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News, views and what's on, in and around Bottisham



T4 & T5 New Bus Routes to replace No 11 Bus

The Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) who manage our buses have announced that shortly, our No11 bus will be replaced by two new routes, the T4 and T5 services (see below).

At the time of writing this information, the implementation (change over) date has not been confirmed. The A to B1102 Group has therefore created a webpage where we will publish all the information you need to

access the new services **once it is available**. You will find route maps, timetables, interchange and ticketing information. Once we know, you will know.

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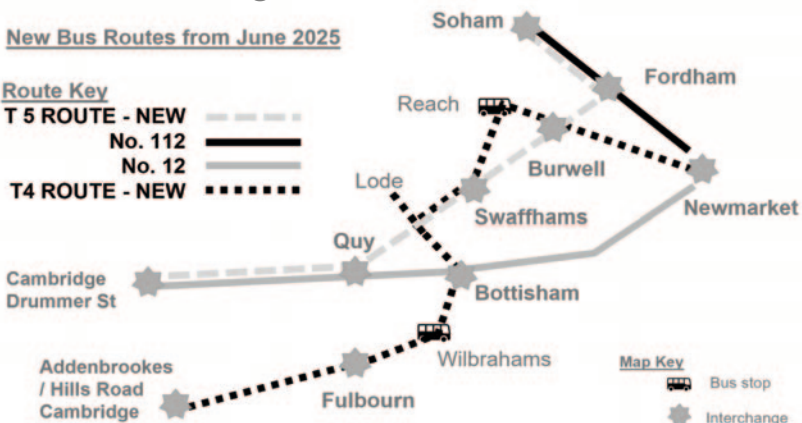
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New Bus Routes from June 2025

Route Key

- T 5 ROUTE - NEW
- No. 112
- No. 12
- T4 ROUTE - NEW



Flaming June already!



Not meant as an expletive, but to the traditional view that the weather in June is always hot. We wait in anticipation! Personally, I don't like the heat. So, in my case it may be the other meaning that I relate to.

Last month we had the VE day celebration with the Parish Council organising lots of activity on the triangle.

Well, this month's highlight is the Bottisham village family fun day on the 14th of June for the whole village. Organised and hosted by Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club, but with activity going on across the whole village.

It is great to see the whole village getting together for events like these. It helps create a stronger feeling of belonging to a community and stops Bottisham, like others, becoming just dormitory commuting places.

Speaking about the Social Club, I see from the real ale campaign group CAMRA's newsletter, that our Social Club has again won their prestigious 'Club of the Year' award. So, congratulations to them and in particular to the Steward Kate who looks after the beer so well (and the Club), ably assisted by Matt.

When it comes to meanings, Gerry 'Bird Brain' Daish seems to have some difficulty as an Englishman to understanding a phrase describing his selected bird this month, the Pied Wagtail. I feel I can help out here and offer the transcription that he looks for, describing the bird's movements. "It flits about in between the flowers and shakes them one by one". The original by John Clare might right enough be harder for you to read being "Fitters in atween the fleurs and shogs them, ane be ane". You will make more sense of that when you read his excellent article.

There is a letter from Linda Jones with an appeal for leaders to come forward for the 1st Bottisham Scout Group, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Without the people to help run these organisations, they will disappear. Simple as that. Children of all ages have, over the years and still today, loved the activities they present. If you have children aged between 53/4 and 14 there is a group to suit them and even as they would enjoy it, so would you as a parent enjoy it too. If there are enough leaders then the workload for each is small as is the time commitment. Don't just leave it, expecting it to be done by somebody else. Try it, you might actually enjoy it.

Important to note looking ahead, the next July magazine will be a two-month issue covering July/August (so we can have a break too!) So anything you would like to put out there in August, needs to be with me by 14th June, for inclusion in the double issue. That may indeed include details of anything you have planned for early September.

Our new County Councillor introduces himself with a letter which I hope will become a regular feature. But not heard from the new Mayor and personally not certain we will but

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delighted to be proved wrong. I will state my thought that his post is an extravagance that could fund more worthwhile activities.

Our cover this month is of part of the wonderful flower displays which were in the church for Both the VE day celebrations and a concert which unfortunately had to be cancelled. But lots of people visited and went in to see the display.

Finally, a reminder that we are approaching the high point of the year and the summer solstice. Doesn't time fly. All back to winter from here!!

Enjoy our summer - Peter

News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

Many thanks to those of you who kindly donated to our Church Easter Appeal. Although as I write some gifts are still trickling in, the magnificent sum of £5,300 has so far been donated. We are truly grateful for your contributions, which we are aware have been given at a time of austerity for many. In addition to other ongoing costs, money donated will go towards our building fund. We have had several meetings with representatives from the Ely Diocese to take forward the huge task of repairing our beautiful Grade 1 listed church. We are in the process of setting up a working party comprising non church going persons as well as members of the Parochial Church Council to prepare for the task of applying for grants. Would you like to join this working party? Please contact me if you are interested.



We will exhibit children's art at the church for the village fun day on Saturday June 14th. Any form of art is appropriate. Please bring your child's exhibits to the church between 9.00am – 10.00am on the morning. The exhibition runs from 11am to 4pm. See a separate notice elsewhere in the Cresset.

