



Lode Star



St. James' Lode

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LC Lode Chapel, LSC Lode Social Club, BBL British Legion Club
FH Passage Hall, BVC Bottisham Village College

December

- 2 Christmas Fayre 10am Burwell
Christmas Fair 10am-3pm SwBulbeck
Last date for Women's Refuge Gifts
- 5 Photographic Club 7.30pm LC (p28)
- 6 Lode WI 7.30pm (p9)
- 8 Walk for Health 10am Surgery (p20)
- 9 Christmas Fayre 2pm StJ (p12)
Electronic Organ Concert @ Quy (p30)
- 11 Parish Council mtg 7.30pm FH
- 19 Gardening Club mtg (p10)
- 20 Last day to post 2nd Class for Xmas
Walk for Health 10am Surgery (p20)
Xmas Wednesday Coffee (p15)
- 21 Last day to post 1st Class for Xmas
- 28 Lode Village Walk 10.30am (p11)

January

- 3 Lode WI 7.30pm
- 8 Parish Council mtg 7.30pm FH
- 9 Photographic Club mtg 7.30pm LC (p28)
- 11 WEA course begins (p27)
- 25 Patients' Group mtg 6.30pm (p20)
- 30 Photographic Club 7.30pm LC (p28)

Thursday Anglesey Abbey Health Walks 10.00am
Wednesday Coffee Morning 10.30am LC (p15)

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EDITORIAL

December 2017

The Lode Half-Marathon was an outstanding success – again - and we have the pictures and comments to prove it (p18). It raised a magnificent sum for a very worthy cause.

Battling through the crowds of Christmas shoppers rarely adds to the festive spirit. Shop closer to home at the Christmas fairs on Saturday 2 December – 10.30am-12.30pm at The Old Rectory, Swaffham Bulbeck and until 4pm at Mandeville Hall, Burwell. Even closer to home from 2-4.00pm on

Saturday 9 December go along to St James' for Christmas crafts, unique gifts and tea and cake. And take a look at pp16 and 17 for more gift suggestions.

If you might be alone this Christmas or know someone who could be, there is a warm welcome for you at the RENEW Christmas dinner (see p23).

We hope everyone enjoys Susan's special Christmassy motif in Lode Star with (mostly!) original cracker jokes.

Elizabeth Mitchell

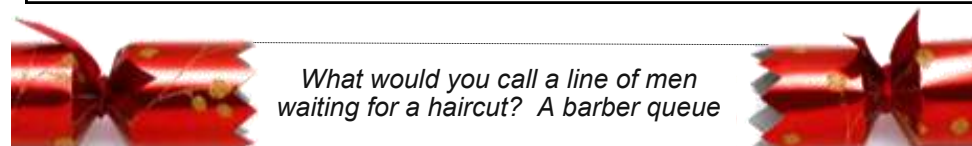


The purpose of LODE STAR is to serve the WHOLE parish by circulating information free to every household in LODE and LONGMEADOW eleven times a year

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LODE 3 STAR

Lode Parish Council News

At our November meeting, we discussed with our two District Councillors a letter from several families requesting free use of the school bus. It stressed the unreasonable assumption by the County Council that five-year olds living in the High Street are expected to walk two miles for some 45 minutes each way, especially on the poorly-lit section between Lode and Bottisham. Also, they encounter increasingly intensive traffic near the Village College and the shops and crossing two busy roads. However, eleven-year olds living in Mill Road would get free

bus transport, as it is beyond the two-mile limit. The County Council appears not to understand the effect on young children, nor the safety and pollution near the Primary School caused by cars. There had also been a large increase in the cost of the bus in recent years to £630 per year. We decided to take this up with the County Council, which has concessionary powers.

There had been a recent village liaison meeting with the National Trust. We reiterated our desire for the land between our cemetery and recreation ground to be used for an expanded orchard, woodland, meadow and recreation space. Any use for housing would require an access via Fairhaven Close and a new road across our allotments, which would require Government permission. The land is actually within the Trust's Wicken Fen Vision Area for wildlife conservation and enhancement.

At a previous meeting with members of Quy Parish Council about the new Cycle Path, we decided to aim for an opening ceremony in January in Quy, followed by a bike ride and celebration in Lode. However, it was now felt that it would be better for this to be in March as the path may not be finished in time and more preparation time would be required. We and Quy will be approaching the County Council to request that the footway on the southern side of Quy Road be designated as a shared-use path, as is the one on the northern side. This will help those cycling between Quy and

Bottisham, who would otherwise have to cross four roads.

The District Council has refused a planning application for dwellings on the Haynes Transport site in Longmeadow. The site had not been requested for inclusion in the new Local Plan and is outside the existing Development Envelope. The District Council's policy is to keep land used for employment as such. A case was not provided to show it is not viable for further commercial use, such as for offices, labs or workshops. This policy is to ensure that there are places for people to live and work locally within East Cambridgeshire to reduce commuting. The planners also did also not like some aspects of the layout and design of the proposed development.

We have marked three spaces behind the Fassage Hall, in addition to the existing two, for Blue Badge holders or those with mobility difficulties visiting in the evenings. These are at the rear of the tarmac skateboard area. These spaces may be relocated to behind the back wall of the hall next spring when the evenings are lighter, but the grass there may need to be reinforced. It is essential that the rest of the area behind the hall is kept free for emergency access and turning.

We would be interested to hear from anyone about the history of the public footpath which is signed at right-angles to the Mill bypass channel. After crossing the wood, it should run diagonally over a field to the intersection of the old railway track with Dam Drove. It also forms part of

the Harcamlow Way and is clearly shown on Ordnance Survey maps. Walkers currently avoid this cultivated field by turning right through the wood and going along the railway track, neither of which are legally public footpaths.

Under the Parish Paths Partnership with the County Council, we have the power to way-mark public footpaths and ensure they are kept unobstructed.

Extra public footpath markers have been put up in the parish, following sightings of motor bikes being driven illegally between Fairhaven Close and Church Walk, despite the no entry signs, and on other paths. Motor vehicles may only be driven along public or permitted footpaths with the legal authority of the owners of the land over which they pass.

This year, our contractor cut our grass verges monthly from April to July but thereafter only in September and November. The grass has been getting long and has left a mess after cutting, so cuts every four weeks may be requested in future.

So far, no-one has offered to become the village's new Webmaster and we are again appealing for help with this position which is of such benefit to the community.

Our next meeting is on Monday 11 December in the Fassage Hall at 7.30pm.

Robert Stevens, Chairman

LODE PARISH COUNCIL

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*Lightning sometimes shocks people...
because it just doesn't know how to
conduct itself...*

*A prisoner's favourite punctuation
mark is the full stop... it marks the end
of his sentence..*



Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen News and Events — December 2017



It's a year since we installed solar panels on the roof of the Visitor Centre, as part of the National Trust's ambitious target to source 50% of our energy needs from renewable sources by 2020.

In just a year, the panels have generated an incredible 37Mwh of electricity – that's around the same amount of electricity used annually by eleven average homes in the UK, or put another way, enough to make two million cups of tea.

Going forward we will very shortly be preparing a planning application for a water source heat pump to help heat the House. This would enable us to extract heat from water flowing in Quay Water (around 3-5 degrees). The heat is then amplified through a compression cycle and passed through a heat exchanger (basically a fridge in reverse) and then used to heat the House. This will remove our reliance on oil, and more importantly reduce carbon emissions by 48 tonnes, whilst saving around £12,000 a year in fuel costs, which can be better spent looking after the estate and collections.

There's great excitement as the House prepares to move to year round opening from the 11 December. This is a big step for the House team, but will ensure that we can offer our visitors an amazing visit with plenty to see and do, whatever the time of year or weather.

