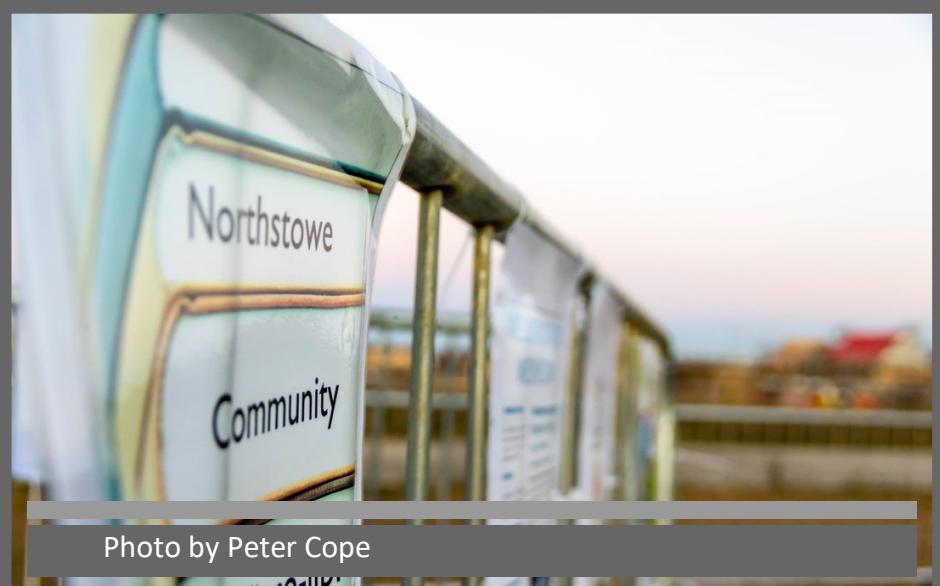


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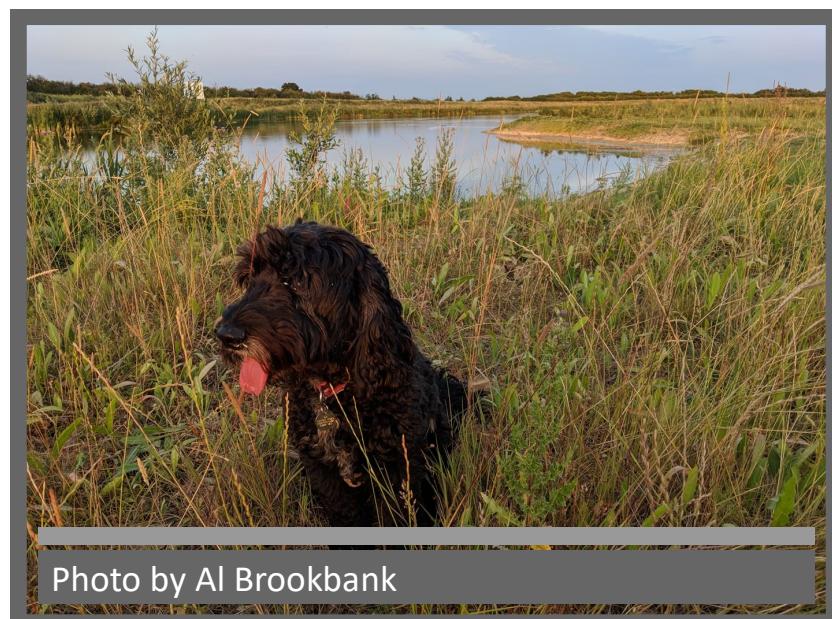
Find out more!
A regular social 4-9pm in the community wing the second Wednesday of every month

More writers needed!

If you want to learn more about Northstowe News or submit adverts, ideas or articles please email Northstovenews@gmail.com

WHATS ON?

Lots of events and clubs inside
Look inside for regular groups, clubs and activities and a special events section for Easter plus May Bank holiday BBQ!



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Editors Welcome

The Northstowe forum back in February gave us lots of exciting things to look forward to in the coming years.

The secondary school is on track to open September 2019. There have been several staff appointments including the head. The primary schools in Northstowe and Longstanton have been helping design the school uniform. The schools site will also house a gym, sports hall, dance studios, grass and 4G pitches. There will be a hydrotherapy pool on the SEN site but no swimming pool. Keep up to date on the website <http://www.northstowesc.org/>

This year is the year where we will get outdoor spaces and parks to meet in. The Green should be finished by the time you receive this magazine giving us our first public outdoors space for events in the summer.