Very sadly our second coffee and cake concert featuring organist Dr Christopher Robinson CVO CBE had to be cancelled at very short notice due to an injury to Christopher's hand and wrist. This would have coincided with the village's celebration of VE day. However, our flower ladies put on a very magnificent display of flowers in patriotic colours of red, white and blue which were enjoyed by many. On VE day itself the church bells rang and the union flag was hoisted and left to fly for several days.

Our Parent and Toddler Group held from 9am until 11am every Tuesday in term time is continuing to be highly successful. We are particularly pleased to see increasing numbers from the new Bottisham Meadows development who are getting to know their neighbours in the informal atmosphere of our splendid old church. There is no need to book – just turn up and join in.

The Peaceful and Prayerful Art Group has returned to Holy Trinity now that the warmer months are here. This group is for adults and meets on a Thursday between 10.30am and 12.30pm. All materials are supplied. Please see the church noticeboard for any change in times or dates

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We are still waiting for significant rain to help germinate our summer flower seeds planted in the autumn. However, the yellow rattle is flowering. This feeds on the natural grass and allows our summer flowers to thrive over the grasses which could otherwise overpower them.

At the beginning of May we hosted two different historical societies interested in learning more about our church. The 'Art Friends of Cambridgeshire' enjoyed a talk given by Mike Young while the 'Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust' visited for tea, a talk and short said Evensong Service led by one of their members. Both groups donated generously to the church for which we are most grateful.

A small group from the Benefice continues to take simple monthly services in two of our local care homes; Hilton Park and Oaklands and we are most grateful to those who lead and support these services. Our Morning Prayer on Sunday 18th May was led by our curate Rev. Rhona McEune who chose the theme of 'Bell Sunday' which involved an interactive sermon involving the bell ringers.

Our Benefice Holy Communion Service on Sunday 1st June at 10.30am will be led by the Archdeacon of Cambridge the Venerable Rev Alex Hughes. Do come along and support our church on this important occasion. Our service of Morning Prayer on June 18th will be led as usual by our Authorised Lay Minister Sarah Maxwell.

We would love to see you at one of our services and enjoy a chat over refreshments afterwards.

Stuart Field, Churchwarden

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Services in the Anglesey Benefice

Sun June 1st	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Bottisham
	4pm	Village Worship - Quay Village Hall
Wed June 4th	8pm	C by C (a short contemplative service) - online via Zoom
Sun June 8th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion - Quay
	10.30am	Family Worship – Swaffham Prior
Sun June 15th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer - Quay
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Bulbeck
Sun June 22nd	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion (BCP) - Swaffham Bulbeck
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Prior
Sun June 29th	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Lode
	6pm	Evensong – Swaffham Prior
Every Thur	10.30am	Holy Communion - Lode

Please check the Church notice board for any changes to these details; or email admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk, which is also the address to request the Zoom link.
You are very welcome to attend any of these services.

Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

BALA is affiliated to **CALL** (Cambridge Alliance of Lifelong Learners) a not-for-profit voluntary organisation which promotes lifelong learning in Cambridgeshire. CALL has an interesting programme of events. Details can be found on the CALL website www.call-ed.org.uk

CALL STUDY DAY IN BOTTISHAM 7th June

VICTORIAN BOTANICAL GARDENS

Presented by Andrew Sankey this study day tells the story of some stunning Victorian botanical gardens and what became of them!

This will be held in the main room at the Bottisham Sports and Social Club CB25 9DD from 10.15am - 4pm (doors open at 10.00)

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Parish Council Report

The next full council meeting will be held by on Monday 2nd June 2025, 7.30pm at the Poppy Room, Bottisham Sports and Social Club. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. Please note that the clerk to the council does not keep regular office hours. Replies to emails and phone calls will be attended to as soon as is practicable. Details of upcoming meetings and Councillor Details are available from the Parish Council Noticeboard and from the website bottisham-pc.gov.uk.

TRIANGLE

As many of you may have noticed, the triangle at the shops has undergone a transformation over the last few weeks.

- Firstly, we would like to thank East Cambridge District Council (ECDC) for their Pride of Place grant, which has enabled us to install new benches and planters. We would also like to thank all those who were involved with the planning and installation of the project.
- You may also have noticed we have a new Community Notice Board. Anyone wishing to have an advertisement on the board should contact me at my details below in the first instance. We are currently reviewing a new map for installation on one side of the board, which will assist visitors to the village.

NP CONSULTATION

- The Parish Council were provided with an update from Cllr Morrison about the status of the draft Neighbourhood plan. The document has been submitted for informal review by ECDC and the Working Group will shortly be meeting to review the feedback. Once this has been completed and the Plan amended, it will be submitted to the Parish Council for approval before entering the Regulation 14 formal public consultation process. This concludes with a review by an independent inspector and a resident's referendum before it is adopted.

YEAR END FINANCES

- I am pleased to report that the finances for the year end have now been completed and are ready for Internal Audit, which this year is being carried out by Cambridge and Peterborough Association of Local Councils.
- We are expected to submit all paperwork for External Audit by 30th June 2025, so we are planning to commence our public rights to inspection early June. Details of this will be published on our website along with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and associated paperwork. If anyone is interested in reviewing the accounts for the financial year end 24/25 then this will be your opportunity to make an appointment to inspect the accounts. The period only lasts 6 weeks, so I would appreciate early notice from anyone wishing to do so. Please feel free to contact me on my details below.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April. While turnout was lower than hoped, especially given the local interest shown on social media, the new breakout group format encouraged open, focused discussions.

