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BVC Bottisham Village College

March

- To 15 March Crowns & Gowns (p30)
- 1 National Trust Volunteer Event (p15)
 - 4 Lode WI 7.30pm LC (p9)
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April

- 1 Lode WI 7.30pm LC
- 5 Kirtling Tower Open Garden (p30)
- 8 Walk for Health, 11am Surgery (p16)
- 13 Lode Parish Council 7.30pm FH

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

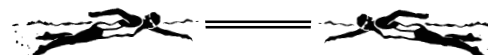
Tunbridge Lane, Bottisham, Cambridge CB25 9DU

www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

MONDAY to FRIDAY 8.30am-6.00pm

Appointment/Enquiries: 01223 810030

Fax: 01223 810031



Bottisham Early Morning Swimming Club Invites new members for morning swims

on Mondays, Wednesdays and
Fridays 06.45 to 08.30 hrs

Bottisham Sports Centre

Present rate: £63 for 3 months
(expected to increase to £67.50
from 1 May 2020)

Please contact: 07850 005 440
Email: geoflawn@outlook.com



If you like to read what is going on in the villages around us, current copies of the **Bulbeck Beacon**, **Swaffham Crier** and the **Cresset** can be found on the table or the book pews in St James' Church (during daylight hours). You are welcome to take the magazines home, but please return the current issue for others to read.

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Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th century.

With no connection to mothers at all, the word 'mothering' referred to the 'mother church', which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was apparently known as 'going a-mothering', and became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.

Should a **Simnel Cake** be a treat for those domestic servants to take home to their mothers on Mothering Sunday or regarded as a purely Easter-related confection along with bunnies and chocolate eggs?

Which ever, the Simnel cake recipe on page 18 should fit the bill.

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

**Please could all items for inclusion in the
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Lode Parish Council News

Silver Maple Tree

This magnificent tree at the entrance to Northfields was felled by the County Council without any prior consultation.

Several years ago, there was a Parish Council meeting at which the District Council Trees Officer was present. A Tree Preservation Order was proposed, but as the tree was on land owned by the District Council, it was not considered necessary. It would be trimmed by the County Council as required, seeing it was on land 'adopted' by them.

A call to the District Council whilst the work was in progress confirmed that they were unaware of the proposed felling. Two days later, we were rung by a senior officer of the County Council who apologised and said it should not have happened. Since

then, there has been proposal by them for a substantial replacement and five other trees.

We have also been informed that they are proposing fifteen trees to be planted in the parish to compensate for the felling of trees beside the A1303 in Quy and Bottisham.

Land in Longmeadow

We have been given first refusal by the County Council to purchase the site which was recently granted planning permission for up to four dwellings.

This will not be possible, but we may be interested in their land behind it becoming amenity woodland. A recent Government announcement would require about four acres of land per year to become woodland in the parish, considering our area compared with the UK and the total acreage required.

Public Footpath Diversion

We have been consulted by an agent acting on behalf of landowners to officially divert the footpath that should run over the Norman Moore Lake (or the Sportsman Pit) and through White Fen Wood (or Brick Kiln Wood). The pit was dug many years ago to provide clay for the lode bank, so we realise that a footpath over the lake with steep sides is not practicable. However, no justification has been made for legally diverting the footpath around the Wood, which has been fenced-off in recent years.

Recreation Ground and Fassage Hall

No charge has been made over the past ten years to the Bottisham and Lode Cricket Club on account of the

contribution made by the club to building the Hall. This agreement has now ended. It is hoped that all the cricket and football clubs using the facility in future will help to manage the grounds and sports wing of the building and join the Fassage Hall Committee, as originally intended. There are significant costs in maintaining the sports wing. The Tennis Club runs and maintains the tennis court and covers all its costs.

Litter Picking

Thanks to all who came to help pick up litter this year. It would be excellent if residents keep the streets and footpaths near them clear and tidy for the rest of the year. Meanwhile, councillors will keep the Recreation Ground, Fassage Green, Allotments, Play Area and Cemetery clear of litter regularly.

Parking near Junctions

A car was parked for a long period near the junction of Mill Road, making it difficult for the school and public buses to turn. The District Council came out to investigate as it was suspected as being abandoned. Shortly afterwards it was moved.

Please be aware that vehicles should not be parked opposite or within 10 metres of any junction (see Highway Code). The Police may issue Fixed Penalty Notices for obstruction. If there is a collision, the driver of the parked vehicle may be held liable.

Finances, Maintenance, Help and Grants

The Parish Council ceased having a Finance Committee in 2017 because it was felt that all meetings concerning finance and budgeting should involve all members of the council and be held in public.

A detailed draft budget is produced by our Clerk, and is considered at our two subsequent normal monthly meetings. Finances are also discussed at all the other monthly meetings.

We now have a greater number of items and areas to maintain and our reserves have been depleted by our share of the purchase of the Fassage Green. The Community Infrastructure Levies have been spent on new acquisitions, which themselves will entail maintenance. We have therefore raised the allowance to cover these from £1,000 to £2,000. We have not budgeted for any new items this year, but we may have to contribute more than expected towards a second electronic speed sign, should the County Council agree to fund the rest of the cost.

Members of the Parish Council volunteer to do many tasks to keep costs down rather than employing people.

The Fassage Hall Management Committee members are also volunteers. Help with keeping the parish tidy and cutting back vegetation would be most welcome. The Tennis Club has raised funds for the new fence around the court and there was a generous grant from the District Council. Other grants in future may come via the Lode with Longmeadow Village Trust, but grants usually require match-funding.

Robert Stevens, Chairman



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BURWELL COMMUNITY CHOIR'S

10th Birthday Concert

Saturday 16th May, 7.30pm

Mandeville Hall, Burwell

Tickets costing £6, including a buffet, are available from Burwell Post Office, Tina's and choir members.

All proceeds from the concert will go to **CAM SIGHT** a local charity supporting people with low vision and blindness.



We do hope you will come and support us.

Lode with Longmeadow Community Afternoon

Join us on the 7th March
2pm-4pm
Fassage Hall, Lode

Chat with members of
the Village Trust and
the Parish Council

Drop in for tea and cake

Sudoku! PUZZLE 157

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

Solution on page 6

						2		
		5	6	3			9	
9	2				7			4
					8			1
	3			1			8	
7			4					
8			9				3	7
	1			2	5	6		
		4						

LODE 6 STAR

Spring Jumble Sale



Saturday 14 March
2-4pm St. James' Church

There is a car park opposite the church, where it is helpful if you could leave your car, so reducing congestion in the High Street

Entrance £1 adults and children are free.

Refreshments are served, including tea, coffee and home-made cakes, to keep you going, during or after your jumbling efforts!

Come along and find some bargains. The money raised goes towards community activities and some smaller local charities.

Finally, Jumble sales are a way of reducing waste, by recycling and re-using stuff that might otherwise be thrown away. Come along and join us, and we look forward to seeing you.