The Greenways which cut through phase 1 will be started in May/June this year with the aim to completing the Northern greenway by the end of the year. This includes several more play areas with play equipment and a water play area. The formal park opposite the primary school 'Pioneer park' will be started in May/June with the aim to finish by the end of the year. It will include large open spaces with a sports area and timber climbing frames.

The waterpark and southern greenways will be completed in 2020.

Western park (near the orchard and allotments) will have pitches seeded in the spring so it should be ready by the start of the football season 2020. It will also have 4G pitches. This area will be for football, basketball, tennis, rugby and bowling. The sports pavilion is currently being designed and there are likely to be workshops with the community to decide what we want. Planning applications will be submitted in the summer with construction at the end of the year.

Update from the Parish council

Hi to all Northstowe residents, and welcome to the new residents moving in this spring! Our town now sits at 315 house/flat occupations. After a rush of people moving in before Christmas, the rate of completions has slowed significantly in the new year; however, it is now picking up again and we should easily pass the 500 house mark this year. As most of you will have noticed, the local centre square is now complete and open for use. I'm impressed by the design of the square - it's a lovely open space which will become a natural meeting point for the community, as well as giving us a badly-needed official notice board!

Over the past few months, there has been a community-led campaign to provide a defibrillator for Northstowe, following a tragic death which occurred over Christmas. This campaign has been a great success already, as David Wilson Homes have generously agreed to fund it in its entirety. It will be installed on their sales centre until development is complete, at which point it will be transferred to a community building. Work is continuing to fund a second defibrillator through further fundraising and community events, as Northstowe will need more than one as it grows. Thank you to all those leading and involved in this campaign, it will make a huge difference and save lives.

Finally, congratulations to Aravind Parvathala, who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council and will join me on the council from April. Thanks to the other residents who applied for the post; I am confident that when we get our own council in a couple of years that we will be in very good hands!

If you have any questions or items you'd like to raise to the parish council, please feel free to get in touch at cllr.owen@longstanton-pc.gov.uk.

What's on in Northstowe

Day	Event	Times	Venue	Contact details
Monday	0-5 Stay & Play	10:00-11:30 Moving to the afternoon April 29th 1-2:30	Northstowe Community Wing	01954 284672
Monday	Microlibrary	9:30 am - 3pm	Pathfinder community wing	Jon London
Monday	Mini Moovers (6 months-4 yrs)	13:30-14:00	Pathfinder school	www.stardustacademy.com
Monday	Baby Ballerinas (2-4 yr old)	13:00-13:30	Pathfinder school	www.stardustacademy.com
Monday	Zumba	19:15-20:15	Pathfinder school	
Monday	Bounce	7:30-8pm	Pathfinder primary school	07885415831 http://bouncefitbody.com
Tuesday	Breakfast club for Pathfinder school	7:30-8:40	Pathfinder school	Infokickstart18@gmail.com
Tuesday	Yoga	19:15-20:15	Pathfinder school	FB Northstowe Pioneers site
Tuesday	Games night	19:30-23:30	21 Heron road	The Colliers - FB Northstowe Gamers page
Wednesday	KS2 Football	15:20-17:30	Pathfinder school	Infokickstart18@gmail.com
Wednesday	Micro-Library Open	15:20-16:30	Northstowe Community Wing	Jon London Northstowe.community@Scambs.gov.uk
Wednesday	Aerobics	19:15-20:15	Pathfinder school	FB Northstowe Pioneers site
2 nd Wednesday	Wing Wednesday	17:00-20:00	Northstowe Community Wing	Jon London Northstowe.community@Scambs..gov.uk
Thursday	Baby Group	10:00-11:30	Northstowe Community Wing	01954 284672
Thursday	Parents coffee afternoon	14:45- 16:00	Pathfinder school	
Friday	KS1 multisports	15:20-16:30	Pathfinder school	Infokickstart18@gmail.com
Friday	Happidojo Judo	17:00-18:00 (4-7yr olds) 18:00-19:00 (8-seniors)	Pathfinder school	www.happidojo.co.uk 07905378857
Friday	Short stroll	10:00-12:00	Meet on the Green	Kathy Males FB Northstowe Pioneers site

Day	Event	Times	Venue	Contact details
Thursday	Bounce	5-6pm	Pathfinder primary school	
Thursday	Bounce	7-8pm	Pathfinder primary school	
Thursday	Sing and sign Babies 6 months -2 yrs old	Mornings (call for times)	Pathfinder primary school	07732380191 www.singandsign.co.uk
Saturday	Bounce	9-10am	Pathfinder primary school	
Sunday	Pathfinder church services	10:30am and 3:30pm	Pathfinder primary school	Revd Beth Cope (www.northstowe.church)