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Key issues raised included:

- **Planning & Development:** Concerns were raised around the Budgens application for a license to sell alcohol. Updates were requested on progress with the new cemetery, the retirement village and Six Oaks solar park. The challenges with utility and fibre companies were also discussed. It should be noted that all planning applications are visible on the ECDC planning portal.
- **Environment & Community:** There was positive feedback on the new Copse Close play area; ongoing parking problems were raised; tree and hedge maintenance; unsafe footpath steps; and ownership questions about undeveloped land in Lysander Close land. Anti-social behaviour is currently minimal thanks to strong PC, police and BVC collaboration. BVC students are involved in local projects and Duke of Edinburgh volunteering.
- **Highways & Transport:** Speeding concerns and an update on the 20mph scheme were discussed. Other issues discussed were potholes; poor road markings; and calls for pedestrian crossings; new bus timetables for Tiger 4 & 5.

We encourage all residents to attend future meetings — it's your chance to be heard and help shape your village.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY – A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

- Bottisham Parish Council is proud to share that our VE Day 80th anniversary event on Saturday 10th May was a fantastic success. Held from 2–5pm, the afternoon was filled with community spirit, delicious food, great music, and heartfelt remembrance – and blessed with perfect weather!!
- A big thank you to Cllr Cundell who co-ordinated the event. But huge thanks also to all the amazing volunteers who made it possible — especially Grant, Sandy, Sarah, Simon and Linda — the Scouts for supplying tables/chairs and keeping everyone going with tea, coffee etc. Then of course the residents who contributed some incredible home baking. Special thanks also to the Co-op, Tonis Ices, Ocean Tree, and the Bottisham Airfield Museum for their wonderful contributions. We must also thank The Bell for making available their snug in case of inclement weather (fortunately not needed!!).
- A highlight was the flyover from a wartime Spitfire, which circled the village twice, to everyone's delight. And of course, a huge thank you to singer Kirsty Beckett, who brought the era to life with songs like We'll Meet Again and Land of Hope and Glory.

Thank you to everyone who came — Bottisham truly did itself proud!

If you need any further information relating to anything raised in this report or anything you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, then please do not hesitate to contact me via email, clerk@bottisham-pc.gov.uk or via phone 07369248998.

Sam Chambers-Turner Clerk to the Council

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Cambridgeshire County Council Report

I am delighted to have been elected to represent the residents of the Woodditton Division and really look forward to supporting this diverse set of communities, from Lode in the northwest to Kirtling & Upend in the southeast.

Firstly, a huge thank you to Alan Sharp, for years of service as a hardworking councillor for our community. There are so many that will appreciate everything you have done to support them.

I have met many residents over the past few months and look forward to meeting more of you moving forward. I am very approachable, so please do stop me for a chat if you see me in the village.

QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

The County Council's third annual countywide Quality of Life survey has launched this month and will help the council understand and track residents' views across Cambridgeshire.

The survey asks residents about their views on topics such as life and community, transport, health and wellbeing, children and young people, and the council and its services.

The information gathered from previous surveys has already been used to inform the council's Business Plan and Budget processes. This year there are two questions to help introduce the concept of Local Government Reorganisation to residents and provide an early indication of awareness.

Even if you are not one of the 1,100 people in this district contacted by the market research company, you can still take part. The survey is available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey until Monday, 21 July. The responses will then be collated and published to councillors and the public in the autumn. The results will help inform council meetings and priorities for the years ahead.

ENVIRONMENT

Cambridgeshire County Council has been re-accredited as a Bronze 'Carbon Literate Organisation', highlighting the organisation's dedication towards tackling climate change, working towards a zero-carbon future, and reducing its organisational carbon emissions.

This is a nationally recognised scheme which helps organisations reach 'an awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions on an individual, community and organisational basis'.

BUSES

From 27 May, the Tiger Bus Network will be delivering two new services that will support our area, Tiger 4 (Newmarket to Addenbrookes) and Tiger 5 (Soham to Cambridge). Though this is an improvement for some, it will not be for all, and I will continue to work to see what can be done to make the improvements residents have been asking for.

I know Parish councils will be making sure timetables are clearly displayed in the most appropriate locations, but for those wanting to take a look online here is the link

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/tiger-bus-routes/>.

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District Councillors' Report

Because of pre-election period restrictions due to the imminent County Council elections, there was no significant activity by the Council since the last report.

The by-election at Stretham ward, caused by the resignation of a Lib Dem Councillor for reasons of ill health, was won by a Lib Dem, so ECDC remains evenly balanced with fourteen each of Conservatives and the Lib Dem & Independent Group.

Members have had a seminar from Sanctuary Housing, and it was reported that many more houses have been renovated, and, now, occupied. If any one is aware of unoccupied Sanctuary Houses, please let us know so that we can check with Sanctuary. Sometimes major renovations must be done after a tenant leaves a house, particularly when they have been in residence for a long time.

Members have also had a seminar with the Police about Community policing, and John is discussing with the Area Police sergeant some of the problems that villages in this ward are facing. Please direct any further concerns or matters about policing to John.

We have also had a seminar about the Mepal Crematorium for which the building costs have escalated. Although it is possible to find the money from existing and expected CIL contributions, it will curtail other community projects.

WARD SURGERY

From half past six to half past seven at **Swaffham Prior Village Hall on Thursday 19 June**, followed by socialising at the Red Lion in the same village.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp

Planning Notes

a) New applications:

25/00443/LBC, The Bell Inn 16 High Street Bottisham Cambridge CB25 9DA. New render colour and external signage.