Lode Star Magazine Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

Income and Expenditure	2019	2018	Reconciliation	£
Receipts	£	£	Current Account	
Donations	1,162.00	536.00	Balance at 31.12.18	1,513.79
			Balance at 31.12.19	2,301.49
			Increase over year	787.70
Subscriptions (for extra copies)			Deposit Account	
Sales at Post Office etc	70.05	64.41	Balance at 31.12.18	1,802.04
Advertising Income	3,780.00	3,242.50	Balance at 31.12.19	1,812.87
			Increase over year	10.83
Deposit Interest	10.83	8.81		
Transferred to Summary	<u>5,022.88</u>	<u>3,851.72</u>	Increase in Current A/c	787.70
			Increase in Deposit A/c	10.83
			Profit per Summary	798.53
Expenses				
Burwell Community Print	4,115.40	4,144.26		
Postage	108.95	91.07		
Transferred to Summary	<u>4,224.35</u>	<u>4,235.33</u>		
Summary				
Receipts	5,022.88	3,851.72		
Expenses	4,224.35	4,235.33		
Surplus / (Deficit)	798.53	-383.61		

NOTES TO THE 2019 ACCOUNTS:

Many thanks again for your donations throughout 2019 and to all our advertisers.

Advertising revenue increased from £3,242 in 2018 to £3,780 for 2019. Printing costs reduced slightly from £4,144 in 2018 to £4,115 in 2019.

The accounts are not audited and cover the calendar year 2019.

Jeff Kempster Hon Treasurer

LODE 7 STAR

Bottisham Village College



Adult Learning for March and April include:

Creating Glass Jewellery (starts 5 March)
Quick and Easy Italian Cookery (starts 30 April)

Don't miss our Saturday Workshops on 28 March:

Dressmaking Workshop
Quick and Easy Indian Cookery
Reactive Glass Jewellery
Spring Flowers in Acrylics
Springtime Flower Arranging
Yoga Workshop

Coming up in June:

'Prepare for Maths GCSE'

A FREE 5-week evening course for anyone who wants to apply for our 'Maths GCSE for Adults' course commencing September 2020 – Contact us for full details

Would you like to suggest a course?

We are always looking for new ideas, so if you would like us to provide a course which is not offered, or you have skills you would like to teach to adults, please let us know.

www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning

Tel: 01223 811372 email:

adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook:

BottishamAdultCommunityLearning
or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

We are running the Cambridge Half Marathon to keep our hearts healthy and raise £1,400 to buy a defibrillator for Castle Special School.



Each year in Britain around 30,000 people are struck by sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital environments. They can affect anyone at any time – from young children at school, to adults when they're at home, work or out in public places.

Without immediate treatment, 90-95% of cardiac arrests prove fatal. If a defibrillator is used within 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest, survival rates jump from 6% to 74%.

12 people under the age of 35 die each week from sudden cardiac arrest. 270 children die from sudden cardiac arrest suffered on school premises.

Every school should have one, so we thought we would run the Cambridge Half Marathon to keep our hearts healthy and to secure a defibrillator for Castle Special School.

Phil Robinson, Mill Road, Lode

If you would like to help us please visit www.justgiving.com/Phillip-Robinson4

LODE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Carole Faulkner (President) welcomed members and guests to the February meeting and handed over to the Treasurer who reminded members that it was subscription time. Ann Round (Secretary) had received a note from The Federation Players that they require actors for Curtain Up on 13,14 and 15 May. She pointed out that there would be no learning of scripts involved! In 'Out and About' Carole had been to see the play '9 to 5' at the Savoy Theatre starring David Hasselhoff and had thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

'What's On' Fay Bawtree went over the new events and asked for payment for others.

The meeting was then handed over to **Fran Saltmarsh** who informed us that Six into One will go. Fran started by bringing out a dressmaker's dummy on which she put a beautiful dress in the Tudor style dated from 1500–1547 when ladies did not show off their breasts but had them flattened in a corset with a white chemise next to the skin.

We were then taken through Henry VIII's six wives in order beginning with Catherine of Aragon who came from Spain to marry the King; followed by Anne Boleyn who was beheaded for treason. Jane Seymour, a very plain and demure lady, was given a divorce and was followed by Anne of Cleves, who could speak no English and whose marriage was never consummated. Catherine Howard became wife number three and was beheaded followed by Catherine Parr who survived Henry.

As Fran was taking us through the historic facts about each wife she changed the skirt and sleeves of the basic dress to fit the period also showing us the magnificent hats which

she modelled herself proving that 'Six into One' will go. Audrey Palmer thanked Fran for her most enlightening talk.

After refreshments the Committee members took it in turns to open up the discussion of the five possible resolutions for the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall. These were:

- A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration,
- Female crash test dummies,
- End modern Slavery,
- Time to talk about death and dying and
- Protect our precious helium.

After all these had been discussed each member selected the one which they would most like to go forward. These will all be sent to National Federation and we will be informed which one had the most votes nationally. This discussion high-lighted some of the more serious issues that members can get involved in.

The winners of the competition 'Best dressed wooden spoon' were Elaine McCaghrey and Jean Coxall and the raffle was won by Lesley Trigg.

Trevor Chapman will be talking to us about 'Better Health through Better Hearing' at the next meeting on Wednesday 4 March.

Lode WI welcomes visitors and prospective members.

Try our meetings free of charge!

'phone Carole Faulkner on C.811963

for details, or just drop into Lode Chapel on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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 can you not contact the offers before the first of the month to make it a little fairer.

Offers

- Card Table (Green Baize Top, one leg bit wobbly but easily fixed); Child's Drop Side Cot; Music Centre Stand (H. 75cms, 3 shelves, Black).

Lesley 01223 812901

Wanted

- Cricket bats, gloves, pads, balls etc. suitable for U13 and U15 age groups. We wish to take to Sri Lanka in the summer for a local cricket club.

Mary-Louisa C.813922

- Old hand tools and motoring memorabilia wanted. Anything considered. Ray 07591 747 625
- Wire hanging baskets. Fibre (not plastic!) wall plugs (rawlplugs), sizes no. 8 or no. 10.

Bob or Nicky C.813592

- Your old light fittings, brown Bakelite switches, iron conduit and switches, bulb holders and holders. Sheets and bits of bakelite. Postcard rack (carousel if possible).

George 07895 064 727

Ever thought of trying Model Flying?



Legislation covering the flying of drones came into effect in November 2019.

What is perhaps not fully understood is that the legislation also applies to flying traditional model aircraft, as shown in the segment in the BBC's Country File programme which aired on 15 December. The programme generated a lot of interest and, as a result, the British Model Flying Association (BMFA) has set up a website showing the location of all model flying clubs that are prepared to offer 'trial flights' like the one shown in the programme.

Newmarket Model Flying Club is a well-established, friendly club and it is offering free trial flights at each of its three sites in the Newmarket area. In addition, the club can provide training, advice and guidance to anyone interested in taking up the hobby. This includes safety, the choice of models and equipment and meeting the requirements of new legislation.

