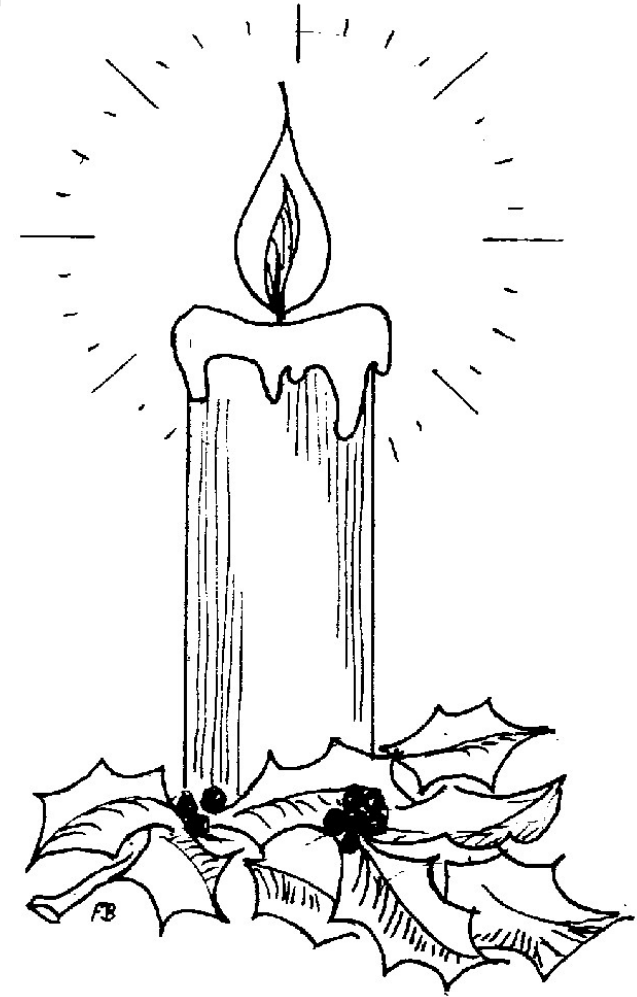


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I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported Lode Star this year.

It has been difficult for everyone but so far Lode Star has managed to continue. When the Print Centre had to close at the end of March, Jeff K kindly printed off some copies of the March and then the April issue for those we knew wouldn't be able to read the magazine online.

We have been fortunate in that the Print Centre was able to reopen for subsequent issues although at first without the help of their regular helpers.

I should also like to thank the distributors who brave the elements (not just the weather) to see that every household in Lode and Longmeadow gets their copy each

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month and of course, Ian F for organising it.

But it is those who send in items for inclusion in Lode Star that must be thanked the most - without them there wouldn't be a magazine for me to publish!

Thoughts, jokes, letters, items of local interest, news and views - all are welcome, and hopefully in the new year we will be able to read more about what is happening round and about in our neck of the woods.

In order to get Lode Star printed before the Print Centre closes down for the Christmas/New Year break, please let me have your contributions in good time, by Thursday 10 December if possible. If not, let me know so space can be reserved for you.

We may not be able to celebrate with loved ones as we would wish this year, but there is hope for the future, let's concentrate on that.

Stay safe, sane and sanitised

Susan

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Lode Parish Council News

Accessibility Improvements

The Parish Council has received some funds via the District Council to help during the current crisis.

We have considered that it would be appropriate to use some of these to improve access around the recreation ground and within the Fassage Green, particularly for cyclists and disabled residents. Also, to provide some facilities for children involving more exertion.

We are proposing to have a new shared-use path linking the Longmeadow public footpath at the rear of the Recreation Ground to the Fassage Green, Fassage Hall and Play Area. Also some more accessible paths within the Fassage Green. These would use self-binding limestone aggregate and be 1.5m (5ft) wide. Another facility we would

like to provide is an aerial cableway, otherwise known as a zip wire. This could be located beyond the cricket practice net.

We have been looking at costs and will be making an application for main funding from landfill tax sources, and match-funding from the Lode with Longmeadow Village Trust.

We will also be pressing the County Council to improve the existing Tarmac public footpath linking Church Walk with the path to Longmeadow. This, together with the new path, will enable a good all-year hard path surrounding the Recreation Ground for walkers, joggers, cyclists, pushchairs and mobility scooters and better linkage with Longmeadow.

Crossing Lode Road outside Honey Court

When the Toucan Crossing was installed about ten years ago, two dropped kerbs were placed about 15m the other side of the crossroads to enable cyclists and pedestrians to cross over Lode Road to use the shared-use path to Bottisham.

There were comments then about the crossing point being too near the crossroads, but the County Council stated that it is also needed for pedestrians wanting to go from Swaffham Road to Quay Road and was in a safe enough location.

It now gives cyclists from Swaffham Road the opportunity to use the Toucan Crossing and cycle on the shared-use path outside the houses in Quay Road rather than cross at the crossroads and again outside the Abbey.

Another crossing point with dropped kerbs might be able to be built about seven metres beyond the existing one, just before the bus lay-by. But would cyclists use it and not still continue to ride diagonally across the road to and from the Honey Court entrance rather than going straight across? Cyclists can currently always dismount and cross beyond as pedestrians.

We would be pleased to hear what users or their parents think about this.

Vegetation Growing Over Pavements and Roads

Further to our request in September, we would like to thank residents who have cut vegetation back, but there are still some problems. The County Council can insist that there is no encroachment over pavements and roads.

However, provided it overhangs no more than 1ft (0.3m) over pavements up to a height of 7ft (2.1m) it should leave 4ft (1.2m) clear. There should be no overhang above roads up to a height of 17ft (5.2m).

Anglesey Farm

We were made aware of a notification to the District Council for a change of use and conversion of the large black building and the small building, previously used as a shop. This is to determine if full prior approval is required. These buildings would contain five dwellings, intended for use as holiday lets. We discussed the history of these buildings with our District Councillor and he will be raising this with his officers.

Robert Stevens

Christmas - recommended last posting dates

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Village Freecycle

Everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me before the 14th of each month by phone (01223 813362/07980 423210), 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.

