

### **Cresset November Issue 42**

#### Your November Cresset

With the changing of the clocks, comes the realisation that autumn is well and truly here and winter looms round the corner. However all in all we have had not too bad a summer. A few frosty days now, to kill off the bugs in the garden and the year's rotation will be almost complete.



This month's magazine is filled with useful information about the activities that go on in Bottisham when the nights get longer, with reports from the many organisations we have.

There are also the regular articles from 'our correspondents'.

'Sports Nut' Gerry Daish with his view on more than just football.

Tony Jolley recalls, in his varied piece, his memorable trip to Canada and Alaska. Having been on the same train journey from Vancouver to Banff and Jasper, his article brings back memories for me of a great holiday. We have friends in Canada who have also done 'The Canadian', the full three and a half day train trip right across Canada, which would be an experience. They have just done it for a second time as the first time they spent almost two days looking out at nothing but falling snow!

On the subject of train and other forms of transport, Paddy James once again provides useful information for travelling nearer to home.

To correspondence now. I am delighted to be able to publish further letters about our Doctor's surgery. Sometimes you feel you don't get it all right. No sooner had I published last month, a letter of comment about the dispensary at the surgery from an S. Bennett of Howlett Way than S. Bennett of Beechwood Ave felt he had to reassure the pharmacy that HE had no complaint about the service from the surgery and was not the same S Bennett. I prefer not to publish full addresses in the magazine, although they need to be supplied. You will see that last month's letter has, I am pleased to say, provoked further correspondence with a very different view.

I was also delighted to receive a letter from Dr. Jonathon Higham in response to the letter published last month. We are very lucky to have the benefit of a surgery right here in the village. Sometimes we can take these things for granted. Many people in other villages have to travel quite a distance to see a doctor and then some have to take their prescription even further.

Another plus that is available to us all is the Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group. which provides a very useful source of information every month in this magazine. They can also be a contact point for information.

Other activities featured include Christmas fairs for your early Christmas shopping, but before that there are several activities revolving round Armistice Sunday which this year falls on the 9th.

Fund raising events by The Royal British Legion Social Club include a Dinner with entertainment on the Saturday before and a Race night on the Saturday after Armistice Day. All funds raised during this time go to the Poppy appeal.

On Tuesday 11th Nov. itself at 11.00am., there is always a gathering at the village sign opposite the church to observe the two minute silence. If you are unable to go to the service on the Sunday, which this year is at Bottisham, you will be welcome for the short observance on the Tuesday.

Finally don't forget the 5th November when the usual whizzes and bangs will be heard. Whether you are out at one of the organised Bonfire parties, or doing your own thing in the back garden, wrap up warm and stay safe.

Also bear in mind that pets, whether cats, dogs or horses, do not appreciate them in the same way that we do.

Back next month with the year end magazine

Peter Walker

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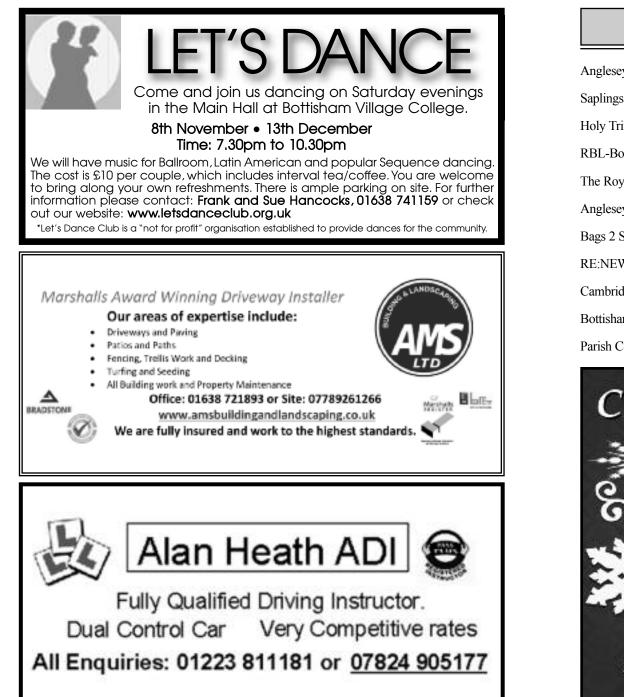
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## Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen

## Hilton Park Care Centre Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November 2014

2.00pm ~ 4.00pm

Stalls include Grand Raffle • Quiz • Tombola Jewellery • Xmas cakes & refreshments • Craft stall • Wreaths & Christmas decorations • Avon • Aloe Vera • Phoenix Cards • Sales stall £1 in the bucket (large Cash prize to be won)

50p entrance also enters you into the door prize raffle

## Saplings Pre-School Playgroup

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#### Playgroup for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years onwards

Sessions run on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning, 9am - 12noon and afternoons 12.15 - 3.15pm depending on demand. £8.00 per session.