Model flying is suitable for all ages/genders. If you would like to give it a try, you can find information about the BMFA's Trial Flight Initiative at : <https://try-flying.bmfa.uk/>

You can also find information and contact details for Newmarket Model Flying Club on the club website: www.newmarket-mfc.org

Michael Langran
on behalf of the Newmarket Model Flying Club Committee

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



Far be it for me to advise on health, well-being and relief from stress but recent January newspaper articles have come up with several remedies to help millennials and seniors.

1. Take up **READING** – large print books, fiction of all genres and non-fiction readily available
2. Start doing **JIGSAWS** – the younger you are the better. We have a large excellent selection for young with recently donated ones available for free.
3. Build with **LEGO** – as an adult you may not have any Lego of your own. Feel free to come on a Tuesday or Friday evening 6-8pm and use the boxes of Lego we hold for our Saturday morning sessions. Tables available with comfy chairs and some Lego ideas books to get you started.

I know the resolution period has passed but as you have probably already broken them start anew and support our Library

We were very pleased with the Quiz evening on the 8th February with the maximum 16 tables filled. A welcome £500 has been added to our funds. Thanks to all who helped and those who came and supported us yet again. Many thanks also to Bill Sumner from Bottisham Stores who made a generous contribution towards winners' prizes and a raffle prize.

Sylvia Overton 811792



LitterPick



Thank you to everyone who turned up, and thank you to those children who brought your parents along to get some fresh air, do a vital job and then have tea and cakes.

It was a great effort and Lode, Longmeadow and our neighbours all look a lot prettier for it. We collected over 40 bags of rubbish, together with a plastic roof, and a sack of 'astroturf.' ECDC collected it all on Monday morning which was excellent so thanks go to them as well.

One helper, who wishes it to be known, came despite England's match against France in the six Nations. That's the spirit, though it is a pity they lost. We reckoned about 40 people turned up to help. It certainly makes a dreary job more fun and a lot quicker. Thank you

Lode Parish Council



Date for your diary

LODE VILLAGE FETE

will take place on
Sunday 7 June 2020

on the Passage Playing Field Lode
from 12 noon – 4.00pm

**To book a stall please contact
Pauline Holmes 01223 812029**

For any other information or to join
the committee please contact
Chris King 01223 813274

our next meeting is on
Wednesday 18 March 7.30pm



Our District Councillors' REPORT

East Cambs will be sending out shortly (between 9-14 March) a questionnaire about buses, walking and cycling. Please use this to share your views about what you want in or local area. You can post it back to the Council, or drop it off at the Lode Post Office & Shop, or you can complete it on-line <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/roads-transport/bus-services-and-cycling-and-walking-routes-consultation>.

John and Charlotte are holding three meetings to listen to your ideas and your discussion, all at 7.30 pm on Monday 23 March in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Sports and Social Club, Monday 30 March at the Memorial Hall in Brinkley, and Thursday 2 April in the Small Hall in Swaffham Prior Village Hall.

The Council is also consulting on two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). One covers Self-Build and the other covers the Natural Environment. The SPD on the Natural Environment is especially important for our area, as we are in the Devils Dyke 'buffer zone' and the Dyke goes through some of our villages. We also have Green Belt and other areas of significant natural habitat. These SPDs add policy to the Council's Local Plan and will become criteria against which planning applications will be judged. You can take part in these consultations at <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/supplementary-planning-documents>

The Operations sub-committee has decided to stop supporting Citizens Advice Rural Cambridgeshire with an annual subsidy of £47,000, but instead augmenting the ECDC advice service. There were many members of the public who stated their preference for an advisory service independent of the Council, and for one that would have more breadth and depth. We have 'called in' the decision, so that it will be reviewed by Full Council. The subsidy to Citizens Advice West Suffolk based in Newmarket, which is probably of more use to residents in our ward, will continue. The Citizens Advice in Cambridge is also available.

Another source of advice in the area is ECDC, telephone 01353 665555, which has an out-of-hours service for emergencies. Charlotte and John are also happy to help and our contact details are published in the magazine and the East Cambs website.

Our next Councillors' Surgery is on Tuesday 31 March at 6.30pm in Fassage Hall, Lode, followed by 'Meet your Councillors' at the Shed in Lode.

Note: this is a change of date from that previously advertised. Our following surgery will be on Wednesday 22 April in the Memorial Hall, Brinkley.

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charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk

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Lode Tennis Club



Competitions this summer: If you would like to enter any of the competitions below please contact John Lince on 01223 812227 before 20th March. The competition rules are unchanged from last year, except that the semi-finals and finals will be three sets and not just one set:

- Singles (open to ladies or men)
- Ladies' doubles (choose your own partner to enter with)
- Mixed doubles (partnerships determined by a draw)
- Men's doubles (new this year - choose your own partner to enter with)

Entrance is free for all members of Lode and Longmeadow Tennis Club, non-members are required to pay a one off entrance fee of £15 per annum.

The draw for all these competitions will be held at The Shed in Lode on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Summer Coaching for Juniors: We are still investigating the possibility of running a series of coaching sessions in the summer - mainly aimed at juniors, but possibly with some sessions for adults too. So far there has been very little response, so this is your last chance if you would like this to be available.

The plan was to organize coaching sessions of an hour (for each group of participants) on 8 consecutive Saturday or Sunday mornings or afternoons. Probably starting mid May 2020. The costs would be £40 for juniors (which works out at just £5 per 1 hour session) or £80 for adults.

We need to establish whether there will be enough people interested to make this a viable proposition, before we make a firm commitment to book a tennis coach.

So please get in touch **as soon as possible** - either contact me (or anyone on the tennis club committee) if you are interested in reserving a place this summer. It would be helpful if you could indicate a preference between Saturday or Sunday, and between morning or afternoon. This may of course be dependent on when the coach is available.

Subscriptions: The new membership subscription year starts on 1st March, so members will need to pay the renewal subscriptions then. A new membership pack has been sent out (please contact me if you haven't received it) and the membership form on the website has now been updated so you can download it from there.

Other news: Upcoming social events planned this year:

- A Wine & Cheese evening will be held on 6th June (more details to follow) - please put this date in your diary!
- A Family Tea & Cake afternoon with fete style stalls will be held towards the end of July.
- The Open Day will be held in August.

You can get all the latest news, contact other Tennis Club members, and get information about the club, by visiting our website at <http://www.lodetennis.net>

Jeff Kempster (Chairman)
01223 812194

News from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

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



A visit from Lucy Frazer MP

On Friday 14 February we hosted a visit from our local MP, Lucy Frazer, in response to letters written by governors about the difficulties of the current funding situation for small schools.

The children were very excited about her visit and prepared lots of questions for her covering a wide range of issues, from "why are you called an MP?" and "what do you do in your job?" to "what will you do to support our police?" and "what are the Conservatives planning to do about climate change?". She met all the children in a special school collective worship and answered as many of the questions as possible. She also took away all the questions to address after the visit.