25/00450/ADI, The Bell Inn 16 High Street Bottisham Cambridgeshire CB25 9DA. New external signs.

25/00125/SCREEN, SCREENING OPINION - installation of an underground electrical export cable, with landscaping and ecological enhancement. Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park Newmarket Road Bottisham Cambridgeshire.

b) Planning Applications approved by ECDC:

25/00220/FUL Koivula 98A High Street Bottisham Cambridge CB25 9BA. Garage conversion to Granny annexe



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Spring Report from Charlotte Cane MP

It's hard to believe, but it's now been over ten months since I was elected as your Member of Parliament—and what an honour it continues to be. I'm delighted to have spent that time fighting as your local champion and standing up for our communities in Parliament. My team and I have now closed over 4,300 cases—each one representing someone who reached out for help, advice or support. Every case matters, and I remain committed to making sure your voice is heard and your concerns are taken seriously.

Healthcare continues to be one of my top priorities. I recently spoke in Parliament about the challenges facing the NHS, including how hard it is for people to see a GP or dentist, and the difficulties local practices face in getting the resources they need. While we don't have a major hospital in Ely and East Cambridgeshire, we rely on others nearby—and it's vital that our own Princess of Wales Hospital is properly maintained. I've spoken with some of our local pharmacists, who are under huge financial pressure, and I've called on the government to give them the support they need and stop the wave of pharmacy closures affecting so many communities.

I'm also pressing the government for greater investment in rural public transport. Too many of our villages have no bus service at all, while others have infrequent services and nothing on Sundays. Our rural communities are fantastic places to live—but they must be accessible for everyone.

With proposals for large-scale battery storage sites across our constituency, I'm concerned that current fire safety regulations don't do enough to protect residents or the environment. These sites are crucial for supporting renewable energy—but safety must come first. I've raised the issue in Parliament and written to the Secretary of State, but so far there has been no satisfactory response. That's why I've launched a public petition calling on the Government to urgently strengthen safety regulations for large-scale battery storage sites, including requiring local fire services to be consulted during planning stages. It is possible to sign the petition here: bit.ly/batterystoragesafety

This spring, I enjoyed visiting Witchford Village College and the Centre School in Cottenham—school visits are always a highlight. I've also attended fantastic local events including Ely's Beer and Eel Festivals, Reach Fair, Soham Repair Café, and the new Policing Hub ceremony in Milton. On the doorstep, I've spoken with residents across the constituency, from Littleport and Haddenham, to Bottisham and Burwell. And I've hosted Community Meetings with residents and councillors in Waterbeach, Sutton, Soham and Ely. The next is in Cheveley on 7th June—get in touch to book your place.

My team and I are here to help. If you need advice or support, or to book a place on my in-person or online advice surgery, please get in touch by email at charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 362 1601. Appointments can also be booked online: bit.ly/bookasurgery

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Did you know that 1st Bottisham Scout Group currently has spaces for children in all their sections – Beavers aged 5 ¾ - 8, Cubs aged 8 – 10½ and Scouts 10½ - 14? Please see below who to contact for general enquiries or to ask for a place.

The Scout group also urgently needs adult helpers. We are looking for help in 2 areas. Firstly, as leaders or helpers, assisting with the actual running of each section – particularly with the Cubs section. No previous Scouting experience necessary. You don't have to commit to helping weekly. We do need someone to take on the overall running of the Cubs section but we also need regular helpers who can commit to a rota. Other sections always welcome help too. Full training is available, but we really do need people to come forward urgently.

The Scout group is backed up by a Trustee Board (previously known as the executive committee) of which I am the chair. We work behind the scenes and look after things such as hut maintenance, health and safety, group finances, fund raising, hut hire etc. We are urgently looking for members to join the Trustee Board to help make those behind-the-scenes decisions. Again, no previous experience of Scouting necessary. We generally meet about 4 times a year with some behind the scenes communication and possibly some help with fund raising activities (although not compulsory).

We are also urgently looking for someone to take over the Treasurer role. Alternatively, this could be a shared role with different areas of the role undertaken by several individuals (for example someone to ensure subs have all come in, someone to do the payments, someone to claim gift aid etc). Our last 2 treasurers had no previous experience of being a treasurer and have found the role relatively easy to take over.

Having a fully functioning Trustee Board is an essential part of us complying with Charity Commission regulations. The role of treasurer (split or otherwise) or membership on the Trustee Board is not onerous so please do think whether this is something you can commit too.

Contacts:

Leadership enquiries Ian at Ian.braybrooke@newmarketdistrict.co.uk or directly to one of the sections below

General enquiries or for the Trustee Board/ Treasurer enquiries Linda at lindakingleouis@aol.com (phone number at back of Cresset)

Scout Group children's places

Beavers aged 5¾ - 8: contact Jonathan at beavers@1stbottishamscouts.org.uk

Cubs aged 8-10½: contact Ian at cubs@1stbottishamscouts.org.uk

Scouts 10½-14: contact Adam and Toby at scouts@1stbottishamscouts.org.uk

We would love to have more community involvement in our Scout Group. No Trustee Board (and no treasurer/s) equals no Scout Group, and no new leaders equals no fun-filled activities for our local children. Please do think about joining us.

