic year we sought the views of our school families about the school lunches and provider ... we listened and these are the results! This term we have moved over to a new lunch provider; Aspens. The children and staff alike have had nothing but praise and we have seen a real uplift in the number of children and staff taking up a school lunch.



The food is amazing and tastes so fresh. I love the new desserts too.



Lunch was super tasty. It made me come home and want to order every day!



It tasted just like the food my mum cooks at home.



Everything is better! I am excited to find out what is on the new menu each day.

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 4th December
11am - 3pm
The Pathfinder Primary School

FREE ENTRY

BROWSE FESTIVE STALLS - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Reception Starters 2023 School Tour Dates

Thursday 3rd November @10:30am

Monday 14th November @9:30am

Saturday 19th November

@10am/11am/1pm

Tuesday 29th November @ 7pm

Thursday 1st December @2pm

Wednesday 14th December @10:30am



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

Pregnancy Yoga (£)

Covering breathing techniques, warmup and yoga poses, deep relaxation with self hypnosis (hypnobirthing) and various birth and parenthood preparation topics. 6.30pm at Northstowe Secondary College. <https://myyogacorner.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

THURSDAYS

Little Explorers

Time for you, your baby, and God.

For babies, their pre-school big siblings, and their parents or carers. Thursdays 9:30-10:45 in Pathfinder Primary contact@northstowe.church

Pop Up Youth Club in a double decker bus

Run by Connections Bus Project, with the Northstowe Youth Hive. 4-5.30pm, Thursdays, near Pioneer Park

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

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Stop, Breathe, Pray – 1st Thursday of every month, 8-9pm. www.northstowe.church/pray

FRIDAYS

CAP Friday Group

Helpful sessions exploring how to make our money go further, with a chance to relax over a cup of tea. Friday Group is for everyone, and children with carers are welcome. Northstowe Secondary College 10.30 every Friday in term time johanna.scoones@capuk.org

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 them on FB or Instagram for the weekly food truck listing and event details.

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

Normally 3rd Sunday of each month [except October] 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



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Little Explorers

Time for you, your baby, and God

contact@northstowe.church

Loads of 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
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What3words:
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connectionsbusproject.org.uk; Charity No. 1168343
working with the Northstowe Youth Hive (youth@northstowe.info; @Northstowe_Youth),
funded by *The Church Schools of Cambridge* and *bpha*

Community Litter Picks

10.30am Oct 2nd (part of Big Green Week);
Nov 20th

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Different groups host the community café in All Saints' Church Longstanton each week

We are due to host on 12th Oct & 9th Nov.

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Interested in joining our team of café volunteers?
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IN MEMORIAM HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On the 8th September, the world received the sad news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died. In response to this, Revd Beth and Revd Stephen from Pathfinder Church Northstowe held a short gathering on The Green, to pray and reflect on her life of service to this country. She leaves behind an extraordinary legacy which touches almost every aspect of our lives, not only in this country but in many other nations around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, and all those who mourn.

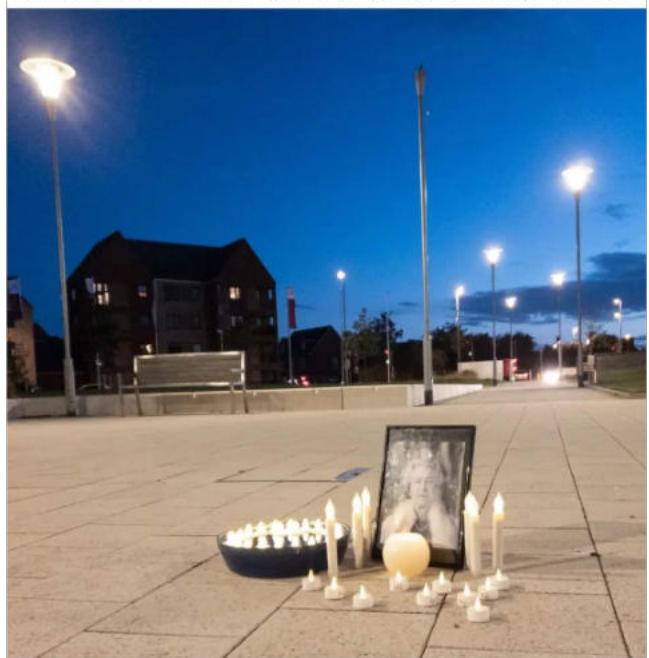


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Could this be YOU?

