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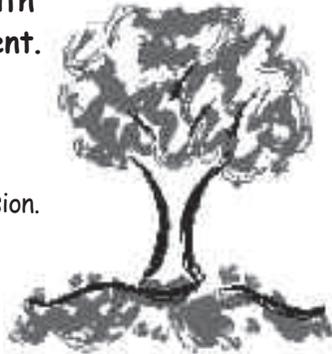
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April is a month with many symbolic connections. The name has some origin in the Latin for 'the opening', being the month when flowers and buds begin to open, heralding the coming of spring and summer.

Given our last mild winter, everything was ahead of the game this year. Spring flowers were all early and the weeds seem to be well ahead!

With the changing of the clock, gone are the cosy winter evenings when we had the excuse after we had finished our evening meal to simply relax in front of the fire. Now we are able, willing or not, to get up and do a bit while the daylight lasts.

More interesting information for you. April is the month that St. George's day falls in. We think of St. George's day as a very English event, but we are not alone in having his connection. Many Patronages of Saint George exist around the world, including: Georgia, Egypt, Bulgaria, Aragon, Catalonia, Romania, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Lithuania, Palestine, Portugal, Serbia, Ukraine, Russia and Syria, as well as the cities of Genoa, Amersfoort, Beirut, Botoşani, Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Timișoara, Fakiha, Bteghrine, Cáceres, Ferrara, Freiburg im Breisgau, Kragujevac, Kumanovo, Ljubljana, Pérouges, Pomorie, Preston, Qormi, Rio de Janeiro, Lod, Lviv, Barcelona, Moscow and Victoria. In fact he is a pretty global character!

This sobering thought on the speed of growth of T' internet was spotted by Grace Rayner "More words have been published online in the last five years than were produced in the whole of human history prior to that point."

That is a pretty staggering statistic. It goes alongside another, and not unconnected phenomenon. The growth of technology continues, not just to grow, but to accelerate in its growth. It makes one wonder what life will be like, not just in terms of generations which is the way we used to think. "It wasn't like that when I was young" etc., but in terms of the next few years. The pessimists amongst us are sure it will all come to a head sooner than later.

I hope you find something of interest in this months offering and as I often say, If you have something that you think might be of interest or benefit to the village, then please do let me know.

Finally, Saffra Monteiro, a former pupil at Bottisham Village College has sent me details of a book she has had published. Saffra has written the first in a Saga of three Novels. Destiny Falls is published by Pegasus books, Copies are in book shops now, or can be purchased direct from the publisher for £8.99 by visiting their website at www.pegasuspublishers.com or by calling 01223 370012.

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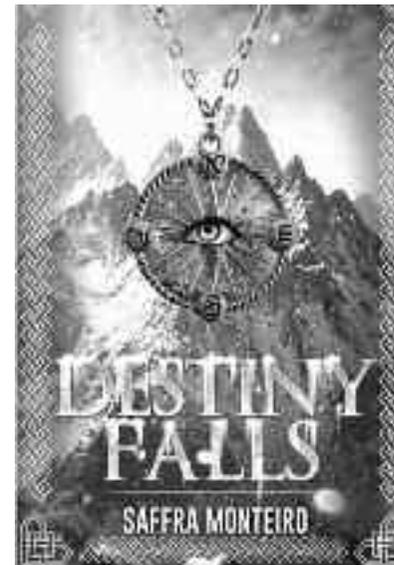


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 Stalls are available for £5.00.
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 Come along on the day and grab yourself a bargain. Entrance 50p

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Sun 13 **Palm Sunday • 11 a.m. • Holy Communion** Revd Sue Giles
Thurs 17 **Maundy Thursday No service in Holy Trinity**
7.30 p.m. • **Benefice Communion in Lode**
Fri 18 **Good Friday • 10.30 a.m. • Ecumenical Family Worship** Revd Sue Giles
7.30 p.m. • **Reflections for Good Friday** Revd Sue Giles
Sun 20 **Easter Day • 8 a.m. • Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
Revd Lawrie Marsh
11 a.m. • **Holy Communion** Revd Sue Giles
Sun 27 10 a.m. • **Benefice Communion in Swaffham Prior**
No service in Holy Trinity

Details of other services in the Benefice are on the notice board in the church

Tribute to Jock Stein

20th June 1920 - 15th February 2014

John was born in Edinburgh where he was known as Ginger but in Bottisham everyone knew him as Jock. He was one of 6 children. He left school at 14 and worked on a farm for a couple of years before laying concrete for the Ministry of Defence. He served in the RAF from 1940 until 1947.

It was while stationed at Bottisham that he met Elsie whom he married in 1945. They had four children, Aileen, Heather, Neil and Jan They started married life in Edinburgh where he joined the railway as this allowed him free travel enabling Elsie to see her family on a regular basis. They moved back to Bottisham in 1949 and John worked for a number of local builders before setting up his own business. He was responsible for connecting a number of properties in Bottisham to the main sewer.

A vehicle with John Stein and Son on the side, when Neil joined the business, was a familiar sight in the village. Gone were the days when he would have to cycle in all weathers from Bottisham to places like Caxton Gibbet some 15 miles away to do a full day's work and then cycle back again at the end of the day. In the 1950s he reared rabbits, chickens, turkeys and a pig called Sophie (which had a habit of running loose in the village) in buildings next to The Anchor public house. He also grew vegetables and flowers on a piece of land near Arber Close. During his retirement he was a volunteer for the hospital car service.