Offers

- Wooden croquet set.
Pam Day 01223 812050
- Table-top dishwasher (little chip on door, but otherwise in good condition).
Mrs Webb, 01223 811341
- ELC Alphabet foam mats in good condition.
Emma/Guy 01223 812793
- Two 2.7kg bags of Bakers Meaty Meals adult dog food. Tender chunks rich in chicken. Unopened, best before 09 2021.
Christine / Chris 01223 8122568
- Set of 4 champagne-colour large material serviettes; shoe rack
Jackie/Tim 01223 813815

- One Single Duvet - 10.5Togs;
One Single Duvet - 15.0 Togs
(Both with washable hollowfibre filling).
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Wanted

- Water butts; Horseradish plant/root.
Jackie/Tim 01223 813815
- Cricket bats, gloves, pads, balls etc. suitable for U13 and U15 age groups. We wish to take to Sri Lanka for a local cricket club.
Mary-Louisa: 01223 813922
- Largish canvas tarp (or similar) to make a leanto in the garden and enjoy an alfresco winter.
Chris 07480 178089



Christmas Anagram Quiz

Can you unscramble the performers' names in these anagrams? They've all had Christmas hits, some quite recently but others a few decades ago. Answers are on page 29.
Ian & Carole

1. Joys ninth ham
2. Deals
3. Knit alien device
4. Dents shaker
5. Thrash teenage magician
6. Bear leafy thorn
7. Indulge gel oil
8. Lager keg
9. Cathap my ulcer
10. Big snob cry
11. Hairy camera
12. Add a nib
13. Unread lax baker
14. Silvery sleep
15. Divided halfwit
16. Consider wolfish ostrich
17. He be latest
18. Fetching ply kites
19. Radio gulls
20. The bossy pop

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

Equipment: We are pleased to be able to report that the Doppler Machine has arrived much to the delight of Nurse Carol. With thanks to our generous patients.

Appointments: The Practice will continue to operate the telephone and video consultations, with patients being invited in for face to face appointments where clinically necessary. The waiting room is open with 4 patients being able to sit in the waiting area at one time. Please remember your face masks when attending the practice.

Dispensary: The practice have been working hard over the last few months to improve the dispensary service. In the coming weeks details will be put in patients repeat medication bags as to how they can sign up for the new delivery service. The practice hopes this will reduce the turnaround time for repeat medication and also the queues as we head into winter.

Website: The Practice website has up to date information on news and any changes.

Recent meeting: will have been held virtually via Zoom on 26 November.

This year, Christmas will be a bit different.

Whatever you're doing, don't give an online fraudster a Christmas treat.

#safexmas

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Extracts taken from a recent 2020 edition of



Covid-19 has a lot to answer for - and this scooter is no exception. Renovated and restored by the then owner, Alan Smith, the plan had been to carry out a photoshoot in early March. But before this could be carried out, the lockdown kicked in and it had to be postponed.

It wasn't until the Government eased restrictions that I contacted Alan to say that we could pick it up again. During the course of making the arrangements Alan seemed to be a little hesitant, but I couldn't quite put my finger on why.

Rolling up at Alan's house, he finally spilled the beans; at a dinner party he showed the scooter (then only half-finished) to one of his friends,

Jackie Lince, who immediately said: "I want that" - the idea being to use it as a centrepiece for her flower arranging business, Mill Blossom Flowers.

And so it was that this chain of events saw me making an unexpected journey from Alan's house to Jackie's, about 10 miles down the road, where the scooter was waiting in all its glory to be photographed.

THE CENTREPIECE

The scooter was originally owned and built by Alan with help from his partner, Jane, before being sold. Alan takes up the story: "Unlike most of my restorations, this one began life as just a 1963 Lambretta Li125 frame

THE SCOOTER OWNER

Jackie Lince wanted a scooter to provide the centrepiece for her business, Mill Blossom Flowers; when not being used as such, the scooter sits in pride of place inside her house (and we thought it was only a bloke's thing)!



rude words (lol). We tried not to put too much on it as we were looking for the 'less is more' kind of feel, and we're pleased with the overall look.

"She's not going to be a ridden scoot - which is a first for us - but that takes nothing away from the lovely clean lines and the flow, which we are more than happy with."

PHOTOCALL

Only a few hundred yards from owner Jackie's house is Lode Watermill. Although now restored to its original purpose as a corn mill, its last actual commercial use was in

and over a couple of years the rest of the body panels were collected and it has been built with the bodywork being done to standard spec, although the engine has been upgraded with the fitting of an AF Rayspeed 175 conversion kit.

"Some additional shiny bits have been added to enhance the scooter's looks. I had a fair few of the accessories from a while back and opted to do something a little different to my TV2 blinged-up scoot, so the perfectly clean lines and paint of the Li seemed a perfect platform to show off the chrome and red gemmed bits. Some accessories are original, but most are copies from the late '90s/early 2000s, which have started to accrue a value of their own, remarkably. The key to this scoot was the dry build, as some of the accessories were a big fit - so all that time spent dry building it made for less scratched paint and

the 1920 when it used to grind cement for the Bottisham Lode Cement and Brick Company.

It was this structure which inspired Jackie to call her business Mill Blossom Flowers. Owned by the National Trust, it forms part of the Anglesey Abbey complex and is still used to mill corn, which is then sold in the National Trust shop. It provided the perfect backdrop to take pictures.

Thanks go out to Alan and also to Jackie for their help and hospitality in helping to put together this feature (and for supplying the bacon butties).

Mau



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What's the difference between Santa Clause and a knight? One slays a dragon, the other drags a sleigh!



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Personalised Christmas Commissions Welcome

Sudoku! PUZZLE 165

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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	8			6		4		
		7			1			

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Solution on page 30

Bottisham Village College Adult Learning Covid-19 Update



We remain committed to providing Adult Learning for our community and are looking at how we can provide and develop a programme during these challenging times. We are currently running some qualification courses, but hope to resume other courses again soon.

However, if we are unable to offer classroom based courses over the next few months due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are researching alternatives, such as online learning.

We would be grateful if you could spare a few moments to let us know your thoughts on the following:

- If your course started in the classroom, but changed to an online course midway through, would you continue?
- Do you have any further comments or suggestions?

Please email your replies to the Adult Learning Office at Bottisham Village College:

adultlearning@bottishamvc.org or

visit our website, where you will find a link to the survey:

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Thank you

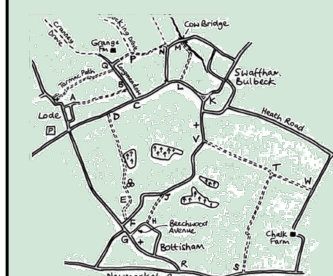
- Would you be interested in participating in online learning if offered through Adult Learning at Bottisham?
- If so, would you find it useful for us to provide you with a guide to accessing online learning via post or email?
- What type of course(s) would you like us to offer online?
- What would be your preferred time of day for an online course?
- How many weeks would you like the course to run?

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LODE WALKS



A selection of walks in and around Lode with Longmeadow

Revised version – August 2012

Available to download from the Lode & Longmeadow website at

http://www.lode.org.uk/village_life.html

LODE 11 STAR



Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

Overwintering birds have been steadily arriving at the fen, with winter thrushes such as redwing and fieldfare enjoying the berries around the reserve, and lapwing gathering in numbers on Baker's and Burwell Fens. At the time of writing the first couple of hen harriers have been spotted and we're expecting the arrival of short-eared owls very soon – keep an eye on our social media channels for the latest news.