With very best wishes, Linda (Jones) , Chair, 1st Bottisham Trustee Board

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Bottisham Bird Brain

This month, my featured bird is taking a back seat to some items of news, not because the bird is undeserving in any way, but in order to emphasise a couple of recent announcements by the RSPB.

Firstly, you may remember last month's description of Trichomonosis, which affects many passerines, and I urged you all to clean your garden feeders regularly... Well, the RSPB has now paused the sale of bird tables and feeders with flat surfaces due to the 'potential harbouring of infectious diseases'. Therefore, I recommend using only hanging feeders in your gardens for the time being.

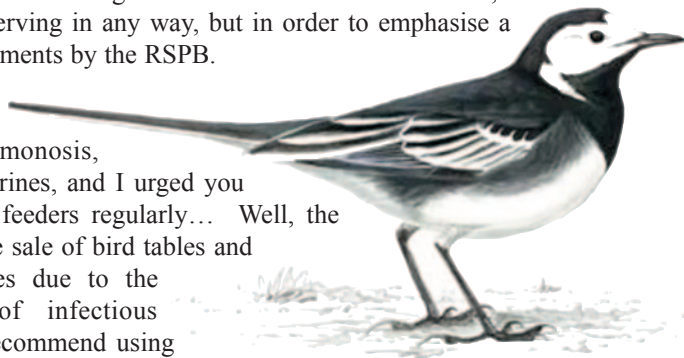
You may also have read that Bird Flu – or Avian influenza, to give its proper name – can pose a serious threat to various bird species (especially water birds and chickens) and can be transmitted by humans handling dead birds. So please, NEVER pick up a dead bird.

Secondly, the RSPB has announced the results of the Annual Garden Birdwatch, in which 600,000 people took part (including many local residents), counting some nine million birds! The top five commonest birds are (in order): House Sparrow, Blue Tit, Wood Pigeon, Starling, Blackbird, which is not especially surprising, except that a significant drop in the Starling population is evident, with its lowest-ever number recorded. Prior to the year 2000, Starlings held the top spot on the Birdwatch count; now it has slipped to fourth, continuing a massive 50-year decline of over 80%. On a positive note, the bird that appeared in the most gardens this year, 84% in fact, was our beloved Robin.

And so to our bird for June. Perhaps more common in open green spaces than our gardens, the Pied Wagtail will be busy rearing its young by now and may often be seen in small family groups as the parents teach the fledglings how to feed and prosper. *Motacilla alba yarrellii* is actually a British sub-species of the Continental species of White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba alba*) and our commonest member of the Wagtail family. It is easily distinguishable from the other two – the Grey (*Motacilla cinerea*) and the Yellow (*Motacilla flava*) – due to its wholly black and white plumage, and sports a darker back than the White. Not that you're particularly likely to see the others on any given day... the Yellow is a summer visitor, seen mainly on meadow and arable farmland, whereas the Grey is a resident bird of uplands and wetlands, never far from flowing water where it darts around after insects. Both are extending their range though... I have seen the occasional Yellow out on my bike (that's me on the bike, not the bird!), and I understand Greys have been seen on the River Cam in Cambridge recently.

The Pied Wagtail is 7 inches from beak to tail, a fairly bold bird, full of perky character, fast runs, and sharp movement, and – like all Wagtails – will flick its tail habitually. This behaviour is poorly understood by ornithologists but thought to be connected with either

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flushing prey, or signalling pecking order information to other birds, or announcing to potential predators that it is alert and ready to take evasive action! Slender-billed, the Pied Wagtail takes insects on the wing and off the ground and will even pick insects off the front of your car. It remains insectivorous throughout the winter, feeding on beetles, spiders, maggots, even small worms as well as whatever flies are available.

As far as nesting is concerned, Pied Wagtails have shown themselves to be extremely adaptable. They like holes and are not overly bothered by humans. So, whilst their natural home may be a crevice in a bank or ditch, they will also nest in bridges, buildings, even abandoned machinery and old cars. Both sexes take responsibility for nest-building: a rough cup assembled from twigs, grass, leaves and other plant matter, lined with soft materials, including animal hair. The female lays between three and seven eggs, two or three times a year, and will take the majority of the sitting duties while the male leads on food acquisition. The eggs take around 12 days to hatch; the hatchlings take around another 12 days to fledge, then both parents will feed their young for another week before dispersal and parents' preparation for the next brood. Everything about this bird suggests "busy"!

The Pied Wagtail's amusing character has given rise to much affectionate writing and folklore, and several nicknames have been coined, including Gypsy Bird, Willy Wagtail, Penny Wagtail and Polly Washdish: a hark back to the days when women would wash dishes and clothes in rivers! Scottish poet William Soutar wrote of "Wullie Waggletail" in a vernacular that might be understood by our esteemed editor, but not by me. *** ("Fitters in atween the fleurs and shogs them, ane be ane"!) So I'll leave you with a slightly more accessible offering from the master of rustic verse, John Clare.

TTFN - Gerry Daish

Little trotty waqtail, he went in the rain,
And tittering, tottering sideways he ne'er got straight again.
He stooped to get a worm, and looked up to catch a fly,
And then he flew away ere his feathers they were dry.
Little trotty waqtail, he waddled in the mud,
And left his little footmarks, trample where he would.
He waddled in the water-pudg, and waqgle went his tail,
And chirrup up his wings to dry upon the garden rail.
Little trotty waqtail, you nimble all about,
And in the dimpling water-pudg you waddle in and out;
Your home is nigh at hand, and in the warm pigsty,
So, little Master Waqtail, I'll bid you a goodbye.