As we re-imagine Friends of the Wing we are really keen to find people interested in being potential trustees working with and for the entire Northstowe community. Do you have skills in third sector work, accounting, facilities management or catering that you could share.

If you are reading this and excited about the possibility of using your skills to make a difference in YOUR community get in touch and help shape our future!

Email Peter Cope at friendsofthewing@gmail.com



NORTHSTOWE ARTS

Share your creativity this Autumn!

Northstowe Drawing Challenge

Have you been drawing with us through September? We've been posting prompts or topics each day on Facebook (@NorthstoweArts) and Instagram (@northstowe_arts) and have loved seeing the work that you have shared – thank you! All the topics are still there: take a look and see what inspires you. Taking just a few minutes each day to focus on doing something creative (even if you end up not wanting to show it to anyone else!) really can make such a difference to our wellbeing.



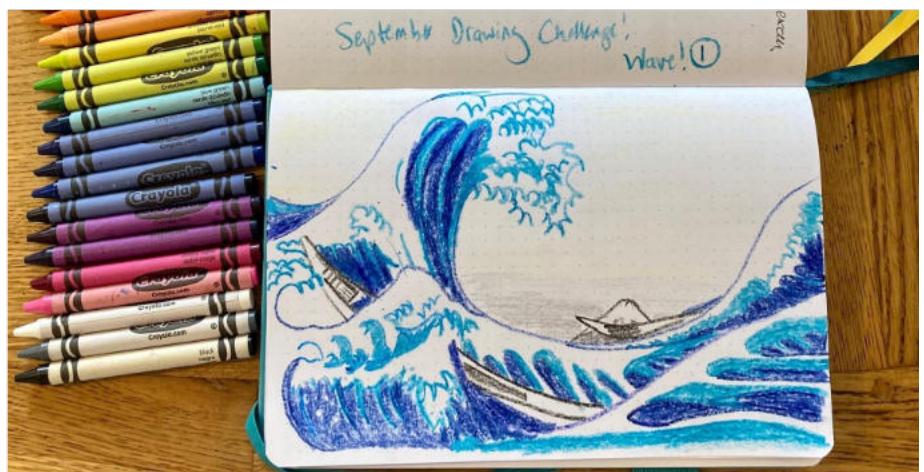
Sculpture project at the Heritage Annexe

Would you like to find out more about the history of our area, and work with an artist to create a sculpture from bits of Roman pottery and other archaeological spoil found during excavations before development work began in Northstowe? We're thrilled to have been awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for this project which will really connect our growing community with our past. Join our mailing list now to hear when the free workshops will take place (bit.ly/northstowe-arts-newsletter) or drop us an email at hello@northstowearts.co.uk.



Fun Palace @ The 3 Pavilions, Northstowe – 1-2 October

The Drawing Challenge culminates with a sharing of your work as part of a Fun Palace event at The 3 Pavilions, Northstowe – between Martin Bacon Academy and Northstowe Secondary College. What's a Fun Palace though? It's an opportunity for you to share your creativity with your friends and neighbours, and perhaps try something new... Do you love to knit – or maybe you're a beatboxer? Come and show us how to do it! Keep an eye on our social media to find out more.



We've also been popping up at events like the Running Festival and Sustainable Northstowe's Great Big Green Week event. It's fab working with lovely partners in the community and we're looking forward to the Northstowe Winter Festival now. If you're planning an event in Northstowe that celebrates winter, let us know – and northstowewinterfestival.co.uk is the place to look for what's on in Northstowe from November to February!