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We've got an exciting new activity planned for the winter period. For families and all fans of Beatrix Potter young and old, we will have a Peter Rabbit™ winter activity trail on the Boardwalk. Due to the recent lockdown, the opening date has been postponed, and we are hoping to start the trail in early December. To take part you'll need to book an entry slot for Sedge Fen in the normal way and pick up a children's Peter Rabbit™ trail activity pack for £2 when you check in at the Visitor Centre. More information coming to the 'What's On' section of our website soon.

Wrap up warm and pull on your walking boots or wellies for crisp, winter walks throughout the festive season. We'll be open every day apart from Christmas Day, so if you need a peaceful stroll or to walk off the Christmas excess; our car park is open 8:30am to 4:45pm (last entry 3:30pm); the Docky Hut Café is open 10am to 3pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm at weekends; and the

Visitor Centre is open from 10am to 4.30pm. This is subject to the latest government guidance, so do check our website before visiting to get the most up to date information.

Tickets are released every Friday for the following week for Sedge Fen walks (Boardwalk and Woodland Walk), and booking details can be found on our website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve> It's not necessary to pre-book to use the car park and walk in the wider reserve.

Julia Hammond

Anglesey Abbey Winter Lights 2020

Following the government announcement for a nationwide lockdown lasting until 2 December, we've had to make the difficult decision to postpone Anglesey Abbey's Winter Lights event until 2021.

We're incredibly sad to have to make this decision, as we know how many people look forward to this experience in the lead up to the festive period.

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support as both neighbours and supporters, and hope that we'll see you at the event next year.

In the meantime, we've returned to our fully outdoor operation of the estate and are still open for pre-booked visits to help people to safely get outdoors and closer to nature, and we'd love to see you throughout the festive period.

Kayley Wilcockson
Visitor Experience Officer

Do you remember Andrew Schmidt?

My mother and I are trying to locate some of his old school friends, in hope that they may be able to send a little video message to my father, to wish him a happy 70th (as a surprise!) on 12 December.

It is proving quite difficult to find some of his old friends - however, I wondered if maybe readers of Lode Star who knew of any of the people in the below photo and could possibly put me in contact with them?

Hannah Biggs

hanban_21@hotmail.com

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Lode School c.1959



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Back row:

?, Robert Durrant, Digby Cox, ?, Ivan Perry

Standing:

Linda Rayment, Mary Grimes, Susan Smith, Jennifer Stevens, Ingrid Brand, Marie Clarke, Sandra Cox, Valerie Chamberlain, Mary Chapman, Sharon Ison

Seated:

Margaret Cullum, Malcolm Stevens, Raymond Clark, Edward Shrubbs, George Meen, Andrew Smith, ?, Barry Potter, Stephen Clarke, Janet Ayres

Front: Prudence Allgood, Diana Nottage, Pauline Cornell, Ellie Bielski



What do you call a penguin in the
Sahara desert?
Lost





Public Transport Matters

As I write we are once again in lockdown due to the Covid-19 virus.

More people were venturing onto buses and trains but now we are told to stay home and protect ourselves and others. However, schools and universities are open. Children on school buses wear masks but from what I have seen are not able to social distance as we can on public transport.

There is a lot of information about the continuing plans for several new routes and upgrades for our local area. A Local Transport Group has been agreed by a group of residents in Quy, Swaffham Prior, Burwell and Lode and our Parish Council is now being informed. There will be impacts on our local villages by the proposed plans of the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Moving the Newmarket Park and Ride site to a site near Quy is one possible problem. More housing is being built on the east of Cambridge with more planned which means more traffic. It is hoped we might get an increase in bus services including Sundays. However, these were stopped due to lack of use.

There are still ongoing plans and discussions about the proposed Metro system for the area. The local papers have both reports and also letters giving people's views. What is a metro - is it a bus or a train?

It is said that there is around 500 million pounds available for future improvements. Clogged railways in the Ely area is one. This is backed by the Rail Minister as it could improve the connectivity of the port of Felixstowe, the West Midlands and

the North for freight. There is also a 4 million pound project to extend a platform at Cambridge station due to the new longer Bombardier trains with more seats, air conditioning, fast free Wi-fi and improved passenger information screens, as well as under floor heating which is a first for UK trains. The government is proposing to spend 2 billion pounds on support for railways until 2022.

There is a new 905 bus service linking Cambridge to Bedford via Cambourne and it is proving popular. There is also a new C route to be introduced. It will leave St. Ives every 5 minutes towards Cambridge and free up space on the A and B services.

Due to the lack of passengers during the present Covid-19 restrictions, the Government is providing £12 billion of support and more will be available in the New Year to support new developments in the Midlands and North.

Happy travelling - take care!
Keep safe and well.

Paddy James

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Lode Tennis Club Competitions 2020

2020 has been a challenging year for us all and we must hope that 2021 bodes us all well.

To get all the tennis club competitions underway this year and played has certainly been a challenge for Jeff and me but we got there in the end!

Normally competitions start in April but we didn't start until after the lockdown.

Mixed Doubles:

We had three mini leagues of four couples with the winners of each league plus the best runner up to meet in the semi finals. These were the results. Dave Male and Julie Sale beat Mark Crawford and Gill Thurlby 6-3. Simon Fontanillas and Fran Platten beat Paul Marriott and Heather Male 7-5. The final was won by Dave and Julie beating Simon and Fran 6-4 6-4. Excellent close-run match.

Ladies Doubles:

This was as usual on a knock out basis and the finalists were the same as last year, Sanja Abbott and Izzy LeCoq who again beat Tessa Shrubbs and Jackie Lince 6-2 6-4.

Singles:

We had 16 players this

year, ladies as well as gents. The winner this year was one of our young players, George Franklin. I played him in round one and he thrashed me 6-1, so in a way I was glad that he won so it didn't reflect that bad on me! George beat Dave Male 6-2 6-2.

Men's Doubles:

This competition is still running as second lockdown has stopped games. Hopefully after lockdown we can resume. It looks like at this stage Jeff Kempster and Paul Marriot will be in the final depending on how the remaining league matches go. We will finish even if we run into January!

I would like to thank all participants for getting matches played and a big thank you to Jeff who I bounced ideas off and for umpiring the finals, though I don't think he should umpire the Men's Doubles Final!

John Lince





26 December 1920

At Goodison Park, Liverpool, 53,000 spectators watch Dick, Kerr Ladies beat St Helen's Ladies 4-0, a record attendance at a women's football match.

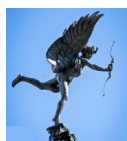


31 December 1923

The BBC broadcasts the chimes of Big Ben for the first time.

24 December 1928

The first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is broadcast from King's College Chapel, Cambridge, by BBC Radio.



27 December 1931

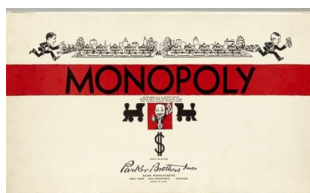
Eros's statue returns to London's Piccadilly Circus after a nine-year absence while the Underground station below was being built.