If you know of any other groups in Northstowe
please let us know and keep us up to date:

Northstowenews@gmail.com



Wing Wednesday

Northstowe Community Wing, (next to Pathfinder Primary School)

**Second
Wednesday
of the month**

6pm – 10pm

- Kitchen area – bring your dinner!
 - Pre-school play area
 - Northstowe micro-library open
 - Talk to Community Development Officer
 - Bookable rooms for your community group

Music •

Board Games •

Get to know your neighbours •

Find out what's on in the area •

Hot drink donations gratefully received •



What's on in Northstowe

Wednesday 10th April

4pm-9:30pm

Easter/spring Wing Wednesday social
Community wing

Saturday 20th April

11am-3pm

Easter egg hunt/treasure hunt
All over Northstowe with picnic and games
on the Green
Sponsored by
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Monday 22nd April

Easter walk around the surrounding villages,
meet at Longstanton P&R at 9am or meet us
on the way

8th May

4pm-9pm

Wing Wednesday social—pamper session
Community wing



Monday 27th May

Bank holiday bring and
share BBQ
On the Green



12th June

4pm-9pm

Wing Wednesday social
Community wing

Saturday 29th June 12 - 3pm

Food Bouncy Castles Entertainment
Pimms Tent Raffle & Games
Pony Rides and much much more

Open to All

Transport Forum

Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm. Book through Eventbrite (the password is: **transport1901**), if you could confirm your attendance through the following link
www.eventbrite.com/e/northstowe-travel-plan-steering-group-meeting-wednesday-3rd-april-tickets-49962943509

More details will be announced nearer the dates – watch for events on Northstowe

Pioneers facebook page or contact

northstowesocialcommittee@gmail.com

for details



Thinking of cycling?



Travel Benefits - If you have recently moved into your new homes, don't forget to claim your travel benefits by visiting here:
[www.northstowe.com/
content/transport](http://www.northstowe.com/content/transport)

Second Dr Bike Session

will take place on Saturday 6th April from 0900 – 1400 at the Community Wing. There will be 20 slots available and each slot is 15mins each. Email communication will follow on w/c 18th March from Prajina Baisyet, Prajina.Baisyet@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Group Cycle Maintenance workshop will also take place on Saturday 6th April from 1000-1200 at the Community Wing. Maximum number in a group 12. Email communication will follow on w/c 18th March from Prajina Baisyet, Prajina.Baisyet@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you are interested in this please email Prajina.

Moving countries

Farhia

It's been a month since I moved to Northstowe. I'm from Pakistan where I have lived all my life. I married last December and moved to England to live with my husband. The entire experience of leaving my country, my family, my friends and moving to a completely new place was nothing short of a distressing and nerve wracking process that required heaps of patience and optimism. Leaving everything behind was harder than I had imagined.

The first few days in the UK were good since I was delighted to see my husband and everything seemed great and exciting. I was looking forward to exploring the country. But few days later I started feeling extremely homesick. I was missing friends, family and my cats. I did not know anyone here and had nothing to do throughout the day. I was really missing my old life.

Then one day I met my neighbour and she was very sweet and kind. She informed me about the community events and everything that happens in Northstowe. I then started attending the social events and started meeting new people. To my surprise everyone was very welcoming and cordial. I found it very easy to fit in the community since everyone was very friendly towards me. It slowly started feeling like home. I feel lucky to have ended up here in Northstowe. It's a wonderful and warm place with very nice people. People want to build a community here. Hopefully things will stay this positive for me in the future as well.



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see for more info @FOPS.Pathfinder



Northstowe phase 1 Residents

Neighbourhood watch

The Neighbourhood watch's mission is to 'Bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities'. Here in Northstowe we want to promote this too to help keep our neighbourhood a safe, friendly place to live but we need your help!

We've been handing out Neighbourhood watch stickers for residents to put in their windows. If criminals know they're being watched they're less likely to commit a crime.

On the same note the Northstowe neighbourhood watch has been working with Gallaghers and the Parish Council to install neighbourhood watch signs on lamp posts around Northstowe. These should hopefully appear over the summer. Watch this space!

If you see any suspicious behaviour contact the local neighbourhood watch and phone 101 or 999 to report it to police.