Throughout December & January, the House will be presenting **'Winter 1964 – A gentleman's way of life'** – this will look at preparations for Christmas and Lord

Fairhaven's interest in country sports, and in particular his weekly shooting parties for his privileged guests.

We're looking forward to the anticipated opening of the new shared path / cycleway from Stow cum Quy, running alongside the B1102. Hopefully it will encourage more of our visitors to ditch the car in favour of pedal power, as well as providing a safer journey for the many commuters who cycle along the road each day.

With the shorter days we often feel the need to get out more to make the most of the limited daylight hours. We would be delighted to welcome you to our weekly **Heartbeat Health Walk**, which runs every Thursday at 10am. The walks last an hour and generally cover 3-4 miles – it's a great way to get some fresh air, healthy exercise and have a good old natter. Just meet in the Visitor Centre at 10am if you fancy coming along.

Finally a quick reminder that we are closed Christmas Eve through to Boxing Day. But if you fancy a walk over the festive period, or some hassle free Christmas shopping in the run up to the big day, we would be delighted to see you.

Have a great Christmas and best wishes for 2018 from all the Anglesey Abbey staff and volunteers.

Howard Cooper

Communications Officer 01353 720274



Leonard Fry 10.4.24 - 10.10.17

Gill wishes to express her most sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness, messages and expressions of sympathy received during her recent sad loss.

A special thanks to all carers and staff at Hilton Park Care Home, Bottisham, for the excellent care and attention they gave to him during his five years there.

Many thanks for the donations received for Cambridge Blue Cross Cats Home and thank you to all who came to the celebration of his life at The Shed recently.

Thank You

Firstly I would like to say a massive thank you to the committee of the **Lode Half Marathon and Fun Run** for choosing **The MS Therapy Centre** as their charity for this year, and to every one of the volunteers that helped make the event such a success.

It was a well-organised and well supported event both by those taking part and the spectators.

I would like to congratulate all those runners in the Fun Run and the Half Marathon on the completing of the course, GREAT EFFORT guys !!!!

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Kath, Claire, Christopher, Catherine, Russell, Sam and Shaun for getting sponsorship and to the sponsors for supporting them so generously.

Both Pauline and I thoroughly enjoyed presenting the medals at the finishing line, where we could see the effort and determination (and relief) on the runners' faces showing that they all gave 110%, and Joanne was delighted to have been asked to present the cups to all the placed winners of the half Marathon. What great a day, thank you !!!!

Jo Holmes

(see more about the event on p18)

Thank You

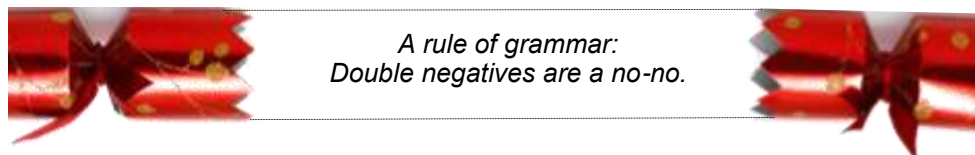
I would like to thank all friends and relations for the lovely cards and flowers received following my recent operation.

June Peck

LINTON ZOO

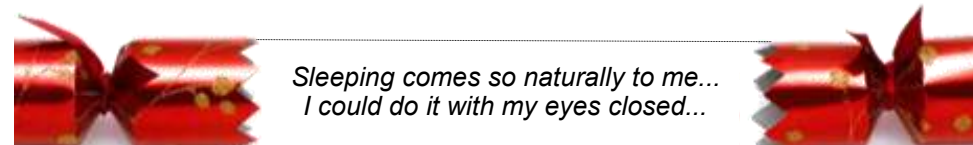


Please bring us your (real) fir trees after Christmas. The lions have a great time playing with them!
For details telephone C.891308



*A rule of grammar:
Double negatives are a no-no.*

LODE 6 STAR



*Sleeping comes so naturally to me...
I could do it with my eyes closed...*

LODE 7 STAR

Another action-packed term draws to its Christmassy conclusion! We are delighted to announce that the Deputy Head teacher, Mrs Heijne, has had a baby boy, Oscar and we wish them all well.

This year, for a change, the Year 6 children have been on their residential trip to Hilltop in the Autumn Term instead of waiting for the Spring. Staff and children had a wonderful time taking on all sorts of physical and mental challenges and learning about coastal erosion along the way. Teams have been built, confidence grown and wonderful memories laid down.

Later this term, the Year 5/6 children have '**Mayan Mayhem**' to look forward to on **Friday 8th December** as an exciting way to end their History topic. This is a creative drama workshop that will 'bring history out of the pages of books and into our school hall!' The children will take part in 'a dramatic journey around the Mayan city-state of Palenque' and become part of the action. It sounds great fun.

Meanwhile with the theme, *Shake, Rattle and Roll*, the Year 3/4 classes have been investigating earthquakes and volcanoes and writing stories about heroes from history, myths and legends. A highlight, I am sure, is the model volcano with 'controlled' eruption(!) and the Science Dome Workshop in which they learnt about

rocks and fossils and what makes our Earth a spectacular place.

In Key Stage One, the children have been thinking about Teamwork and now, thinking about all sorts of celebrations through topic work, are building towards Christmas fever! The Christmas production is '**Born in a Barn**' and performances are on **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December**.



As part of the Christmas celebrations, there will be a **Carol Concert** open to all Key Stage Two children, including the school choir, at Bottisham Holy Trinity Church on **Tuesday 12th December** between 6 and 7pm. Mince pies will be available from the PTA.

All the children from Y1 upwards have a trip to the Junction for the Christmas production, *Rapunzel*, to look forward to. Not to mention the **Christmas Disco** on **Monday 18th December**. Lucky children!

We all hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Sarah Wormald, Chair of Governors.

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www.twitter.com/BottishamPri or the
 school website:
www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk

LODE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Jean Coxall welcomed members to the November meeting and the general business of the meeting was dealt with.

Jean then introduced the Speaker Terry Webb who handed out materials to all of the members to make an Origami Christmas Decoration. Amid much laughter and some hard work, folding, unfolding, refolding and with help and guidance from Terry we all managed to make the flower decoration and bore them home proudly. She was warmly thanked for her patience and humour by Gill Thurlby.

Out and About: Janet Aves reported on the 'Evening with Bill Turnbull' who spoke about his work on reporting on the BBC which included a four-year stint in America as the Washington Correspondent, which included the OJ Simpson trial and the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Bill had 15 years on Breakfast TV and now has a programme on Classic FM radio. He is now living in Suffolk and following his long time passion for beekeeping. A thoroughly enjoyable evening and one to be recommended.

Maureen Brown then reported on John Durrant who spoke about the history of Blue Plaques in Cambridge. It was a very interesting topic but the speaker was not very inspiring and she came away wishing she had learnt more. On the other hand the food was excellent which helped make the evening worthwhile.

The Competition: -
 A Christmas Decoration was won by Elaine McCaghrey and the Raffle was won by Jean Coxall.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 December for the Christmas Party—back in our usual meeting place the Chapel.



Lode WI welcomes visitors and prospective members.

Try our meetings free of charge!
 Phone Angela Standley on C.812994
 for details, or just drop into (Lode Chapel)
 on the first Wednesday of each month
 (except August) at 7.30pm

Website Help Needed!

Ian Middleton is retiring as Lode Village Website Administrator. So from the beginning of January we need new volunteers to maintain a village website.

This could be using the existing content management software or setting up a new site.

There must be loads of you reading this who have the right skills for this creative and not too arduous volunteering opportunity!

Call Meleena Walsh 813664 or
 Elizabeth Mitchell C.956305

It's raining cats and dogs... well, as long as it doesn't reindeer ..

I relish the fact that you've mustard the strength to ketchup with me...

BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Our October meeting was the 41st Annual General Meeting of the club. Members were welcomed to the meeting by our President, Ken York, who raised the fact that after 40+ years we are all older and asked that members encourage their younger friends and neighbours to join us to help rejuvenate the club and he also encouraged anyone willing to join the committee to do so, to help spread the workload.

The Chairman, Julia Green, firstly announced the sad news that one of our members, Phyl Manni, had passed away a few days before the meeting. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with the family. Thanks were given to all those who had worked so hard throughout the year, organising the speakers, the various events and the outings, not only committee members but also those who give their support so willingly at events such as the Annual Village Show.

The Treasurer was able to give a very positive report on our finances. In spite of rising speakers' costs we have made a profit on the year, and she proposed that the annual subscription should be kept at £15 per annum and that there should be no charge to members for the evening outing in June, though visitors would be charged a minimal amount to cover their costs. We have discontinued the web pages, which has given us a considerable saving this year, but are investigating more reasonably priced providers so that we can get the web pages up and running again.

The meeting was then handed over to the President for the appointment of officers and committee for the coming year. All officers and committee members stand down and are then re-elected and new members voted on. Brenda Bayford had offered to help with the secretarial work and she was voted on as Joint Secretary. Cindy King had also agreed to join the committee and in addition to other areas she would be organising the 2018 evening outing. Officers and committee members who were standing for re-election all received unanimous votes to stay on.

The formal business having been completed we moved on to the quiz, which this year had been prepared by Helen and Ian Cole. It wasn't easy and the winners were Pauline and Graham McCubbin and Peter Bullock with 17 points out of 30, and Nora and Graham Watson. Members then enjoyed the wine and nibbles provided by Mary Edwards, the raffle was drawn, and the evening finished on a happy and cheerful note.

DIARY DATES

19 December: Christmas Social.
Talk on Iceland, Sweden and Norway by Sylvia and John Overton, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Our programme of speakers for 2018 has now been completed, though events and outings are still being organised.

Visitors are always welcome - if you would like to receive a copy of the programme, please contact me on the numbers below.

Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary
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You are invited to join the

Village Walk

Thursday 28 December
Start 10.30am from Fassage Hall

We will be walking along the river to Quy and back along the new cycle path.



After the walk please stay for a Soup and Roll lunch in Fassage Hall from 12.15pm.

This is a bring and share lunch so it is an opportunity to use up your surplus Christmas food.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Dogs are welcome on the walk but cannot be accommodated in the Hall.

If you feel that walking is too strenuous but would like to join us for lunch you are most welcome.

For more information and to say how many in your group.



Please contact Julie Sale
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Ted Lewis-Clark, age 10



Last Recommended Posting Dates for Christmas Delivery

**International Standard and all
International Tracking and
Signature Services**

Saturday 2 December
Africa, Middle East

Wednesday 6 December
Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Eastern Europe
(except Czech Republic, Poland
and Slovakia)

Thursday 7 December
Caribbean, Central and South America

Saturday 9 December
Australia, Greece, New Zealand

Wednesday 13 December
Czech Republic, Germany,
Italy, Poland

Thursday 14 December
Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA

Friday 15 December
Australia, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal,
Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia,
Spain, Switzerland

Saturday 16 December
Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg

United Kingdom

Wednesday 20 December
2nd Class and 2nd Class Signed For

Thursday 21 December
1st Class and 1st Class Signed For
Special Delivery Guaranteed

Friday 22 December
Special Delivery Guaranteed Saturday
Delivery

*My new theory on inertia doesn't
seem to be gaining momentum...*

*What did the grape say when it got
stepped on? ... nothing, but it let out
a little whine...*

CHAPEL DENTAL OPEN IN GREAT WILBRAHAM



We are finally open, despite *BT Openreach* and *EDF Energy*!

Nearing the build completion at Chapel Dental has been very stressful for all involved, we nearly didn't make it—with problems from power to phone lines and data!

EDF Energy had no meter engineer available to connect our 3-phase power! Eventually an emergency engineer completed the job, enabling our building contractors to instigate completion, electrical connections and necessary testing just days before the handover date. Building control issued our certificate on 16 October, then the all powerful CQC on the 20 October.

With all my wonderful staff working like demons we closed Bottisham Dental, (after 16 years) on the Friday and opened Chapel Dental on Monday 23 October! without any major interruption to our patients. Unfortunately, *BT Openreach* completely failed to support us, even disabling our neighbours phone in

error. We had no working incoming phones for nine days 'a **business disaster**' but our patients have been fantastic, very understanding, and very complimentary.

A big THANK YOU to you all! Our phones are now back to normal **01223 811844** with our website & Facebook page being great works in progress: www.chapel.dental

Grand opening date tbc

Claire Jackman



Baptist Chapel—beautifully restored and extended giving us Chapel Dental

End of Year Update from Lucy Frazer MP



I wanted to take the opportunity to wish all my constituents a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to come. 2017 has flown by with so much to do

and an unexpected election on top! I have been pursuing with vigour the roll out of superfast broadband across the constituency regularly meeting and speaking with all involved pressing for more, quicker! I am also pursuing a campaign to get South East Cambridgeshire selected as a testbed for the trialing of the next generation of digital infrastructure through industrial 5G pilots.

As most of you will know by now, education is a passion of mine and I am relentless in my efforts to pursue fairer funding for our schools. I take every opportunity to engage with both schools and the Secretary of State for Education to ensure our requirements are front of mind. I welcome the recent announcement of £3.1 million more for our constituency and I will continue on this mission to pursue funding wherever it is available.

Other projects I am involved with around education include encouraging businesses to work hand in hand with schools with specific reference to STEM subjects and building pathways to future careers in local businesses. I am also driving a project to reduce the costs of teacher recruitment through an online government website.

Infrastructure projects occupy a lot of my time, fighting for necessary funding and maintaining a presence where projects are underway to ensure where possible they remain on schedule and on budget. The start of works on the Ely Southern Bypass in March was the culmination of a great deal of work and lobbying by a great many people including myself and I'm delighted work is now underway. I am very much behind the Greenways initiative to introduce more cycle and multi-purpose routes into Cambridge.

I enjoy every opportunity I have to meet with constituents from all walks of life, whether welcoming groups and individuals to Westminster, attending a Rotary club meeting, joining a Women's Institute gathering, opening a summer fete, chatting at an Open meeting, or meeting constituents in my surgeries - I never like to pass up the chance to exchange views and hear any issues constituents may have.

All across the constituency, over recent weeks, our senior school pupils have been busy debating. This year marks the 4th inter schools debating competition since I became a Parliamentary Candidate and first initiated the idea. The final sees 14 students debating in the House of Commons. I am so grateful for all the support I receive from constituents young and old and I look forward to working as hard as I can on your behalf in the coming year.

To keep up with what Lucy is doing on a more regular basis, you can sign up for her newsletter at www.lucyfrazer.org.uk and / or follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy

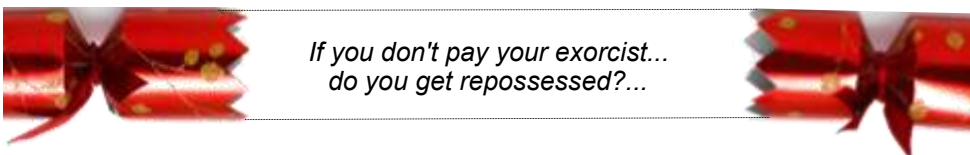


Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December 2-4pm
St James' Church

Stalls, crafts, raffle, tea and cake
Come along to find a unique gift and enjoy the festive atmosphere
Stalls £10 Contact Pauline Holmes 812029 or Coral Hatley 811457





News from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

School Office : 01223 811595 or office@swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk



Formal consultation on the proposed conversion to academy status of Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School

To the members of our village community, I am writing to formally notify you that the governing body of Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School voted at our last meeting to apply to convert to academy status and join the Diocese of Ely Multiacademy Trust (DEMAT). DEMAT (www.demat.org.uk) consists entirely of primary schools, many of them small village schools such as ourselves.