BOOK REVIEWS

Light on Snow by Anita Shreve

A father, Robert, and his twelve-year-old daughter, Nicky are snowshoeing near their home when they discover a new-born baby girl abandoned in the woods. The rescue brings the reclusive Robert unwelcome fame and later the baby's mother, Charlotte seeks them out. We discover that Robert tragically lost his wife and infant daughter in a car crash and two years on he has left a successful career in the city and moved to a remote part of New Hampshire to try to heal his grief. Charlotte, too, has a tragic back story as we hear the explanation for the abandonment of her baby.



The story is narrated by the adult Nicky looking back and reflecting on the episode that occurred when she was on the verge of adolescence and how it changed her relationship with her father. We realise that Nicky is desperate for female company and Charlotte, as damaged as she is, can help fill this need.

This is a thoughtful coming of age story. It moves at a slow pace in keeping with the characters' wait in the blizzard for the snow plough to reach them. If you enjoy action-packed escapist adventure then this one is not for you, but I enjoyed its take on the life of a young girl dealing with both the mundane and the unexpected vagaries of life.

Kathy Fountain

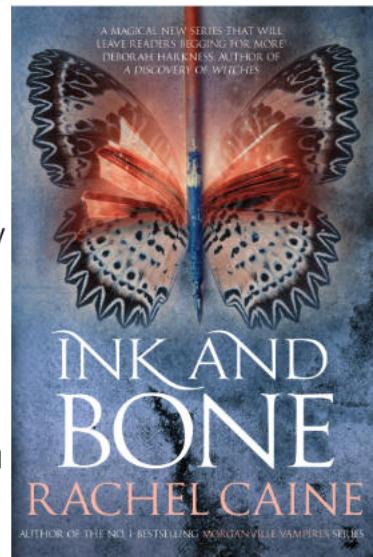
Northstowe book club is open to anyone from Northstowe or the surrounding area who enjoys reading. Please get in touch via our Facebook page if you would be interested in joining us for a meeting.

There is no compulsion to come every month or read every book, but we would love to see some new faces. We meet once a month on Monday evenings from 7.30pm.

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| October | Dune by Frank Herbert |
| November | Lock In by John Scalzi |
| December | Dissolution by C J Sansom |

Ink and Bone by Rachel Caine

This is an urban fantasy novel based in a world in which the Library of Alexandria was never destroyed and now controls all access to books and other information; it is illegal to own physical books and the Library's collection can only be accessed through devices that reproduce the pages temporarily. The story follows Jess, a sixteen-year-old boy from a family of book smugglers who is trying to pass the demanding entrance course to join the staff of the Library, under the tutelage of an extremely harsh teacher. Over the course of the book he not only has to keep his background and family connections secret but also starts to realise the system is deeply corrupted.



I was pleasantly surprised by this book, since early on it had some strong similarities to Harry Potter but it quickly grew away from those and turned into a very different type of story. The world was interesting, though I wasn't entirely sure how much magic was present, and the characters were very well-drawn, including those like the teacher, Christopher Wolfe, who could easily have been clichés. The pacing was fast and it was extremely hard to put down.

There's a war scene late on which is very heavy and included imagery that stayed with me for some time, but there's very little graphic violence even then. Nonetheless, there is character death and some dark implications for things happening off-screen. I'd recommend it for the middle-to-upper end of YA.

Becca Edney

POETRY CORNER**My Silentious words**

*my silentious words shall speak,
when I catch sight of you with my shut eye.
Love, like a timber,
send its essence deep down the earth,
so, when the whirlwind of life blow
and the storm of catastrophe blow,
it quakes and bow
but doesn't break or fall apart.
And during the dry spell day's
it whirl its essence down deeper
so whatever the season comes and goes-
summer, autumn, winter or spring,
the splendid days and the adverse
it stands the test of all.....*

Prerana Pant :)

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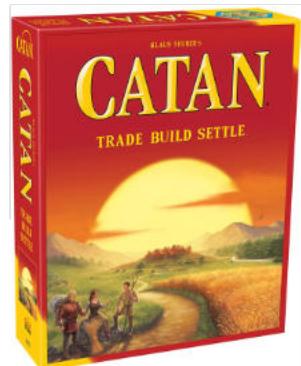


GAME OF THE MONTH

Andrew and Sarah Collier

Most of the games we write about here you have to go into specialist shops to purchase (or buy online) but this game has become so popular that it has made it into high street shops. "The Settlers of Catan" – or now known as just "Catan" was the first Euro game Sarah played, and it launched her into the hobby.