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There are lots of changes due to Easter and the bank holidays Report missed bins at:

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Thursday April 4 th	black bin
Thursday 11 th April	blue and green bins
Thursday 18 th April	black bin
Saturday 27 th April	blue and green bins
Friday 3 rd May	black bin
Friday 10 th May	blue and green bins
Thursday 16 th May	black bin
Thursday May 23 rd	blue and green bins
Friday 31 st May	black bin
Thursday 6 th June	blue and green bins
Thursday 13 th June	black bin



PATHFINDER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

World Book Day and

Storytelling Week

This term we have celebrated two national events that **encourage reading** and the love of a good book; something that is so important in children's development. One evening after school we invited children and parents back to school for a **storytelling event**. Hot chocolate, biscuits and wearing your PJs made it something a little different.



Tudor Day

Earlier this term our Year 5 and 6 took part in a '**Day in the life of a Tudor**', delivered by 'History Off the Page'. It was a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff alike. The children took part in a wide range of Tudor activities, including **candle making, writing scrolls, scent bag making and fortune telling**. Everyone was dressed up and embracing their role in Tudor times. In the afternoon they had a **banquet** with everyone performing some entertainment of either a **dance, song or play**.



Bikeability



Some of you may have seen some of our children out and about in Northstowe completing their **Bikeability awards**, previously known as Cycling Proficiency. Children being able to **cycle safely**, particularly in an ever changing local environment, is so important. We would like to

congratulate our children **for representing the school with pride** during their time with the instructors and their **success in achieving their awards**.

Summer Term

The summer term is one full of **outside learning, summer sports and celebrating successes** from the year that has passed.

We look forward to our **Friends of Pathfinder Summer Fayre** on Saturday 29th June; an event open to the wider community, so please save the date in your diaries.

The month of May sees us start our **transition visits** for those 3 and 4 year olds starting school in September. These children and their families will be joining us for our '**Stay and Play**' sessions, as well as an information evening for parents. Mrs de Witte, our Reception Lead Teacher, is busy **visiting all the nurseries and pre-schools** to ensure we are **prepared and ready to warmly welcome** the children on their visits.

If you would like to come and hear more about what we have to offer, please contact us via one of the links below.

www.pathfinderschool.org.uk

01954 584801

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

Book Review

Kathy Fountain

“Elizabeth is Missing” by Emma Healey

This novel is a mystery with a difference. Maud is determined to find her friend, Elizabeth and discover what happened to her sister, Sukey who disappeared many years ago. Maud is sure that somehow finding Elizabeth will help her solve the older mystery, but Maud is suffering from dementia and is not best equipped to figure anything out.

This is a warm-hearted tale set in two time periods. Maud and her family are engaging characters, but she faces some menacing situations, both real and illness-related as objects she touches and places she visits in the present trigger memories from seventy years earlier.

I really enjoyed this book. It is both funny and tragic, informative and entertaining. Novels with unreliable narrators like this provide a satisfying challenge for the reader. I would recommend it to anyone with family, friends or neighbours with memory problems or anyone who enjoys a good mystery.

This was the first book read by Northstowe Book Club and was enjoyed by all. We meet monthly at various venues in Northstowe and take turns in selecting books. If you are interested in joining us email Kathy kmfountain74@hotmail.com or Julie juliepurse@hotmail.com.

Our next few meetings will be as follows:

Monday April 29th “All the Light We Cannot See”
by Anthony Doerr

Monday June 3rd “Villette” by Charlotte Bronte

Monday June 24th “One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich” by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Book Review

Rebecca Edney

Black Tudors by Miranda Kaufmann

A non-fiction book on the lives of real people of colour living in England during the Tudor period. Each chapter focuses on a particular part of life though a detailed study of an individual, their life, and their surroundings. It covers both men and women from many walks of life, from a trumpeter at the court of Henry VIII to a London prostitute, and from a visiting prince to a single woman living an ordinary life in the countryside.

While the book sometimes delves a little too deep into apparently unrelated minutiae such as how much it cost to run a tournament, it nonetheless provides a very interesting glimpse into life in Tudor England, as well as highlighting the fact that the image of a Britain in which everybody was white has always been a myth. The people highlighted live genuinely interesting lives and Kaufmann has done a wealth of research to paint their portraits and provide evidence for her claims.

I recommend it for anyone interested in a more granular approach to Tudor history, especially anyone interested in the historical diversity of Britain.

As a follow-up, I'd recommend Black and British, by David Olusoga, though I can't fully review that one as I had to return it to the library before I could finish it!

Finally, in a pleasing piece of local flavour, Kaufmann specifically names Dido: a woman buried in Bluntisham-cum-Earith, just up the road from Northstowe!