#### Pre-playgroup for 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ years

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The House closes for the season on 2 November – but it promises to be a very busy winter as we undertake a major restoration of the Newmarket Corridor, which includes Lord Fairhaven's bedroom, bathroom and the bedroom where Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, stayed when she was a guest of Lord Fairhaven. Over time, textiles have faded, carpets have become worn and the clocks stopped ticking. In the past year the House team have undertaken considerable research to identify the original paint schemes, carpets and textiles, which will be restored or replaced. Conservation is not a cheap business; the conservation of Lord Fairhaven's bed alone will cost an estimated £10,000.

During the winter period the House team will be running conservation tours – showcasing the work undertaken by our expert conservators. Tours run Tuesdays – Friday at 12noon & 1.30pm. Tickets are available from reception when you arrive.

The exterior redecoration of Lode Mill is over-running due to the combination of additional work which needs to be undertaken and the recent wet weather which is not ideal for painting – hopefully the mill should look fantastic for Winter Lights which starts at the end of the month. This year's Winter Lights runs for three weekends starting on Friday 28 November. Tickets (Adults £11.50 Children £8 Family Ticket £35) are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

At Wicken we have a **Christmas Decorations Workshop** on Friday & Saturday 21 & 22 November, with sessions from 10-12.30pm or 1.30 - 4pm. The workshop will be led by local weaver, Nadine Anderson, who will teach you how to make traditional decorations out of willow and rush. Tickets £18 (including materials) are available from the NT Box Office. Our ever popular **Father Christmas at the Fen**- runs at weekends from Saturday 6 – Sunday 21 December. Tickets £6.95 are selling fast - so please book ASAP to avoid disappointment via the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

## Saplings Pre-school Playgroup

Half term already! We've had a great start to the school year at Saplings and the new children have done well to settle in to their new routine. It's a daunting time for little ones, especially if it's their first time away from Mum & Dad. Pat and the team have been busy helping the children make Autumn leaves and fruits for ourwall display and pasta caterpillars to take home, taking inspiration from The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Thanks to everyone who came along to the bouncy castle - hope you all had fun! We have more dates planned for bouncy castle fun, so watch this space! With Christmas just around the corner, why not bring your budding young artists to our **Christmas Craft Workshop on Saturday 6th December** at the Playhut - let the kids have a go at making their own decorations, cards or gifts for the festive season! (10am - 12pm, cost will be around £3 per child, all ages welcome, adult supervision required).

We're also still collecting for Bags to School, so please drop off any unwanted clothes and bedding etc to the Playhut for our collection on 21st November. As a charity, we really depend on fundraising like this to keep the playgroup going! *The Saplings Committee* 





Showroom opening hours: Mon to Thurs; 9am—4pm Fri and Sat; 10am—2pm

### Holy Trinity, Bottisham - Services in November 2014

Sunday 2nd	11 a.m.	Holy Communion Revd Elizabeth Caswell
Wednesday 5th	8 p.m.	Compline by Candlelight <i>led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 9th	10.50 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday Service Revd Sue Giles
Sunday 16th	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
		Revd Lawrie Marsh
	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 23th		No service in Bottisham
	10 a.m.	Benefice Communion in Lode
Sunday 30th	11 a.m.	Holy Communion Revd Sue Giles

The Remembrance Sunday Service this year is the joint service with Lode and Quy, at which the Royal British Legion will be on parade. Note the earlier start! Details of other services in the Benefice are on the notice board in the church.

Copy deadline for next issue is 14 November.