Jock had a great love of horse racing especially his trips to Doncaster races – a tradition started with coach trips organised by The Legion and later by car and train. Although he never played, he became a founder of the Bowling Club in 1997.

He enjoyed good health for most of his life but was diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis about 10 years ago. Medication soon put him back to his old self and it was only in the last couple of years that his health deteriorated as a result of the onset of Mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the lung as a result of working with asbestos when he was younger. After a hip replacement, he moved to Hilton Park Care Centre where he spent the last 11 months of his life. The family are very appreciative of the care he received at Hilton Park and of those members of staff and his friends from Bottisham who attended his funeral service.

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Summary of findings from the Annual Patients' Satisfaction Survey

228 patients completed this survey in January – an increase on the previous three years. Of the 37 questions posed in the questionnaire, the Practice saw an increase in satisfaction or performance for 22 questions, results remained the same for 5 questions and 10 questions saw a very slight decline or a lower than normal level of satisfaction. The full results are available on the Practice's website – see the 'Patient Surveys' tab for further information. There were two main areas of concern: the current appointments system with the consequent access to doctors and nurses; and the provision of advice and information to help patients manage their own health conditions. We have met with the Practice Manager, Samantha Clark, to look at how aspects of these might be met and she has drawn up a detailed action plan which our committee considered at its meeting on 27th March – too late to be published here. There will be more about what is in the plan next month and the full details will be published on the Practice's website.

Annual General Meeting

You are cordially invited to the Patients' Group AGM:

- On Thursday 25th April at 7.00 pm
- In the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College
- **Hear Dr Tom Shackleton talk about 'Coping with Depression'**
- Let us know what topics the Group should be looking at in the coming year

A good number of you attended this event last year and commented on how enjoyable and interesting it was, so we look forward to seeing many of you again this year.

Walking Group

Steve Gilson, our trained walking group leader, has almost completed negotiations to bring us under the umbrella of 'Heart Beat Healthy Walks' in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and The National Trust at Anglesey Abbey. The Patients' Walking Group will maintain its own identity but this will give us access to more well organised walks in our locality. You can find out more by phoning the team on 01480 376300 or emailing HeartBeatHealthyWalks@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. In April our group will meet on **Wednesday 9th and Thursday 24th** starting from the surgery car park at 11.00 am.

Meanwhile if you have any comments or queries about the Patients' Group you can email our Secretary at patientsgroup@outlook.com.

Bottisham Patients' Group Committee

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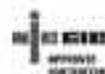
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Rev. Sue Giles Writes

As I write this article the sun is shining. Its warmth and light are waking plants and creatures that have slept or lain dormant over the winter months and the world has a feeling of renewed purpose and hopefulness. Bats are flying at dusk once more, birds that have been largely silent over the winter months are in full song and the butterflies that have overwintered are becoming active in the warmth of the sunshine. It was seeing the butterflies that reminded me of their symbolism for Christians and for other cultures. Symbols were very important for the Christian church at times when little was written down and many people could not read or write and the early Christians often adopted symbols that were already recognised by others as symbols of their faith.

The ancient Egyptians had noted that their cloth wrapped mummies looked rather like the chrysalis of a butterfly so they used the butterfly as a symbol of the afterlife and immortality. The Greeks also recognised the butterfly as a symbols of life after death and put golden butterflies in their tombs. For Christians too the butterfly spoke to them of new life in Christ.

The caterpillar spends its life eating and for Christians it represented earthly life where people were often preoccupied with getting the material things they needed to survive and be comfortable. Nature selected the chrysalis to appear as if it was a dead leaf and for Christian symbolism it represented the tomb and our death to this earthly life and to the material world.

The third stage of the life cycle is the emerging butterfly. The butterfly remains a beautiful graphic image, which conveys a spiritual truth. For the butterfly is free to fly, to move in a new medium in the brightness and the warmth of the sun. The humble caterpillar is transformed, not into a bigger or better caterpillar, but into something that moves and feeds and exists in a completely different way.

Not only is a caterpillar transformed into something new but in that transformation it becomes a creature of great beauty, full of colour and movement. Although the caterpillar and the butterfly are the same they are also completely different.

As the church approaches the great festivals of Holy Week and Easter it is important to recognise the power of symbols and to allow them to add their voice to the truth we proclaim. What seems dead can be raised to new and eternal life through the power of Christ's resurrection.

As St Paul put it:

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:52b)

I wish you all the hope and the new beginnings of Easter.
With best wishes,

Sue

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Carl Gore is congratulated by CGC instructor Julian Bane after his first solo flight - aged just fourteen!

Cambridge Gliding Centre is inviting anyone interested in flying to come to its open day at Gransden Lodge airfield on Sunday 13th April, from 10 am to 4pm. Admission is free. Low-cost trial gliding lessons will be available, and there will also be static aircraft displays, video presentations, talks and refreshments. The entrance to the airfield is signposted on the north side of the B1046, 2 miles west of Longstowe, near Hayley Wood (postcode: SG19 3EB).

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Several Bottisham residents are long-time members of the club, including Andrew Hulme, who has been flying gliders there since the early 1960s, and is currently the club's Chief Tug Pilot. "Our sport is open to all", says Andrew. "It's not difficult to learn, and we welcome potential pilots of any age, from teenagers to retirees, whether or not you have previous experience. Comprehensive training is always available, and you can legally fly solo as young as fourteen. If you're interested in flying but have never experienced gliding, please come to the Open Day to find out what it's all about." For more information, see the club's web site: www.glide.co.uk



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Janet Willmott

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Smarties for Mara!