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During School Term, our regular events are held in Pathfinder School

- **Wednesday Morning Prayer:** 8.45-9.05am
- **Sunday Morning Worship:** 10.30-11.30am (structured and poetic)
- **Sunday Afternoon Gatherings:** 3.30-5pm (informal and multisensory; a range of activities for adults and children alike, including the same material the children enjoy at Revd Beth's School Club)

Mark Easter with us and the surrounding villages!

- **18th April, Maundy Thursday Communion:** 7.30pm (Longstanton Parish Church)
- **19th April, Good Friday:** 12-3pm (local CofE churches open for interactive reflections, interspersed with short services: more details online)
- **21st April, Easter Sunday in Northstowe**
 - ◊ 8am Campfire Communion
 - ◊ 10.30am Easter Celebration & Baptism (informal; multisensory)
- **22nd April, Bank Holiday Monday:** Partnering with local groups for a day's walk along ancient pathways linking historic church buildings

We also have monthly "Exploring Life and Prayer" evenings, Revd Beth leads a lunchtime club in the school, and we love pooling resources and getting involved in anything that helps build community in Northstowe!

During School Holidays and Bank holidays we often do things a bit differently: check our website or social media for more.

Revd Dr Beth Cope is the Pioneer Minister for Northstowe, and your first port of call for local Church of England Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.
Church House, 6 Woodpecker Close, Northstowe, CB24 1AW contact@northstowe.church; www.northstowe.church; fb.me/PathfinderChurch



Northstowe is a new and growing community, so there are regular "firsts" as people move in. First night in a new house. First day at a new school. First Christmas in Northstowe. And for Emmanuel Church Northstowe we are about to celebrate our first birthday as a church.

We began last April 29th, when 30 adults (and 18 children) from five Cambridge churches joined together for their first service as a new local church for Northstowe and the surrounding area. Over this last year we've enjoyed lots of firsts. We've had our first baptism, our first church weekend, our first baby thanksgiving, our first Pudding and Jazz night, our first Christianity Explored course, and our first Christmas. We've enjoyed seeing many visitors, and are growing as a church community of all ages.

So on 28th April 2019, we'll have a celebration service to mark one year of being a church, and thank Jesus for his work among us. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us at our usual venue (Swavesey Primary School) at 10:30am. After the service we'll have a bring and share picnic, either on The Green in Northstowe (if it is dry) or in Swavesey Primary School (if it is wet). We'll post our final decision on picnic venue on our website and Facebook page.

Website: emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Pastor: Josh Monteiro josh.monteiro@emmanuelchurchnorthstowe.org

Social committee update

Stella Rustamova

What is the best way to meet your neighbours and have a great time during the warm months in the UK? You cannot beat a BBQ.

It has become a Northstowe tradition to organise BBQ events for neighbours on a bring and share basis during the warmer months of the year. We cannot believe it all started less than a year ago and became very popular as more people were moving to Northstowe.

A BBQ in May was one of the first attempts to get people together and offer something for everyone: great food and drinks, games for children such as Jenga, football, board games and others. And of course chatting, laughing and having fun,

Another BBQ was held in September and it was a great success – more than 60 people came along and enjoyed time together. This makes the Northstowe community feel like home.

That's why there are more BBQ events coming this year and we hope to bring even more to these parties. Please come along, bring your family, friends and neighbours and lets get to know each other better and make new friends. Please check our event board for the upcoming BBQs and other great events.

Do you want to contribute to your community and have fun? Are you enjoying the Northstowe events which we organised in the past year?

Please come and help us to organise more great events and help people come together and become friends. We need volunteers to help us to continue organising and running events for our community and offer something for everyone. Even couple of hours of your time will make a difference to community. If you are interested, please contact us at northstowesocialcommittee@gmail.com

Northstowe Nature Notes

Hugh Venables

The highlight of the winter was a Short-eared Owl close to the Busway. The reality of Northstowe is that it was flushed by bulldozers clearing the site, but there are still large fallow areas on site, which are good for Kestrels and hopefully more owls – there are plenty of Barn Owls locally. Skylarks are also singing strongly from those areas. Pied Wagtails are numerous across the site and will be starting to look for nest sites for their first brood.

The lake has continued to hold a good variety of ducks and other wildfowl, suggesting it will provide a good mix of open space and wildlife when it is landscaped. More lakes have been excavated on Phase 2, which are currently muddy holes in the ground (much favoured by the local Lapwing flock and at least one Green Sandpiper) but will soon be further open water habitat created by the development as well as providing earth and an enviable about of sand for Phase 2 work.