The game revolves around collecting and trading resources so you have enough to build roads, settlements and cities that earn you points. At the start of every person's turn they roll 2 dice: if the number rolled is on the tile next to your settlement or city you collect that resource. You can trade those resources with other players, or with the bank (and if you have managed to build a settlement on a port you get a better deal there). When you've collected enough to buy roads or settlements, you can place those on the map to collect even more resources in future turns.



Catan is designed by Klaus Teuber and published by Asmodee



There is a lot of interaction between players. Not only in trying to get the best deals on resource trades, but also constantly trying to out-do one another on the board spaces. You can only build more roads and settlements if they're connected to your pieces on the board already, so a lot of the game is in trying to reach the good board spaces and block your opponents from doing the same.

This game is easy to pick up and play, each game you construct the board afresh which changes the availability of certain resources. We find that playing this game also teaches you how unpredictable dice rolls are, as you often hear round the table "I can't believe we have only had one 6 this game" especially if you have put all your hopes in one number bringing in the goods.

There are, of course, as with many successful Euro-style strategy games, several expansions available. For example, "Cities & Knights" adds more types of advanced resource and rewards for collecting them, but also aggressive barbarian attackers who must be defended against. "Seafarers" sees the players explore beyond the confines of one island, over water and into the mysterious but valuable lands beyond.

Can you build up points to be assured of victory? Find out by playing Catan 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

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praying, exploring and sharing

Looking back

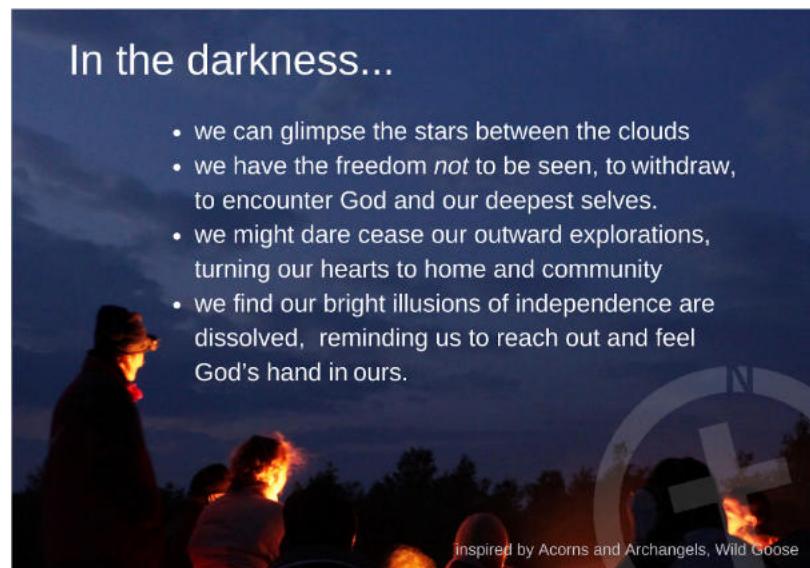
September really hit the ground running, as the community came together for the Northstowe Running Festival. Alongside the breathless races, we offered space for runners and their supporters to slow down, breathe, and take stock. Children and adults alike enjoyed a mindful and reflective walk around our Labyrinth, pausing to wonder and notice along the way, with prompts like “when did you last slow down?” and “what pace would you like for the next stage of life?”

We also displayed a collection of running vests, many featuring charities that those in our community had raised money for by running. And set up a chalkboard Runner, asking “**What motivates you?**”. People shared their inspiration both to get out and run – for example, “to challenge myself”, “to lose the gut”, “fundraising” – and more generally in life – “my family”, “money”, belief”, “community. What would you add?