Following the success in funding the set up of three wells to supply clean water in the community of Mara, now would seem the time to try to go further and raise money to help to fund an education programme to combat the disease malaria.

We are told that the way to help is to educate families so that they learn how to live without succumbing to the disease - to drink clean water, to use mosquito nets and to recognize the early symptoms so that medication can begin. This all costs money, a year's education programme would work out at nearly £9,000 which is a colossal amount.

Cost of medication per child, per year £10.00

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Further to enquiries arising from last month's report, Bottisham Drain is a ditch that runs from land south of the High Street, around the Moat, along Ox Meadow, and then near the parish boundary with Quy. It runs under the B1102 and Quy Water and then through Lode parish. The Drain is the responsibility of the Swaffham Internal Drainage Board, except for the section upstream of a point about 250 metres east of Bell Road, which is an Award Ditch. The District Council is responsible for ditches in parishes that arise from the 19th century Enclosure Acts. Maintenance work includes clearing obstructions, flailing the banks and hedges and de-silting.

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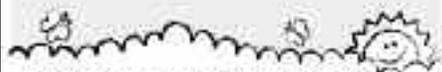
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As everyone will know Bloor Homes had a public exhibition recently to which all residents had been invited. Parish Council had not been made aware of the consultation prior to leaflets being distributed in the village but several parish councillors went to take a look. They propose a development of 24 new homes at the Crystal Structures site in Tunbridge Lane. This is not a planning application but a consultation. This area is designated as light industrial but it was recognised by Parish Council that this was no longer appropriate due to the proximity of the surgery and the new development at Ancient Meadows and also traffic on Tunbridge Lane. The site also badly needs tidying up. Parish Council have made it known previously to the owner that they would prefer to see this area accommodating a play park but we can understand why he would want to make the land available for housing. We reiterate once again that we do not want more development in the village. 49 residents went to the consultation and others have e-mailed them so we wait for the developer to collate the responses.

Councillor Bryant and Councillor Buchanan have had several meetings with one of the school governors regarding play facilities and have talked about the Parish Council possibly purchasing part of the field. Cllr Bryant had liaised with the police who felt that the most favourable position would be at the front of the College next to the cycle shelter for optimum natural surveillance. It was felt that this was a good starting point with the College and further discussions will be taking place. Councillor Heider has also been having discussions with the Park Estate Residents Association regarding the possibility of providing some play provision for younger children on the area of the 'dirthills'.

At our last meeting we asked our County Councillor Mathew Shuter to enquire with Highways when they were likely to start the traffic calming in Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane as we had had no response to our queries. Matthew Belton, the person we had been dealing with at the County Council has now left and no one seemed to have taken over his role. County Councillor Shuter is chasing this up as the scheme has been agreed and the money made available.

Balfour Beatty are now preparing to install the last remaining streetlights in Bottisham. Letters have been sent to all those affected. Some positioning has been questioned, particularly in the High Street and County Councillor Shuter has asked Balfour Beatty to copy him in on all responses so he is aware of any problems.

Lastly, we have 11 parish councillor positions and one of these is currently available.

There will be a lot happening in Bottisham over the next year and if you want to have a say in how those things happen then please come forward. It is very hard to function with too few councillors and I urge anyone that is interested in becoming more involved in their community to contact either myself or our Chair, Christine Bryant. *Claire Fullwood – Parish Clerk*

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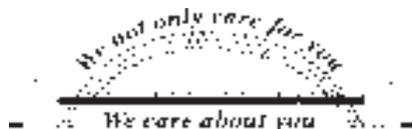
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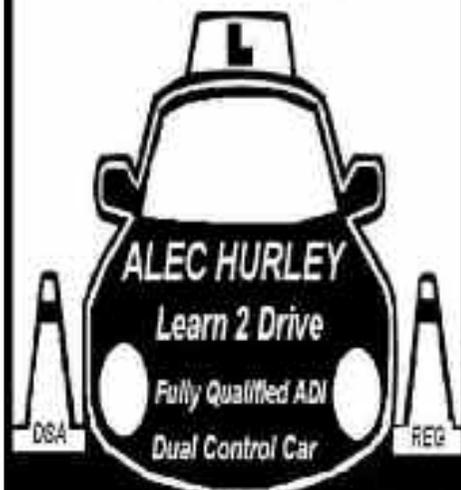
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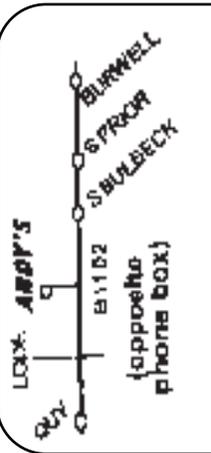
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We welcomed two V.I.P.s 'Very Important Puppies' Theo and Bailey to our February Meeting. Rita Lane, Pam and Geoff Harper are puppy socialisers for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and brought along their respective puppies to socialise with members and tell us more about their volunteer roles and the Charity. Hearing dogs provide a life-changing level of independence, confidence and security to the very severe or profoundly deaf by alerting people to household sounds and danger signals, such as the alarm clock, doorbell and smoke alarm in the home, at work and in public buildings. The scheme was launched in February 1982 at Crufts dog show in London, and on 1st June 1982 the UK Hearing Dogs programme began operating full time providing dogs for all age ranges from five to elderly adults. The organisation has two training centres, The Grange, Saunderton, Buckinghamshire and The Beatrice Wright Centre, Cliffe, Yorkshire. They breed their own puppies or source from reputable breeders. Typical breeds trained are English Cocker Spaniel, Labrador, Poodle, Golden Retriever and some crosses of these breeds. (Theo being a Spaniel and Bailey a Labrador, Retriever cross). Puppies live in the breeder's home for eight weeks then assessed and sent to volunteer socialisers who are vetted prior to becoming a volunteer.