On a smaller scale I have got a pond dug into my garden, hopefully attracting dragonflies and damselflies to breed, along with the ones in the ditches and ponds across Northstowe. I recorded seven species in the garden last year, without any water, so I'm hopeful they will soon find the pond. Another highlight was the first Robin for the garden, briefly perched on the fence. It didn't stick around but it's a hopeful sign as the gardens on site mature.

Traditional Easter egg games

Egg Dance

Common in Germany and in the United Kingdom (where it is called the Egg Hop). Eggs are laid on the ground or floor and the goal is to dance among the eggs without damaging them.

Use paper eggs made from scrunched up newspaper to avoid the mess. Give each child a sheet of newspaper and some sticky tape and let them shape an egg. Younger children would be happy to simply dance to music while trying to avoid the eggs. Challenge older children by asking them to walk blindfolded (one at a time) through a "field of eggs" without stepping on them.

Bowling Eggs Played in Egypt. Children bowl red and yellow eggs towards another row of eggs. Whoever cracks one egg can claim them all.

Use hard-boiled eggs that have been coloured red and yellow. Children can colour them with crayons or food dye (use a metal spoon to hold eggs in a mixture of 1/2 tsp of food dye, 1 cup of water and 1tsp of vinegar). Participants take 2 eggs (one yellow and one red) and mark them with their initials. The yellow eggs are placed on a line (draw chalk on concrete or use masking tape on carpet). Each contestant takes a turn to roll their red egg with the aim of knocking yellow eggs off the line. After everyone has had a turn, those children whose yellow egg is still on the line can have a second turn and so on, until one yellow egg is left.

Egg Rolling

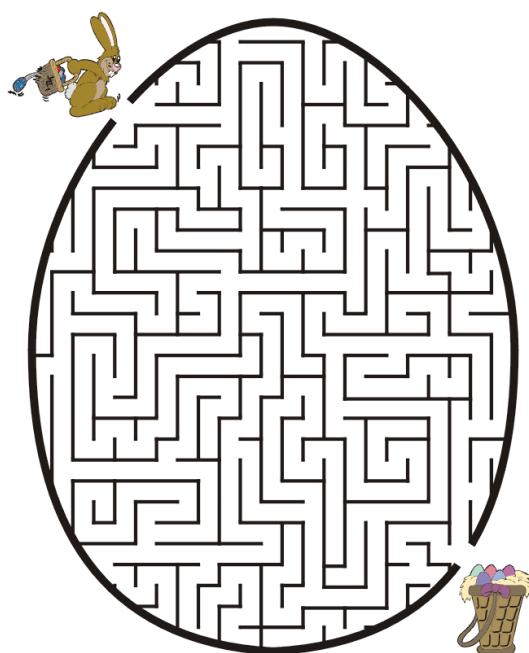
Popular in Scotland, Northern England, Northern Ireland, Germany and Holland. Coloured eggs are rolled down hills. In most countries the egg that rolls the fastest is the winner. In Holland the egg that rolls the farthest is the winner. In the USA the egg is pushed along the flat ground with a spoon.

Easter Egg Hunt

A popular Easter activity everywhere. Eggs are hidden and children race to find them.

Egg Tapping

Played in Northern England, Eastern Europe and Southern United States of America. Pairs of competitors line up to knock the tips of eggs together. If the shell of an egg is cracked the owner is out. The challenges continue until one egg remains.



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Game of the Month

By Andrew and Sarah Collier

This month the Northstowe News is celebrating the Easter season, so the game we've picked to tell you about is Bunny Kingdom, a fun game all about rabbits conquering a new world. Up to four players compete to claim the best positions on the board, to exploit the available resources, and to complete secret missions – all hoping to be named “Big Ears” by the Bunny King.

Bunny Kingdom is, at its heart, a card drafting game. Each player is dealt a hand of cards, you choose two to play and hand the rest on to the next player, who can choose the next two to play and so on. Most of the cards allow you to put one bunny on the board at a specific location, and your aim is to build up connected regions containing cities and the resources they need to prosper (especially carrots, naturally). So you need to pick the cards which will help your own strategy along, but often it's worth keeping an eye on what the other players are doing and try not to pass them a card that would secure their victory.

After all the cards have been played, you count up scores for your rabbits on the board: for each connected region, you multiply the number of city towers by the number of different resources they have access to. Then new cards are dealt out and the game continues until you have played four rounds. But there is another way to get points: some of the cards are worth extra for certain conditions, such as owning a number of spaces on particular terrain, or around the edge of the board. These are only revealed at the end of the game, and you can surprise your opponents with a last-second scoring opportunity.