Governors were able to meet her separately to explain the complexities of the school funding situation, and to share some ideas with her. We hope that we were able to convey to her some of the aspects of small schools that make them special and worth preserving.

A Sporting Autumn

We have had a superb year for sport so far at Swaffham Bulbeck, with a great number of our children representing the school in different sporting events, including boys and girls football, Year 3/4 multi-sports and hockey. A team of children from Kingfishers and Owls competed in last term's Cross Country event at Netherhall School. The event, in which over 1500 children participated, had the highest number

of entrants ever. All of the children performed superbly and everybody completed the 2km course (including the dreaded hill!) in very muddy and testing conditions.

Special congratulations to Harry in Year 4, who beat a field of 200 competitors to finish in first place for the second year running. Our Hockey team finished third overall, and proudly displayed their bronze medals on their return to school. Well done to all the children for all their hard work. Thanks to our Sports Premium funding (sometimes referred to as the 'Olympic Legacy') we are able to offer a wide range of sports competitions to our Owls class. Still to come this term are Tag Rugby and High 5s Netball.

A new Gospel Choir

We are delighted to be able to welcome Mrs Roebucks into school to run a whole-school Gospel Choir on Friday afternoons. The first few sessions have gone well and the children look forward to sharing their singing skills at future school events.

Amy Weatherup Chair of Governors



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Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen News and Events — March 2020



Visit Anglesey Abbey this March to enjoy new blooms and discover more about our past.

We're excited for the return of our spring blooms: the daffodils that sweep the estate and the tulips in the Formal Gardens and underneath the silver birches alike, but also eager to learn more about Anglesey Abbey's history during for the **Unearthing Our Past** project, which begins on 16 March and finishes on 29 March.

Join us for the two-week period to learn more about our monastic past, with archaeologists from the National Trust, Oxford Archaeology East and Operation Nightingale. The two-week dig will take place in front of the monks' graves found to the west of the House and will be accompanied with talks and tours. Find out more about the dig, events and about our partnerships on our website.

In other news, we have introduced a reusable cup for you to use whilst you are with us at Anglesey Abbey in a bid to reduce our paper cup waste. If you're going on a walk, or just prefer to use a takeaway cup, ask for your hot drink to be made in one of these cups, then pop it in one of our collection points before you leave. Not only are you helping us do our bit to save the planet, you'll also save 25p on your hot drink of choice. Our new raffle is also now live and tickets can be purchased at Visitor Reception. All money raised this year will be going towards the development of accessibility across the estate, so that we can welcome everyone to this special place.

Please also note that tickets for our **Cadbury's Easter Egg Hunts** (Thursday 2 to Monday 13 April, 10am–4pm) are also now on sale and must be pre-booked before arrival. Tickets can be purchased on our website or via the box office on 0344 249 1895.

Wicken Fen

We're thinking about the new season ahead and making plans for all the work that needs to be done to keep the reserve running smoothly, whether that's greeting visitors, cutting grass, or helping in the office. We'll be recruiting new volunteers for various roles at Wicken Fen soon. Our Volunteer Recruitment event will take place on Sunday 1 March; call in anytime between 10:30am and 3.30pm. If you're unable to make this date, but would like to know more, please contact Peter Green, Volunteer Co-ordinator, email peter.green@nationaltrust.org.uk

The café expansion project is almost finished. Join us for the official launch of the completed building on Tuesday 3 March from 12pm onwards. You'll be able to taste the new items on our menu and experience the more spacious and redesigned seating area. There will be a wider range of light meals, snacks, cakes, bakes and drinks available now that we have a bigger, better equipped kitchen. Pop in to see what's on offer!

The theme for **March's Mucky Pups** sessions is 'Muddy March' - so pack up some wellies and waterproofs and head to Wicken Fen for some outdoor fun! These sessions are specially for under 5's, bringing them close to

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nature, and encouraging them to enjoy fun, adventures and exploration. You can book either Wednesday 11 or Thursday 12 March; sessions are from 10:15-11:45am and cost £5 per child, accompanying adults free. Call 01353 720274 to book or find out more.

Our adult events include 'The Wild Remedy', an evening with author Emma Mitchell exploring the link between nature and wellbeing (12 March), Fenland Landscape Watercolour Workshop (14 March) and Introduction to Mindful Birdwatching course (25 April, 2, 9, 16 May). See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on> for more information.

Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

A course of lectures on Famous Russian Women in World History and Culture is proving very popular.

Topics ranging from Women in Power and Politics, Art and Literature, the Womanly Face of War and Women in Modern Russia. We have learned about some exceptional women from terrorists to heroines.

After the last session of this term, Thursday 19th March, there will be a short AGM. Please stay and share your views of the first two terms of BALA.

Plans are in place for Autumn term 2020 and Spring term 2021. There will be more details nearer the time.

Please contact Ann at meadeann7@gmail.com for further information.

Helen Cole

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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

Thanks: Thank you to those patients who have written letters of support for the practice in objection to the proposed planned retirement village. There are lots of kind comments supporting how the practice is running at present and supporting the objections raised by the practice partners.

Red Bucket Appeal: Thanks to all who have been contributing to this. We currently have £760.48 to go towards the purchase of the Doppler Machine, which is useful for checking circulation particularly in diabetic patients to ensure early treatment. This is about half what it will cost.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00am from the surgery car park (none in March) 8 and 24 April, 6 and 22 May 2020. 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: Next meeting will be Thursday 26 March 2020 at 6.30pm at the surgery. The committee would welcome any patients who are interested in issues and ongoing fundraising at the meeting, so do come along.

AGM: Thursday 30 April 2020 7pm at the surgery when one of the GPs will speak

Bottisham Patients' Participation Group



10 YEARS OLDER AND WISER?

This March I have been running your Post Office and village shop in Lode with Longmeadow for ten years. The Clarkes had been doing the role for generations so taking over from them was a lot to live up to. I have learnt some valuable lessons and with the majority of customers from Lode and further afield being so supportive, I feel I've done my best.

Our Helpful Projects

Over the 10 years we've had some interesting projects.

- The most significant was the open counter with secure area. This was done with the help of a Post Office grant. This change meant a more open, friendly way of serving customers.
- We've had a few different doors to the business but the main change to the entrance is the slopped access. This was partly paid by the Post Office with the reminder by the kindness of the village residents. This project helps everyone enter the building with ease.

Interesting Bits

- The most popular dry cleaning item is black trousers, if only it was beautiful party dresses.
- Maintaining stock of milk and bread is always a balance with very short expiry dates.
- Posties are hard working souls please join me in my appreciation especially when the weather is bad.
- Post Office holiday cover is difficult to find and good, trustworthy cover is rare. I thank Jed and Aruna (the diary keeper) for their support with my escapes.
- I discovered the village really cares about the colour of the open / closed sign.