25 December 1932

King George V delivers the first Royal Christmas Message on the BBC. It had been written by Rudyard Kipling.

31 December 1935

A patent is issued to Philadelphia salesman Charles B. Darrow for Monopoly, the most successful board game of all time.



25 December 1936

Princess Alexandra of Kent is born. It is the last royal birth attended by a Home Secretary.



31 December 1945

Britain receives its first shipment of bananas

COMPILED BY IAN FAULKER

LODE 16 STAR

I have renamed the Mutual Aid Group the **Lode with Longmeadow Community Group** as I hope that the members will continue to work together to improve the wellbeing of the community long after current constrictions.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Food Bank Appeal, this idea came about as Meleena who organises the project found it easier to manage the stock by doing the shopping after regular stock takes, this reduces waste and ensures the right stock is available at the right time.

We have made an educated guess that at present the Food Bank costs around £10 per week to run. If you would like to donate please use the link: gf.me/u/y4skwi to reach our **Go Fund Me** page. Please share this link with local friends and family. For all Food Bank enquiries please contact Meleena on 01223 813664 Thank you once again for your kindness,

Teresa

We would like to invite you to join us for an amble in the woods - socially distanced of course!

With restrictions in place we need to be careful about organising a gathering so if you would like to come out on the afternoon of any of the dates above we'll be in the woods behind Lode Mill.

We will be putting temporary safety notices up along with hand sanitizer to remind us all to stay safe.

Finally to make it more fun we will be putting up temporary laminated posters with family friendly activities, scavenger hunts and craft activities - yes, we were inspired by the wonderful fairy project.

Any queries please text Teresa: 07812 243732



Meleena has offered to host this project alongside the Food Bank. We thought it would be a lovely idea for people to donate wrapped gifts for residents to give out to members of the community that they know would appreciate a

thoughtful gesture at this time of year.

Please add a label or use relevant wrapping to indicate who it is suitable for, alternatively generic gifts are always welcome.

This project will run for donations and collections for two weeks 7th - 20th December.

For more information please contact Teresa: 07812 243732

Would you like to get involved with a simple project to spread a little happiness at Christmas to the households of Lode and Longmeadow?

Families are invited to donate handmade or bought Christmas cards with messages, quotes or even poems to be delivered to local households.

Adults and children are welcome to join in. With the success of the wellbeing messages being sent earlier on in the year we thought it a lovely idea to spread some more joy at Christmas. Please note we would prefer non-religious imagery (to limit unintended offence), so winter scenes, snowmen, icicles, snowflakes, reindeers etc. are perfect. We will endeavour to abide by all Covid-19 safety precautions including a message on the envelope asking to remain untouched for three days.

Please deliver as many cards as you'd like to the post boxes located at 47 Mill Road, Lode and 68 Longmeadow by the 10th December 2020.

Volunteers are also welcome to come forward to help deliver the cards between 13th-15th December.

If you have any questions or comments about the project please contact Teresa 07812 243732 or Penny 07814 881274

LODE 17 STAR

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We opened on 1st October with limited sessions and all was going to plan. Until the second lockdown was announced.

Fingers crossed that we can re-open again sometime in December

We have been encouraged by the many users who did visit. They were all pleased that we were in business enabling them to replenish their stocks of book and jigsaws for what promises to be a long winter. Thank you for your support.

We have the obvious Covid-19 restrictions in place and you may leave your returned books in the foyer if you do not wish to venture further.

Opening times will be (when we re-open) Looking forward to seeing you.

TUESDAYS 6.00-8.00
THURSDAYS 3.00-5.00
SATURDAYS 10.00-12.00

I found this in the window of the famous Michael Moon's bookshop in Whitehaven. It is described on the internet as "a sprawling chaos 2 floors with 13 rooms", so in these Covid-19 times we did not venture in!

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

Is the most remarkable creation of man
Nothing else that he builds ever lasts

Monuments fall
Nations perish

Civilisations grow old and die out
And after an era of darkness

New races build others
But in the world of books are volumes
That have seen this happen again and again

And yet live on Still young
Still as fresh as the day they were written
Still telling men's hearts

Of the hearts of men centuries dead.

This was written by Clarence Day an American author who died in 1935 and his best known book was *Life with Father* written the same year.

Hope you keep well
 Sylvia Overton 811792

Cambridgeshire Mobile Library Service

Access to the vehicle will be limited to help keep staff safe. We will be providing books selected in advance.

Reservation service

You can [pre-order books from the library catalogue using the reservation service](#). This service is currently free of charge.

Select and Collect service

This allows you to request a collection of books based on your tastes. You can [use the Select and Collect service online](#), or by calling **0345 045 5225**. Simply choose the mobile library as a pick up point and order as far in

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE 2nd Wednesday of the month

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

advance as possible. This helps ensure that a selection is ready and issued for you to pick up from your stop. (Ideally place your request a week in advance - we will do our best with forms received after this.).

If you have any queries please email us at mobilelibraries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Please support your local library service delivered directly to your community.



Our District Councillors' REPORT

Licensing Committee considered minor changes to licensing Covid-19 restrictions. Generally businesses were complying, but some found the rules difficult to understand and our officers are providing advice. Government has given extra funding to help with this.

At the last meeting of the District Council:

- Several questions from the public around Climate Change: divesting from fossil fuels, EV Charging points, energy efficiency of homes
- Petition calling for Mepal Outdoor Centre to remain as an outdoor activities facility
- Agreed a motion to seek rural area designation for affordable housing, and thus lower the threshold at which affordable housing starts
- Agreed a motion to ask officers to discuss options for parking enforcement in the District with the Chief Constable.
- Adopted our Statement of Licensing Policy (which we do every 5 years)

- Agreed our response to the Planning White Paper – one of concern that the policies in the Paper would reduce local participation

Councillors were given a briefing on the outcome of the bus questionnaire, and the bus route that meanders from Burwell to Cambridge was deemed to be the most useful of all the others in the District. There were many responses supporting a more extensive timetable, as well as a Sunday service. Concern was also expressed about the time it took to reach Cambridge in the rush-hours.

Although we don't normally hold a surgery in December, we have decided to hold one using Zoom this abnormal year for which the joining particulars are:

Topic: **John Trapp's Zoom Meeting**
Wednesday 16 December 6.00pm
Meeting ID: 357 775 2400
Passcode: 098359

You can always contact us by 'phone Charlotte Cane 07976607512, John Trapp on 01223 812120.

Do you travel into Cambridge?

Improvements to travel into Cambridge from the East are being explored by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council working together) and they have started a public consultation that is not limited to their residents, and includes all who travel, by whatever means, into Cambridge.

As Cambridge employment expands there will be more people travelling into Cambridge, and this is a vision for the future.