"Little Trotty Waqtail", John Clare, 1849

*** *Editor's note. "It flits about in between the flowers and shakes them one by one"*

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Safety reminder as charging batteries cause several fires

Charging batteries have already caused several fires in homes across the county so far this year.

Firefighters have been called to fires involving batteries being over charged, resulting in thermal runaway from the lithium-ion contained in them and causing significant damage to people's homes.

Crews from Wisbech and March, along with crews from Norfolk, recently attended a well-developed house fire in Wisbech. They arrived to find the battery from a DIY home conversion e-bike kit had exploded, with the fire spreading throughout the property causing significant damage. One of the residents was treated for burns at the scene.

At the start of April crews from Cambridge attended a fire on the ground floor of a house in the Chesterton area of the city. They arrived to find an e-scooter, as well as several other items including power tools, on charge in the living room, with one of the batteries having exploded. Luckily the residents closed the doors while evacuating the property, which limited the damage.

At the end of March crews from Ely and Burwell, along with Newmarket from neighbouring Suffolk, attended a fire in Soham. They arrived to find a fire in the kitchen resulting from two devices being charged, a games console controller and a portable power bank.

A matter of days later the Peterborough Volunteer Fire Brigade and a crew from Yaxley attended a fire in Orton Malborne in Peterborough. This again involved a battery used in a DIY home conversion e-bike kit, bought in an online market place. One of the residents sustained burns that required hospital treatment.

Both of these fires caused significant damage to the properties.

Station Commander Gareth Boyd, one of the Service's community risk managers, said: "These incidents highlight the potential risks that lithium-ion batteries can pose and how it is vital for people to be alert when charging any kind of device. Last year firefighters attended around 20 fires involving batteries charging in homes, with more occurring already in 2025.

"Electrical devices are a key part to everyday life for most people. Mobile phones, tablets, laptops and games console controllers, as well as vehicles like e-bikes and scooters are used daily and need to be powered to do so.

"Most devices come with safety features to ensure they do not overheat when being charged. Using the charging packs, cables and plugs provided by the manufacturers, rather than cheaper versions will help charge devices safely. Replica replacement chargers sometimes don't have these features and can end up overcharging the battery, which causes thermal runaway leading to explosions and rapidly intense fires."

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“We have seen items for sale, at car boot sales as well as online, that people can use to convert a standard bike into an e-bike. These whilst seemingly a cheap alternative can be highly dangerous and do not conform to the required standards to be sold in the UK.”

Residents are being reminded to Take Charge and Be Safe, remembering some simple tips to help keep themselves and their families safe.

Gareth added: “Most new items come with a suitable battery and charger, however if you are looking to purchase additional ones then make sure they are the right voltage and are fully compatible. Other things like charging a mobile phone while you are awake and alert, rather than while sleeping, means the device won’t be overcharged and risk overheating the battery. This can be the same for any device.”

The Service is encouraging people to plan a good bedtime routine. Things like making sure all internal doors are closed, electrical sockets are switched off, any candles or heating appliances are off and keeping hallways and stairs clear of obstructions. This will not only help prevent a fire from happening but also ensure an easy escape if one does.

Gareth said: “Many fires in the home start at night while people are asleep. This can be down to a number of different causes, but can be easily avoided by following a few simple tips, as well as having working smoke alarms on each floor of your home. A bedtime routine is a great way to help you and your family stay fire safe in your home. By following a few simple tips before heading to bed for the night, you can prevent a fire from happening or, if one does break out, stop it from spreading.”

Residents can also use our online home safety check to carry out their own fire risk assessment of their home. This simple to use tool goes through each area of a property and generates a safety plan for the occupants to follow. The check can be carried out on behalf of a vulnerable family member.

More information and safety tips on how to Take Charge and Be Safe can be found in the Community Safety section of our website. <https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety>

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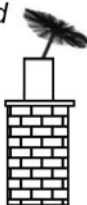
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See overleaf for event timings*

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12:00 onwards the Bowling Green will be Open.

Have you ever tried to bowl; the green will be open for you to try.

12.30 - 14.00 Bring your picnic to the 'Dirt Hills.'

Bring your neighbours, friends and family to the dirt hills. There you will be entertained with songs from 'Pam Daish.'

14.00 - 16.00 Café in The Social Club Poppy Room.

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*15.00 - 16.30 Magician and children's entertainer.
If you like magic this is for you. The show is outside
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*16:30 - 19.00 BBQ.
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*17.30 - 18.30 'SlackMaGirdle'
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*19.00 - 20.00 'Quattro Del Sol'
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*20.00 - 24.00 'The Compressors'
Round the day off listening and dancing to the
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*All entertainment is free of charge, so come along,
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*In the event of bad weather, outside events will
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**We would love to see you at
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Saturday - 12 noon to 11pm

Sunday - 12 noon to 9pm

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In the week beginning 19th May the AtoB1102 group will be publishing on its website at www.atob1102.org timetable information on the new services, from data provided by CPCA and the bus operators. In a bold new endeavour like these TIGER bus routes it is understandable should not everything have been got completely right first time. Consequently, it is understood that the new services will be reviewed by CPCA in the first months of operation so that any feasible identified improvements can be introduced in September.

