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November

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All Souls Service 3pm (p21)
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Thursday Anglesey Abbey Health Walks 10.00am

[https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/
content/lode-bottisham](https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/content/lode-bottisham)

Wednesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am, LC

Little Lode Monkeys, from 9.30am, Thursdays in
term time, LC [f@LittleLodeMonkeys](https://www.facebook.com/LittleLodeMonkeys)

Red2Green Café at BVC Tues & Thurs 11am-2pm

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MONDAY to FRIDAY 8.30am-6.00pm

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Let's highlight the Sudoku puzzle this month!

According to Wikipedia, French newspapers featured variations of the Sudoku puzzles in the 19th century and the puzzle has appeared since 1979 in puzzle books under the name **Number Place**. However, the modern Sudoku only started to become mainstream in 1986 by the Japanese puzzle company **Nikoli**, under the name **Sudoku**, meaning 'single number.'



PUZZLE 153

The object of the puzzle is to fill in the remaining squares with the numbers from 1 to 9 so that:

Each row contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Each column contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Each 3 x 3 box contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Note that each of the numbers from 1 to 9 must appear just once in each row, once in each column and once in each 3 x 3 box.

Contributed by
Frank Sillitoe

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Lode Parish Council News

The National Trust's Back-to-Basics Camping Shelters

Two reports have indicated that some campers are trying to find the shelters after dark in vehicles, without realising that they are half-a-mile from any road. The Trust's current rules already state that campers should park at Anglesey Abbey. We have suggested that their information to campers should emphasise that the Abbey Car Park closes at 5.30 (4.30 during Winter Time) and that it takes an hour to backpack to the site before sunset. Heavy items may be dropped off half-a-mile away but vehicles must return to park at the Abbey in good time. The staff at Wicken Fen have agreed to alter their instructions.

Passage Green

The Parish Council had agreed to pay 20% of the legal costs of the purchase and lease of the Passage Green, and the Village Trust 80%. The Parish

Council paid their share of the estimate amounting to £500 on completion of the purchase, but the solicitors are now requiring a further £960 from us, rather than an expected £600. This is to cover the drawing up of the lease and some extra work involved for the boundary searches and special conditions for the purchase. We, and the Village Trust, will be asking the solicitors to justify these extra charges.

Willow Tree on Swan Corner

This tree is near the road by the 30mph sign in Station Road. It has grown a lot since pruning was done by the County Council in 2009 and it now reaches over the road. The County Council paid us £340 for the clearance of a fallen bough of another willow tree at the back of the site in the spring, but the pollarding of this tree may cost many times more. However, this may benefit the other trees nearby, including three oaks. As we do not own the trees or land, we will contact County Highways about this again.

Lime Hedge behind the War Memorial

The War Memorial was erected in 1923 and a curve made in the existing straight wall at the front of the Churchyard. Inscribed stones were added to the top of the wall after the second war. Sometime, nine lime trees were planted to form a hedge behind it. These were always maintained by Lord Fairhaven's gardeners, and thereafter by the National Trust's, when many lived in Lode.

The Church Council has asked if the Parish Council could now do this work.

Local Authorities are barred by law from maintaining churchyards except via a legal process where responsibility is handed over to the Parish or District Council. However, there appears to be

an exception in that Parish Councils can pay for work on a War Memorial, wherever it is. This hedge could be considered to be part of the memorial.

The Churchwarden and National Trust's Property Manager were present at the meeting, and the Trust have kindly agreed to continue maintaining the hedge.

They were also thanked for allowing the use of their land behind the High Street for parking for village events.

Speeding in Station Road

Following an email from a concerned resident, we will be using our electronic speed indicator occasionally on a post holding the direction sign to the recreation ground. We have permission from the County Council to do this. If you are coming or going from the Fen or nearby houses, please keep your speed right down.

Planning Applications

We considered an application for permanent permission for a new dwelling at Anglesey Farm, off Fen Road. This would replace, and be next to, the temporary cabin given permission in 2015. The Parish Council normally considers applications for dwellings on farmland in the same way as the District Council. A business keeping horses or livestock needs to be able to support a rural worker who has to live close by, bearing in mind the amount of land grazed which has to be near the dwelling. The application does not provide a detailed business case, but this may have been provided confidentially to the District Council. The dwelling should have a planning condition so that it will be occupied by an agricultural worker in perpetuity. The dwelling is in an area of highest flood risk (Zone 3), below the level of the lode bank, and the lower floor level appears to be close to the ground.

We had no comments to make on the revised application for extensions to

26 Station Road, nor had we the previous month.

Reporting Street Problems

The County Council is responsible for maintaining roads, pavements, tarmac footpaths, street lights and signs. If you notice potholes, uneven surfaces, worn markings, blocked drains, obstacles, faulty lights or signs etc, you can report them directly to the County Council using their website.

You can pinpoint locations there on a map. Alternatively you can phone them, and if you do not get results within a reasonable time, contact our County Councillor. Phone numbers are on the back of Lode Star.

Overhanging shrubs and trees

Please check around your property that pavements, footpaths, verges and street lights are not impeded by your overhanging shrubs and trees, or other things.

Excess leaves on paths can be reported to the District Council, who are responsible for street cleaning.

Robert Stevens, Chairman

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It has been brought to my attention that there is a suspect email doing the rounds in Lode. It refers to the Lode Charity. Not sure if it refers to the Local Charity or the Village Trust.

It draws the recipient's attention to the existence of the charity giving a link which when opened purports to give further information.

This should be ignored and immediately cancelled.

Do not be tempted to open the link.

Arthur Tomlinson

Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that has already completed the Lode with Longmeadow parishioner questionnaire online and by using the hard copy sent out with last month's Lode Star magazine.

Fran and I are still aiming to get around to visit homes in the coming weeks with the intention of gathering everything to use by Christmas time. **To make life easier I have made a smaller link address to get you there quicker:** bit.ly/LodeQ.

The responses have already been informative at the parish council meeting and we are looking forward to hearing more ideas.

Teresa Crickmar



Autumn Jumble Sale

The Autumn jumble sale was very well attended with we think over 100 people turning up. It was certainly busy and thanks go to the 15 volunteers who were selling in the afternoon and the others who helped set up and clear away afterwards. It takes a lot of people so a great team effort.

We made £880 with more bits still coming in. We are giving £100 to a charity that supports the homeless. They make soup and sandwiches which they hand out to those on the streets and also give them sleeping bags to keep them warm as the temperatures drop. I cannot think of anything worse than being out at night, and no home to go to.

The rest of the money will go to the community space fund which is growing nicely. The church are waiting for a second quotation for the cost of the work and then they will apply to Wren for a grant of

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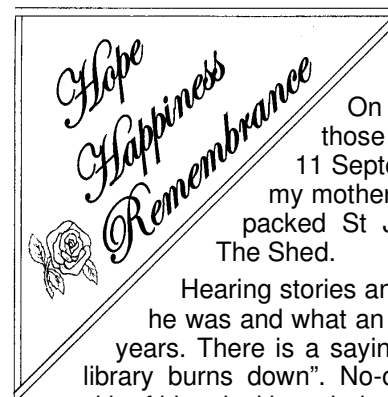


£100K to cover the cost of installing underfloor heating, new toilets, kitchen and making the area an excellent useful modern space. They have to provide 11% of the money which they now have but the more they can provide themselves the better the chances of getting the grant. Good luck I say.

Thank you to everyone who sorts out their cupboards twice a year. We always get masses of quality stuff which is why people come from Biggleswade and Hertfordshire to shop!