This has been a long decision-making process for us, starting nearly four years ago, in which we have considered multiple options. Up until now the decision has been to wait and see. However, due to the increasing squeeze on school funding, the reduced availability of services from the Local Authority, and the increased number of services available to schools from DEMAT, we feel that this is the best way forward for our school, and that now is the right time for our school to make the change.

Our focus in making the decision was to choose a path that offers the best long-term opportunities for our school to continue to support the children of the village and the parish, and for us to maintain our school's nurturing ethos

and strong sense of community.

The St. Mary's Parochial Church Council voted in support of this decision at the beginning of November, and a formal application has been submitted to the Department for Education.

There are a number of steps in the process, including the Department for Education approving our application. If all goes to plan we hope to complete the conversion process in time for the next school year (September 2018). The school name and school uniform will remain unchanged.

As part of this process we are consulting with all parts of the school community. The consultation period will start on 6 December and end on 31 January 2018, and will include four information sessions for parents, carers and members of the local community, where we can explain the process and answer any questions that you have. These sessions will be:

Wednesday 6 December 3.30pm-4.30pm (with a supervised film provided for children)

Wednesday 6 December 6pm-7pm

Tuesday 9 January 3.30pm-4.30pm (with a supervised film provided for children)

Tuesday 9 January 6pm-7pm

You are welcome to attend more than one session. We have invited

Jacqueline McCamphill, Assistant Director at DEMAT to attend the sessions, and there will also be governors and staff present.

As well as attending the meetings, you are welcome to raise any issues that you would like to have considered or questions that you would like to have answered by emailing chair@swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk with CONSULTATION as the subject, or writing to the school office with your comments and contact details so that we can respond to you directly.

The consultation process will finish on 31 January 2018, and all questions or comments need to be received by that date. We have allowed a longer than usual period of time for our consultation to ensure that everyone has time to respond if they would like to. We will produce a summary document of all the comments, questions and any responses which will be sent to all interested parties.

All questions and comments received will be considered and a final decision will be made by the Governing Body of the school taking the feedback into account.

Amy Weatherup, Chair of Governors

St Mary's Players
Swaffham Bulbeck
Present
An Evening at the Theatre



Thursday 15 and
Friday 16 February —£10
Saturday 17 February—£12

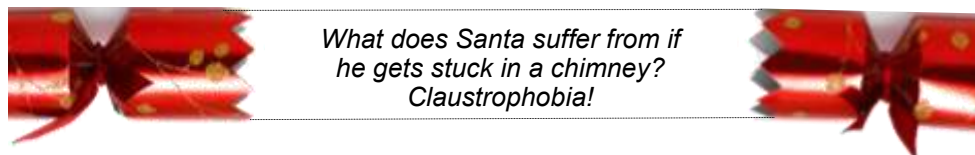
7.30pm in the School Hall
(all prices include glass of wine)

Tickets:

Geoffrey Datson, 55 High Street,
Swaffham Bulbeck

C.812395

email: datson@btconnect.com



*What does Santa suffer from if
he gets stuck in a chimney?
Claustrophobia!*

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**Lode Village Coffee Morning
wishes you all a very Happy Christmas
and a Healthy New Year**

Our last Coffee Morning of 2017 will be on
Wednesday 20 December

Please join us for Christmas cheer and nibbles
Wendy, Jean and Julie hope to welcome you all again in the New Year on
Wednesday 3 January 2018

Please remember if you would like a lift to any of the Coffee Mornings
please contact Julie Sale on 811222 or Wendy on 811356.

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Christmas Gifts with a Local Connection

Jamie Sugg

is a local artist based in
Swaffham Bulbeck
www.jamiesugg.co.uk
07846 481062



'My 2018 Calendar is now available to purchase online via my [Etsy](https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/jamiesugg) page.

Please use this to order as it makes my life a lot easier to collate all the orders.

For those that have contacted me previously to order and live locally - please use the code 'LOCAL' when ordering and I will deliver to you for free.

Many thanks, Jamie"



**Saturday 2nd &
Sunday 3rd December
11am to 5pm
9 Abbey Lane, Lode**

New work and winter bargains with mulled wine!

20% of proceeds to the
Crisis at Christmas charity



Looking for something quirky and just a little bit different?

Look no further than Robert Good's brand new book, *A New Dictionary of Art*.

Everyone has an opinion about Art – what it is, what it isn't and what it should be. For some, pickled sharks and unmade beds are an outrage, for others, Art is what gets them out of bed in the morning.

This passion and possessiveness about Art is what makes *A New Dictionary of Art* such a humorous and magnetically good read. 3000 definitions found online are beautifully presented and left to fight it out on the page. The *New Dictionary* is a must for anyone who picks up a paintbrush or goes to a gallery.

"screamingly funny" - Prof Derek Matravers

How to buy: £10+p&p from

www.peculiaritypress.com, or
call round to Robert at 53 Lode Road, Lode to pick up your copy for £10.



How will Christmas dinner be different
after Brexit? No Brussels

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What is Good King Wenceslas'
favourite pizza?
One that's deep-pan, crisp and even.

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2017 LODE HALF MARATHON AND THREE MILE FAMILY FUN RUN



This year's Half Marathon & Fun Run took place on Sunday 6th November. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the MS Therapy Centre in Huntingdon.

All 275 places for the **HALF MARATHON** were taken up well before race day and the MS Therapy Centre also had a team running who raised extra money. Photographs of the day can be found on the Lode Runners' Facebook page.

Special Congratulations must go to Lode Residents – Kerry Cater, who was the first lady home and Simon Darmody who was the second man home.



KERRY CATER FROM STATION ROAD WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO CROSS THE HALF-MARATHON WINNING LINE.

IT WAS ONLY HER SECOND HALF-MARATHON AND LAST TIME WAS TEN YEARS AGO WHEN SHE WAS 30.

SHE SAYS "I ENTERED AS PART OF THE FUN OF HITTING FORTY!" BUT SHE IS NOT SURE IF SHE WILL DO IT AGAIN!

The fastest men were:

Alan Darby from Ely Runners in a very quick time of 1 hour 14mins 35secs
Simon Darmody from Lode in 1hr 22mins 48secs

Shaun Howarth from Liverpool & Sefton Harriers in 1hr 25mins 57secs

The fastest ladies were:

Kerry Cater from Lode in 1hr 37mins 49secs

Laura Jeffery from Waterbeach in 1hr 41mins 23secs

A link giving all times can be found on the Lode Runners website www.loderunners.co.uk

Many congratulations to the runners from Lode who completed the half marathon, a great achievement.

James Lovelace in 1hr 45mins 23secs

Alexei Moulton in 1hr 51min 22secs

Glenis Moore in 2hr 25min 51secs

Well done to everyone.

This year's FUN RUN was very well supported with 61 runners of all ages completing the three mile (approx) course. Our youngest runner was 4 years old and we had three generations of one family completing the fun.

The first runner home was 12 year old George Glemas from Waterbeach in 22mins 6secs

Congratulations to the following **Lode Families** for completing the run:

Emiko Thompson 28mins 33secs

Brinley Wilkes 31mins 38secs

Stephen Wilkes 31min 40secs

Kiyoshi Thompson 35mins 46secs

Jun Thompson 38mins 51secs

MONEY RAISED - £5,700

We raised £4,500 for the MS Therapy Centre at Huntingdon plus the extra sponsorship raised by the charity team of runners – approx £1,200 to date.

It was a fantastic team effort and we could not have done it without the many people who helped by stewarding, timekeeping, making cakes, serving refreshments, putting out signs and all the other things that go into organising such an event – a big thank you to each and every one of you.