A customer tells me he won a few bets on the colour! We have now returned to traditional colours to save so many questions.

- There are always last minute customers when I have plans on a Thursday or Saturday afternoon!

Village Life

- I admire this tiny village that thinks big. Over the years the various village groups have benefited the residents with various projects. Organising a cycle path, having regular jumble sales, weekly coffee mornings, village tidying sessions, the fete to name a few.
- I am impressed by this Lode Star magazine. I've found it to be an interesting read with useful adverts. It has been going since 1977, impressive for any publication. Long may this great magazine continue and prosper.
- It's a generous village, many groups and individuals helped pay for the access into the shop. There are many charities around the village and from the beginning our shop has supported an annual charity, this year is the turn of the

NSPCC

The Future

- During March we're trialling plant based milk (oat, soya, etc).
- We have some ideas to help reduce waste.
- We plan on having some small gifts for sale.
- We will continue to keep you posted in this great magazine and on our Facebook page, "Lode Post Office and Shop".

Thank you to for your continued support of this village shop with Post Office. I am proud to serve you and eagerly await the next ten years.

Corinne Arnold

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Simnel Cake

250g mixed dried fruit
(a mixture of sultanas, currants,
raisins and candied mixed peel)

1 orange, zested and juiced

500g pack marzipan

250g butter, softened

200g light brown soft sugar

4 eggs, plus 1 beaten to glaze

175g plain flour

100g ground almonds

1 tsp baking powder

1 lemon, zested

2 tsp mixed spice

1 tsp vanilla extract

100g glacé cherries, halved

3 tbsp apricot jam



1. Put the mixed dried fruit in a bowl with the orange juice and zest and 2 tbsp water.

2. Cover and microwave for 2 mins, then leave to cool completely. Alternatively, heat gently in a pan, stirring now and then until the liquid has been absorbed and leave to cool.

3. Heat oven to 150C / 130C fan / gas mark 2.

4. Roll out two thirds of the marzipan and using the base of a deep 20cm cake tin as a template, cut out two circles.

5. Wrap any offcuts and the remaining marzipan and set aside for later.

6. Butter and line the cake tin with a double layer of parchment.

7. Beat the butter and sugar together until creamy. Add the eggs, flour, almonds, baking powder, lemon zest, mixed spice and vanilla (all in one go) and mix until well combined.

8. Mix in the cooled soaked dried fruit and fold in the cherries.

9. Scrape half the cake mixture into the tin.

10. Top with the first disc of marzipan, then the remaining cake mixture, and level the top with a spatula.

11. Bake for 2 hrs. Check it's cooked by inserting a skewer to the centre of the cake, if any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for another 10 mins, then check again.

12. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool completely.

13. Brush the top of the cake with apricot jam. Place the second circle of marzipan on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like.

14. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the apostles. Brush the marzipan with beaten egg and arrange the apostles in a circle on top around the outside, and brush them with a little egg too.

15. Put under a hot grill for a minute or two until just starting to caramelize – be very careful as the marzipan will burn easily.

16. Leave to cool.

Will keep for up to a week in a sealed tin.

PER SERVING:	kcal	fat	saturates	carbs	sugars	fibre	protein	salt
	619	29g	12g	77g	60g	2g	10g	0.65g

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easter-simnel-cake>

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Public Transport Matters

Progress?! The bad section of footpath between the A1303 and High Street, Bottisham has had tarmac blobs put on the worst bits. Apparently they would have been left over from a larger job that Highways were working on. It is the path as you come home from Newmarket on the 12 bus.

It is important that we use what buses we have so that the services aren't cancelled.

There are continuing talks at district and county level about improving the routes and availability. Plans appear regularly in the Cambridge News with maps of the proposed routes.

There is a wish to ease congestion and pollution. The Greater Cambridge Partnership has the City Access scheme. There have been a series of 'tube' maps showing the bus routes now and how things could be improved – but in the next few years!

Consulting and Engineering firm Systra Ltd were commissioned to carry out a bus network planning exercise with a focus on enhancing the bus network and connections to Cambridge. Improvements to operating hours were considered important to attract commuters.

New residential areas in the City and rural areas should see a better service. They do not see all buses going through the villages but having points where they would link up with

faster buses. The 12 presently offers this sort of service.

With more buses on the roads, methods would need to be introduced to limit the number of cars coming into Cambridge. I do feel rather sceptical. Problems exist now and all these bus routes and hubs are way in the future. It seems that the talking has been going on for so long.

The promoters of the Metro system have now got problems as there is definitely going to be a new rail line which would run on a similar route to the suggested Metro system. The new Oxford rail link will see new stations at

Cambourne and St. Neots.

Local people are worried about preservation of the countryside and having two schemes both Metro and rail would see a lot of destruction. Is the rail route sufficient? East West rail would also have a link from Bedford to Cambridge via a link at a new station south of St. Neots at Tempsford and then on to a new station at Cambourne and then arriving in Cambridge.

People say that this is a chance to show off once again our engineering skills and link the two top universities Oxford and Cambridge. A local resident queried how one would get from St. Neots to Tempsford – by car?

There are many problems with the rail routes and companies. South Western Rail could be taken into

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public ownership due to its large tax problems. Avanti West Coast has taken over from Virgin trains – avantiwestcoast.co.uk. Four of Europe's train companies have been in the High Court accusing the govt. of acting unlawfully in the tender process to run HS2 and other rail franchises – Virgin trains, Stagecoach, SNCF and Arriva the British division of Deutsche Bahn.

Northern Rail has lost its franchise five years early. They have received very large subsidies from the public purse.

The Swiss have won a trains deal for new trains for the Tyne and Wear Metro to be built overseas. This has understandably caused upset to the unions and politicians and a huge blow for the Hitachi factory which is

short of work at its factory in County Durham.

Grant Shapps, the transport secretary, has revealed funds to reverse the Beeching cuts – the development of two lines in the North of England will be proposed.

We have left the EU but not Europe and it is hoped to establish rail links via the Channel Tunnel to Spain and Portugal as well as Eastern Europe.

Bombardier is proposing to sell its British business to Alstom.

Happy travelling! Paddy James

Rail info: 03457 48 49 50

Rickard's Ramblings

The Elephant in the Room

It's an odd expression, isn't it? What does it mean? One source on the internet describes it as follows:

"A metaphorical idiom in English for an important or enormous topic, problem, or risk that is obvious or that everyone knows about but no one mentions or wants to discuss because it makes at least some of them uncomfortable or is personally, socially, or politically embarrassing, controversial, inflammatory, or dangerous."

Well, that seems to cover it, and it is certainly appropriate to the topic that I think is fundamentally important in today's world, and that is **population growth**. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that an increasing world population has a direct and proportionate impact on all the things that we worry about today – climate

change, pollution, crime, health, natural resources, living conditions, and wars. Yet no-one in authority wants to discuss ways in which the world's population might be contained, stabilised, or even reduced over the coming decades.