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Rita has promised to keep us informed of Theo and Bailey's future progress during the coming months. Further information about the Charity is available on the website www.hearingdogs.org.uk

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She showed us some excellent photographs of shrubs, trees, climbers, grasses, ferns and ground cover plants that would be suitable for a small garden. She advised to be very selective when buying plants and choose the best of the variety. Variegated foliage can be a feature even when it has no flowers. Pots are important in a small garden and she suggested changing the flowers through the seasons, start with primula, then pansies and following on with daisies. You can be creative and create a formal garden even in a small area. Structure is very important and to make the garden more interesting she suggested using a sculpture or a fountain. Lastly it is important to feed a small garden and also be tough with pruning. It was a very inspiring talk and I am sure we will be using some of her suggestions in our gardens.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd April and Trevor Burlingham will be talking about 'The Red Deer of Thetford Forest'. Visitors are welcome to join us in the Poppy Room at 7.30pm. For further details about our 2014 programme visit www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk

We will be having a plant stall on the Triangle on Saturday 17th May from 9 am to 12 noon. Come along and buy some plants whilst at the same time supporting your local gardening club.

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All the adult non fiction books have now merged with the College books as the cookery and poetry books have been for many years. Biographies are still shelved on the right hand wall and local history books are against the window behind the computers.

We are sorry that our extensive and varied stock of large print books has to be shelved at the bottom of the racks but we are sorely short of space. Please ask the volunteer to help you access books if you have problems.

"A reader lives a 1000 lives before he dies, said Jopen. The man who never reads lives only one" George R. R. Martin - *A Dance with Dragons*. What better reason for joining the Library and borrowing books.

Don't forget the Triangle Book Sale on Saturday 26th April.
PLEASE NOTE THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR EASTER ON FRIDAY 18TH AND SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

Public Transport Matters

No changes to the 10/11/12 timetables seem to be planned. They are usually available in Bottisham and Lode post offices. And, of course, it is all available on the web. There is a new railcard, 'Two Together', offering a 30% discount on off-peak travel after 9.30 a.m on weekdays and all day at weekends. The £30 annual card is valid for 2 named people. There is to be a public meeting on April 16th from 7 p.m. at Haverhill Arts Centre to discuss better transport links for the town. Restoring the rail link which was stopped in 1967 is one possibility. Improvements to the A1307 are also under consideration. The 13/13A/X13 presently connect Cambridge and Haverhill. The Varsity Line known as the Oxford-Cambridge Brainline could one day be restored. There is to be a new station Oxford Parkway by the end of next year. This gives a 59-minute connection to London Marylebone. There could be a link to the London-Birmingham Chiltern Main Line. This is just Phase One of the creation of an east-west line avoiding London. By 2019 the Bicester-Bletchley freightline could be rejuvenated, then it is Bletchley to Bedford and finally the problem of how to connect Bedford and Cambridge as the line there no longer exists. The X5 coach service maintains the link.

The Cambridge News carries stories of people's travel experiences, especially the commute to London - queues, overcrowding and cancellations. A survey by Which? put customer satisfaction levels at 40% on Greater Anglia services and 41% for First Capital Connect. They also had the lowest scores for cleanliness out of all the other companies in the country. There are to be new Class 700 electric trains from 2017. These will give commuters to London more space. Models of the trains have been on display at Cambridge Station. This is part of the Government-sponsored £6.5bn Thameslink programme. You are entitled to a refund, if your train is cancelled, either direct from the Ticket Office or via a claims form from them. Include the tickets and proof of purchase but take copies. Passenger Focus on 0300 123 2350 should help in case of problems or passengerfocus.org.uk

Simon Norton of the Cambs. Campaign for Better Transport has commented in the CN on Andy Campbell's (Stagecoach) comment that he wouldn't like to be a Cambridge bus driver due to the congestion and delayed buses. Simon has laid out his ideas of how to reroute some city buses to solve some of the problems and to refigure the traffic lights at the Hills Rd/Lensfield Rd. Junction. *(Public Transport Matters continued on page 37.)*

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(Public Transport Matters continued.)

Mike Petty recently featured the old horse trams in an article in the CN. They finally ceased on Feb. 18 1914 after the Ortona bus company had been in competition since 1907. On the last day children were encouraged to take a ride and the undergraduates climbed on the last vehicle to leave St. Andrew's St. clutching musical instruments - a euphonium, bugle and trombone. They chanted 'The Cambridge trams lie mould'ring in the grave' to the tune of 'John Brown's Body...'

Eurostar plan to run trains to Amsterdam in 2016 in competition with airlines and ferries. They have just carried 10m passengers in a year for the first time, ahead of the 20th anniversary in November. It was 2.9m in its first full year of service. Profits are up 4%. Its new trains arrive next year ahead of the opening up of the Channel Tunnel to the likes of Deutsche Bahn in 2017.

There is a 'British jobs for British workers' row over Network Rail's shortlisting of 3 foreign consortia for a major Traffic Management signalling contract. A British company, DeltaRail, has been 'shunted into the sidings'. However, Carillion has won the contract to electrify the line into St. Pancras from Derby, in conjunction with Powerlines of Austria. Balfour Beatty has landed a £170 million contract to bring electric trains to regional lines between Manchester, Preston and Blackpool. This is the final part of the so-called Northern Hub project enabling 700 more trains a day to pass between northern cities. I just hope no street lights are involved! Still no solution to the HS2 saga as the legal bill hits £3.3m.