Looking ahead

As the nights start to get darker, other Northstowe festivals help us recognise the turning of the year. In the Christian tradition, October 31st is the Eve of All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Eve (Or Hallow'een). It's the beginning of a season where we celebrate the blessing of darkness, even as we look for the light. The light of candles as we honour ancestors and remember loved ones. The light from our campfires as we mark the changing of seasons. And the symbolic light of hope at the Act of Remembrance for those lost in war.



- **3.30pm Sunday 30th October: A WILD CHURCH celebration of Darkness and Light**
- **From 5pm, Monday 31st October: All Hallows' Eve Campfire** offering warmth and hospitality to all
- **8pm Thursday 2nd November: An All Saints' Special “Chicken Soup for the Soul”,** including a communion using the beautiful ancient poetic language of the book of common prayer.
- **10.45am Sunday 13th November: Northstowe's Act of Remembrance**

Check online for venues and final details

PATHFINDER CHURCH NORTHSTOWE: We're church – but perhaps not as you know it! Together we are pilgrims on a journey, asking questions and exploring the connections we find between everyday life and our spirituality and faith. You are welcome and invited to join us praying, exploring, and sharing, perhaps at our 3.30pm Sunday Afternoon Gatherings at Pathfinder Primary School. 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.

Emmanuel

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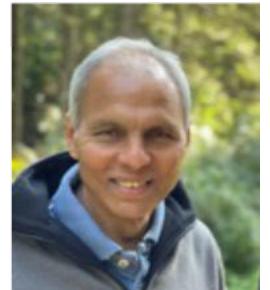
People's lives are fascinating. Even people we think we know well can suddenly surprise us with a new side of themselves, or the revelation of an event in their earlier life. As people move to Northstowe, they are not just buying a home. They are moving into a new community with lots of amazing people to get to know. During one of the lockdowns, Emmanuel ran some online events to hear stories from individuals in the church, including a doctor who had gone to West Africa to help during an Ebola outbreak, a jet pilot, and someone whose doctorate was on medieval bishops. It's amazing to see a new side to people we spend time with as local friends.

We also like to get to know other people's lives because that gives us ideas and wisdom for our own lives. When others take the plunge (to move to a new town, or buy an electric vehicle, or start fitness training), we get to see whether it works or not, before we make our own decision.

So this year, we're running monthly "Real Lives" evenings. We'll hear from someone whose life may interest some or all of us. We'll also include a few questions about how faith in Jesus has made a difference in their life.

The first event (**16th September**) will be before the Northstowe News comes out, but is worth mentioning anyway. Olga Nikanorova, who moved from Ukraine to stay with a family in Northstowe, will be sharing something of her story of moving from the Ukraine to the UK.

The second event (**14th October**) will be with Cambridge surgeon Piyush Yani. Piyush is a consultant Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, specialising in Head and Neck cancer surgery. He is married to Fiona and they have two grown-up children. He grew up in a small village in Kenya in a Hindu home but is now a follower of Jesus Christ.



The third in the series (**11th November**) will be with an Emmanuel Church member, Sarah Phillips, on the theme "Teacher, Mum, Blogger". You can read Sarah's blog here:
<https://sarahhadfi.wixsite.com/website>



You are welcome to attend one or all of the events. They will be relaxed Friday evenings **7:45-9:15pm** with free refreshments and café style set up, in **Northstowe Secondary College**.

(P.S. The gospels contain lots of accounts of real lives changed by meeting Jesus. If you'd like a free gospel delivered, please email contact@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org with your name and address and we'll post a gospel to you.)

Why not visit one of our regular **Sunday gatherings, 10:30am in Northstowe Secondary College?** There is usually live music, as well as prayers and a talk based on the Bible. 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

All Saints Church, Rampton Road, Longstanton is the neighbouring parish church of Pathfinder Church, Northstowe, within the Church of England.