Jo Holmes hopes to use some of the good jumble that is left to do a stall at the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30 November**. Remember to put that date in your diary. Thank you again to all the helpers including Corinne at the post office who always checks the money for me. She spotted one of the old pound coins in amongst the 219. How eagle-eyed is that!

Fran



Thanks and a Tribute to Sid Chapman

On behalf of the Chapman family, I would like to thank those who attended Dad's funeral in Lode on 11 September. It brought great comfort to us all, especially my mother, to be part of such an incredible turnout, both in a packed St James' church and at the subsequent wake at The Shed.

Hearing stories and tributes to Dad demonstrated how well regarded he was and what an important role he had played in Lode life for many years. There is a saying in Africa that "when an old man dies, an entire library burns down". No-one who knew Sid Chapman can doubt what a wealth of historical knowledge has been lost in that wise old head.

There are many others who contributed to such a sad but memorable day, most notably the Rev Sue Giles whose address and heart-felt words struck the perfect note in the funeral service, providing hope, comfort and encouragement. Julie Sale and her team worked tirelessly, providing a beautifully decorated church and sufficient seats for the large attendance. And my Mum, a maestro at the organ for decades, would never forgive me if I failed to thank Mr Jonathan Giles for his faultless playing both before, during and following the service. Those who attended the gathering at The Shed will bear witness to the sumptuous spread and the attentive staff. Our thanks to you all.

David Chapman

I would like to pay tribute to three incredible women, at the very heart of the Chapman family, who played an immense part in Dad's life, particularly in his final few years. Coincidentally, all have names beginning with M, Mercy, Mary and Millicent, a formidable trio.

Anyone who knew Sid Chapman will surely agree that he was a strong, single-minded character, some may say a somewhat stubborn individual. This was demonstrated over the years in his desire to own his own home, his quest to explore various 'colourful' career options and his handling and control of the many animal species that came into his yard. Sid was the boss and don't you forget it!

1. Mercy

This control of his destiny and independence was seriously challenged during the last few years when a lady called Mercy was

appointed to provide care for both my parents. Despite thinking he knew what was best, Mercy, with her broad experience as a carer often had to face a degree of resistance – and she would have none of it. She had her way because she knew what was good for him. He reluctantly and sometimes ungraciously, backed down.

As well as her unstinting care, Mercy has been incredibly valuable in sustaining Mum in this difficult time of bereavement, both in practical ways and in lovingly supporting her day and night. The entire family thanks you, Mercy.

2. Mary

Next of these incredible women is my sister Mary who, as well as running her own home, has for years selflessly dealt with the affairs of ageing and increasingly frail parents. She has

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patiently gone about carrying out the practicalities of organising our parents' home, often confronted by a degree of obstinacy (see above!).

We had all been made aware of Dad's view of the world from a young age with Mary being treated with sometimes harsh strictness, because she was a girl, that Robert and myself managed to avoid. In fact, I think she may have been in her forties before Dad allowed her to cut off her plaits and have the hair-style of her choosing – I jest! I am full of admiration for my sister's steadfastness, kindness and devotion – and prefer her with shorter hair. Thank you, Mary.

3. Millicent, Mum

Last but not least is a woman who, when her grandfather first set eyes upon her in 1923, apparently resembling a skinned rabbit, declared, "That child will never live!" He was obviously a very poor judge of character because there she was, in her 97th year, holding court, chatting enthusiastically to numerous family members and friends as we paid tribute to her husband of almost seventy years. What stamina, what determination to play a full part in a day of saying goodbye.

Millicent, the third M, our Mum, we can only say thank you for the start you gave each of us, sending us to school with carefully parted (or plaited) hair, polished shoes and neatly ironed clothes; for supporting us as, one by one, we passed the dreaded 11 plus and took up a place at grammar school (which was a notable non-success – I think between us we produced more children than GCE 'O' levels); for lending me the money for my very first drum kit which set me on the road to fame and

fortune. And finally for standing lovingly beside a determined and resolute and, yes, somewhat stubborn husband throughout their married life. We are so proud of you.

David Chapman

(See Bill Watts' reminiscences on page 16)

Of all missions upon which our crews are dispatched, none is potentially more complex than RTA's – road traffic accidents.



Our trauma trained doctors and critical care paramedics are confronted by people from all walks of life in a huge variety of predicaments. Very little, if anything, is straightforward. With Autumn well and truly upon us (and Winter just around the corner), and with leaves falling at a rate of knots, our roads are becoming potentially more treacherous even for the steady drivers amongst us. Please check tyres and tyre pressures, light bulbs (carry spares) and coolant levels. Many RTA's are the result of deficiencies of our vehicles, one way or another.

Whilst we support a splendid highly efficient Air Ambulance – they would much prefer not to have to attend health or life-threatening scenarios – particularly in the face of our winter weather.

But they do – which is why, again, I ask for your continuing generous support in whatever way(s) suit you – according to your means.

And again – a HUGE thank you to all who regularly contribute.

Together – WE Save Lives

Michael White

LODE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Carole Faulkner, President, welcomed members to the meeting and made a note of apologies. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed.

In **Out & About** Carole Faulkner spoke of the Federation Quiz evening which was much enjoyed by our two teams. Susan Swannell had sent in a report of her visit to the National Space Centre in Leicestershire where there was an exhibition which, by means of artefacts and interactive displays, depicted of the history of space exploration. After wandering at will around the many exhibits, trying to take in all the technical and scientific information, the visit finished in the Planetarium for 'The Apollo Story' which showcased the achievements of the Apollo programme and what it took to put the first human on the Moon.

What's On Fay Bawtree informed members of the new booking forms and requested the money for the visit to Holkham Hall for the candlelit Christmas.

Speaker: Tamsin Wimhurst the Chair of the Trustees of the **David Parr house in Gwydir Street Cambridge**. Tamsin was asked to visit the house and was amazed to see that the whole house had been painted from floor to ceiling in the style of William Morris by David Parr.

David had had a hard childhood as his mother died when he was young and his father drank and finished up in prison. David however found work as an apprentice at the age of 17 with F R Leech – artists/craftsmen, who would turn their hand to anything that needed doing in the building, decorating, pottery, blacksmith and stained glass amongst many other trades.

Frederick Leech worked for William Morris in palaces, grand houses all over

the country so David got a good grounding for the work he did which included, as the census of 1881 reveals, living in Islington whilst working on the paintwork of the staircase of St James' Palace in London.

David married Elsie and they moved into Gwydir Street where he did all his painting putting everything down in his notebooks. He even had an *indoor* toilet in 1890. His wife lived in the house after he died until she was 97. The house was conserved by his granddaughter until being purchased by the Trustees with the help of a Lottery fund.

It is almost certainly the most unusual and beautiful house in Cambridge and is now open to visitors although booking is essential.

Tamsin was thanked by Jean Coxall for her most amazing illustrated talk – she has whet our appetites for a visit!

After refreshments names were taken for a Christmas Wreath Workshop on 13 December from 2-4pm at a cost of £15 to be held in the Chapel. Members were also reminded that the next meeting is on 11 December and will be our Christmas Party where a meal will be served plus entertainment, for which there will be a charge of £3.00 per member.

The winner of the raffle was Judy Rayment and the competition of a mantelpiece ornament was won by Maureen Brown.

At the next meeting on 6 November, (7.30pm, Lode Chapel) Jackie Lince will tell us all about pickle making.



BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



In September Kevin Marsh from Scotsdale's came to our meeting at short notice to tell us about container planting. He is an alpine specialist but his knowledge of all things horticultural, his presentational skills, his keenness in answering questions and his sense of humour was much appreciated.

He said that the days of winter pots with daffodils and pansies were no longer the thing, you can do so much more nowadays. Always buy a pot twice as big as you need and ensure that you repot any plant that you buy as nurserymen use the cheapest compost they can! This also applies to house plants. Do ensure that the pot is frost proof and don't use one that is Ali Baba shape as you will be unable to transplant it. Don't use multi-purpose fertilisers as they are known to have the lowest nutrient level. John Innes is recommended and regular feeding will be necessary.

For winter pots use conifers, ornamental grasses and evergreen shrubs or plant bulbs, one on top of the other, so that you get a succession of flowers, for example, allium then tulips followed by daffodils and crocus. Herbs in pots are ideal

but keep Mediterranean ones together.

Pots of alpines should ideally be four plants and they need plenty of drainage, John Innes No.2 plus plenty of gravel.

He suggested growing hyacinths in individual pots and then put them in the final pot and cover with soil so that they are at a similar flowering stage. No one will be any the wiser and you will have a much better display

Other tips were:

- Do not double feed.
- Never feed or prune a struggling plant.
- Put Vaseline around the top of the pot with your Hosta plants in to prevent slugs and snails eating them.
- Cyclamen are not hardy and are better indoors.

Our Christmas meeting will be on **Monday 16 December** and we shall hold our members' competition that night. This will be a Christmas decoration, more details next month.

Our next meeting, the first of our new year is on **Tuesday 26 November** when **Tim Fuller** from **Plantsman's Preference** will speak on **Gardening with Grasses**. The meeting will be held in the Poppy Room at the Club and start at 7.30pm; new members and visitors are most welcome.

Sylvia Overton 811792

Apple Pressing Day Saturday 28 September

It's a warm blustery day at Fassage Hall and I'm here at the apple pressing day. My family and I are here among lots of local families all getting involved with the pressing of buckets and buckets of local apples and pears. I took the opportunity to hear some of the visitors' views.

I had the pleasure of meeting a young boy who was determined to help feed the apples into the pulping machine even though he had to stretch as the funnel was taller than he was! He had to carefully aim for every single apple. I sought out his grandmother to have a chat.

"I'm here with my family including my three-year-old grandson. I don't live here but we've made a day of it, starting with picking the apples from the garden in the High Street. Toren has been sorting the apples, feeding the apples into the masher and then into the press, helping use the press and even tasting the juice as it comes out. He's had a marvellous time!" Nancy Cromargy

Next I wanted to speak with a pleasant gentleman I met at a recent Fassage Green working party day where we were busy removing weeds and brambles and enjoying the satisfaction of working together on a community space, not to mention sampling last year's delicious juice, homemade cake and goodies from BBQ.

"I come to apple pressing day because it's good fun and it's got a traditional feel to it, I like the community spirit, it's so simple, people using their own local



apples. I'm definitely coming back next year!"
Peter Wells

Finally I wanted to find out more about why Liz and Rob offered to host this event for the community.

Liz explained *"We thought it would be fun to press the apples and as the village already had an orchard we thought it would be a great idea to make juice and share the fruit of the trees. We've done it for the past three years and we've always been really lucky with the weather."*

Rob and Liz constructed the huge fruit press from mostly up-cycled wood. Coral mused as we strolled to the event together that it reminded her of a medieval siege weapon. It certainly does have an imposing presence and more than capable for the job of juicing hundreds of apples.

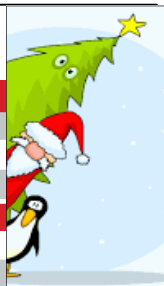
"Over the last three years we've made over 400 litres of juice. Most people bring their bottles and freeze to enjoy it throughout the year." Rob told me as he continued to operate the press.

Over the course of the afternoon lots of happy villagers joined in with the fun and left with bottles of delicious fresh juice.

If people are interested in hearing more or getting involved with the orchard please get in touch: lodetrees@gmail.com

Christmas is just around the Corner —

International Economy		Latest recommended posting dates
Date	Destination	
Saturday 2 November	Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey	
Saturday 16 November	Western Europe	
HM Forces Mail - British Forces Post Office® (BFPO)		
Monday 25 November	Operational HM Forces	
Friday 13 December	Static HM Forces	



When reading 'Rickards Ramblings' in the last issue of Lode Star about milk bottle tops, I was reminded of this e-mail that is doing the rounds at the moment.

Mike Langran

Yesterday, after shopping in our local supermarket, I was in the queue at the checkout and heard the girl on the till suggest to a much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologised to the young girl and then sighed, "We didn't have this **'green thing'** back in my earlier days."

The young girl responded, "That's our problem today. You folk didn't do enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said "Ahh yes you're right - our generation didn't have the **'green thing'** in its day." She sighed then continued:

"Back then, we returned milk bottles, lemonade bottles and beer bottles to the shops. The shops then sent them back to the plant to be washed, sterilised and refilled, so those same bottles were used over and over, thus they really were recycled. But we didn't have the **'green thing'** back in our day.

Most memorable was the use of brown wrapping paper as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) were not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalise our books on their brown paper covers. But, too bad we didn't do the **'green thing'** back then.

I remember how we walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store or office building; we

walked to the shops and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go 200 yards. But she was right. We didn't have the **'green thing'** in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind.



We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up

220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our day.

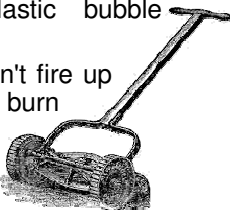
Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers and sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the **'green thing'** back in our day.

Back then we had one radio in the house - not a TV in every room. And if anyone did own a TV, it had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?) not a screen the size of a football pitch.

When cooking we blended and stirred by hand 'coz we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send by post, we used layers of old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline or use electricity just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.



But she's right; we didn't have the **'green thing'** back then.

We drank water from a tap or fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a



razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the **'green thing'** back then.

Back then, people took the bus and kids rode bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's expensive car or van, which cost what a whole house did before the **'green thing'**.

Oh, and we had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest leisure park.

But it is so sad this current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the **'green thing'** back then?



Huge appreciation to everyone who supported the annual Lode Village Coffee Morning Group event held on the 25 September to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thanks to good attendance, generous donations and the hard work of our little team, an absolutely incredible sum of £1,230 (plus applicable gift aid) was raised for this worthy cause which makes such a difference to people facing cancer.

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY

Saturday 9 November

Paul Carman

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

Tickets £6.00 available on the door
C.881049 or C.880522

WORKING PARTY DAY | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 11AM





Our District Councillors' REPORT

The District Council's Finance & Assets Committee met on 26th September, with another full agenda. The internal auditors reported that their work for the year to date found everything was satisfactory, although a number of questions were raised about some of the discrepancies found by the internal auditors. Council officers provided some further information after the meeting but we will continue to try and get these issues clarified in the future.

The committee also considered funding for the District's Sports Centres and agreed a £10,000 grant for Bottisham swimming pool.

We agreed to set up a working party to review bus services so that proposals could be submitted to the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and Charlotte was appointed to that working party.

The property development arm of the District Council is the East Cambs Trading Company Ltd and the accounts for this company were to be presented at this Committee meeting but Directors failed to do this. We were informed that they had been signed and would be circulated to members as soon as possible. As at 13th October this has still not happened. We did review the company's Business Plan and several members raised questions and expressed concerns about the plan. John and Charlotte voted against the Business Plan, with two other Councillors, nevertheless the Committee recommended their approval to Full Council.