Our local Peacock Travel continues to run interesting days out and short breaks - 01223 811481. They do get booked up quickly!

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Paddy James

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Business owners can now take advantage of free workshops to help their company get to grips with fire safety and legislation. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's Fire Protection team is running free sessions in Cambridge and Peterborough.



The workshops take place on the second Tuesday of every month at Parkside Place Community Fire and Rescue Station, in Cambridge, and on the third Tuesday of the month at Dogsthorpe Fire Station, in Peterborough. The general workshop aims to give a brief explanation of the Fire Safety Order and the requirements of a fire risk assessment. It lasts about four hours and is free of charge. **To attend a workshop, or for information, please call CFRS Fire Protection team on 01733 353206.**

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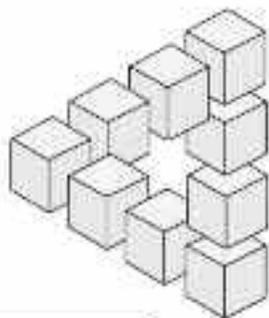
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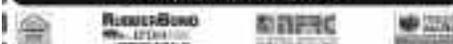
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

How sad it has been to see the unrest in Ukraine recently. The Bottisham England fans have developed a great affinity with the country during our three visits and now have some valued friends there. Kiev is a beautiful, thriving, historic city which has matured dramatically since our first trip in 2009 for the World Cup qualifier (another story in itself!). The atmosphere in the centre, particularly around the famous Independence Square at the top of the arterial Kreschatyk Street, is delightful. It is clean and open, the people are friendly yet reserved, and you can somehow feel the hope hanging in the air that their future will be more colourful and progressive than their past. There are breathtaking churches and cathedrals with golden domed roofs and a picturesque old town under restoration, where you can find cheap beer and tasty morsels in the nooks and crannies or the marketplaces.

There remains, though, the whiff of corruption among the hierarchy, the mistrust of the state police, and – like most modern cities – plenty of evidence of the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’: frail old people begging or selling trinkets on streets full of shiny 4x4s with blackened windows driven by Vladimir Putin lookalikes.

If you'd like to hear the ‘other story’ mentioned above, it concerns the Bottisham crew's first trip to Ukraine nearly 5 years ago. Knowing that the national football stadium was in Kiev, we booked accommodation in the city nice and early, only to find, nearer the time, that the stadium was being refurbished (for Euro 2012) and the match was to be held in Dnipropetrovsk over 500 kilometres to the east. Not to be dissuaded, we went online, hired a car with satnav, armed ourselves with international driving licences and embarked on one of the dullest journeys imaginable across the desolate rural flat-lands of central Ukraine. Except the satnav was non-existent – replaced by an ancient map written entirely in the Cyrillic alphabet – which rendered navigation somewhat challenging!

Anyway, having avoided most of the deeper potholes en route, we made it to the drab industrial town hosting the game, saw England lose 1-0, suffered a lock-in for an hour whilst the police dispersed the locals, then – around 11pm – set about driving back to Kiev in time to grab our kit from the hotel and race to Boryspil airport for a 9am flight. Funny how places look different in the dark, isn't it? First we couldn't find the car; then we couldn't find our way out of Dnipro; then, in the middle of nowhere, around 2.30am, we – the only car on the road – encountered a police roadblock designed solely to extract currency from the unwary!

I only know one person who would haggle over money with a machine gun pointing at them! Fortunately, it was Brian who was driving at the time and, with pen and paper, managed to negotiate the price of our freedom down from 100 Euros to 50 whilst sweating over a possible belly full of lead! Having been lost twice, we could ill afford the delay, but we were now hampered by the arbitrary 40 kph motorway speed limit of which we had just been advised! Not that we could go much faster anyway, with the 2 candlepower emitted by the miserable Skoda's headlights! But we had no option but to speed up once we had put some distance between ourselves and the muggers in uniforms! Suffice it to say that we reached the hotel just in time to check out, courtesy of the bewildered receptionists, and caught our flight by the skin of our teeth.

‘Never again!’, we said at the time, but we've been back twice in the last two years, met some wonderful people and look forward to seeing them again in the future. It's heartbreaking to see them in such turmoil. We can only hope for a peaceful outcome for all.

In the meantime, well done to all the GB medal winners in the Putin Games in Sochi, especially to the curlers of both genders who showed nerves of steel on so many occasions, only to fall within sight of gold, to Lizzie Yarnold, whose self-belief fuelled a majestic performance in the tea-tray sliding; and commiserations to the unlucky

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Elise Christie who will have to wait another four years to display her dazzling speed after three harsh disqualifications in the short track speed skating. Devastating for her, but that's sport, eh!

Closer to home, I was delighted to notice that three young footballers from Bottisham featured in the Cambridgeshire & District Schools' victory in the quarter final of the English Schoolboys U15 National Football Cup in February. Luke Crisp & Harry Taylor, both of Newmarket Town, and Callum Fullwood, now playing at Ipswich, all played key parts in reaching the last 4 – of 144 teams – by beating Bristol and Gloucester at the Cambridge Stadium. Let us hope they have made it to the final by the time you read this. Well done and good luck lads!