There is much talk of 'human rights' these days, and it would be difficult to argue that reproduction is not a human right. However, unfettered reproduction will inevitably lead to a situation where population growth is limited by other factors – famine, for example. There are international initiatives on tackling climate change. Population control needs to be given the same, if not higher, priority. It may be a painful process, but far less so than if we just let nature take its course.

Charlie

Living the Questions ...

Hello, thanks for reading this page once again, I appreciate it.

I continue my series of 'living the questions' and hope this is something that gets you thinking as it did me.

One of the things I get to do quite a lot is care for people through illness and death, and care for their loved ones too. That probably doesn't come as much of a surprise, but it may surprise you to hear that I really thrive in that part of my ministry. Many of my colleagues hate doing funeral services, but I really love and value this part of my life and ministry. Obviously, these times are not fun, but they are really significant, and I count it a huge privilege and honour to be a small part of helping people through such times by being there for them, leading them through, and sharing words of comfort and hope.

The prospect of death raises all kinds of questions about 'how then shall I live?' It is a sobering and potentially transformative act to ponder the life that has been lived. What things of real worth will have been left behind for others? Are



they marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control?

Will you join me in reflecting on these questions personally? What legacy do you want to leave behind? How will people describe you? The Bible says that the evidence of a life lived well, a life lived God's way, will be love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They are known as the 'fruit of the Spirit'. That's how I want to be known.

If your thoughts on these questions lead you to want to continue the conversation and I can be of any help, please do get in touch, I'd be very happy to listen and chat.

You are also, as ever, very welcome to join us at RENEW Church, a bunch of ordinary people looking to Jesus and trying our best to follow Him together.

God bless you today, and enable you to be a blessing to others.

Rev'd Alan

RENEW Services for March 2020

Sunday Morning Worship is held at Bottisham Primary School

The services begin at 10.30am

Croissants and drinks are available from 10.10am

Everyone is welcome to all our services

We have activity groups for children and young people

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

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

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



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

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service wants everyone to be safe from fire at home and to know how to escape safely if a fire starts. It takes only one accident to start a fire. Fire kills. Let's prevent it.

That's why we offer and can arrange **FREE Safe and Well** visits to people in their own homes to make sure that they have working smoke alarms and a good level of fire safety awareness to help prevent fires and save lives.

A *Safe and Well* visit is a **home visit** that lasts no longer than an hour, at a convenient time for you, carried out by trained staff. During the visit we will:

- Talk to you about fire safety in the home
- Check your property to identify any fire hazards
- Check that you have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home
- Fit **FREE** ten-year smoke alarms as appropriate
- Provide you with fire safety advice and show you how to test your smoke alarms
- Talk about escape plans, so that you can escape safely if a fire starts
- Provide advice, or link you into organisations that can help you, if you need support with other issues such as health, wellbeing or crime prevention.

To find out if you are eligible for a visit, please call us on 01480 444500 or email us at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk.

Smoke Alarms - Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month, but fortnightly would be preferable, or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? These are your first line of defence. We all have waste collection calendars – on the side of the fridge or in a cupboard – “which bin is it this week?” Why not choose blue or green and mark it **RED** to remind you to test your smoke alarms? If you need a testing stick to reach please ask, we will do our best to provide as soon as supplies permit. Or use a broom handle – an old one cut off would suffice.

Another thought, which may enable you to help save a life – download onto your 'phone, or other device, the app '**what3words**'. Many people have already done this, putting them in a position to direct CFRS or any other emergency service, including EAAA, right to the spot. Amazing!

Think of the perhaps critical time saving – no more “it's near so-and-so” or I'm new to the area so I don't know...” etc. *Please do it now.*

Visit this website for more helpful tips and advice: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/> Like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/cambsfrs or follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs. For more information or to get in touch contact us on 0800 9179994 or firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk

Michael White



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BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Nigel Start gave us a whistle stop tour of two and a half thousand years History of Gardening in England.

He used several well-known paintings to illustrate his talk and told us that even in Stone Age times there was evidence of cereal crops being grown showing us that there was already a link between cultivation and civilisation and our forebears were not just hunter gatherers.

Roman Britain introduced us to villas and gardens with box hedging, roses, apples and onions and monastic gardens that were mainly used for growing herbs and medicinal plants.

The first book about gardening was written in 1440 in English and called 'The Feate of Gardening'. Woodcuts even showed the art of grafting for fruit trees in the 16th Century. Tudor and Stuart Gardens provided statement gardens for the aristocracy with knot gardens, mazes and parterres to be viewed from the upper floors of the mansion (saved one getting rained on).

Plant hunters who travelled widely brought back exotic plants, one of whom, John Tradescant introduced us to poppies, lupins, cos lettuce and scarlet runners and of course the tradescantia plant.

Tulip Fever in the Netherlands where bulbs were bought for the price of a large house, the potato was brought to England by Sir Walter Raleigh. Garden designers, William Kent, Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton all had their part to play.

Arts and Crafts Gardens with Gertrude Jekyll and Christopher Lloyd, Sissinghurst and Fellbrigg and other National Trust Gardens were all shown.

The Great Exhibition with its glasshouses, Kew Gardens, Chelsea Flower Show and the Chelsea Physic Garden, the Dig for Victory Campaign of the 2nd World War and allotment gardens brought us nearly up to date.

Now we have smaller gardens and have to use growbags, pots and containers but we do have many, many seeds, plants and trees available to us.

An interesting and amusing talk.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 24th March** when **Peter Green** will tell us about “**The use of Konik Ponies and Highland Cattle in Conserving Wicken Fen Wetlands**”

We meet in the Poppy Room at the Club and start at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are most welcome.

Sylvia Overton 811792

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CLERK TO BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Applications are invited for the above position in a village of 1750 electors.

This is a home-based permanent position for a minimum of 12 hours/week (work-load will vary over the weeks, so flexibility will be required). Equipment is provided and a home working allowance.

The salary is aligned with national pay scales and pro-rata ranges from £6,096-£7,730/annum, dependent on experience and qualifications. However there may be flexibility beyond this for the right person.

Key features of the role are:

1. Attendance at ordinary meetings, documenting and circulation of agendas and minutes, together with comprehensive administrative support. Meetings are held on the first Monday evening of each month (excluding August and on bank holidays when the meeting is held on a Tuesday).
2. Attendance and provision of administrative support to Parish Council Committees/work-groups and the Annual Meeting.
3. Responsibility for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances, including audit. You will be required to store

Parish Council records and documents securely.

4. Managing the cemeteries and grass-cutting around the village.
5. The primary administrative point of contact and correspondent with residents and external bodies.
6. The candidate will be expected to work towards the CILCA qualification for Parish Clerks (if not already qualified), for which the Council will provide support. You will require strong communication and organisational skills and be self-motivated. A working knowledge of local government procedures is desirable, although not essential.