They are considering short-term and long-term improvements. From moving the Park'n'Ride site, or an underpass under Cambridge airport, to opening up Cambridge East, a rail station at Fulbourn or Six Mile Bottom. Although five options have been put forward in the brochure,

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there is no reason why you don't make your own observations and suggestions. For example, would a Park 'n' Ride site to the east of the Quy roundabout be appealing? Even though you may only use a car to travel into Cambridge, it will still be useful to let them know why you do so, and what may tempt you to change your mode of travel.

All the information, including ways in which you can respond, is online at

www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CEA-Consultation.

If you have difficulty in accessing the internet, or want a hard copy, then please contact Charlotte Cane or John Trapp, your District Councillors, whose telephone numbers are 07976 607512 and 01223 812120 respectively.

**The consultation closes at
midday on
Friday 18 December 2020.**

Big changes to the future of travel to-and-from our village: Have your say!

Read below to find out how a group has been established bringing together representatives from the villages along the B1102 from Burwell to Quy to raise awareness of transport issues that will affect you – to enable you to have a stronger voice and to lobby for improvements to our local transport infrastructure:

Whether you are a pedestrian, cyclist, bus user, car driver or horse rider, you will have noticed the way in which the roads and footpaths are changing around our area. Many of these changes offer better infrastructure, for example new cycle paths or the improved A14, some improve road safety, for example the reduced speed limits in Lode or Quy, others seem to make journey times longer and increase frustration.

It doesn't take a genius to recognise that the whole region is grappling with the challenge of a growing population, new housing developments, business parks etc., and, whilst Covid has perhaps changed the pace at which congestion is increasing (at least temporarily), planners and councillors are grappling with changes that will continue to affect all our lives.

A group of us have for some years noticed how many of these changes

seem to be decided by County and District Councils without our knowledge.

Central Government has recently established bodies such as the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), a group made up of Cambridge City, South Cambs and Cambridgeshire County Council (note not East Cambs) with huge public and privately funded budgets (over £500 million) to make decisions on infrastructure projects covering housing, transport, jobs and improving the lives of existing and new communities. It has become increasingly difficult for individuals to have their voices heard, for us all to find out about consultation processes which are designed to encourage us to share our views on projects which will affect our futures.

This summer, the GCP undertook a key consultation on traffic changes to

the east of Cambridge that **will** affect us all. Only 19 people from the whole of our area (Quy to Burwell to Waterbeach) responded. Why? Because none of us knew about it! Yet, recommendations consulted on include closing the Fen Ditton A14 junction (sending more traffic via Quy), putting bus gates by the Leper Chapel on Newmarket Road (Cambridge) so that private cars do not enter into the City (or even just to B&Q), moving the Park & Ride site on Newmarket Road to before the airport and reconfiguring the Quy A14 Interchange.

We are not offering any thoughts on these matters, merely highlighting that many decisions are being consulted on and we are not offering any thoughts in return.

Saying 'we didn't know' is no defence at planning application stage against these wider plans. The local authorities are conducting themselves correctly, it's just we the public, are failing to engage. These changes will mean that we will be taking public transport more, we will be cycling more and we need to make sure that we get the services we need to keep our villages the thriving communities we enjoy now.

In response, we have formed our group Local Roads for Local People. Our Vision is:

"To improve the quality of the lives of those who ride, cycle, walk and live alongside the B1102 by reducing noise, improving air quality & the local environment and improving road safety"

Our Aims are to:

✦ To reduce speed limits in all built up areas along the B1102 to 30mph

✦ To reduce the volume of traffic using the B1102 by lobbying for improvements to the A142 and A10 thus reducing the traffic that currently uses the B1102 as a 'rat run' to access Cambridge and severely impacts at Quy

✦ To unite villages along the B1102 in developing a co-ordinated local transport plan, one which:

- Improves public transport links along the B1102 corridor to encourage more people to leave their cars and take public transport, in particular the proposed Cambridge CAM Metro and GCP Swaffhams Greenway plans
- Improves facilities for riders, cyclists and pedestrians along the route to encourage more people out of their cars
- Rationalises bus stops to enable a faster Stagecoach bus service through the villages
- To install and upgrade existing bus stops together with real time data on bus timetable
- Works with the National Trust to manage visitors to Anglesey Abbey at peak times
- Engages with other transport developments, such as car parking at Ely station or other planning proposals
- To engage with Parish Councils to encourage them to advocate on residents' behalf to achieve our Aims

Our first key activity is to raise awareness of the GCP's 'Eastern Access Consultation' which is open until the 14th December.

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This consultation WILL affect you: how you access Cambridge, whether as a car driver, cyclist or bus passenger, so please Google it and offer your views on what is proposed.

Once our website is launched, we will provide a portal where you can share your views and access relevant information and updates.

For the avoidance of doubt, our group is not a campaign group against change. It is a group to facilitate consultation so that your views are heard and we can all positively influence the important infrastructure changes that will affect our lives now and in the future.

We will continue to use The Crier and other parish magazines to share information, also Facebook for those who are connected to social media.

If you could do this survey, it takes 5 minutes and will be helpful in getting some ideas and views.

Thank you and regards
Fran Platten

[Lode Parish Council and a member of the **AtoB1102** group]

If you wish to see the plans then you can access them through this link <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge-eastern-access>

Here is the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AtoB1102>



**ALPHA ONLINE
STARTING 13TH JANUARY**

**Stay Home,
Try Alpha Online**

#AlphaOnline



**Wednesday 13th January
8pm-9pm Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 7858824660**

Explore the basics of the
Christian faith.

*No pressure - No Follow Up
No Charge*

First up, food:

Grab a drink and some nibbles.

Then, a talk:

We'll watch a 25 minute film together, exploring one of the big issues around faith.

Followed by, good conversation:

The chance to share thoughts and experiences on the topic in a small group.

Contact:

Alan Brand to book a place or for further details:

alanbrand77@icloud.com

I want to say a huge thank you to those who have contacted me this past month expressing appreciation and support after reading my article in last month's village magazine. It has been encouraging and humbling to receive your messages whether communicated by telephone, text, email or in person. I have particularly enjoyed walking and talking with a couple of you reflecting on life and faith, joys and struggles, together.

It strikes me that, *"We impress people with our strength, but we connect with people in our vulnerability"*.

So often we put on a brave face, wear our mask of, *"I'm fine thanks, how are you!?"* just so we can appear strong. It is great to see someone demonstrating their God-given skill to the best of their ability. I love watching shows like Britain's Got Talent for this very reason ... I find it wonderful to experience someone achieving their dream, by expressing their strengths.

There is something awe-inspiring and even intimidating about meeting someone who is at the top of their game in a particular field (think multi-millionaire dragons in Dragons Den, or a premier league football star, highly successful musician, TV personality or university professor). There is a sense in which however impressive someone's achievements might be, most people who haven't achieved such 'heights' feel they don't have anything in common with them. We find points of connection however, when humility, honesty and vulnerability are expressed in



someone, however 'powerful', 'successful' or apparently 'strong' they may be.