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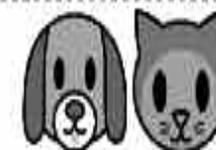
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We are also on the lookout for volunteer family adventure guides to help other families enjoy their visit to Wicken Fen over the school holidays and weekends in 2014. Family adventure guides can choose to spend time in the visitor centre, hides or fen cottage, welcoming other families and encouraging them to get involved with different activities – there are also similar opportunities at Anglesey Abbey too. If you're interested in finding out more please call Lois Baker on 01353 720274

Our Talks at Wicken series continues on Wednesday 2 April, with a talk by Peter Green on the history of the National Trust. The talk will be held in the Learning Centre at 11.30am— admission free.

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An Account of Bottisham Recreation Ground – Past & Present:

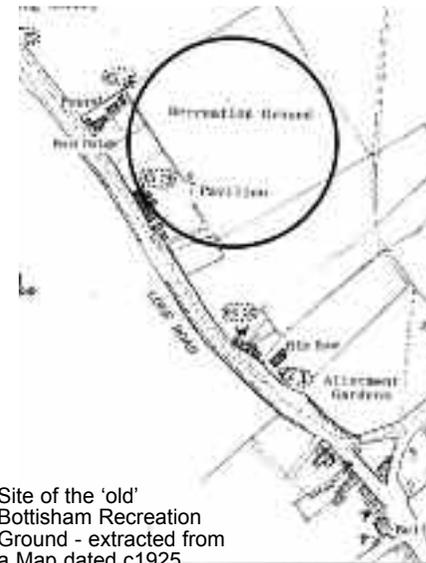
But before I get into this fascinating story, for fascinating it is, please humour me by allowing me to digress a little: As most readers will know much has been said over several months about the lack of recreational space and open spaces in this village. An increasing number of young families are choosing to live here and their children are looking for suitable places to go to enjoy simple recreational pleasures. And of course we must not leave the older children out of the equation who equally deserve a place to meet or somewhere to go.

When the matter of Recreational Space and Play Areas first cropped up as a village priority in the results of the East Cambs – ‘Bottisham Vision’ questionnaire I was told by a well-established senior resident; “*well, we did have a Rec once*”! But nobody seemed to know the full story; This made me ask, “*Well if we did have a Village Recreation Ground then when was it, where was it and what happened to it*”.

The story that follows is indeed intriguing and written around **actual documents** freely available for anyone to see at the Cambridgeshire Records Archives at Shire Hall. Many of these documents have influenced and shaped understandings and local decisions over many decades. The documents also give credence to anecdotal recollections and are a salutary reminder to all of why Bottisham does not **still** have its own separate and independent Recreation Ground today. I know I have revealed a little of the story in a recent article so please forgive me if some of the narrative is a reiteration.

Part I:

For many decades the principle sport in the area was the game of ‘Ball’, called ‘Camping’ - much like football. It gave the name to a field adjacent to Bottisham Church known locally as the ‘Camping Close’, derived from the Anglo Saxon - *campian*. These fields had been given or bequeathed to Parishes in perpetuity by individuals. However, during the Eighteenth Century the transfer from communal to private ownership was largely completed under the Enclosure Act.



Site of the 'old' Bottisham Recreation Ground - extracted from a Map dated c1925

Following the First World War, Bottisham Parishioners became increasingly concerned about the lack of proper recreational facilities - *sound familiar!!* And so in August 1919 a special village meeting was called to discuss the possible acquisition of land. At this meeting the village agreed that Parish Council should commence the search and in April 1920 Parish Council began negotiating a loan of £400 to enable the purchase and lay out of a suitable site. Several locations were suggested but four acres of ground adjacent to the ‘Camping Close’ was voted the most popular.

According to Parish Council minutes of the time some difficulty was met in negotiating the loan. However, prior to the Parish Meeting of September 1922 Mr Soames Jenyns explained

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an alternative which was his offer to loan a piece of land to Parish Council for use as a village Recreation Ground. At the meeting of 14 September 1922 Mr Jenyns' offer was accepted and Parish funds were approved for the lay out of the area off Lode Road, known today as Jenyn's Close.

By January 1924 the layout was complete and an estimate for a pavilion was accepted subject to the approval of the Lessor – Mr S. Jenyns. Also in 1924 the new village Recreation Ground was changed in name from Lode Road Recreation Ground to Bottisham Recreation Ground. A funding committee was set up referred to as the 'Pavilion Erection Fund' and in April 1925 the new pavilion was handed over to Parish Council. Byelaws determining use of the ground had to be drawn up and these were submitted to the Ministry of Health in July 1925 for confirmation.

Part II next issue....

TJ

WEA News

Members of the Bottisham WEA who attended the AGM in February, will be aware that those members present voted for the courses available to us for Autumn this year and Spring 2015. I am pleased to be able to let all past, current and future members of the WEA know that Maureen James will be talking about Myths and Legends of Cambridgeshire this coming Autumn, and that Andrew Sankey will be talking about the Great Gardens of England and Famous Gardeners.

I think both of these topics will be of interest to those local villagers who have not yet taken advantage of the many informative courses provided by the WEA.

So....if you are interested in either of these courses, and have not yet been involved with the WEA, make sure you keep reading The Cresset for details of when these courses start!

Gerry Cowley

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Applications are invited from widows or widowers to receive a quarterly pension from the above charity. Applicants must be of good character and have lived in the Parish of Bottisham at least seven years. Please contact the clerk to the trustees for an application form.