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A massive thank you must also go to the following local companies who sponsored the event:

Bush Sales & Lettings, Bottisham Stores, Mead Construction Ltd, Tesco Fulbourn, Halls of Cambridge.

And to those who allowed us onto their land/lent us equipment – **Clive & Belinda Purbrook, National Trust** and the **Environment Agency.**

Many thanks to you all.

We've had many 'thank yous' from the runners including:

"I ran the half marathon today. It was well marshalled, great course and a friendly crowd."

"Thank you as always for your efforts for today's race..... my 3rd time entering Lode always enjoyed and 150 mile round journey for me! Thank you".

Next year's event will be held on Sunday 4 November 2018.

Tessa Shrubbs
on behalf of Lode Runners

More photos on page 16



*Why do birds fly south for the winter?
Because it's too far to walk*



The Huntingdon, Peterborough & Cambridge MS Therapy Centre

The Lode Half-Marathon good cause 2017

This small self-funded charity founded in 1985, provides support, self-help and non-drug complementary and alternative therapies to those with MS (Multiple Sclerosis).

The Centre is a friendly and relaxed place welcoming all with MS, those with other conditions, carers and anyone just interested in feeling their best. All are welcome!

The Centre has a specialised gym, offers a range of exercise and movement classes, and provides a range of therapies – all at subsidised prices (subject to membership).

Contact:

mshelpcambs.co.uk 01480 458688

Jo Holmes has done a huge amount of fundraising for the MS Therapy Centre with regular whist drives, raffles and auctions. Together with individuals running in aid of the Centre, the Lode Half-Marathon contribution amounts to more than 10% of the £50k annual costs of the centre.



Want to see the photos in colour? Want to click directly on to a hyperlink in the magazine?

Go to www.lode.org.uk to view all the Lode Star magazines since January 2014

News from the Bottisham Patients' Group

Result: The tombolas held at the Saturday morning flu clinics made £91.50 to go towards a piece of medical equipment which is yet to be decided.

Newsletter: The Practice newsletter is now available on their website.

Christmas Dispensary Arrangements:

When ordering in November and December you can order **two months' worth** so you have enough to cover you over the festivities, just add "**2 months for Xmas**" on your repeat when you order.

It helps us greatly if you request all your items together and allow a little longer when ordering more than one month, 3 to 4 working days will be very helpful. If you are going away for longer we can only arrange a maximum of 3 months' supply of medication. Please speak to the dispensary staff who will help you with these arrangements. You don't need to speak to a GP to order your medication"

NEW: Medication Collection Point:

Lode Post Office

Bottisham Medical Practice is working with The Shop at Lode so patients can pick up medication there. Simply complete a consent form, available from the post office, the Practice and on the website. Collections and deliveries will be on a Friday before lunch. You can also leave your repeat at the shop; just place it in an envelope.

Any questions ask at the dispensary or the shop.

Nurse Practitioner: You will now be able to pre-book into the Nurse Practitioner appointments on line. These are for minor illness.

Missed Appointments: There are still too many appointments being missed so please inform the surgery if you are unable to attend your appointment. You can sign up through reception to receive reminders of your appointments.

Mental Health: There are lots of tips in the Practice Newsletter to help you look after your Mental Health and Wellbeing this winter.

Bottisham Patients' Group: The Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice's website for further information:

<http://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055> and see what your Patients' Group has achieved. We would welcome help with running the group.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00am from the surgery car park on 8 and 20 December 2017, 12 and 24 January, 9 and 21 February 2018. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be **Thursday 25 January 2018 at 6.30pm** at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group



Public Transport Matters

Not again, I thought, as I noticed in the buses another list of changes to buses which included the number 12. However, I am assured by Stagecoach Customer Services that it is just that there is now a 12 at 8.45am from Newmarket to Cambridge. I am hoping for a further box of timetables.

Reports locally are mainly positive for the new Cambridge North Station, which can be reached from this area via the A14 / Milton Road / Cowley Road and follow the signs. Lots of parking at £5 a day. Everything seems to be by a ticket machine but staff will help. The prices to King's Cross are the same as from Cambridge. Not all trains from King's Cross go on to Cambridge North but many going on further north do and some from Stansted and Liverpool Street. Just check before you travel. As I write, the promised Costa café and Co-op store have not yet arrived and Stagecoach cannot give a date as the lease terms are still being negotiated. There is, however, a cycle-powered coffee cart named *Tribeca* run by Rebecca Chong.

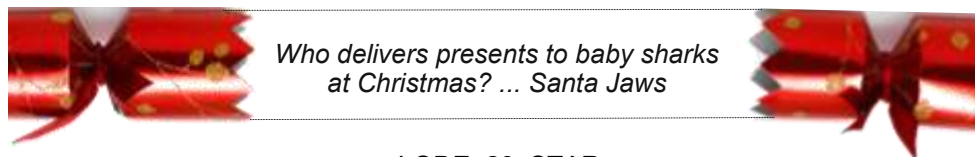
There are fears for the future of the Cambridge Dial-a-Ride service as it is based at the *Ridgeons'* site in Cromwell Road, which is being closed in December. So far attempts to find a suitable alternative site have proved futile. The search is backed by Professor Stephen Hawking.

Then there is the problem for many of us as to how to access the local dentist now moved from Bottisham to the old chapel at Great Wilbraham. I have checked with

the Voluntary Network/Dial a Ride/Community transport in Newmarket and they can't help as they don't cover South Cambs. Their community transport cars are extremely busy helping people access Addenbrooke's Hospital and they didn't think they could take on the dentist as well. Any volunteer drivers please contact the dentist! The *Cambridge News* had an article reporting that, according to research by *Age UK*, attending hospital appointments made people feel increasingly unwell due to the problems of actually getting there and back. There is the worry of being late due to traffic problems, etc.

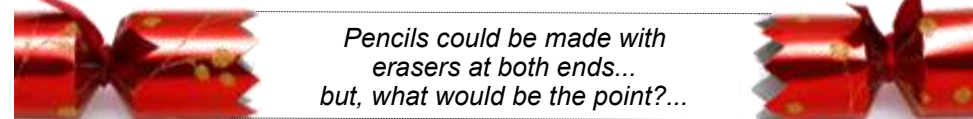
The A1307 linking Cambridge and Haverhill is regularly described as 'awful' and there are often accidents. Three discussions are taking place under the *Greater Cambridge Partnership* – a new off-road busway from the A11 via Sawston to Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC) partly along the old Haverhill railway line, on-road bus lanes from Babraham Research Campus leading to an off-road busway from the Babraham Road Park and Ride site to CBC and on-road bus lanes from Babraham Research Campus to CBC. Also being considered are a new park and ride site close to the A11 and road safety improvements between Horseheath and Linton. There will be a public consultation in February 2018. Work could start in 2020.

Many Haverhill commuters work in Cambridge and they would ideally like the railway connection to be restored. The CCP in a £200,000 project is also looking at a simple network of car-free roads that could be used by driverless buses. These would link several locations in the city to surrounding towns. A simple network could also connect the city centre with the Science Park, Biomedical Campus, the



Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? ... Santa Jaws

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Pencils could be made with erasers at both ends... but, what would be the point?...

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main railway station, west Cambridge and the airport. A further report is due by the end of the year! Cable cars and trams are apparently not viable. Lots of discussion but some decisions are needed as the congestion continues. It is suggested that expanding the Trumpington Park & Ride site would worsen congestion.

An upgrade to the major rail junction at Ely North is under discussion and the Transport Secretary has met with MPs and councillors. The managing Directors of *Greater Anglia*, *Trenitalia c2c*, *Cross Country trains*, *East Midland Trains*, *Govia Thameslink Railway*, *Freightliner*, *Anglia* and *DB Cargo UK Ltd.* have written in the CN on their plan to change and improve the railway in the East Anglian region. They have joined with others from across the country and hope there will be almost £85bn of extra economic benefits for the country and improve journeys and connect communities across our region from Southend to King's Lynn and from Felixstowe to Cambridge.