John Austin - Happy travelling

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A Warm Welcome for Toddlers and Their Grown-ups at Swaffham Bulbeck School

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Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with their grown-ups are all welcome. Our reception teacher Mrs Weaver will be leading the singing for our first session **9.15-10.15 Wednesday 4th June 2025**, and the group will then run every **Wednesday during term time**. No need to book, just turn up, and enter school via the main entrance.

The group is free to families, donations are welcome. Please spread the word.

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Maggie told us about her childhood in Watford where she was a Brownie, Guide, and Cadet. Once married, with a young family and living in the Canterbury area, Maggie was asked to be a Guide leader, a Rainbow leader, and over the years District Commissioner and Division Commissioner.

We remembered together our promises made all those years ago – and noted how the language in the promises had changed over time! One saying that has stuck with Maggie is 'do a good deed every day' – and she told us how she finds this to still be a good way to live your life.

Most of us had not realised that there is an adult version of Guiding, known as the Trefoil Guild; Maggie became County Chair of Trefoil all in Kent East County, and has remained a member of the Trefoil Guild locally since moving to Bottisham.



Maggie shared stories, photographs, and her beautiful 'camp blanket', which holds many of the badges she has acquired over the years. Members also shared their memories of the Guiding Association, from the local groups in Bottisham to experiences in New Zealand.

We rounded up a very enjoyable afternoon with tea, coffee and biscuits.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th June at 2.30pm in the Passage Hall at Lode; we shall be hearing about the history of Mary Sumner House in London, the headquarters of the Mother's Union and dedicated to the MU founder, Mary Sumner.

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Our anniversary celebration promises something for everyone, with a lively mix of stalls, games, live music, and delicious food and drink. Enjoy mouth-watering fish and chips from Pimp My Fish, and refreshing beverages at The Black Horse pub. We'll also be hosting a fantastic raffle, featuring some truly wonderful prizes generously donated by local businesses – it's a great way to support Red2Green and maybe even win something special!

We're on the lookout for Gazebos for the big day – if you have one we could borrow, we'd really appreciate it! If you'd like to run a stall at the event or volunteer to help out, we'd love to hear from you. Just give us a call on 01223 811662 or email us at info@red2green.org.

In addition to the fair, we're excited to announce a special evening event at The Black Horse in Swaffham Bulbeck on Wednesday, 18th June at 7pm. More details to follow, so keep an eye on our social media channels for the latest updates – you won't want to miss it!

While you're enjoying the celebrations, don't forget to visit our Community Garden site in Bottisham, where you can purchase a lovely selection of plants grown with care by our learners.

We're incredibly proud to reach this 25-year milestone, and it wouldn't have been possible without the continued backing of our amazing local community. Your support – whether it's coming to our events, buying our plants, donating prizes, or simply spreading the word – makes a real difference to the lives of the people we work with every day.

Here's to 25 years of Red2Green, and to many more with your help. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

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- Visit our Community Garden in Bottisham and buy some plants (Mon-Fri, 9:30-4)
- One-off or monthly donations
- Sign up to our monthly newsletter
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Use of text messaging: you may receive more text messages than you used to, asking you, for example, to measure your blood pressure or have a blood test that is due. In order to reduce postal charges we will use text messages where we can. We will be asking more of you to measure your blood pressure than before as there are now new government targets to meet for the GP of every patient over the age of 45 years at least every 5 years. We have 3193 patients in this category!

BLS training: the patient participation group is planning a basic life support course in connection with the East Anglia Air Ambulance who are offering free training locally currently. Advertising will be on facebook and in the surgery when a date is finalised so please look out for this.

Next Meeting: In July at the surgery, date to be notified. If you are interested in joining our meetings please contact our chairman Steve Gilson s.j.gilson@btinternet.com. Or contact reception.

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Bottisham Airfield Museum Group (BAMG)

By the time you read these words the Museum's newest exhibit should have arrived, a WW2 Tiger Moth. This aircraft is in the markings of Squadron Leader Johnny Johnson, a famous WW2 fighter pilot who learnt to fly at Marshall's Airport at the time Bottisham was used by No.22 Elementary Flight Training School. It's probable that he flew from Bottisham during his training. This aircraft was originally donated by Marshall's to Duxford IWM, but due to refurbishments Duxford put the aircraft up for disposal and our application to bring this historic aircraft to Bottisham was successful. We hope to unveil the Tiger Moth at the Bottisham at War 1940's weekend on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July.

That weekend will also feature battle reenactments, military vehicles and living history displays, stalls, WW2 singers and dancers. On both Saturday and Sunday we are fortunate enough to kick off the show with flypasts by Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight between 10:30 and 11:00. Advance tickets are available now on www.eventbrite.co.uk and also on the gate.

The Museum has had a very busy first two months of the new season with visits from local groups and coach parties from the USA. The first Classic car and Bike Show took place on the 11th May and the Museum has attended events for V.E. day at Bottisham, Duxford and Little Walden in Essex.

The Museum will be attending the D-Day and 'The Americans' airshows at Duxford in June and July this year, and the Cambridgeshire Country Show at Quy in August. On August 17th we hold our second Classic Car and Bike show, adult entry only £7.50 including entry to the museum. Our resident band "Back in Time" will be playing in the Hanger and hot and cold food will be available. Anyone who would like to bring a military vehicle, classic car or motorcycle will find a booking form on our website. Entry is free for exhibitors and one passenger.