On 8th October Councillor Anna Bailey informed us that she and Councillors David Ambrose-Smith, David Brown and Joshua Schumann had resigned as Directors of East Cambs Trading Company Ltd and East Cambs Street Scene Ltd (the other Council trading company) forthwith. Charlotte attended a Shareholders Meeting on 10 October, hoping to question the Chairman of the Company and the Managing Director, but neither were present. Serious questions therefore remain about the finances and governance of East Cambs Trading Company Ltd.

Agendas for Council meetings are published on the Council's web site a week before meetings. If you see something on the agendas on which you would like to comment, please contact Charlotte or John on charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk or john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk.

The meetings coming up before our next report is published are:

The Licensing Committee on 13th November,
Operational Services Committee on 18th November and
Finance & Assets Committee on 28th November.
The Planning Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Friday 29th November from 8.00-9.00pm in the Village Centre, Reach, after a 'Meet your Councillors' from 6.30pm at the Dykes End, Reach.

Following that we have a surgery on Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm in Bottisham.

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



We were pleased to invite the Bottisham Cub group to a specially convened Library Evening. Their leaders had arranged projects for them and the session was enjoyed. Thanks to Margret Coles and Helen Cole who were the volunteers. They were kept busy issuing books.

Seventeen youngsters completed the **Summer Reading Scheme** this year and medals and certificates were awarded on 21 September.

Congratulations to all who participated.

Mark Wells read some extracts from his book 'Hidden Tales—the Riddle of the White Sphinx' at the Library recently. It is an exciting treasure hunt looking for clues in museums around Cambridge. The children listening were spellbound.

The **Lego Club** next dates are
Saturdays 2 November - Bonfire Night and
16 November - Zipline starting at 10.30am in the Library.

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Friday 15 November 7pm
in the Library

CLARE WILKES, AUTHOR
BOOK SIGNING AND TALK

Framed by a Smoking Gun
The Explosive Life of Colonel B.D.Shaw

Clare and her family live in Longmeadow and are frequent users of our Library

FREE ADMISSION, REFRESHMENTS
DONATIONS INVITED

We shall be having a book stall at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club at their Craft Fair on Sunday 24 November so will be pleased to have any good quality books that you may wish to donate. Thank you for the books we have been given recently. All in excellent condition.

Sylvia Overton 811792

Christmas Market

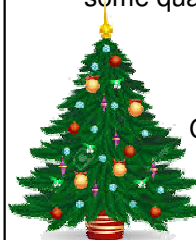
Saturday 30th November
2-4pm

St James' Church, Lode

Crafts, Gift Stall, Decorations and
some quality used items

Tea and Cake
All Welcome

Contact
Coral Hatley 811457
for more details
and to book a stall



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Dear Editor, Sid Chapman was a real Lode character and we had many laughs and adventures together. Not sure whether or not your readers would be interested, but see below. Cheers, Bill Watts

Escapades with Sid Chapman

Sorry to hear that Sid Chapman has died, he was a lovely bloke. I think he had a very happy life, full of simple pleasures.

I have known Sid for many years, but we started doing jobs together about 25 years ago. We both ran our own small holding with animals, and Sid cultivated several acres as well. I had retired from BT and bought a little old lorry, so he sometimes wanted things moved and I sometimes wanted some help. I don't suppose old 'Alfen Safety would have approved of all our escapades, but he weren't around so much then.

Just one episode I can tell you about before I knew much of Sid. He was working at Marshall's then and wanted to get one of his old sows to market. So he loaded it into his trailer before he went to work and Millicent was to take it to market later. Anyway, somewhere in the middle of Cherry Hinton she heard a commotion and found that the floor of the trailer had busted and, although the pig was still in the trailer, its feet were on the road underneath. She had to drive slowly to the market with the pig walking along inside the trailer. She got there alright and the blokes at the market helped her get the sow out.

Mine and Sid's first jobs together were helping Alf Hatley (young) at harvest time. No cabs on Alfred's tractors and nowhere easy to unload corn in the barn. Within half an hour we were both as black as your hat with all the dust, and it never got no better till you went home and had a bath, but we both enjoyed it.

I think the next job was when Teddy Golding died. He had made Sid his executor and given him the job of clearing all his old farm. Sid asked me to cart away all the rubbish and scrap. What a mess, all old farm equipment hiding in the nettles and barns. The first thing we dug out was Teddy's old Nuffield tractor, probably not been used for several years. That could be handy to drag machinery out to the lorry we thought, but we still had to lift it onto the lorry. Wayhey, the next thing we found in the nettles was a front end loader what had once fitted the Nuffield, but that hadn't been used for even more years. "That 'ont work" says Sid, but we hooked it on, coupled up the pipes and away it went. That saved us no end of trouble loading up that scrap metal and rubbish. Then Sid found out that Teddy had left him any piece of equipment from the farm that he wanted. So Sid had the Nuffield and loader and named it 'Teddy'. He has used it on his farm ever since and done no end of work with it.

Soon after this Bill Fison sold his farm buildings at Horningsea for building land. He asked us to help clear the farm out, and we could have what we wanted. Sid chose one of Bill's barns. Not too big, it was brick with steel trusses, steel purlins and covered with asbestos sheets. So we dismantled all the roof and took all the steel and asbestos sheets over to Sid's. Sid then welded a few brackets onto the trusses, we put up eight bits of telegraph poles and Teddy lifted them up onto the top of the poles. A bit precarious 'cos it was a bit too high for Teddy, but with me standing in the bucket holding a truss up straight Sid could lift me and the truss up into place. Then we sort of propped it up straight

with a long piece of wood. Once we got started that weren't too bad. That was the framework of Sid's barn. He later filled all the gaps between the poles with brickwork. Not too pretty but that's kept out the rain and winds. Sid loved that old barn.

Another escapade was when he wanted his old rib rolls* shifted, so we decided to load them onto my lorry. Teddy was again involved. The rolls were up on the bit of land Sid rented off Dickie Golding, and that was a bit unlevel so I couldn't get the lorry very close. We put a chain on the drawbar of the rolls and hooked it to Teddy's front bucket, but that was too heavy to lift, so we put the lifting chain back a bit on the frame of the loader, Sid lifted them up and drove towards the lorry. Now that was a bit side hilly there, and as Teddy leant over a bit the chain with the heavy roll on it slid across the frame, and Teddy started to tip over sideways. Over that went with Sid still sitting in the seat. Only a bit of diesel was spilt and a few bits bent. Luckily Sid weren't one of the things that got bent. I went home and got my loader tractor, and we managed to pull Teddy back onto his wheels.

For many years Sid would go to Mervin Crisp's at Wilbraham to fetch diesel for his tractors in five gallon drums. That was a bit messy and really stunk his car out. One day I had a 200 gallon oil tank from someone's house to get rid of, so Sid decided he would have it and we'd put it up on a stand then he could get 200 gallons a time delivered. Sid welded up a metal frame about five foot high so the diesel would run down into his tractor tank. However we found the outlet pipe from this domestic fuel tank was too small, that would have took an hour to get out enough diesel to fill the tractor. We decided to weld on a larger tap outlet. Now Sid's welder was a bit mighty, and would only work on the socket right next to his electric supply in his garage. Even then you had to put a bit more than a 13 amp fuse in the plug. I had the tank on the back of my lorry, and had to back right into Sid's.

garage to get it near enough to the welder. Sid started to weld this bigger tap onto the tank and just as he got through the metal, flames about 8ft long shot out of the new hole in the tank. I jumped in the cab and drove out onto his front grass. "What shall we do" says I. "Put a load of water in the tank" says Sid. That's what we did, I backed into his garage again and we finished the job.