The Flying Scotsman did finally manage to visit the area calling at Ely and Cambridge. First built in 1923 it was heading through the county on its Cathedrals Express tour from Norwich to London.

My occasional weekend breaks to Newquay with *Shearings Coach Co.* are proving interesting. Other people I have met also use them to visit family in a convenient way. Chats with fellow diners can prove interesting. I was seated next to a lady who, since retirement and being alone, had decided to travel the world – lots of stories including the Trans-Siberian Railway experience. The lady opposite to us had won £100,000 on the National Lottery!

Network Rail's monopoly has been shunted aside says *The Times*.

The government is unveiling a multi-billion pound package designed to improve punctuality and combat overcrowding. Major projects could be opened to competition from rival companies as there have been warnings over spiralling budgets and missed deadlines. The Rail Delivery Group says it wants to address these grievances. The new united front does not, however, include *ASLEF*. Southern strikes have been called off due, it seems, to an agreement.

Crossrail archaeological digs have unearthed tens of thousands of fascinating items including a rare piece of 55-million-year-old amber and the discovery of a prehistoric flint factory. Traces of DNA found in 14th and 15th century remains seem to indicate that this was a burial site of Black Death victims. Let's hope there will be an exhibition.

Increasing passenger numbers and investment in technology have put *National Express* back on track. Smart cameras in coaches have reduced collisions. They have a German rail business, bus and coach services in Spain and Morocco and run school buses in the US as well as its fleet of UK coaches.

Five firms are in the £3bn race to build HS2 trains but not one is British and there is no binding clause in the contract to say that the trains should be built in Britain even if they are designed abroad. Perhaps if *Siemens* or *Alstom* win, the Widnes plant could be turned into a factory for assembly.

Happy travelling! Paddy James
Rail info: 08457 48 49 50
Traveline: 0871 200 22 33
Traveline South East & Anglia on web

** Christmas Dinner at Bottisham Primary School **

Will you or someone you know be alone on Christmas Day and rather have some company and enjoy Christmas dinner with others from our villages? See last month's village magazine for full details or contact me, Alan Brand (details overleaf). We need to know if you'd like to join us by Sunday 3rd December at the latest so we can make the necessary preparations.

Come and see, take a closer look ... I have written before that the best way to discover what RENEW is like is to 'come and see', and this invitation is constantly open to you, yes you! We are a small church with a big heart and a big vision. We look forward to welcoming more people from our villages who are curious about church, interested in finding out more about faith in Jesus Christ, or who have been invited by members of our congregation. It would also be amazing to welcome you if you are a Christian



who has recently moved into Bottisham, Lode, The Swaffhams or Quy and you're looking for a church family to belong to, we are praying for you and looking forward to welcoming you. There's a place for you at RENEW.

'Come and see, take a closer look' is also a theme running through our Christmas services this year. Is there something different to see and experience if we take a closer look at the birth of Jesus and the events surrounding it, if we follow the signs, if we make the journey? See the service details below for details of our 'Carols at Lode Chapel' our 'Christmas Eve Service' (with contributions from the children and youth) and our 'Christmas Day Service'.

Alpha We are looking to host another Alpha course starting in the New Year, check out www.alpha.org and if you

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RENEW Services in December 2017

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services which are held at **Bottisham Primary School** unless otherwise stated.

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

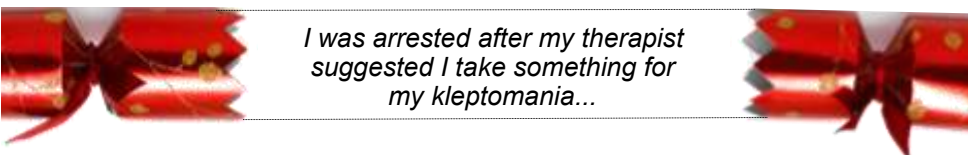
Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10 am

- 3 Dec 10.30am – Morning Worship
- 10 Dec 10.30am – Morning Worship followed by Shared Lunch
- 10 Dec 6.30pm – Carols at Lode Chapel**
- 17 Dec 10.30am – Morning Worship
- 24 Dec 10.30am – 'The Greatest Journey' Christmas Eve All Age Service**
- 25 Dec 10.30am – Christmas Day Service**
- 31 Dec 10.30am – Morning Worship
- 6.20pm – Evening Worship at Lode Chapel

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW please contact: Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558. Email: alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk

Or visit our website at www.renewchurch.org.uk

Please note new online addresses



I was arrested after my therapist suggested I take something for my kleptomania...

are interested in discovering more about the person of Jesus and the claims of the Christian faith, we'd love you to join us. Please contact me to discuss or to sign up for Alpha.

I pray you will experience the love, joy, peace and hope that comes from following Jesus throughout this season and beyond.

Revd. Alan Brand

NEW! Medication Collection Point: Lode Post Office

Bottisham Medical Practice and Lode Post Office are working together to enable patients to collect their medications from the post office.

Delivery of medication from the practice will be made on Friday afternoons. Collection of patients' medication can be done during Post Office opening hours.

You can also leave your repeat prescription requests at the Post Office for collection by the surgery. These repeat requests will be collected on Fridays when the surgery delivers the medications.

Please put your request in an envelope. If you would benefit from this service, simply complete one of our consent forms that are available from either the post office or Bottisham Medical Practice www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

If you order your medications online, you can continue to do so but you will be required to fill in the consent form if you wish to collect them from the Post Office.

We really hope this service will be a success and we thank Lode Post Office for this idea that we hope will be a much more convenient solution for some of our patients.

Bottisham Village College Adult Learning



Learn Something New in 2018!

Evening Courses starting in January include:

Assertiveness for Effective Communication

Creating Glass Jewellery

Creative Painting and Drawing

Floristry: Spring Flowers for Fun

Garden Design – an Introduction

Indian Cookery – Curry Delicious

Microsoft Excel – an

Introduction (February)

Singing for Fun

Watercolour for Beginners

Woodwork and DIY Skills for

Beginners

Saturday Workshops - 3 February

Cook with your Kids

Get to Know your iPad/Tablet

Layered Lino Printing

Make an Appliqué Shoulder Bag

Mindfulness

Revamp your Make-up

Rush Basket Making

Russian Decorative Painting

Stained Glass Memento

You can enrol at any time by visiting our website

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email:

adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Cambridge University Botanic Garden

will be closed from 4pm on Saturday 23 December and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January at 10am For details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and the latest information about upcoming events visit www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 33626.

Fancy a kiss...?

Viscum album, or mistletoe, really comes to the forefront of our minds when it is brought into our homes for the Christmas tradition of kissing beneath the mistletoe. There is far more though to this curious plant than this much-heralded tradition.

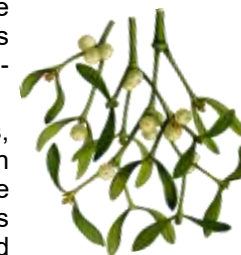
A native of the British Isles, mistletoe occurs in southern England, Wales and the Borders. *Viscum album* is prevalent in areas with a mild climate and suitable woody hosts, and it is particularly associated with the orchard-growing counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire.

Mistletoe is a hemi-parasitic species meaning that it carries out photosynthesis but also obtains nutrients and water from its host. Frequent hosts include apple, hawthorn, lime, and poplar. It will grow on more unusual hosts such as witch hazel (*Hamamelis* spp.) and handkerchief tree (*Davidia involucrata*), as at Cambridge University Botanic Garden.

Viscum album is a dioecious species, having separate berryless male and fruiting female plants, and requires both male and female plants to produce fruits. It is spread from tree to tree by birds (and especially mistle thrushes).

Perceived wisdom suggested that the seed needed to be passed through birds and deposited in bark fissures.