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## **The Royal British Legion Social Club**

## **Poppy Appeal Dinner**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 for 7.00pm

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#### REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2014

Once again this year the Royal British Legion will spearhead the National Day of Remembrance of those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Service of our Country. Throughout this year we have been marking the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. This was one of the bloodiest periods in our history. Not only were tens of thousands slaughtered in the fields of Belgium and France but many more returned maimed and shattered for the rest of their lives.

In 1922 the British Legion was formed to help and support all of those who were in need. Now the Royal British Legion, they continue this work to the present day by helping those who have suffered in the many conflicts since.

The Annual Poppy Appeal is their main source of income to enable them to do this. They need all the support the general public can give.

The National Day of Remembrance is on Sunday 9th November this year and the Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding its own Remembrance Day Parade and Service at Bottisham. The Parade will assemble at 10.20am in the Car Park of The Royal British Legion and march to Holy Trinity Church for the Remembrance Service to commence at 10.50am. Taking part will be contingents from the Bottisham Royal British Legion, Bottisham Scouts, Cub Scouts Girl Guides and Brownies.

Everyone is welcome to join us.



#### THE 11TH HOUR of the 11TH DAY of the 11TH MONTH

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday 11th November the Nation will pause for the Annual TWO MINUTES SILENCE to remember the War Dead- including those from recent conflicts.

The Bottisham Royal British Legion will assemble by the VILLAGE SIGN in Bottisham opposite Holy Trinity Church at this time to remember and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the Service of our Country.

Everyone is welcome to join us at this time



#### LEST WE FORGET, GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

LECION

The Bottisham Royal British Legion will erect a small Garden of Remembrance which will be situated by the Village Sign opposite Holy Trinity Church in Bottisham.

Anyone who may wish to do so is invited to place a Poppy Cross therein to the memory of someone who gave their life in the defence of or in the Service of our Country. The Garden will be in place from Sunday 2nd November until Sunday 16th November. Poppy Crosses may be obtained from any Poppy Seller or from the RBL Club in Bottisham.

Ken York, Branch President.



#### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH AT THE LEGION SOCIAL CLUB

Line Dancing every Tuesday and Wednesday (except the first Wednesday in the month.) Bingo every 1st and 3rd Sunday

Saturday 1st November 6pm – 10pm Halloween Fancy Dress Disco for all the Family Prizes for the best dressed boy and girl Tickets in advance from the Club Adults £1 – Children 50p

Saturday 8th November

Poppy Appeal Dinner Price includes Three Course Meal and Entertainment Grand prize raffle with all proceeds to The Poppy appeal. Tickets £20 must be purchased in advance from the Legion by Wed 5th Nov.

> Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Bottisham Bowling Club Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.00

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November Race Night, 7.30pm start in aid of the Poppy appeal

Sunday 7th December - Christmas Tacky Dangly Day A fun morning for all the family to decorate the club

> Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Quiz Christmas eve 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Disco

Don't Forget The Regular Activities For You To Join In And Enjoy Darts / Pool / Snooker / Billiards / Cribbage / Dominoes / Bar billiards

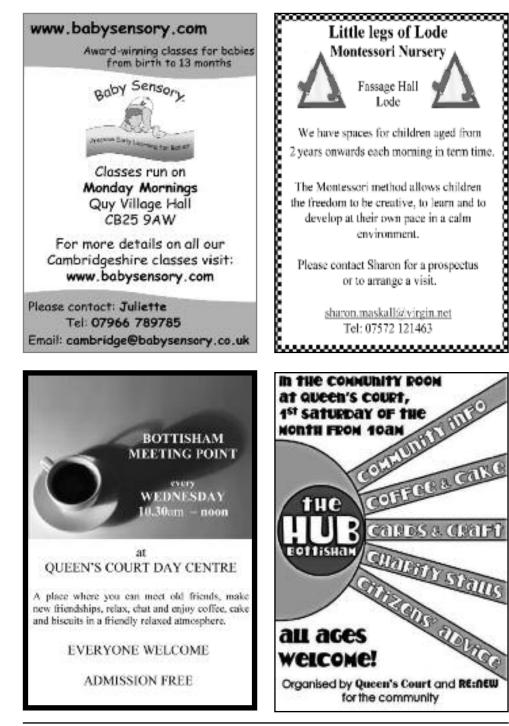
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Are you having a celebration? Are you looking for a business meeting venue? Is your society or Club looking for a friendly place to meet?