The successful candidate will commence employment on 1st September 2020 and work alongside the current Clerk for one month.

A full job description and Person Specification is available from the Parish Clerk at: clerk@bottishampc.co.uk. 07914 219732.

To apply for the position please send your CV and a covering letter to the Chair of Council: jon.ogborn@bottishampc.co.uk.

Closing date for applications is 30 April, with interviews in early May 2020.

Red2Green



Red2Green is a community based organisation located in the heart of Bottisham and Swaffham Bulbeck. We teach life skills for over 16s with autism spectrum conditions such as aspergers and high functioning autism. We also provide day opportunities for independence, key skills and fun for people with learning disabilities.

We want to provide more for our local community and have a variety of opportunities that you can get involved with us in either a small or large way!

At the bottom is a questionnaire that you can fill in and drop in at the community café, or fill in online. We would be really grateful if you would spend a few minutes doing this.

Join in with Cogs2 Computers: On Tuesday, 4th February we held our first steering committee meeting for our Heritage Lottery Project, Cogs2Computers. We had representatives attending from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School, Bottisham Village College and a Red2Green trustee. We look forward to our first mixed group outing to the History of Computers Museum in Cambridge which will take place in May.

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3. Have you ever bought plants from the Red2Green garden?
Yes / No

4. What would you like to see from the Red2Green Community Café & Garden?

5. Would you be willing to join a focus group to help us develop the Red2Green Community Café & Garden
Yes/No

6. Would you consider volunteering for Red2Green
Yes (in the café)
Yes (in the garden)
No

7. Any other comments:

If you are willing to join a focus group or volunteer please give us your name and the best way to contact you:

Name:

E-mail:

Phone number:

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. We hope that the responses will help us continue to support the local community.

Red2Green

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CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY

Saturday 14 March

Mike Hall

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

To advertise in the print version of

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Questionnaire:

Please fill in this questionnaire and put in the post box at the Red2Green Community Café & Garden, Lode Road, Bottisham

If you would prefer to fill in the questionnaire online it can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/red2greencafegarden>

1. Your age group
(please circle)
18-29 30-49 50-64 65+

2. Have you ever visited the Red2Green Community Café & Garden?
Yes / No

If yes, was your visit in the last 6 months?
Yes / No

If no, is there a reason why not?

- At work in the day
- Been meaning to, but not got around to it
- The cafe was closed when I wanted to go
- Other (please state):

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If you are over 65 and feel as though technology is passing you by, we would love to invite you to join us in this project as we bring the community together to have FUN whilst LEARNING new skills. If this sounds of interest, please get in touch by phone: 01223 811662 and ask for Lou Fraser or email:

info@red2green.org

Become a trustee

We are looking for new trustees to join our board and support the strategic running of Red2Green.

To find out more contact our CEO, Jackie Fernandez at Jackie.fernandez@red2green.org or call 01223 811662 for an informal chat.

Tell us your vision for the community café and garden (and join in if you can!)

Our Community Café and Garden is on the edge of the Bottisham Village College site, although we are completely independent of BVC. We are a charity, and for the cafe and greenhouse to be sustainable, we need not only to fundraise but to also develop income streams from selling goods and plants.

We wish to develop the community café and garden and so are undertaking research to find out what you as our local community, need and want.

The ways that you can help us are:

- Fill in the questionnaire which starts at the top of this page
- Become more involved and tell us how to turn your ideas in to reality.

Red2Green



In February we highlighted the need for continuing support for our 'Mission 24/7' which, it is planned, will come into effect later this year or early 2021. The purpose of this is to increase the availability of Critical Care Teams both day and night by helicopter, and Rapid Response Vehicles where time constraints dictate. Currently EAAA is the only HEMS service, flown by two pilots and approved by the CAA flying at night, which covers not only our four counties but also Herts and Essex.

Currently the most frequent callouts are to cardiac arrests – about 30% of all missions. EAAA is working hard to increase the ability of members of the public to perform CPR – we estimate that 'bystander CPR' performed until first responders arrive on scene, raises the chances of patients surviving to over 50/50.

Social Media – Many of our supporters keep in touch through Facebook, Twitter and via our website. Here are three stories you might like to read:

Andrew – Twitter: just signed a monthly DD for @EastAngliaAirAmb. Had the pleasure of watching them work alongside @EastEnglandAmb crew over bank holiday weekend at a medical emergency I attended. Brilliant teamwork all involved! They deserve our support. One day we may need theirs.

Louise – Facebook: Amazing quick response. Air-lifted my husband from work to NNUH helping to save his life – eternally grateful.

Skinny – Facebook: I want to thank Tim, Edd and the aircrew on Anglia 2

who saved my life on 2nd September after an horrific motorbike crash. Thanks to you I get to see my family again – massive thanks!

A date for your diaries? – a long way off I know but if you would like to find out (a lot) more about EAAA, and meet many members of staff, trustees, patients and their families, why not come along to the EAAA Roadshow at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket on Friday 2nd October from 6pm onwards. I'll remind you nearer the time!

We are always looking for fundraising events and opportunities – please get in touch if you are planning to walk, run, swim or drop out of a flying machine (by parachute of course!) – we will support you in any way we can.

Together we save lives'

Michael White

Craft and Create

You are warmly invited to an evening of Craft on **Friday 28th March** 7.30-9.30pm in Lode Chapel. £5 per person

Tea, coffee and puddings provided (please make us aware of any allergies)

Craft will include pompom making, glass painting and book folding.

No previous crafting experience necessary!

It would be helpful to know numbers, so if you were planning to come do let us know.

But do also feel free to turn up on the night.

For more info email Laura on l.overton.83@googlemail.co.uk

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club



PART 2 What's in your hand?

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

Change your perspective. Your phone is nice and small, so you can easily and quickly move it around to find a unique angle and height that will make your image stand out. Be brave, use the panorama option too!

The devil's in the detail. It's the small things that matter, close-up images that show small details can be compelling. Keep an eye out for textures and patterns like peeling paint, a gravel road, a wooden table-top, or that spider hanging by its thread over in the corner. Only don't zoom in!

Use natural light – even at night. It's hard to find a great phone photo that was taken with a flash. Most of the time, they make your photo look overexposed, altering colours - not in a good way - and making human subjects look washed out. Actually, turn off your flash. I'll wait.

Good, your back.

Get a tripod or stand. I have a little table-top phone stand. It was £1 from a pound shop in Newmarket. It's brilliant, small and light, an easy way to ensure the shot stays level and balanced when you shoot -- especially if you want to be in the picture. No, not a selfie-stick. No. Put it down.

Don't forget the apps. I shoot using my phones native camera app – Yes, I still do shoot with my phone. A lot. I have two go to apps that I would be lost without and highly recommend. The first is free. It's called 'Snapseed'. It's made by Google and you can find it in your phone's app store. This is a powerful little photo

editing tool. It's very simple to use and its features appear to grow as your confidence with it grows. The second is a paid app - and only is available for Apple phones - I'm so sorry – It's called 'Spectre'. It allows you to take long exposure shots without relying on having a tripod to hand all the time.