It is this aspect of the plant which led to its common name of mistletoe. *Mistel* derives from an Old German word *mist*, meaning dung, and *toe* from the Old English word *tan*, meaning twig.



It is now accepted that neither of these is necessary, and that the seeds are sticky enough to secure themselves to the barks' surface, until its hypocotyl (stem beneath the stalks of the seed leaves) emerges. It is an especially distinct plant, forming a mass of paired, lime-green, veined leaves. Translucent, white berries sit at the union of a pair of leaves.

Mistletoe growing on sacred trees has long been held in high esteem by druids, who believed it ward off evil spirits, and considered that it brought both good luck and fertility.. It is this paganistic link which resulted in the banning of mistletoe from many parish churches.

Having no roots, nor obvious food source, it was regarded as magical during the Medieval Age. Its ability to remain green-leaved throughout the year, while other plants defoliated, further added to the intrigue. During this same period concoctions containing mistletoe were used to treat epilepsy and tumours. The plant was also believed to deter witches. It was also widely regarded as a fertility symbol and aphrodisiac, and ladies tied a sprig of mistletoe around their waist or wrist to increase fertility.

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Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food colouring... the doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little ...

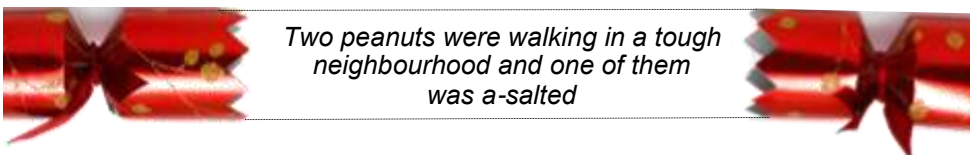
This association with fertility did not stop at humans, with rituals evolving to improve soil fertility. In Herefordshire the practice of 'Burning the Bush' was widely adopted. Orbs of mistletoe and hawthorn were constructed, and these were set alight and dragged across fields to purify the ground and increase crop yields. In neighbouring Worcestershire mistletoe was hung with other greenery to decorate doorways and hallways, and it is from this origin that the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe began.

Today, much of the mistletoe available commercially is imported from France, though a handful of commercial suppliers exist in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. Mistletoe is more obvious during the winter months when its orbicular form is silhouetted against the sky amongst the leafless limbs of deciduous trees. Here at Cambridge Botanic Garden an increasing number of host plants can be seen garnished with the globe-like masses of this fascinating plant.

Sally Petitt, Head of Horticulture

PUZZLE No. 132 SOLUTION

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Two peanuts were walking in a tough neighbourhood and one of them was a-salted

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



We already offer a **Library at Home Service** where a designated volunteer will visit and take and collect library books for you. Please contact a volunteer if you would like this service.

A new scheme is to start soon for those housebound and struggling to get to the library (mobility, ill health, etc) who could benefit from a three month loan period. The category will be applied after careful thought and reviewed yearly. Please mention this to the volunteer on duty if you would like to use this service.

As you know we will be having a new library at Bottisham in 2018 sited in the present main hall. I can promise you it will in no way resemble the new Library in Tianjin in North East China. A great cultural landmark and worth looking on the internet https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Tianjin_Binhai_Library.

We made a small profit from the *Flamingo* card sale we held in the library on 11 November. Thanks to those who came or helped in any way.

**CHRISTMAS closing dates -
after Thursday 21 December
session until 3.00pm
Tuesday 2 January 2018.**

Sylvia Overton

Village Freecycle

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (C.813362), drop a note through the letter box at 23 Longmeadow or email jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

Offered

- Pale green Riser/recliner chair (with electric control). Good condition but has one mark on it. To collect please. Jenny C.811525
- Brand new coffee table, 125x50cms. Glass top, wicker sides, for indoor or outdoor use. Margaret 01638 744390 or 07841 932 971
- Extending wood patio table and six folding high backed wood chairs. Seats six before extending. Used but in generally good condition. Collection needed. Chris and Judith C.812085

- G Plan saddleback armchair, sage green. recently re-upholstered. Mike or Margaret 01638 741495

Wanted

- Wire hanging baskets. Fibre (not plastic!) wall plugs (Rawlplugs), sizes no.8 or no.10. Bob/Nicky C.813592
- Your old light fittings, brown Bakelite switches, iron conduit and switches, bulb holders and holders. Sheets and bits of Bakelite. Postcard rack (carousel if possible). George 07895 064 727



Fact or Fiction?

Every day on the TV and in the National Press there are comments about happenings that have taken place and the question is asked "Is it True or is it Fake News?" In our current series of lectures Katherine Jewell has explained that crime fiction is always based on what were real crimes in the past or on those happening today. Writers in the 19C were inspired by Broadsheet reports of actual crimes and realised that there was a market for fictional stories about murder. An actual event that took place in East Anglia, that at the

Red Barn in Polstead, inspired many writers to turn to crime fiction. Check it out on the internet and you will see why!

Please make a note in your diary that if you were interested in Marina Burrell's last series of lectures, she is returning in January and will be telling us about **"The Collapse of the USSR - Its Causes and Aftermath"**.

If you are interested, don't hesitate to join us at the British Legion, Bottisham at 10.00am on Thursday 11 January 2018. Looking forward to seeing you there.

For more information please contact Elaine Steverson on C.812152 or visit www.eastern.wea.org.uk

Gerry Cowley C.811539

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club



The club started its 44th year in early September and has again been able to attract several new members to our relatively small club. We are always pleased to see new members wishing to join or as guests throughout the year. The club now has about 40 members, which includes some very experienced photographers who are able to share their depth of knowledge of photography with new members.

On 24 October 2017 the club had its first Print League Competition of the season. There are three of these competitions throughout the year and in this first event there were 87 mixed entries of colour and monochrome, in our open subject category. The club is very pleased to see a continued large number of entries. These competitions are always marked and critiqued by an external judge from a photographic club of the East Anglian region.

On Tuesday 5 December we have Ian Wilson APRS from Cambridge Camera Club, who will be giving a digital presentation entitled '**Just When you Thought It was Safe.....!**' You remember 'Jaws 2'? - this is the follow-up to Ian's Icelandic presentation last year.

Other dates for your diary in 2018:

Tuesday 9 January

'**Telling the Story**' Audio visual presentation evening, by Diana Burns FRPS AV-AFIAP & Mike Burns ARPS from Wisbech Camera Club.

Tuesday 30 January

Members' Mini's: 'An Evening with Gerry Metcalfe' Our Chairman will talk about the trials and tribulations of being a photographic judge.

Readers may remember that the club's Honorary Secretary, Daphne Hanson was appointed President of the EAF - East Anglia Federation of Photographic Societies in February 2016. Daphne's term as President of the EAF will now be drawing to a close and will end in February 2018.

Although in its early stage of planning, the Club will hopefully have a photographic exhibition sometime during 2018, further details will follow.

Guests are welcome to attend any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel on Tuesdays from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Fee: £3.00, including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00. Refreshments 50p. New members joining now will receive a pro rata rate.

Lastly we would respectfully ask guests attending the club not to **double park** in the vicinity of Lode Chapel, as there is local concern regarding access for emergency vehicles.

Barry Coles, Publicity Officer

For further details contact:

Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB
T: 01638 741106 www.bottburpc.org



Christmas Fayre
SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
10AM TO 4 PM
MANDEVILLE HALL, BURWELL

★ Craft Stalls ★
Rocking Ukuleles of Ely
Santa's Grotto ★ Fabulous Food

Burwell Print is a Social Training Enterprise. We are running this event so that we can continue to provide additional work opportunities for people with learning disabilities. www.burwellprint.co.uk For more info contact sue.anderson@burwellprint.co.uk or call on 01638613102

Bread makes us ill, as it does not contain the right nutrition or calories that we need to keep us warm in winter.