Easy to learn and fast to play, Bunny Kingdom is a colourful and fun game. We especially like the humorous artwork on the cards, and the charming rabbit ears on the playing pieces. Come along and play Bunny Kingdoms, or choose from over 150 other games, on Tuesday evenings at 21 Heron Road – for details search FaceBook for “Northstowe Gamers” or email northstowe.gamers@thecolliers.uk



Northstowe Parents group

By Iwona Partykowska

My name is Iwona and since December 2017 together with Matt and Mia we've made Northstowe our home. I have to say that it has been an interesting experience, being able to see how a small community is growing and developing. Despite a lot of building work that is still happening we are really enjoying living here and look forward meeting more of the new comers as well as taking part in local activities organised for this community.

I am working mum of 2.5 year old Mia and I love being a mum! Being a parent brings a lot of joy and amazing moments. Sometimes it can also be tough and I really believe that it is important for us parents to be able to share our experiences with others.

This was one of the reasons why I have decided to create a Facebook group called - Northstowe Parents . The idea is to have a place where we can share experiences, organize meetups and offer advice within our community. A few examples: babysitting swopping , play groups (could be held in the houses to begin with).

My hope is that the community centre would become our regular meeting place (if we can make that happen) so that we have the opportunity to meet and support each other on regular basis. Knowing from my own experience going out with kids and meeting other people is very much appreciated. Personally I am very interested in breastfeeding support and I'm aiming to train in that field in the future and to share my knowledge in the Parents group. I'd like to invite some health professionals, for topical talks, workshops and parenting advice. If you know someone, have ideas or you are trained in certain aspects of childcare - please do get in touch - let's talk!

This is all very much work in progress and some ideas are at the infancy stage, therefore I would like to encourage all of Northstowe Parents to get involved, share ideas and offer feedback.

Perhaps some of you have previously experienced living in brand new community and can share some precious knowledge.

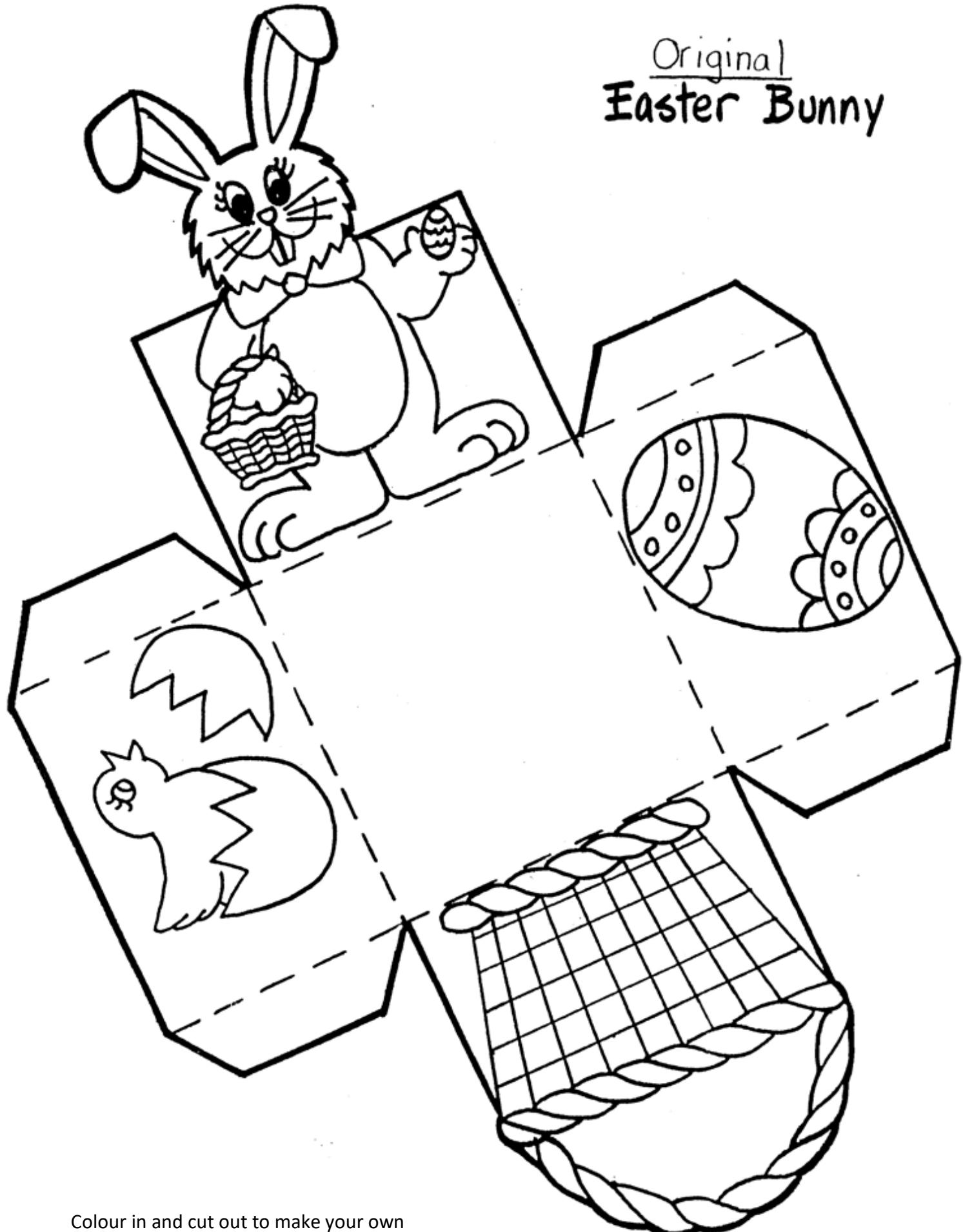
Please feel free to email me on dronkaz@icloud.com or join Northstowe parents group on Facebook and share ideas, let me know if you would like to get involved with organizing support groups, workshops etc. All input will be very much appreciated.