Helicopter pleasure flights from the Museum continue on June 4th and 18th, July 9th, 16th and 30th and twice a month thereafter. All details and a link to Adventure001.com who operate the flights can be found at bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk.

The museum is open 10.30.am till 4pm on Wednesdays and Sundays along with the cafe for those wishing to drop by for drinks and snacks. We look forward to seeing you.

Charles Cook - Museum Volunteer.

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

We had glorious sunshine for our plant sale last month and raised £54.80. Hope you managed to get a bargain.

Summer is the time for outings at the Gardening Club and our next excursion will be a visit to Grimsthorpe Castle and Gardens on the 18th June. The coach will pick-up from Lode, BVC and Bottisham Church with a cost of £37.00 for members and £40.00 for non-members which includes entrance fees. Non-members are welcome to join us. Please contact Julia Green for details on 811467.

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In April, Neil Callan spoke to us about how he and his wife, Clare, transformed their Fenland garden. Having retired from teaching they were keen to create a garden which they could open for the National gardens scheme (NGS) to raise money for a variety of charities, despite the many challenges they faced Neil and Clare succeeded in creating a very attractive wildlife-friendly garden which they open regularly from May to July each year. They're now in their 11th year of opening and their garden has been featured in in several national magazines.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm when Dr Caroline Shenton will be talking about National Treasures: Saving London's Treasures in WW2. Do come and join us if you'd like to hear her talk.

We usually meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club in the Poppy Room at 7.30pm. Talks are followed by refreshments offering the opportunity to meet and chat to others. We also have a number of smaller groups which meet at other times during the month to pursue a variety of cultural activities and support local charities.

Jennifer Clark

Bottisham Community Library Association

June – If you are finding it difficult to get to the library why not take advantage of this service. **The Library at Home** service brings books direct to your door. It is available to Cambridgeshire residents of any age who find it difficult to get to the library. This could be due to disability, illness or caring responsibilities, on a permanent or temporary basis. The service provides a monthly visit from a Library at home volunteer. They will have a chat and bring you books and audiobooks tailored to your preferences. Jigsaws can also be provided upon request. This is a free service.

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Our Book of the Month for June is Mishal Husain's Memoir, '**Broken Threads**', a fascinating account of a national history of India's Partition and a family's personal history of this time of upheaval.

Lego Club and **StoryTime** will be on June 14th at 10.30am. Younger children will enjoy our collection of Duplo.

The date for the **Mobile Library visit to Bottisham is Thursday morning , June 26th .**

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Starting Location	Date	Month
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Bottisham Village College (sports centre car park end)	12	July

Further Information:

All events, once a month on a Saturday, starting at 10:00am

Ways to keep in touch with updates:

- ✓ Join the [Bottisham Village Litter Pick WhatsApp Group](#)
- ✓ Visit either the [Bottisham Events Facebook Page](#)
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Cambridge Nature Festival 2025

24th May – 30th June

Now in its fourth year, the Cambridge Nature Festival is back! The festival, which will run from 24th May to 30th June, aims to get us all more in touch with the nature on our doorsteps.

Over 160 events and activities are planned with something for all ages, abilities and interests. There will be guided walks, wild(ish) camping, BioBlitzes, bat punt safaris, tall tree climbing, nature boat trips, guided nature walks, star gazing, wildlife ID workshops, hands-on creative activities such as making seed bombs, and much more. Most of the events are free or low cost and will take place in Cambridge and the surrounding countryside.

The festival is being organised by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future, in collaboration with The Wildlife Trust BCN, The National Trust, RSPB, Cambridge City Council, Cambridge Sports Lake Trust, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Magog Trust and Cambridge University Botanic Garden, as part of the Cambridge Nature Network.

Festival organiser Penelope Chaney says, “The Cambridge Nature Festival is a great way to find out more about local nature. We have even more events and fun activities this year – there really is something for everything! Hopefully lots of people will come along and get involved – and maybe try out something new.”

For a full list of events see, <https://cambridgenaturenetwork.org/naturefestival>
Here's just a snippet of what's to come!

- The Wildlife Trust will take you on a nocturnal journey with Bat Punt Safaris, welcome you to Trumpington meadows for a Community Nature Day and they encourage you to do something wild throughout June with their “30 Days Wild” challenge.
- Cambridge Past, Present and Future are running events to Meet the Cows and guided warden walks to help you explore Wandlebury Country Park and Coton Nature Reserve
- Cambridge University Botanic Garden will host a fun-filled, fact-finding day out with something for everyone to enjoy at their Festival of Plants. From gardeners to budding plant scientists; families to photographers; or anyone looking to spend an interesting day in the Garden when it is brimming with summer colour.
- The National Trust will be holding craft activities and family trails at Wicken Fen. They are running Mucky Pups nature adventures for children, Big Tree Climbing and a number of guided walks at Wimpole Hall.

The festival also includes, rare orchid walks, astronomy talks, the utopia book club, exhibitions at the Zoology and Sedgewick museums (including Bee School!) and much, much more! We look forward to seeing you at some of the exciting events we have planned!

The Festival is being run by Cambridge Past, Present and Future as part of the Cambridge Nature Network and funded by the National Lottery Communities Fund.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.
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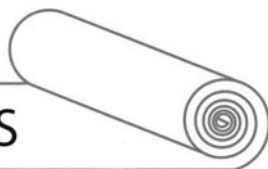


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