Sid bought a nice gilt pig from Milton farm school once, and asked me to fetch it home for him. We went to fetch it in my tractor and pig trailer with Sid sitting in the cab alongside me. As we come home along the A14 with the pig in the trailer, lots of big lorries were passing. All of a sudden one came up on the inside, where there happened to be a lay-by. He had been going too fast to stop behind me and there was another lorry overtaking me so the only place he could go was on the inside of me. The trouble was when he hit the kerb at the end of the lay-by his lorry jack-knifed into the road front of me. That came round so far the lorry's front windscreen busted on the front loader of my tractor. Didn't affect me or my tractor, and the lorry was able to limp off to the Quay junction. The police were happy as no one was hurt. Do you know the pig in the trailer didn't wake up through the whole episode

There were several more escapades me and Sid got involved in, but we mustn't give too much away. A real old Lode monkey Sid, and loved his village of Lode. I know he will be sadly missed. Good luck Sid up there looking down on us.

Bill Watts

Note: I had to ask Bill what a rib roll was and got this reply:

Farmers roll their fields with two types of roll. Flat rolls (mainly used on grass fields) and rib rolls (mainly used on growing corn crops).

A rib roll is a series of discs very close to each other with a sort of pointed edge. The idea is to break up the small clots around the growing plant and sort of push it into them, as you would heel in a plant.

I've learnt something new today! Susan



Some Basic Physics behind Global Warming - 3

This final article is about energy variability and its storage.

Q12 Why would we need to store renewable energy?

Sunshine is about ten times more powerful around noon on a cloudless summer day than the average over a year. Wind energy is typically three times more powerful in a strong wind than on average, and lulls can last several days.

On a winter evening our demand for electricity can be more than twice that during a summer afternoon. Our demand in the winter for energy from natural gas for heating is far greater than for electricity. Ways to store renewable energy over short and long periods will therefore be vital.

Q13 What about using Water Power?

Energy is currently stored using three hydroelectric pumped storage schemes.

There are not enough locations available in the UK for a few more, as they need big upper and lower lakes on very different levels. They can provide high powers for an hour or so to cope with sudden demand.

Our numerous hydroelectric power stations store rain in lakes which falls over months, but these contribute less than 0.5% of our total energy needs.

Some, which have big lower lakes, could be upgraded so they could be used to provide more energy, but less often.

Sea lagoons and barrages can generate energy from incoming and outgoing tides, which are variable but very predictable. Three could save

about a fifth of a tonne per person per year of carbon dioxide emissions. These allow energy storage for a few hours, depending on the state of the tides.

Water can only provide small amounts of energy storage over weeks or months in the UK.

Q14 What about Heat Pumps?

Ground source heat pumps gather heat from the ground gained during the warm months and transfer it into buildings during the cold ones. A heat pump works like a fridge, which takes heat from the inside and puts it out the back. Buildings need a big area of grounds, or deep bore holes to be drilled, from which the heat is extracted.

Q15 What about Batteries?

Batteries can be carried in vehicles and installed around the electrical grid network or in homes. These can store energy for up to several weeks.

Most currently use lithium-ion technology. The challenge for batteries is to improve their weight, volume, charging rate and lifetime.

Q16 What about Hydrogen made using Solar and Wind Power?

Before North Sea gas was discovered, gas used to be made from coal and half of it was hydrogen. Hydrogen can be made by the electrolysis of water with an efficiency of about 80%, and only produces heat and water vapour when burned. It can be injected into the existing gas grid or stored for months in caverns or under high pressure in tanks. This would appear to be the most promising solution to our renewable energy storage problem.

Hydrogen could be used for heating buildings on or off the gas grid. It could be used to drive turbines in power stations at times when renewable energy is insufficient. Our natural gas grid was built in the late 1960s, so it may be necessary to upgrade or duplicate it for hydrogen. Hydrogen can also be used to power electric vehicles using devices called fuel cells, although with lower efficiency than using batteries.

The UK now imports more gas and oil than is produced from the North Sea, so we may have to import hydrogen in future as well. Solar energy to make it is twice as strong in some countries nearer the equator.

Q17 Would Carbon Capture and Storage help?

The carbon dioxide produced by gas power stations or industrial buildings could be captured and put in old mines and wells. However, it takes energy and materials to do it, and the technique cannot be applied to vehicles or small buildings, which produce most emissions. Hydrogen can be removed from natural gas using steam and the resulting carbon dioxide stored, but a better method is to remove the carbon as powder from it without it reacting with anything containing oxygen. However, more natural gas would be needed than currently consumed with any method, and it is not renewable.

Q18 How would we get to Zero Carbon Emissions?

UK law now requires no overall emissions by 2050. Trees are a simple way to take carbon dioxide out of the air. The UK's Climate Change Committee proposes that we should double our existing woodland and forest area, which is anyway currently low compared with other nearby

countries. About 45 new trees per person would be needed to absorb the two tonnes of gases that would have otherwise been the case with the previous 80% reduction requirement. In the long term, however, we could not continue to plant trees at this rate as we would run out of land, so we may have to buy land in other countries to plant trees.

Q19 Would it all add up?

The average energy consumption rate per citizen in the UK of fossil fuels is about 3,000 watts. We may be able cut this to 2,000 watts by concerted effort towards energy conservation. There could be contributions towards this each of 400 watts from solar and wind power, saving two tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per citizen per year. Also, 800 watts from a combination of imported hydrogen, nuclear, tidal, biofuel, biogas, hydroelectric energy and heat pumps, saving another four tonnes. 400 watts could still come from oil and natural gas, creating two tonnes, but these would be absorbed by planting trees.

Q20 Are there other savings to be had?

Everything made or grown has an energy cost in its production, packing, storage, transport, use and inevitable disposal. So, goods should ideally be essential, locally-made, durable, reusable and repairable. Food for humans and animals should be locally-grown as much as possible, with the least amount of processing and packaging, and any unavoidable waste composted.

This is where we enter the realms of sociology and biology rather than physics!

Robert Stevens



Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen News and Events — November 2019



With Christmas around the corner, we're starting the festivities early at Anglesey Abbey and invite you to celebrate Thanksgiving with us in the House (16 to 28 November).

To highlight Lord Fairhaven's American roots, we will be cooking traditional foods to fill the House with festive smells, whilst also getting ready for the Christmas season.

Into December, the House and the grounds will transform into a *Tinsel & Tweed* haven, with sparkling trees, festive games and Christmas cooking all around. To join us for *Tinsel & Tweed* (30 Nov – 5 Jan), pre-book your free timed ticket online at nationaltrust.org.uk/

ChristmasAtAngleseyAbbey or call box office on 03442 491 895. Please note that normal admission applies.

On a pleasant autumnal day, why not take a walk around the grounds to revel in the colours of nature. Now in its 21st year, the **Winter Walk** is beginning to flourish into its finer months. Join us to see the transformation as we inject a new lease of life into one of our most treasured parts of the garden.

Gather your family and your friends to join us as we transform the grounds into a board game. On your walk around notice different areas of Anglesey Abbey that will be available to purchase. Inspired by a popular family favourite, join us for *Anglesey Abbey: The Board Game* to try and raise your fortune, having a go at fun challenges along the way. Pick up your game kit from Visitor Reception for £1 per player (max. 5 players).