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1/8/9/15/16/22/23/29/30 BRBL – Line dancing

1 BBPC – The Hanson Trophy. PDI Competition. Judge Malcolm Tinn.

8 BBPC – AGM For Members

10 MU – Bring & Buy afternoon

12 Bowling Club – Coffee Morning

13 Cambridge Gliding Club – open day

15 WI – 97 Year celebration

19 RBL – St. Georges dinner

24 Bags 2 School collection

26 Lib – Book Sale on the Triangle from 8.30am

22 GC – Make the most of a small garden – Margaret Nimmo-Smith

29 BBPC – “It’s a Small World”. Talk about macro photography by Martin Johns.

MAY

6/13/14/20/21/27/28 BRBL – Line dancing

6 BBPC – Roger Human Print Trophy. Judge Vic Hainsworth ARPS

16 BBPC – Social evening. Presentation of cups etc .

17 GC – Plant stall on the triangle

27 GC – Snowdrops and winter interest plants - Richard Ayres MBE

GC = Bottisham & District Gardening Club meets at BRBL Poppy Restaurant at 7.30pm • BRBL = Bottisham Royal British Legion Social Club • BBPC = Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club meets Tuesdays at Lode Chapel 7.30pm - Non Member £2 • WI = Meet at the BVC Lecture Room at 7.30pm • Lib = Bottisham Community Library Assoc. • MU = Mother’s Union meet at Lode Chapel 2.30pm Third Thursday •• This list is intended to be a ‘quick view one liner’ with brief details and a contact number if possible. Please let the editor have details by the 11th. e-mail: cresset@bottishambbpc.org.uk

1st Bottisham Scouts need you!

1st Bottisham scouts are looking for helpers to support our leaders as they work with our young people in all areas of scouting.

You will probably be aware that Bottisham is growing, and we are anticipating a significant rise in the number of children wanting to benefit from a place with 1st Bottisham. What we would like to do is to ‘be prepared’ by adding to our team of already experienced leaders. This will mean that we have more options when the need arises.

We are looking for people with energy and enthusiasm who can offer regular help in one of the sections (beavers, cubs or scouts). It doesn’t have to be every week; alternate weeks or once a month would be fine. All positions are completely voluntary, and all leaders and committee members are CRB checked due to the nature of the service we provide. The Scout Association pays for any checks, and training is provided.

Our leaders find their role to be a very rewarding one. We have some great young people in Bottisham, and scouting gives them a range of exciting opportunities and challenges which you could help to provide. **If you are interested in becoming a helper, please contact: Chris Jackson-Kew (Group Scout Leader) 07500 831761 • cjk@hawkins-cambridge.co.uk**





Lode with Longmeadow Village Fete 2014

Sunday 15 June from Mid-day to 4.00 pm
on the Passage Playing Field

This year the Fete will include an Inter-Village Challenge Cup: lots of stalls, bar, BBQ, teas and cakes. The Dog Show is back by popular demand and we are delighted to announce that Newmarket Town Band will be opening this event and playing throughout the afternoon.

Lode will be taking on Quy, Bottisham and Swaffham Bulbeck in an afternoon of races, games and fun-filled challenges leading up to a winner of the 'prestigious' cup. This will be for all ages and the Bottisham team captains are Karen and Kevin Crisp. More details next month, on how you can be part of the team and what the challenges will be.

If you would like to have a stall at the Fete please contact Pauline Holmes on 01223 812029 (sorry no hot food stalls and we cannot supply electricity).

Get those tails wagging and new tricks learnt for the Dog Show – all good dogs welcome to enter on the day.

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We are having a **CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE** at Bottisham Primary School on Saturday 5th April. Please come along as it will be as much a social event as it will be a sale. Tables will cost £5 and entrance 50p which will go towards the running of Saplings.

We are also planning a Scoot 4 Loot in honour of The Tour De France which will be coming through Cambridge this year. This will be held on Saturday 5th of July and will be a fundraising event for children to bring their skates, cycles and scooters along for a fun filled time. Keep your eye out in the Cresset for more information to follow!!!

We would like to say a big thank you to The British Legion for allowing us to hold our Christmas parties there each year and our monthly meetings in the Poppy room free of charge. A big thank you also goes to Bottisham Sports Centre for allowing us to hold Bouncy Castle Fundraising mornings.

The Saplings Committee

Bags 2 School

Spring is here and spring cleaning is on people's mind! If you are one of those people please spare a thought for Bottisham Primary School PTA who hold a fund raising event called Bags 2 School. We collect all your unwanted clothes, blankets, curtains, soft toys, shoes, hand bags and belts and then a company called Bags 2 School weigh our collection and pay us £500 per ton.

Last year we managed to raise a fantastic total of £1,389 through our 2 collections and we'd love to equal if not better it this year. It is these funds that support our Primary School projects. Our main target this year is to help provide the pupils of the school with a new outdoor learning center that will help benefit the children particularly in the coming hot summer months. The cost of this project is approx £6000 so we're hoping Bags 2 School will be able to contribute towards this sum.

The collection date will be Thursday 24th April so please bag your goods and leave outside the school caretakers house or ring me (Trevor) on 07764589869 and I will arrange a pick up. Remember if you miss this date we continue to collect and store until our next collection in November so please keep donating. Many thanks to those who regularly donate and in particular Queens Court.

Finally many thanks to Natalie Potter who has for the past 4 years taken on the responsibility of looking after the Bags 2 School funding and raised thousands of pounds for the school. Hopefully we can carry on the good work!!!!!!

Trevor and Bethan Ball

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Change

How many church-goers does it take to change a light bulb? Answer: Ten. One to change the bulb and nine to say how they liked it better with the old bulb.