The main thing to know is, don't worry about the images you are taking. You like them. And that's all that matters. Sure, there are a million other photographers out there and it can appear to be daunting with everyone but you appearing to be 'an expert' in photography, but there is only one photographer who takes the images you do. You. Your images will stand out from the rest. Why? because they are yours, they are different. It's hard as a photographer when starting not follow everyone else, to copy subjects and styles – no thanks to Instagram and it's 'likes' button!! Be yourself, don't keep up with everyone else, follow your passions and explore your creativity to create unique photographs. Don't worry about others, do what feels right to you. I guarantee you – if you like your images, someone else will like them too.

To be a photographer is to grow. Photography is as much a technical skill as it is a creative escape, and it's all too easy to say you need an 'expensive thingy' to take 'proper' images, and you can quickly lose yourself in the quagmire of gear aimed at photographers and dampen your creative spark. Stop. Take out your phone. Open the camera app and take pictures, the rest will come with practice, practice, practice.

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If you're still unsure where and how to start and need some inspiration to get your photographic creative juices flowing, a great place to go is your local photographic club. The Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club meets just around the corner at the Lode Chapel every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Pop along, meet the members, have a cup of tea. Or visit our web site at www.bottburpc.org. The site has even more details about who we are and what we get up to as well as links to hints and tips and helpful blog posts to get you out and about taking pictures in no time.

Welcome to the photographic revolution.

Happy Snapping. Elliot Needham

Combined History of Lode and Longmeadow

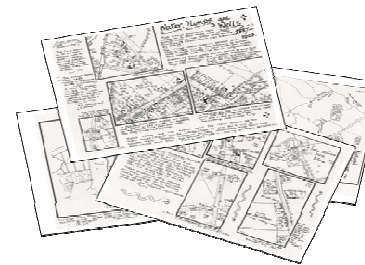
Due to popular demand we have had a new print run of Barbara Woodhouse's definitive History of Lode.

These can be bought from Coral on 811457 at £20 each.

Profits to St James' Church Heating Fund.

So if you've got any money left after Christmas this is a good read.

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

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

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/>

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LONGMEADOW

Lis Miles 811233

LODE ROAD & NORTHFIELDS

Pip Lane 811944

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MILL ROAD

Mike Parrish 811356

FAIRHAVEN CLOSE, WILLOW GROVE & STATION ROAD

Ellis Weinberger

LODE FEN

Denis Moules 811918



Kirtling Tower

CB8 9PA

Sunday 5 April 11am - 4pm
Entrance £5 (children free)



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Help the Hospices, Carers' Trust,
MS Society and Parkinson's UK

CROWNS AND GOWNS

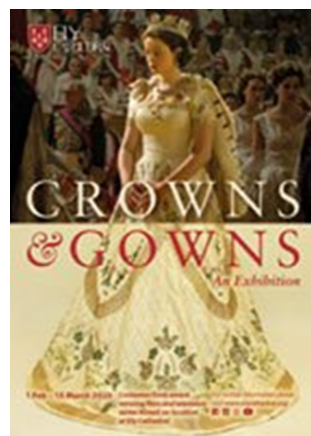
AN EXHIBITION OF COSTUMES
FROM AWARD WINNING FILMS
AND TELEVISION SERIES FILMED
ON LOCATION AT ELY
CATHEDRAL

UNTIL 15 MARCH 2020

Monday - Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm

Sunday: Midday - 3.45pm

A fabulous collection of costumes, jewels, props, behind the scenes images and memorabilia from some of the major Hollywood movies filmed at Ely Cathedral.



This fascinating exhibition in the Lady Chapel will showcase some of the most iconic gowns and outfits from **Elizabeth: The Golden Age, The Other Boleyn Girl, The King's Speech, Macbeth,** and **The Crown.**

These productions bought global award winning actors to the Cathedral including Cate Blanchett, Scarlett Johansson, Natalie Portman, Michael Fassbender, Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush.

Tickets:

On the door: Standard Cathedral admission fee including entrance to the exhibition £8

Cathedral Pass Holders £5

Sunday Admission to the exhibition £5

Children under 16 free (when accompanied by a paying adult)

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/>



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 MARCH

Sun 1st	BUL	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	QUY*	9.30am	Village Worship
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	BOT	11.00am	Holy Communion
Wed 4th	LODE	7.00pm	Compline
Sun 8th	BUL	9.30am	Village Communion
	LODE	11.00am	Family Communion
Wed 11th	LODE	7.00pm	Compline
Sun 15th	BOT	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP
	QUY	9.30am	Holy Communion
	PRI	11.00am	Family Service
Wed 18th	LODE	7.00pm	Compline
Sun 22nd	LODE	9.30am	Children's Church
	QUY	9.30am	Morning Worship
	PRI	11.00am	Holy Communion CW1T
Wed 4th	LODE	7.00pm	Compline
Sun 29th	BUL	9.30am	Morning Worship
	BOT	11.00am	Holy Communion CW1
	PRI	6.00pm	Evensong

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ST JAMES' LODE MARCH

CHURCH CLEANING

9am to 10am

Saturday 7 March

BRASSES

Rita Lane



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 22nd March

SPOT A STROKE

F	A	S	T
FACE DROOPING	ARM WEAKNESS	SPEECH DIFFICULTY	TIME TO CALL 999



Your nearest Defibrillator is situated:

On WALL of PASSAGE HALL

LODE 30 STAR



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

At our next meeting on 19 March Judith Rice will be talking to us about Activity Bags. You are most welcome to come and join us.

Ann Langran

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**
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Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
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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
TRAVELINE (Local transport information)0871 200 22 33
STAGECOACH CAMBUS CUSTOMER SERVICES..... 423578

WASTE & RECYCLING MARCH

Thursdays

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No box—Refuse & Green lid

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Second Wednesday

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

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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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helpline for older people

0800 4 70 80 90

EMERGENCY

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Anglian Water 08457 145145
Electricity 0800 783 8838

Environment Agency incident
River hotline .. 0800 80 70 60

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ROUTE 11 BUS SERVICE

NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS



+ = Serves Lode Church <=5 mins, >=10 mins later on Saturday
= leaves Lode Church 4 mins earlier than time stated



From LODE x-roads to CAMBRIDGE

Monday to Saturday

0642<, 0707>, 0749, 0936, 1036+#, 1136,
1236+#, 1336, 1436+#, 1536, 1636, 1736, 1836

Longmeadow bus shelter: Up to 4 mins *earlier* 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 LODE x-roads to NEWMARKET

Monday to Saturday

0723, 0823, 0923+, 1023, 1123+, 1226
1323+, 1423, 1523+, 1630, 1805+,

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

From NEWMARKET to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday

0656, 0840, 0940+, 1040, 1140+, 1240, 1340+,
1440, 1540, 1640, 1740

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