Hope to see and hear from you soon .

Easter word search



Easter	decorated
holiday	games
Eostre	hunt
bird	tradition
rabbit	goddess
chocolate	custom
eggs	Germany
baskets	manufacturer
dye	popular
colored	patterns
spring	



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Easter basket

Russian traditions during Easter

Every country has its own tradition to celebrate Easter.

In Russia The Paschal Greeting also known as Easter Acclamation is what people exchange during 40 days. When people are meeting one of them is saying “Christ is Risen” and the other answers “Truly, He is Risen”.

Another tradition during this time is to exchange a triple kiss of peace on alternating cheeks as a greeting.



The main Easter dishes are painted eggs and Kulich – special national dish which is only cooked during Easter. Kulich can be made from cottage cheese, nuts, fruits as a symbol of paradise life. Another type of Kulich can be backed in the oven with addition of raisins.



There are special Church services during Easter. Moreover, people often go to the Church during such services to sanctify Kulich and eggs to make them special.

After service people come back home and according to the tradition there is time to eat. Egg should be eaten first along with a piece of Kulich.

There are different national celebration during this time, people come to visit their friends and family sharing eggs and Kuliches they cooked.

Easter recipe—chocolate nests



Ingredients

200g milk chocolate
85g shredded wheat, crushed
2 x 100g bags mini chocolate eggs
cupcake cases



Method

1. Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water.
2. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.
3. Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.

What is Wing Wednesday?

Wing Wednesday is a social event in Pathfinder community Wing , (Pathfinder way, by the school) which happens the second Wednesday of every month. The event is FREE to attend for all Northstowe residents and is organised by the social committee and sports committee. Each month has a different theme for example in March we had a fantastic multicultural wing Wednesday.



It all starts at 4pm with some family friendly activities. The microlibrary is open for browsing. There's a games room with table tennis, table football, snooker and sometimes an x-box. We have crafts to do and different activities depending on that month's theme. There are often snacks available for a small price as well as tea, coffee and juice.

By 7pm we turn to more grown up activities designed for those who have just got in from work. People are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks, alcohol is allowed in small quantities. The event finishes at 9:30pm with everyone piling in to help with the cleaning and tidying.

So what happened in March?

March was a fantastic international cultural wing Wednesday which was attended by approx. 60 residents! At 4pm

we showed the movie 'Moana' and served popcorn, then the children played games on the x-box. There was an international banquet at 6pm with people bringing dishes from their country of origin. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience other cultures foods and chat with neighbours. A map of the world invited people to mark their country of origin and we discovered that residents from Northstowe originate from 34 different countries! At 7:45pm 15 people had a Bollywood dance lesson with an audience of 15 watching! It was a fantastic evening and I am really looking forward to the next Wing Wednesday.

What do we have planned for the next Wing Wednesdays?

In April we are planning a spring/Easter themed Wing Wednesday with lots of crafts, chocolate nest building, a spring quiz and an Easter trail. In May we are hoping to organise a truly pampering Wing Wednesday with a visit from the Body shop, manicures, mindfulness colouring, mediation and an opportunity to learn the 'international dance of peace'. See you there!



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