Sunday services in All Saints are held at 9.30am as follows:

All Age service on 1st Sundays
Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Morning Praise on 3rd Sundays

The primary contact person is:
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Sat: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sun: 0800, 9.30 and 11.00am

1st Friday of each month, House Mass locally 7.00pm.
Please ring on above phone number for details of where this is being held.

NORTHSTOWE MUSLIMS

Welcome All

Summer of 2022 has been memorable for all of us. Whilst we are getting use to the long dry hot spells, a newly formed group was created, "Northstowe Muslims".

Northstowe Muslims is a local Islamic Charitable Trust, managed by residents from Northstowe. Our volunteers are a broad spectrum with diverse professions, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The one verse from Quran that defines us and our purpose is

"O, You who believe . . . help one another in goodness and piety (Quran 5:2)"

We all love living in Northstowe and being part of the community spirit. The essence of Northstowe Muslims is to work together within the wider local community, to fulfil the social and spiritual needs of Muslims and members of other faiths or those of no faith.

As a newly formed group, we 'tested the waters' to gauge the interest and held an Iftaar (celebration after breaking the fast, during Ramadaan) and Eid Celebrations and the response was overwhelmingly amazing. Bringing your own dish to such events is a great way to meet people and sampling a variety of appetising dishes is always fun.

In true Northstowe style, we aim to work closely with other faith groups in Northstowe. Faith group representatives meet regularly, and are planning a day trip to the award winning **Cambridge Central Mosque** – Europe's first eco-friendly mosque – the stunning architecture is a must see.



Cambridge Central Mosque is a demonstration of how architecture can embody religious and cultural philosophy and traditions whilst utilising sustainable and contemporary materials. It also shows that great work can be done when communities come together for a greater good. We would like to do something similar in Northstowe, where all the residents despite what makes them different, come together on one platform.

Everyone's God-given human dignity must be respected, regardless of his or her faith, race, ethnic origin, gender or social status (ref. Quran 17:70), because everyone is created by God Almighty, the Maker of all, humans must treat one another with full honour, respect and loving kindness

It is always great to have partners who have similar goals. **Revd Beth Cope** from Pathfinder Church Northstowe met with some of the members of Northstowe Muslims and made a poignant statement that the essence in having religious, sacred places in Northstowe means we can not only invite one another - it would be like going from one home to another.

Keep an eye on social media and join us as we plan and collaborate on future events to serve all of Northstowe – one local community. Read more about us by visiting the following links



Website: www.northstowemuslims.org

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NorthstoweM>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Northstowe-Muslims-111484854961736>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/northstowe_muslims/

NORTHSTOWE GANESH UTSAV

The Hindu festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, that honours Lord Ganesha as the God of new beginnings and remover of obstacles, was celebrated in Northstowe for the first time by Hindu Samaj Northstowe. This 5-day celebration started on 31st Aug by welcoming Lord Ganesha and ended on 4th Sept with a grand procession to the water park to send Him off by immersing the idol.

Over a hundred people from different faiths, living in Northstowe and nearby villages participated in the festivities each day. Ganesha's idol was displayed at a resident's garden where various activities were enjoyed by kids and adults alike. Bhajans and Aartis were performed on each evening with kids & adults' performances on the concluding day. HSN will be donating all the collection made during Aarti to Northstowe Food Bank.



Lord Ganesha was bid farewell amongst chanting of "Ganpati Bappa Morya" which means "Lord Ganesha is mine!" Devotees strongly believe that all their worries and misfortunes will be taken away by Him as this eco-friendly clay idol is immersed in the waters. They also look forward to welcoming him the same time next year.