Chloe McMath

Groups of winter thrushes (redwing and fieldfare) are creating colourful sights and chattering sounds around the Wicken Fen reserve. We'll soon be seeing corvids swirling in dark shapes overhead, particularly in the later afternoon just before dusk. It's a great time for wildlife watching as autumn and winter migrants arrive.

Work has just started on our café expansion project. We'll still be serving your favourite scones, soup, sausage rolls, sweet treats and drinks from a new mobile café unit (next to the existing café building) while the work takes place. The work will finish in February next year; we're really looking forward to offering a wider range of delicious food and a bigger, better seating area for visitors to enjoy.

Seasonal crafts workshops for adults are taking place on Friday 22 (Christmas Lino Printing) and Saturday 23 (Christmas Willow and Rush Decorations) November. No experience is necessary, try something new or practise your skills with our friendly crafts tutors. Go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on>

Our Learning Team are preparing for Father Christmas's return to the Fen! Our event includes a festive trail, meeting Father Christmas and receiving a gift, and making Christmas crafts using natural materials in our winter wonderland. There are lots of dates available, but do book soon as this event is always popular - see <http://bit.ly/WickenFatherChristmas>

There's a lot more information about Wicken Fen and our events on our website, go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen>

Julia Hammond

Sunday 3 November 3pm All Souls' Service St James' Church Lode *A time to remember loved ones*

We hope you will be able to stay for tea and cake after the service



Please forward the names of departed loved ones you would like to be remembered at the service to Dee

Noyes on the email address below or via Julie (811222). There will also be the opportunity to give in names at the start of the service as well.

Thank you

amin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; juliesale0@gmail.com

Lode On-Line Archive at <http://lode.ccan.co.uk/>

The archive team are planning an exhibition of photos next year to commemorate 75 years since the end of the second world war. If you have photos of anyone who served the allied cause, whether British, Commonwealth, European or other nations from 1939 - 1945 we would love to hear from you. It doesn't matter if they never lived in Lode.

If you're planning to attend the Act of Remembrance on 10 November please join us afterwards for a coffee and chat about our plans for the display which we hope to run throughout August 2020.



Here is a gem from our archive of John Isaacson's dad with his doodlebug boys. Taken in 1944, John senior is on the left of the middle row.

Coral Hatley lodearchive@gmail.com



Christmas Fayre
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
10AM TO 4PM
MANDEVILLE HALL, BURWELL

★ Craft Stalls ★
Santa's Grotto ★ *Fabulous Food*

BURWELL PRINT CENTRE
Burwell Print Centre is a Social Training Enterprise, providing quality design & print services, while offering trainee work placements. We are running this event so that we can continue to provide additional work opportunities for people with learning disabilities. www.burwellprint.co.uk info@burwellprint.co.uk



Public Transport Matters

It will be interesting to see the results of the recent questionnaire regarding the first Local

Transport Plan for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority area. There does seem to be a growing recognition that we do need improved public transport to help solve the present levels of congestion in the area. James Palmer, the Mayor, lives in Soham so does experience things personally.

There is discussion of an evening bus for the villages on perhaps Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sundays. There is hardly anyone on the early evening bus to Cambridge as there is no bus back after you have been to the theatre or had a pleasant evening meal or other entertainment.

It is reported by the Dept for Transport that the number of bus journeys has fallen by 300 million in the last five years - due to a lack of funding - say 69% of people interviewed. Local councils, people say, should be the decision-makers on public transport. Lack of funding affects school transport and rural services.

It is suggested that the proposed metro could extend to Alconbury as Alconbury Weald is being developed with new homes and new jobs but at the moment there is only an hourly bus service. The metro system could also go all the way to Peterborough via Alconbury and Ramsey, said James Palmer at a meeting of Huntingdonshire's full council. An early stage report has been funded and found to be positive. He is working with Homes England and Urban and Civic ref the development

in Alconbury and Huntingdon station could also be included. He says it is about providing homes in garden villages and he would like to have a discussion with the mayor of Ramsey about this.

Returning from King's Cross recently my son was checking the times of the trains back to Cambridge and then we saw Ely via Cambridge and Cambridge North! Non-stop to Cambridge. I rang him when I arrived home and he replied that he had only just arrived home in the Greenwich area via the tube!

Greater Anglia has invested more than £1 million this year in maintaining station car parks, approach roads, pedestrian crossings, bus lanes and platform surfaces. The work is taking place at 53 stations and includes filling pot holes, relaying tarmac, re-lining and marking car parks, refurbishing platforms and installing anti-vandal measures. In a separate upgrade 53 new information screens using the latest LED technology have been installed displaying train running information in a clear, easy to read format, which also reduces energy consumption. This is part of a £20m investment across 32 stations including those on the Cambridge to London Liverpool Street route. Revenue from the car parks goes back into improving and upgrading station infrastructure.

Cambridge, Cambridge North, March, Manea and Whittlesford Parkway have seen improvements. Easier ways to pay and automatic number plate recognition have been introduced at 20 stations. Greater Anglia franchise also runs the Stansted Express service.

The Soham station opened 140 years ago but closed as part of the

Beeching cuts in 1965. It is now to be reopened with a single 102m long platform and parking for 50 cars, also a stepped footbridge across the track which could be upgraded if the line is duelled. Badge cams for Greater Anglia train conductors are being provided so that footage can be recorded of bad behaviour on trains.

Newmarket racecourse representatives and local councillors are among those seeking more investment in Newmarket rail services. They met with stake-holders from the horse racing industry and MPs. The demands included a half-hourly passenger rail service to Cambridge and direct rail connectivity with Oxford, London, the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland. Matt Hancock, West Suffolk MP, and our local MP Lucy Frazer were part of the discussion.

Commuters are set to benefit from an upgrade in the train line linking Cambridge to London starting from the new timetable on 15 December. A new route, extra services and more seats will be added to the line serving Cambridge North.

The existing services between London Liverpool St. and Cambridge will be extended to Cambridge North seven days a week. A new direct service between Cambridge North and Stansted Airport will also be introduced. There is a growth in the number of passengers using the Cambridge North Station.

Over 13 weekends from December there will be replacement buses on the Fen Line due to railway upgrades until April. This is for Great Northern's longer trains.

We have been promised plans for high-speed trains to Germany and south-west France by Eurostar before but it is now being mooted again that

they will link with a rival operator Thalys on the continent in an attempt to give travellers a more sustainable alternative to air travel. This is being led by SNCF, France's state railway operator. The merger of companies would need permission from the European Commission – not reassuring as it refused another link-up earlier this year. The trains aren't interchangeable and Thalys can't run through the Channel tunnel.

More than a third of trains run late and rail operators face penalties, said Grant Shapps, the transport secretary. The Adam Smith Institute has advised ministers that the cash for HS2 should be used for upgrading main lines instead.

Rail info: 03457 48 49 50

Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

(apologies for wrong final number last month)

Happy travelling! Paddy James

JOHN'S CRYPTIC QUIZ FOR NOVEMBER

Here are ten cryptic clues to sea-side towns in Britain

1. Milkgivers
2. Light the candle
3. Give out the cards
4. Keeper looks after cod
5. Push the button
6. At your end at the horse home
7. Ernie's partner
8. Sanctuary of Blanc
9. Seaside convenience
10. Battle to get there in a hurry

ANSWERS ON PAGE 26



Community Christmas Meals

Where? The Shed, Lode

When? Tuesday 10 December
7pm for 7.30pm
Thursday 12 December
12 noon for 12.30pm

Who? For people in our villages (Lode, Bottisham, The Swaffhams, Quy) who would like to share a festive meal with other villagers.