When God Almighty came down to earth in the form of a new-born baby, Jesus Christ, as we celebrate at Christmas-time, God made himself vulnerable; he was totally dependent on Mary for his very survival. When Jesus, hung on a cross because of his love for you and me, as we celebrate at Easter-time, his very posture with arms open wide was one of complete vulnerability. Yet, these incredibly vulnerable situations are situations where extreme strength, extreme power and potential are also evident. We can connect with one another in our struggles and pain in life; we can connect with Jesus, because he too knows what it is to struggle humanly, to be tired, bereaved, abandoned, betrayed, hungry and thirsty.

If there is any curiosity in you regarding the person of Jesus, faith in God, purpose in life, hope for the future - then I humbly encourage you to join me in reflecting on these things, with others who are also curious, in our Alpha course starting on 13th January. Join us for the introductory session, no strings attached - see the poster on the previous page for more details.

Christmas Blessings to you and your loved ones,

Rev. Alan

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:

Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558, alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk

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

Praise for Local Unsung Heroes



I want to say a few words in praise of some wonderful people in this village who seem to work tirelessly for our benefit.

We all know these people but does everyone realise the amount of work they put in for our benefit? Countless committees for one thing or another. Constantly organising jumble sales, village litter picks, coffee mornings, church events, Fassage Hall maintenance, and not forgetting the multitude of people who stepped up to the plate over this strange period of isolation for some by being there for them when needed for shopping etc. The list is endless.

I have to name one person in particular who, in my opinion, does extraordinary work and never expects any praise. Robert Stevens, our Chairman on the parish council. We couldn't have a more dedicated man who regularly patrols this village to make sure things are as they should be and in my view, amazingly, sets to and puts things right himself. I know that a variety of people ask his advice or moan to him regarding things that are not right in the village: myself included when I complained to him regarding the path from the Post office to the bus stop on the opposite side to the church.

I only complained about the hedge as it was very overgrown and made walking the ever-narrowing path difficult to navigate. He said it was the responsibility of the National Trust and he had already asked them to tackle it. I noticed a few weeks later somebody was trying to cut it down with shears. If it was the Trust, I would have thought they could have used a hedge-cutter so I suspect it was a resident of the village. The thing that astounded me more than that was whilst on my early morning walk a few days later, I came across Robert actually widening the path by cutting the overgrown grass encroaching onto the path! That was not a small task and not something he was obliged to do. I'll bet he never told anyone he had done it.

So folks, thank your lucky stars you live in such a village with such a variety of selfless people who are willing to put themselves out for the benefit for us all.

A final word of thanks for Sue Swannell who, although not the editor of this Lode Star, is probably taking on the role anyway since the tragic death of Liz Mitchell.

Stay well and keep safe.
Maureen Brown

Books for all Village Book Clubs to Read

Ancient Asian Transport..... by Rick Shaw
Fighting On A Narrow Boat..... by R.G. Bargee
The Hoarderby Justin Case
Laughing at Othersby Micky Taker
Ducking and Divingby Bob Downes

Collected by John Lince



LODE 24 STAR



As promised here is the second installment celebrating and finding out how and why local people volunteer to help their community. This month I'm sharing Sandie's thoughts. Sandie lives in Longmeadow and has been instrumental in bringing our two communities together.

In her own words:

I joined the mutual aid group for Lode and Longmeadow at the start of lockdown at the end of March. I am quite new to Longmeadow and I wanted to offer support to my neighbours when Covid hit. I started by offering to photocopy the original leaflets for the mutual aid group. I have collected and delivered prescriptions, food and leaflets. And I made seed bomb kits and started a sunflower competition, which was fun. Most favourite was dressing as the pink panther and delivering easter eggs in Longmeadow."

If you had the pleasure of taking part in the sunflower competition then Sandie is the one to thank, it's these little sparkles of hope that reconnect us to each other and nature.

Sandie explained, "The best thing about volunteering in the community is cheering people up and getting to know your neighbours." I think you'll agree that Sandie has certainly achieved her goal, whether it be dressed up as the Pink Panther or judging the tallest Sunflower, Sandie is an asset to the community and I can't wait to see what she gets involved with next!

On a more serious note Sandie would like to remind us all that; "As Covid constraints continue it's really important to remember that you may have neighbours who need a hello now and again or an offer of help."

A good way to stay connected is to join the private local community whatsapp group. Please text me, Teresa on 07812 243732 for an invite.

Sandie has positive intentions for the future:

"I would love to keep the sunflower competition going. It was so lovely and cheerful to see massive sunflowers popping up around Lode and Longmeadow all summer. So I will be sharing seeds again in spring. As it's coming up to Christmas and we can't get out as much due to Lockdown I will be decorating the front door with festive cheer. It would be lovely to see how many others do the same."

Thank you to Sandie and everyone that has been and continues to look out for each other in Lode and Longmeadow.

Teresa

Write a Letter to Santa

Santa loves getting letters from children all over the world

**Santa/Father Christmas
Santa's Grotto
Reindeerland XM4 5HQ**

Remember to put a stamp on the envelope so it gets to Reindeerland and include your full name and address in your letter.

**Please send your letters
by Friday 11 December.**

LODE 25 STAR

News from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

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



After a restful half-term, the children have come back to school with an ever-growing excitement about the festive activities that this special half term holds.

But, before the Christmas build up begins the children are in their classes working incredibly hard. There has been lots of history and geography learning taking place this term. From the Stone Age to Guy Fawkes and from the magnificent fens to our capital cities, children have been so engaged in learning lots of new information.

Owls class were very privileged to have local artist, Jamie Sugg, come in to work with them on creating their own fenland paintings while Kingfishers had a visitor from France 'zoom in' to answer the children's questions about what it's like to live there.

Our focus across the school this half term is on improving handwriting and we are working hard on writing stamina too. Next time we shall share some of our wonderful writing with you.

The very youngest children in the school have been out and about in The Denny woods. If you get the chance - have a walk through and see the wonderful dens the children have built. Whilst the eldest children in the school look forward to beginning bike ability on the village roads this month.

PSA NEWS:

With the challenges that Covid has brought upon the school community the PSA fundraising events are looking quite different this year. With key events such as the fireworks having to be cancelled the focus has been on 'Enrichment'.

Children held a non-uniform day at the end of half term. On Nov 13th Children raised money for BBC's Children in Need by making their school uniform 'subtly different'. Classmates were encouraged to 'spot the difference' in each other's uniform: from mismatched socks, to alternative hair styles.

Christmas cards made by the children were a great success, and a lovely start towards the festive season.

Looking ahead, sadly the Christmas fair is unlikely to be able to go ahead... HOWEVER that doesn't mean that all is a loss: Order forms will shortly be distributed for Wreaths to be purchased (Villagers keep a look out) and there is a hope for a Christmas craft session to be arranged for the school.