For more pictures of the event or further information please visit: fb.me/hindusamajnorthstowe
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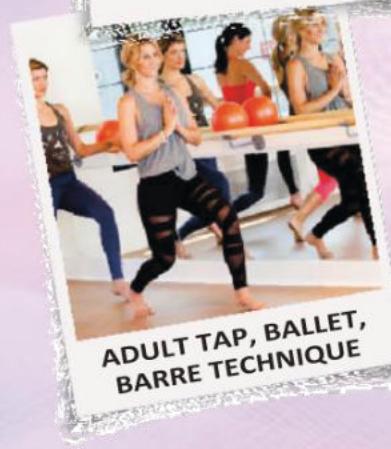
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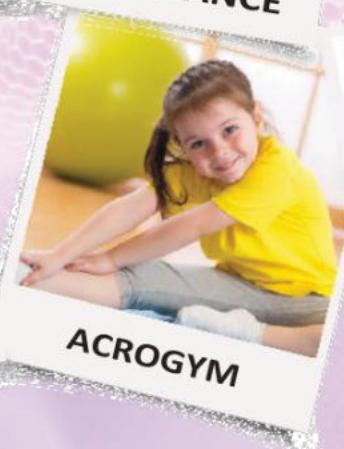
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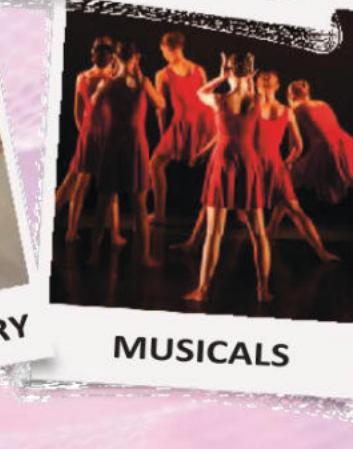
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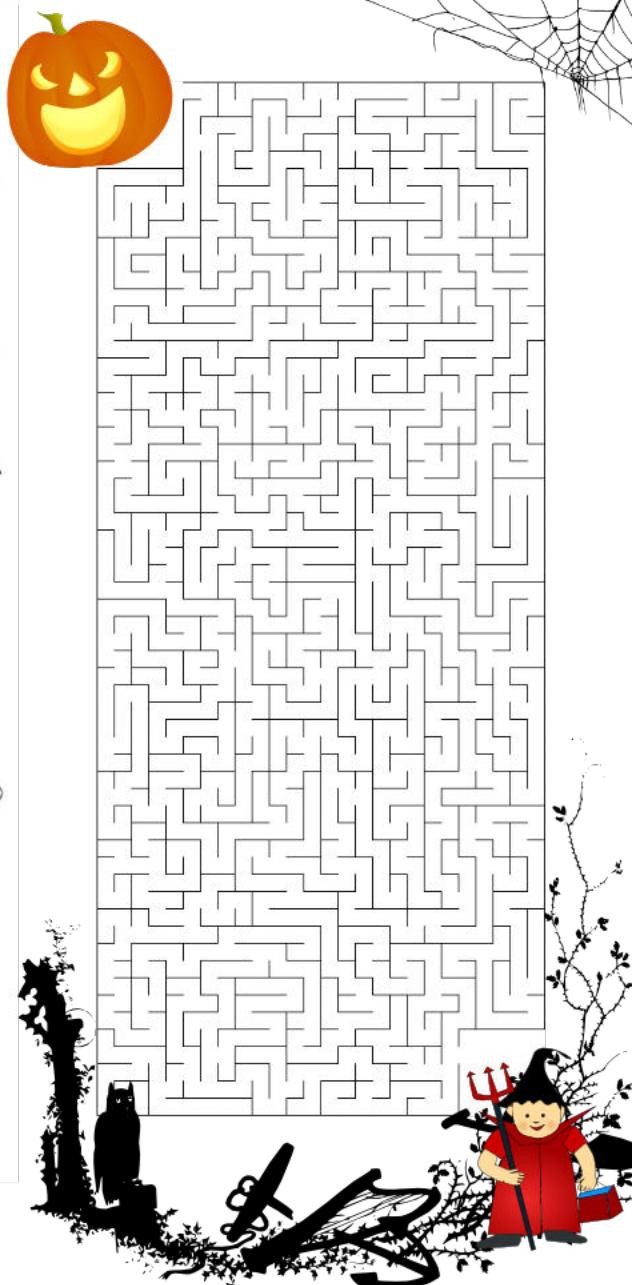
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