How Much? Two courses: £19.95
Three courses £23.95
See other column for menu

We would love you to join us.

If you would like to come, please get in touch asap to show your interest.

Places are limited so please book early. A £10pp deposit will be required upon booking.

Booking numbers and menu choices need to be finalised by Tuesday 12 November.

Please contact either Beth or Alan with any questions / comments, or to book your place.

Beth Marsh 01223 813373

bethmarsh8@btinternet.com


Alan Brand. 01223 812558

alanbrand77@icloud.com

Please note that the Tuesday evening meal will require walking up the stairs to the mezzanine floor in the Shed.

The Thursday Lunch will be seated downstairs.

Please indicate whether it is the Tuesday evening meal or the Thursday lunch you are interested in.



MENU

Starters

Spiced Butternut Squash Soup
with warm crusty roll (V) (GF)
Brie and Cranberry Parcels
with mango sauce (V)
Farmhouse Pâté and Melba Toast
with onion chutney
Smoked Salmon & North Atlantic
Prawn Cocktail with brown bread
Pan Fried Pigeon Breast with a
blackcurrant sauce (GF)

Mains

Roasted Crown of Norfolk Turkey
with all the trimmings
Roasted Rib-eye of Beef with all the
trimmings
Baked Salmon Fillet with sautéed
potatoes & pink peppercorn
champagne sauce
Wild Mushroom & Truffle Risotto
(V)(GF)
Cranberry Nut-roast served with
sweet port and red wine sauce (V)

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding with
Brandy Sauce
Poached Pears in Mulled Wine with
Cinnamon Ice-cream (GF)
Sticky Toffee Pudding
with Vanilla Ice cream
Chocolate Orange Cheesecake
with Clotted Cream
Raspberry Crème Brûlée served
with Shortbread biscuit

To finish

Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies

Just a crutch?

I remember, during my first week at university (24 years ago!), hearing one of my friends dismiss the Christian faith as, 'just a crutch'; describing Christians as people who were weak and couldn't stand on their own two feet. The comment wasn't aimed at me directly, but I was offended, hurt and angered by her words. As an 18 year old man with his first real taste of freedom and independence, learning to fend for himself in the world, the last thing I was prepared to admit was being in need of a 'crutch'.

Do you ever think back to experiences or conversations you've had and wish you'd had more time to consider your response? Or wonder how you'd react if you were having the same experience or conversation knowing what you know now, however many years later?

My response to the next person who claims my faith is a crutch will be, "What does a crutch do?" "Have you



never needed or do you not expect to ever need the help of a crutch?"

I have learned that I may impress people with my strengths, but I connect with people through my vulnerabilities. I am more than happy to hold my hand up and my head high to the reality that my Christian faith, or more accurately Jesus Christ Himself, is at times a crutch for me to lean on, helping me to stand and continue moving forward when I am not strong enough in myself.

I would also assert, that my faith is so much more than a crutch - it is more like a backbone. It shapes who I am, enables me to stand tall and strong through life. Moreover, at the heart of my faith is the experience of being known by God, being loved to death by Jesus and having life in Him through the power and help of the Holy Spirit every day.

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RENEW Services for November 2019

Sunday Morning worship is held at Bottisham Primary School

The services begin at 10.30 am

Croissants and drinks are available from 10.10 am.

Everyone is welcome.

We have activity groups for children and young people

PLEASE NOTE: See adjacent page for details of our **Community Christmas Meals at The Shed**. **The final date for booking is Tuesday 12th November** We would love you to join us.

ALSO: Advent Village Praise 'Carols by Candlelight' on 8th December at Lode Chapel from 5.30-6.30pm. Please join us!

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact: Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558.

Email: alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk

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

If humans are the measure of all things, then I am deeply fearful of the future. If God is real, Jesus lived, died for me, and rose from the dead, and if the claims of the Bible are true - then I am full of hope! I urge you to resist making an ultimate decision to reject Jesus Christ and the claims of the Christian faith, before first exploring them for yourself.

RENEW Church is a growing family, a community of people being formed by Jesus into the people He would have us be, engaging in His mission in the world. You would be so welcome to join us on this journey - come and see!

Rev'd Alan Brand

News from the Bottisham Patients' Group

Autumn Newsletter: The Practice newsletter is now available on line or at reception.

Patients' Car Service: We are preparing a question and answer leaflet about this Service which will be available in the surgery for anyone who is interested.

Flu Vaccination Clinics: Saturday 16 November and some other sessions will be available. Early morning appointments will also be made available on Mondays and Tuesdays through the autumn. Flu is a very nasty illness, much worse than a cold, so please have the vaccination to protect yourself and others.

Purchase of Equipment: Doctors have given us a list of items that would

be particularly helpful for them to have and it has been decided to purchase all the smaller items which are diagnostic and examination tools. The Doppler machine, for checking blood circulation in diabetic patients is nearly £1,500 so this is our next target to save for.

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 November, 6 December 2019. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Walks from Anglesey Abbey continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

Next Patient Group Meeting: Thursday 23 January 2020, 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

Sunday 10 November 2019

Act of Remembrance 10.50am at Lode War Memorial

Tea and Coffee will be served in the church afterwards

The three-village group Remembrance Service will be held in Quy Church this year

Following the joint Benefice event to mark 100 years since the end of the 1st World War last year we have returned to the original pattern of services for this year. Unfortunately there won't be a service in our church following the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial.

Please join us for refreshments in the church to carry on conversations with friends



News from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

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



Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church

Our theme was "Fruitfulness" and the church was packed with all the children and staff as well as over 50 friends and families. Children donated food for our local food bank - Newmarket Open Door - which supports local families in need. Over £30 was collected for the primary school we are supporting in Kenokwe, Tanzania. As usual in our church services all the children had the opportunity to take part. Thanks to everyone who joined us, including some past pupils, and to the members of the congregation who decorated the church so beautifully.

Kenokwe Primary School, Tanzania

Our international focus this year is the primary school in Kenokwe, Tanzania. It has 766 pupils aged 5-15, 6 classrooms and only 8 teachers. The school day lasts for 9 hours from 7.30am and some children walk from as far as 9km away. The classrooms have no doors, windows or flooring, and the school has no running water. There are no school dinners and water is collected from the river (which often dries up in the dry season). Disease from dirty water is very common.

Despite this the children are eager to get to school and determined to learn.

We are fund-raising to provide guttering and two 5000 litre water tanks for the school which will allow them to store water for the children.

Focus on Kingfishers (Years 3 & 4, age 7-9 years)

Everyone in Kingfishers has been working hard this half term with their writing and Maths skills.

In science we have been looking at the digestive system and we used the playground to demonstrate the size and

weight of some of the parts of these internal organs.

Some Kingfishers participated in an Active Sports event in Cambridge and had a chance to try out lots of different sports including archery and golf.

We have been having fun in the classroom also, learning about the Ancient Egyptians, including using the new school Chromebooks to carry out our own research. In English we have been looking at writing and following instructions and when Mrs Warren followed some of our instructions literally some of our sandwiches didn't turn out quite as we thought they might....