300 Years of Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

This academic year marks 300 years of Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School. Please get in touch with the school with any stories, articles, pictures, etc... relating to the school throughout the ages. We are looking forward to marking and celebrating this historic anniversary.

lvale@swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk or office@swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk

Remembrance Service

Lockdown Two has meant yet more changes, however one vital part of village and British life was able to be marked: Remembrance Service at the village memorial. The two eldest and two youngest children in the school joined the community and laid the school wreath in a mark of respect for those villagers that lost their lives whilst fighting for this country.

Laurinda Vale



Lucy Frazer, MP

As we look to the end of 2020, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the work I have been doing over the course of this year.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us and I want to pay tribute to everyone who has helped and supported their local communities and vulnerable individuals during the pandemic. The response to the public health challenge of Coronavirus saw us pulling together ensuring that our communities across Cambridgeshire kept connected. And I know that our villages are continuing their great support to others. I was pleased to safely meet with local volunteers in person across the constituency during the summer months – and to take part in regular Zoom updates with local leaders and stakeholders.

The Coronavirus pandemic brought an economic shock to the UK like we have not experienced before, but I am encouraged to see that we are taking steps towards a positive recovery. By the summer, in our area 14,700 furloughed workers were supported through the Job Retention Scheme and 4,600 self-employed individuals were given help through the Self-Employment Income Scheme. 1,687 local businesses received a cash grant of up to £25,000 thanks to the local authority discretionary grant fund. Whilst these measures have brought relief to both employers and employees, it is important that we continue to support local businesses as we look to the future.

Whilst the government is focused on dealing with the pandemic, other projects are still progressing and I continue to work to improve our area.

I welcome the announcement that the Department of Health has awarded Cambridge University hospitals £1.9 million to expedite the complete redevelopment of **Addenbrooke's hospital**, this will include a new children's hospital. And at the beginning of October, the Prime Minister also announced the building of a new cancer hospital. Residents across Cambridgeshire rely upon Addenbrooke's Hospital for their medical care, and population growth makes its complete replacement with a brand new hospital in the years ahead a necessity. I have campaigned hard for continued investment in NHS services in our local area, and the construction of a new hospital has my complete support.

This development is further evidence of the government's commitment to this scheme, and the NHS more generally. I will continue to do everything in my power to make sure that Cambridgeshire sustains its reputation for world-class medical services.

Furthermore for some I have been pressing for improvements to the A10 and spearheaded the campaign for its dualling. Some progress has been made on this project. There are eight options for the project, and the Mayor and Combined Authority held a virtual consultation during the summer to collect feedback from residents and road users. I have continued to press the Treasury on the importance of this work.

Having campaigned since 2015 for a **station in Soham** I am pleased that plans have now been approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council. The main construction phase is planned for 2021, with an expected completion date of spring 2022. This important project will support economic growth and investment over the coming years.

The Greenways scheme is one of the local efforts to improve cycleways by constructing routes between central

Cambridge and nearby villages. The routes will help to reduce pressure on public transport and offer more environmentally friendly ways to commute and get around. I have supported this scheme since 2017, working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and other local stakeholders to ensure that local residents were involved in determining the routes. This currently includes six routes in South Cambridgeshire.

Education has also been a key campaign pledge since I was first elected. Year after year I have taken heads to Westminster to meet the Education Secretary. As a result of much campaigning with teachers and others the 2021-2022 academic year will see per pupil funding increase by an average of 4%. The National Funding Formula allocations reflect a 60% increase in the total additional funding for small and remote school - and this is good news for small schools in our area who can attract further funding due to their status. I remain proud that East Cambridgeshire is one of 12 Opportunity Areas that enables the region to unlock additional funding.

I continue to hold regular surgeries and am here to help with any issues you may have. Constituents who would like help with a problem or want to arrange a telephone call or a virtual meeting should contact me by emailing lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

To keep up with my work follow me on Facebook and Twitter or visit my website – www.lucyfrazer.org.uk.

Best wishes for the rest of 2020 and I hope that 2021 will prove to be a better year for us all.

Lucy Frazer MP
South East Cambridgeshire

Cambridge Women's Aid Refuge Christmas Appeal

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

Last donation date is Monday 14th December.

Unfortunately donations to the refuge will be different this year.

Donations of money or supermarket vouchers will be greatly appreciated in order to continue supporting women and children to meet their needs. Cheques should be made payable to Cambridge Women's Aid.

THE CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S AID REFUGE IS ONE OF THE CHARITIES THAT **ELY DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION** SUPPORTS. THEY THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

I am sorry that we can't choose gifts to give to the families this Christmas. Any help we can give these families is more important this year.

If you have any questions please 'phone Julie Sale 811222



Answers to Christmas Anagram Quiz (page 00)

Some of these performers have had several Christmas hits, but just one is listed below.

1. **Johnny Mathis** (When a Child is Born, 1976)
2. **Slade** (Merry Xmas Everybody, 1973).
3. **Dickie Valentine** (Christmas Alphabet, 1955)
4. **The Darkness** (Christmas Time, 2003)
5. **Rage Against The Machine** (Killing in the Name, 2009).
6. **Harry Belafonte** (Mary's Boy Child, 1957)
7. **Ellie Goulding** (River, 2019).
8. **Greg Lake** (I Believe in Father Christmas, 1975)
9. **Paul McCartney** (Pipes of Peace, 1983)
10. **Bing Crosby** (White Christmas, 1942)
11. **Mariah Carey** (All I Want for Christmas Is You, 1994)
12. **Band Aid** (Do They Know It's Christmas?, 1984)
13. **Alexandra Burke** (Hallelujah, 2008)
14. **Elvis Presley** (Blue Christmas, 1964)
15. **David Whitfield** (Santa Natale, 1954)
16. **St Winifred's School Choir** (There's No One Quite Like Grandma, 1980)
17. **The Beatles** (I Want to Hold Your Hand, 1963)
18. **The Flying Pickets** (Only You, 1983)
19. **Girls Aloud** (Sound of the Underground, 2002).
20. **Pet Shop Boys** (Always On My Mind, 1987)

QUIZ DEVISED BY
IAN AND CAROLE FAULKNER

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/>

NHW Co-ordinators

LONGMEADOW

Lis Miles ----- 811233

LODE ROAD & NORTHFIELDS

Pip Lane ----- 811944

HIGH STREET, THE PASSAGE & ABBEY LANE

MILL ROAD

Mike Parrish ----- 811356

FAIRHAVEN CLOSE, WILLOW GROVE & STATION ROAD

Ellis Weinberger.

LODE FEN

Denis Moules ----- 811918

Anglesey Group

Things are somewhat different this year! At the time of writing we are in the second period of tighter restrictions, and Christmas plans are uncertain for us all. Normally our members would be looking forward to the Deanery Advent service, followed by a soup lunch. We would have already made our menu choices for Christmas Lunch meeting. Sadly due to the Covid-19 pandemic neither of these will take place this year.

