



THE SKYLARK

Longstowe Parish Newsletter

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Latest Covid News

Longstowe Volunteer Help

We may feel fairly remote in Longstowe, but Covid is not far away, so please do take all the relevant precautions both in the village and when out and about. The volunteer group in Longstowe continues, though luckily the call on us has not been great. Do contact us for any concerns.

Parish Council and Volunteer Group contacts:

Clerk, Sharon Brown 07587 781217 or Longstowepc.clerk@hotmail.com

Chair, Barbara Cooper 07803 903047 or bcconfidential@caw.ac.uk

Maddy Crowther 01954 718303 – for urgent food, supplies & prescriptions

Victoria Bevan 07832 100441 – a phone call for a friendly chat.

Cambridgeshire County Council – Covid help and advice.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-support-and-advice-for-business>

SCDC – Covid help and advice

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents/>

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/>

Mental Health support

<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information/mental-health-support-during-coronavirus/>

For children: <https://www.keep-your-head.com/cyp>

For All: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

Fireworks and Bonfires

As Bonfire Night comes round again every precaution should be taken to ensure that everyone sticks to the rules around Covid infections. The few evenings around Bonfire Night also produce loud noise and flashes. If you have pets or other animals, please make sure that they are safe and protected and do not let off fireworks near to horses or farm animals. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has published guidance about safely marking Bonfire night during the pandemic <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/news-and-incidents/news/2020-10-13-show-respect-this-bonfire-night>.

Hedgehogs and Bonfires

If material is stored on open ground in advance of having a bonfire, it's crucial to dismantle it and move it to another spot just before lighting. Ensure it's moved to clear ground – never on top of a pile of leaves as there could be a hedgehog underneath. If a large bonfire must be built in advance, protect it whilst building by putting some chicken wire, at least one-metre-high, all the way around the bottom. This should be held

in place with stakes and the wire should slope outwards at an angle to make it difficult to climb, as hedgehogs are good climbers! In case you have missed anything light the fire from one side only and keep people away from the unlit side so that any hedgehogs can hopefully escape in peace.

If, whilst building, a bonfire is left unattended, for however short a time, it's imperative to check for young children, hedgehogs and other animals, including family pets, before lighting. As hedgehogs tend to hide in the centre and bottom two feet of the bonfire, check by gently lifting the bonfire section by section with a pole or broom. Never use a spade or fork as these can stab them. Using a torch will help to see and listen for a hissing sound, as this is the noise they make when disturbed.

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/please-rememberhedgehogs-bonfire-night/>

Church Service for Remembrance Sunday is 10.30am, on 8th November, the nearest to the 11th November- always before rather than after. The national service is on Saturday 14th November. The Service is planned and Revd. Cannon Andrew Norman will be leading the service. The wreath will be presented at the memorial plaque inside the church. given the restriction of Covid, sadly there will be no singing this year but lovely music. EVERYONE IS WELCOME This year also it is the marking of VJ Day -75 years. **(In light of the new lockdown this might be cancelled – please check.)**

[Zoom ~ 6.00pm](#) ~ Remembrance Evening Prayer

Bourn Surgery Patient Participation Group

Bourn Surgery would like to invite both representatives of your Parish Council, and any members of your village community who are our patients, to become members of Bourn Surgery PPG, to help us by providing valuable insight and feedback with regards to the particular needs of your community.

In the first instance, please could those interested in joining our PPG contact us by email to our Practice Manager, Mrs Tracey Wilson (tracey.wilson@nhs.net). Please feel free to contact Mrs Tracey Wilson on the email above, or on 01954 718772, who can answer further queries, or pass them to Dr Frame who is responsible for the PPG.

Scam emails and phone calls

Scammers are taking advantage of the increasing use of internet and phone to get our personal information for fraud. It is very easy to copy real logos and websites to confuse us into believing they are legitimate. Phones that display caller phone numbers can also be fooled into displaying real numbers. Do not click on any links on emails. Always open another window and go to the site yourself to check. Banks and credit card operators will never ask you for your personal details over the phone. If you are in any doubt, put the phone down and either wait for a couple of hours or, preferably, phone the bank on a different phone to check.

Next Parish Council Meeting – Due to take place virtually on the 19th November at 7.15pm.

Please contact Barbara Cooper on bcconfidential@caw.ac.uk or via phone if you would like the link to join the meeting.

There are two current planning applications in the village which are awaiting decision from SCDC – 134, Old North Road, (The Red House outbuildings) details Foul and Surface water drainage S/0663/19/F and 48 Old North Road Change of use - outbuilding for short term rentals up to 180 nights per calendar year 20/02264/FUL. The Parish Council has also been in discussion with the Planning Services and Stephen Kelly, Joint Director has been invited to our next meeting in November.

Cambridgeshire Libraries – are re-opening for quick browsing in November. Opening days and times will in some cases be different however, so please check before you visit.