ESFA Small Schools Boys' Tournament: Netherhall School

On Thursday morning, Mr Lee and the boys' football team travelled to Netherhall School in Cambridge to take part in the ESFA Boys' football tournament. Playing against seven other schools, Swaffham Bulbeck enjoyed a superb start - winning the first three games without conceding a goal. After a fantastic battling 0-0 draw against eventual winners William Westley, we narrowly lost 1-0 to Stapleford before concluding with victory over Shelford and an unfortunate 0-0 stalemate with St Albans. When the final totals had been added up, Swaffham Bulbeck finished 3rd overall - a superb achievement. Well done to all the boys - both for their excellent teamwork and sportsmanship as well as for their third place finish.

ESFA Girls' Tournament: Netherhall School

Later that day, it was the turn of the girls to travel to Netherhall to compete in increasingly blustery conditions in the

ESFA Girls' football tournament. Swaffham Bulbeck, who were the only small school in the whole tournament to have a separate girls' team, competed in a group against St Matthew's, Mayfield, Queen Edith, Arbury and Bottisham. After an opening 0-0 draw against Arbury, Bulbeck got a thoroughly-deserved victory over Mayfield before narrowly being beaten 1-0 by Queen Edith. A superb draw

against runners-up St Matthew's followed before we eventually went down 2-0 to a superb Bottisham side, who retained the trophy that they won last year. In a very tough group, Bulbeck finished 4th and came 10th overall. A superb achievement for a small school – well done to all of the girls.

Amy Weatherup
Chair of Governors



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**
Working together to improve community safety

Yes, it's that time of year – again – when CFRS is coiled ready for the calls on 5 November – or anywhere else for that matter – and so we reiterate the annual words of wisdom to all concerned.

FIREWORKS and bonfire night can be plenty of fun for all of the family to enjoy – attending an organised display instead of holding one at home can be a great way of supporting your local community.

However If you do plan to use fireworks or light a bonfire at your own home, please ensure that you follow the following safety advice:

Fireworks:

- Buy only fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and **never** go back to a lit firework
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
- For more information on Firework Safety, visit: www.hse.gov.uk

Bonfires:

- Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather conditions, particularly when windy
- Do not leave bonfires unattended
- Keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy just in case
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries, etc
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display as smoke drifting near or on to roads can have devastating consequences.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994, and please keep testing those Smoke Alarms – they could save your life!

Michael White

Village Freecycle

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone 01223 813362 or 07980 423 210, e-mail (junthompson44@gmail.com) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow). Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Please do not contact the offers before the first of the month to make it a little fairer for everyone.

Offers

- Young reader books (8-12 years): Charlie Bone series by Jenny Nimmo (Books 1- 8); The Little Black Songbook: Acoustic Hit songs for guitar. Jun/Andy 01223 813362
- A large box of office folders and box files (More to follow if interested). Ian 01223 811255

Wants

- Old hand tools and motoring memorabilia wanted. Anything considered. Ray 07591 747625
- Metal storage cupboard (any size considered!). Jun 01223 813362
- Wire hanging baskets. Fibre (not plastic!) wall plugs (rawlplugs), sizes no.8 or no.10. Bob or Nicky 01223 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 064727

(For an idea of what George is gathering these for, please see <http://georgetrapp.co.uk/georgetrapplamps.html>)

JOHN'S CRYPTIC QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. Cowes | 6. Whitstable |
| 2. Wick | 7. Morecombe |
| 3. Deal | 8. Whitehaven |
| 4. Fishguard | 9. Looe |
| 5. Prestatyn | 10. Hastings |

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

On a fine August afternoon members, husbands and friends visited Burwell Museum.

We were welcomed by Alison Giles, the Administrator and Education Officer, who gave us a guided tour around the museum, giving us time to savour the atmosphere of the school room, browse the shop window and peruse the many interesting exhibits.

After this a mouth-watering afternoon tea of sandwiches, savouries, scones and cookies was served. A most pleasurable afternoon was had by all.

At our September meeting we looked at the Mothers' Union theme for 2019 'Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God'.

The session began with a poem 'Ears that Hear' followed by listening to the Andrew Lloyd-Webber's composition 'Love Changes Everything' from the musical Aspects of Love.

Each member was given a card to take home with the quote by Paul Tillich.



To test observations members were given optical illusion pictures to study and compare findings with fellow members.

Over tea and biscuits, discussion took place around several MU

magazine articles on action and projects taken on at Diocese, Deanery and Branch levels. Mothers' Union supports Prisons Week 13 – 19 October, and the Prison Work Prayer was circulated for personal prayer to enable each of us to take part in the week of prayer for this cause.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm.

On 21 November our guest speaker will be Rob Needle, Ely Diocesan Ambassador for The Children's Society. You are most welcome to come and join us.

Ann Langran

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

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



For funerals please contact the vicar directly. For weddings and baptisms please contact: admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

The **ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES** comprises:
Holy Trinity Bottisham (BOT), St Mary's Quay (QUY), Quay Village Hall (QUY*)
St James' Lode (LODE), St Mary's Swaffham Bulbeck (BUL) and St Mary's Swaffham Prior (PRI)
You are welcome to attend services anywhere in the benefice.

SERVICES IN THE ANGLESEY BENEFICE IN NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY			
6th	BOT	8.00pm	Compline by Candlelight (short meditative service)
SUNDAYS			
3rd	BUL	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	QUY*	9.30am	Village Worship
	BOT	11.00am	Holy Communion CW1
	BUL	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	LODE	3.00pm	All Souls Service (see p21)
10th	BOT	9.00am	Holy Communion CW1
	LODE	10.50am	Act of Remembrance (see p26)
	QUY	10.50am	Remembrance Service
17th	BOT	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	QUY	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion CW1
	PRI	11.00am	Family Service
24th	LODE	9.30am	Children's Church & Baptism
	QUY	9.30am	Morning Worship
	PRI	11.00am	Holy Communion CW1T
1st	BUL	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	BUL	9.30am	Morning Service with Christingle
	QUY*	9.30am	Village Worship
	BOT	11.00am	Holy Communion CW1

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ST JAMES' LODE NOVEMBER

**CHURCH
CLEANING**
9am to 10am
**Saturday
2 November**

BRASSES
Ann Langran

FLOWERS
3-10 November
Ann Langran
17-24 November
Wendy Parrish
**December
ADVENT**

**Saturday
2 November**
**Coffee +
Conversation**
Anglesey Abbey
Café, 10.15am

**Sunday
3 & 17 Nov**
Film Church,
St James' Lode
5.30-7pm for
Year 6 and
above: food, film,
tuck, games

Cambridge Women's Refuge Christmas Appeal



**Please help make
Christmas special
for the families at
The Refuge**

Any gift items for ladies and their children would be most appreciated. Teenagers are always the most difficult to buy for.

Once again Connie has kindly agreed to have a collection box in her shop during November.

**Last donation date
Wednesday 4 December**

The Cambridge Women's Refuge is one of the charities that Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union support. They thank you for your contributions.



OUTSIDE INFORMATION

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ecops.bottisham@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE Adult Learning 811372

BOTTISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL 811235

SWAFFHAM BULBECK PRIMARY SCHOOL 811595

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY 812354

NATIONWIDE RAIL TIMES 08457 48 49 50

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WASTE & RECYCLING NOVEMBER

Village—Thursdays

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www.patient.co.uk

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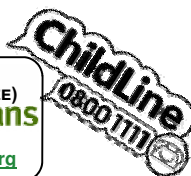
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1236+#, 1336, 1432+#, 1536, 1636, 1736, 1836

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1350, 1450+, 1550, 1715+, 1815, 1915