Church is not a place people tend to associate with change. The story is told of a vicar who provoked a major crisis when he wanted to move the piano from one side of the church to the other. His solution was to move the piano one inch each week! Eventually, after many months, the piano arrived at the other side – and nobody had noticed! I doubt if it is true, but it does illustrate our innate resistance to change.

Jesus, on the other hand, came with the intention of changing things. He came to shake up the religious establishment of his day; to challenge traditions which had lost their meaning, and most of all, to change peoples' lives. The message of the Gospel is one of change – new life, new birth, new creation, transformation.

Jesus offered life-changing teaching, life-changing experiences. A new way of being; a new way of relating to people; a new way of understanding one's place in the world.

Jesus was radical, revolutionary and counter-cultural. He didn't fit into any of the accepted moulds and he was a threat to the religious and political status quo. Nobody wanted to change. So they killed him! And that changed everything!

The heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus didn't stay dead. He came back from the other side. He came back changed. That's the real story of Easter. It isn't about bonnets, or bunnies, or eggs. It isn't even about crosses – it's about transformation; resurrection. It's about changing from death to life, from darkness to light, from despair to hope.

For me, as a one-time atheist, it was considering the weight of historical evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus which completely changed my life. If Jesus *really* conquered death then surely that changes everything? For all of us!

During the coming Easter period the whole wonderful story of God's plan to transform the world will be remembered and celebrated in various ways in the local churches near you. If you think you could do with a change why not come along and see what it's all about?

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in April 2014.

- 6 April 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School)
- 13 April 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)
- 13 April 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)
- 20 April 10.30am – RE:NEW Easter Celebration (at the School)
- 27 April 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
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Bottisham & Lode Cricket Club are now recruiting new players for both the Junior and Senior teams for the 2014 season. If you feel that you would like to spend your Saturday afternoons playing for your local Cricket team, then why not join us at net practice starting after Easter. Whatever your age or ability we would love to see you!

You don't need to be a player! Bottisham & Lode Cricket Club are always looking for volunteers to help run the club. From help preparing the ground to clearing up after the cricket teas, just an hour of your time really would be appreciated.

To kick things off we are again entering the Natwest CricketForce scheme which encourages clubs and communities to come together and prepare the cricket ground, at Fassage Hall, Lode, for the season ahead. So, if you can spare a little time to paint, clear, clean, mow, dig, or make cups of tea on the weekend of April 5th then we would love to hear from you.

If you are able to offer any help and would like to know more information then please contact me on (01223) 811109 or why not pay the website a visit: www.bottishamlode.play-cricket.com

Martin Wilson, Secretary, Bottisham & Lode CC

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Bottisham & Lode were somewhat slow out of the blocks which showed in their first match against Wanstead(Essex) and lost. They then comfortably beat Market Deeping(Lincs) and Kesgrave(Suffolk). In hindsight lunch came at the wrong time, and the break reflected as they lost a thrilling match on the last ball against overall winners Fakenham(Norfolk). Their final match saw them beat Peterborough Town(Hunts) comprehensively, infact by the biggest points margin of all games played in the competition. The team narrowly finished third, two points behind Essex and five behind Norfolk.

Charles Fletcher

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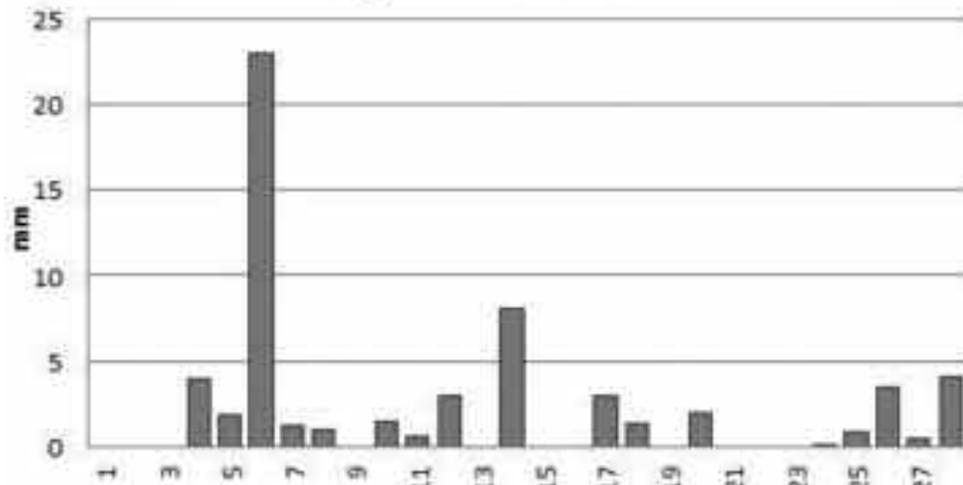
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Terry Chapman

February Rainfall for Bottisham



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Bottisham WI

At our February meeting Sarah Bunce, harpist entertained us with folk songs, traditional and new. What an enjoyable evening! Sarah has a beautiful voice and in between songs, some of which were composed by herself or her father, she recalled how she had been influenced by her family's musical background. Her grandmother's singing and her father – a music teacher and member of a folk group – had played a big part in inspiring her. When she was ten years old a new children's orchestra was started and she was asked if she would like to have lessons on the harp. Questions about the harp followed – the materials used to make it, the different types of harps and the transportation to performances etc. Sarah has made two CD's and among the vocalists is her daughter.

Our April meeting will be a birthday celebration including a quiz and cup cakes! Bottisham WI will be 97 years old (the centenary of the national WI will be next year). If you are not a member and think you may like to join the WI, please do come along.

Please note the meeting will take place at Queen's Court, Downing Close on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm.

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