Rotting bread pollutes our water and causes nasty surface algae, which kills our fish and gives us diseases.

It can also make the water smell.

We do like:

Half cut seedless grapes, cooked rice, peas, birdseed (any type or mix), corn, oats, chopped lettuce.



Thank you for not feeding us bread

Lode and Longmeadow Neighbourhood Watch

Reporting a crime in progress. **999**
(If using a mobile dial **112**)
Reporting a crime after the event:

Dial 101

We strongly recommend you report crimes for two reasons:

- 1) You need a crime report number if you wish to claim on your insurance
- 2) Reporting a crime automatically places that crime on the statistics.

NHW encourages villagers with broadband access to join Ecops at <https://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/>

Martyn Lord

Village Co-ordinator

lodenhw@yahoo.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Street Co-ordinators

LONGMEADOW

Lis Miles 811233

LODE ROAD & NORTHFIELDS

Pip Lane 811944

HIGH STREET, THE PASSAGE & ABBEY LANE

Tony Cassidy 812605

MILL ROAD

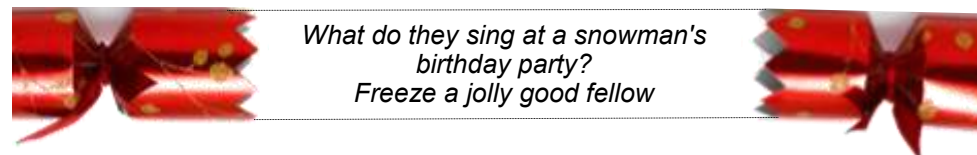
Mike Parrish 811356

FAIRHAVEN CLOSE, WILLOW GROVE & STATION ROAD

Ellis Weinberger

LODE FEN

Martyn Lord 812644



*What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?
Freeze a jolly good fellow*

At our October Meeting we held our 'Autumn' Bring and Buy Stall which made £40.

Members were asked to bring along a treasured possession and share its special meaning with other members. A wide variety of objects were brought along from a brooch/ Brownie badge and bicycle; these brought back a lot of memories to us all as well as being a much cherished possession to their owners.

On 14 December we are having our Christmas Lunch at Scotsdales in Horningsea (time to be confirmed); the summer tea-party was such a success, we decided to return there.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. We welcome new members and if anyone would just like to come along to a meeting to find out more about us please do so.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Jill Jenyns

Cambridge Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal

Any gift items for ladies and their children would be most appreciated.

Teenagers are always the most difficult to buy for.

Once again Corinne has kindly agreed to have a collection box in her Shop during November.

Please leave donations at the Post office by Saturday 2 December



CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY

Saturday 9 December 2017

Jean Martyn

Concerts are open to the public and held on the second Saturday of each month, with the exception of July and August, at Quy Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

Tickets £6.00 available on the door

For information

C.881049 or C.880522

ST. JAMES' CHURCH LODE with LONGMEADOW

Vicar: Rev'd Sue Giles, C.812726 suethetic@btinternet.com

Churchwarden: Julie Sale, C.811222 juliesale0@gmail.com

<http://angleseygroupparishes.co.uk/>



CHURCH SERVICES

Services at Lode in **BOLD**

Sunday 3 December

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 10 December

**10.00am Benefice Communion
at Bottisham**

4.00pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 17 December

**3.00pm CAROL SERVICE
WITH CHOIR**

Sunday 24 December

**3.00pm CRIB SERVICE
10.00pm FIRST COMMUNION
OF CHRISTMAS**

Monday 25 December

**8.00am Communion at Quy
10.00am Communion at
Swaffham Prior**

Sunday 31 December

**10.00am BENEFICE
COMMUNION**

READERS

DECEMBER

3 Ken York Peter Swannell
17 tba
24 10pm Peter Swannell Coral Hatley
31 Peter Swannell Ann Langran

SIDESMEN

DECEMBER

3 Ken York Dorothy York
17 Peter Swannell Ann Langran
24 10pm Peter Swannell Coral Hatley
31 Peter Swannell Ann Langran

BRASSES

December Susan Swannell

FLOWER ROTA

17-31 December Mothers Union

St James' Church Lode with Longmeadow
invites you to

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 17 December 3.00pm

Followed by mulled wine and minced pies



*What happened to the man who stole
an Advent Calendar?
He got 25 days!*

LODE 30 STAR

Welcome to

Christingle

Shining light into darkness

You are invited to join us at the

Christingle Workshop

Sunday 10 December 2017

2.30pm in the Church Parish Room

followed by the

Christingle Service at 4.00pm

contact Julie Sale 811222 or

Charlotte Beeton 812486

Collection to The **Children's Society**

FAMILY CRIB SERVICE



Come and hear the Christmas Story
and find out about the true
meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE at 3.00pm

Service led by Rev'd Sue Giles

LODE 31 STAR

OUTSIDE INFORMATION

Cambridge code (01223)
unless otherwise indicated

BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE : 810030
Monday to Friday 8.30-18.00 (10.00-18.00 Dispensary) Saturday CLOSED
When Surgery is closed please ring CAMDOC 0330 123 9131
BROUGHTON HALL..... In an emergency: 999 or Swannell 811584
CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE Emergency 999
Non-Emergency www.cambs.police.uk 101
PCSO Ann Austin 101
Email : - ecops.bottisham@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
LODE PARISH COUNCIL Chairman: Robert Stevens..... 811643
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ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, Cherry Hinton 211235
LODE SHOP & POST OFFICE 811927
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THE SHED, Pub & Restaurant info@the-shed-pub.co.uk 812425
1st Bottisham RAINBOWS/Bottisham BROWNIES 811055
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lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk
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County Councillor Mathew Shuter 01638 508729
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL 01353 665555
www.eastcambs.gov.uk/waste/collection-calendars
District Councillor Alan Sharp 01638 507485
District Councillor David Chaplin 353181
Ely Shopmobility 01353 666655
SANCTUARY HERWARD HOUSING 0800 131 3348
BOTTISHAM SCOUT HUT for hire adampaul@btopenworld.com 07841 930065
BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE 811250
BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE Community Education 811372
BOTTISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL..... 811235
SWAFFHAM BULBECK PRIMARY SCHOOL..... 811595
BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY 812354
NATIONWIDE RAIL TIMES.....08457 48 49 50
TRAVELINE (Local transport information)0871 200 22 33
STAGECOACH CAMBUS CUSTOMER SERVICES.....423578

WASTE & RECYCLING DECEMBER

Village—Thursdays

☐ Box—Refuse & Blue lid
No box—Refuse & Green lid

7 14 21 28

Fen Collection—Tuesdays

☐ Box—Refuse & Blue lid
No box—Green lid only

5 12 19 26

Call NHS 111 if you need
health information
or reassurance about
what to do next.



<http://www.nhs.uk>
www.patient.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Wednesday 13 December

Longmeadow 2.10 - 2.35 pm
Northfields 2.40 - 3.15 pm
Lode Post Office 3.20 - 3.50 pm

Renewals/Enq: 0345 045 5225

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

**** Please note new timings ****



EMERGENCY

Gas 0800 111999 ✓
Anglian Water 08457 145145 ✓
Electricity.....0800 783 8838 ✓

ROUTE 10 BUS SERVICE

NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS



+ = Serves Lode Church

= leaves Lode Church 4 mins earlier than time stated

From LODE x-roads to CAMBRIDGE

Monday to Saturday

0652, 0722, 0749, 0910, 1010+, 1110,
1210+, 1310, 1410+, 1510, 1610, 1710, 1810

Longmeadow bus shelter:

Up to 6 mins earlier than times stated

From CAMBRIDGE to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday

0650, 0750, 0850+, 0950, 1050+, 1150, 1250+,
1350, 1450+, 1550, 1650+, 1750, 1850

LODE 32 STAR