On the positive side we look to the things we can do. Firstly there is our annual collection of donations for the Cambridge Women's Aid Refuge Christmas Appeal. This usually takes the form of Christmas gift items for women and children, but this year we have to conform with risks posed by Covid-19, and our gifts have to be monetary or supermarket vouchers. Secondly, through our Wave of Prayer we support Mothers' Union members serving their communities across the world. Every day at midday a "wave of prayer" goes around the world, following an annual pattern, which means that every MU region is prayed for at least once during the year. The Ely Diocese annual "Wave of Prayer" from **10-12 December** remembers MU Members in our five special link dioceses: Lusaka in Zambia; Shyogwe in Rwanda; Sokoto & Ikka in Nigeria; and Karimnagar in India. In recent years this has become an integral part of the Deanery Advent

Service. This year the majority of prayers will be in the form of individual prayer or virtual prayer groups.

Our last branch meeting, before the pandemic, was held back in February. Ever since we have been able to keep in touch as a branch, and Mothers' Union organisation as a whole via all the modern means of communication, for which we are all truly thankful.

We take this opportunity to wish all readers a Safe, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas.

Ann Langran



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9	3	4	7	2	8	6	1	5
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2	5	8	3	4	7	9	6	1
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LODE 30 STAR

ST. JAMES' CHURCH LODE with LONGMEADOW

Vicar: Rev'd Sue Giles, C.812726 suethovic@btinternet.com
Churchwarden: Julie Sale, C.811222 juliesale0@gmail.com
<http://angleseygroupparishes.co.uk/>



The **ANGLESEY GROUP OF PARISHES** comprises:
Holy Trinity Bottisham, St Mary's Quay, St James' Lode, St Mary's Swaffham Bulbeck
and St Mary's Swaffham Prior

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

Anglesey Group of Churches

Due to the lockdown restrictions our church services are suspended. When the current restrictions are lifted we hope to resume our reduced pattern of services. You can still join us on zoom via your computer or phone on Sundays for our **Morning Prayer Service at 10.20am**

Other Regular Events - all on Zoom

Play & Praise – Fortnightly on Fridays, 9.30am suethovic@btinternet.com

Film Church – Fortnightly on Sundays, 5.30pm for Year 6+

admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

C by C: Compline by Candlelight: Monthly on first Wednesday, 8pm

Bible Study, weekly on Thursdays, 7.30pm Heather Male,

heathermale1@gmail.com

Bible Study, monthly on first Wednesday, 10.30am Mike Procter

mike@procter.com

Bible Study, fortnightly on second/fourth Wednesday, 7.30pm Liz Butler,

lizbutl@gmail.com

Benefice Prayer Group, monthly on second Thursdays, 7.30pm

suethovic@btinternet.com

NEW FOR ADVENT

Advent Study Groups, Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December at 7.30pm
with breakout rooms for discussion and period of worship to finish;

admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve 8.00pm Zoom service for all
Christmas Eve 11.15pm Communion Service, Swaffham Bulbeck
Christmas Day 8.00am Communion Service, Quay
Christmas Day 10.00am Family Service, Swaffham Prior

Please book to attend any of these services

Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior schools are planning **Stations of the Nativity** around their villages that will be in place for the last two weeks of December.

A Zoom Christingle Service is being planned

Look out for more information during December

If you have any Zoom queries please contact Dee
on admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk



LODE 31 STAR

OUTSIDE INFORMATION

Cambridge code (01223)
unless otherwise indicated

BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE : 810030
Monday to Friday 8.30-18.00 Saturday CLOSED
When Surgery is closed for medical help please ring 111
BROUGHTON HALL..... In an emergency: 999 or Swannell 811584
CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE **Emergency 999**
Non-Emergency www.cambs.police.uk 101
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
LODE PARISH COUNCIL Chairman: Robert Stevens..... 811643
Clerk: Jonathan Giles lodeparishclerk@gmail.com .07789 012 761
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LODE Churchwarden: Julie Sale 811222
LODE CHAPEL Alan Brand alanbrand77@icloud.com 812558
ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, Cherry Hinton 211235
LODE SHOP & POST OFFICE 811927
PASSAGE HALL Bookings - Julie Sale juliesale0@gmail.com 811222
THE SHED, Pub & Restaurant info@the-shed-pub.co.uk 812425
1st Bottisham RAINBOWS/Bottisham BROWNIES 811055
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT: Lucy Frazer 020 7219 3000
lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Shire Hall 0345 045 5200
County Councillor Mathew Shuter 01638 508729
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL 01353 665555
District Councillors: Charlotte Cane .. 07976 607512. John Trapp 812120
SANCTUARY HERWARD HOUSING 0800 131 3348
BOTTISHAM SCOUT HUT for hire bottishamhuthire@outlook.com
BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE 811250
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
TRAVELINE (Local transport information)0871 200 22 33
STAGECOACH CAMBUS CUSTOMER SERVICES.....423578

WASTE & RECYCLING DECEMBER/JAN

Thursdays

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

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○ = CHANGED DAY

**domestic and
sexual abuse
helpline**
0803 802 1414
Freephone confidential 24/7 helpline
Call now.
chahelpline.org

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

2nd Wednesday of the month

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

The Silver Line
helpline for older people
0800 4 70 80 90

Environment Agency incident
River hotline ... 0800 80 70 60

FRANK
0800 77 66 00
talktofrank.com
Friendly, confidential
drugs advice

HELPLINE
116 123 (FREE)
samaritans
IN CONFIDENCE
jo@samaritans.org

ChildLine
0800 111 111

EMERGENCY

Gas 0800 111999
Anglian Water 08457 145145
Electricity 0800 783 8838



ROUTE 11 BUS SERVICE

NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

14 JUNE 2020

(E&OE)

+ = Serves Lode Church



From LODE x-roads to CAMBRIDGE

Monday to Saturday

0646, 0706(Sat:0716), 0749(Sat:0746), 0933,1029+,
1133, 1229+, 1333, 1429+, 1533,1633, 1733, 1833

Longmeadow bus shelter: Up to 4 mins earlier than these times

From LODE x-roads to NMKT & BStE

Monday to Saturday

0717, 0817, 0917+, 1017,1117+, 1217, 1317+,
1417, 1517+, 1617, 1742+, 1842, 1942

Longmeadow bus shelter: Up to 4 mins later than these times

From CAMBRIDGE to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday

0650, 0750, 0850+, 0950, 1050+, 1150,
1250+, 1350,1450+, 1550,1715+,1815, 1915

From BStE (via NMKT) to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday

Starts B'will 0619&0639, Starts Nmkt 0656&0840,
0905(0940)+, 1005(1040), 1105(1140)+,
1205(1240), 1305(1340)+, 1405(1440),
1505(1540),1605(1640), 1705(1740)