If so, the Hall and Poppy Lounge room are available to hire for all your functions Call in and speak to Kate to confirm availability and get a Hall hire application form Date and availability will then be confirmed by the Secretary

> **The Royal British Legion, Bottisham & District Branch**, 31 Downing Close, Bottisham, Cambridge CB25 9BA Tel. 01223 812063 www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/bottisham





### Anglesey in Stitches

The friendly and informal knitting and stitching group for the Anglesey villages, has changed location. Following the closure of Lode Social Club, we have found a warm welcome and good lighting at the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck. We meet on odd-dated Tuesdays of the month at 8pm and can be found in the conservatory or at the back of the restaurant area. Upcoming meetings are November 11th and 25th.

This year has been an active one for the group. You may have seen our handiwork at Anglesey Abbey in March, in support of cycling in Cambridgeshire and in particular the Lode-Quy cycle path. Many of the items were used again on the Tour de France route and we also contributed mini-jerseys for the Cambridge bunting. We have continued our support for the Lode-Quy path by making and selling pompom handlebar decorations at various local events.

But most meetings are spent working on our own projects and many have come to fruition in the last few months - an intricate crochet shawl, a cross-stitch birth sampler, several Easter chicks, cardigans and scarves for adults and children. Some of us are accomplished at our craft, others are complete beginners, and all are still learning from each other's knowledge and skill.

So whether you are experienced or would like to learn something new, you are more than welcome to join us.

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Catherine Onley & Clare Wilkes

## **Bags 2 School**

Thank you to everyone who has in the past donated their bags of unwanted clothes, sheets, curtains etc. We are again appealing for you all to come forward and have a good wardrobe clearance so we can again raise as much money as we can for our November collection.

Bags 2 School was founded in 2001 and works with over 20,000 schools throughout the UK collecting unwanted items to be sold to export. Schools are paid approx  $\pounds 400 / \pounds 450$  per tonne and all money raised will go to benefit the pupils of Bottisham Primary School.

THE COLLECTION DATE IS NOVEMBER 13TH and you can leave bags outside the care takers house situated in the School Grounds or ring (07764589869) for collection.

Don't forget even if you miss the deadline we continuously collect bags throughout the year ready for our April collection.

Many thanks everyone (clothes, shoes, sheets, blankets, soft toys)......remember it's for the benefit of our Children. *Trevor Ball* 

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#### Facebook or Face-to-face?

I don't want to sound like a Grumpy Old Man, but I don't really get the social media craze. The way people quite happily share all sorts of stuff about their lives; what they eating, or drinking, or thinking, at any given moment. The accumulation of hundreds of 'friends', most of whom they have never met. How do we define friendship these days?

Before I go any further, I have to confess that I do have a Facebook account, although I hardly ever think to use it and don't really know what to do with it anyway. I can never think of anything I consider interesting enough to post! Even less do I understand Twitter. Although I'm a keen birdwatcher, I don't Tweet! (*Sorry*!)

It is concerning to me that social media can also be used in such anti-social ways, with 'trolling' and cyber-bullying being so widespread, sometimes with serious consequences.

I know it isn't all bad, and that things like Facebook can be great for keeping in touch with relatives and friends who live in far-flung places and with whom we might otherwise lose contact.

Who writes letters any more? Before computers and email my handwriting used to be quite good, now it has seriously deteriorated, and not just because I'm getting old! I hardly ever pick up a pen, I just hammer a keyboard.

I was thinking this morning about Paul's letters, in the New Testament, to the young churches scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Written by hand and carried over hundreds of miles; then read out loud, memorised and copied and passed on. Letters which are still full of rich meaning, significance and relevance today. What are the odds of anyone reading my emails, or even this article, in 2 years time, let alone 2000 years?

In some respects, those letters and those early church communities were the first social media. Groups of people of all kinds sharing their lives together, making friendships, with an unprecedented degree of intimacy, and crossing social and geographical barriers to do so. All connected by a common desire to follow Jesus. It is that same connection which still unites Christians today.

And so, my favoured social medium is the church, in particular RE:NEW, where real, rather than virtual, friendships are to be found, along with mutual support, encouragement, and quite a lot of fun! We'd like to **Invite** you to come and try RE:NEW; you never know, you might **Like** us, and we'd love to **Add you as Friends** !

Peter Wells.

#### **RE:NEW Services in November 2014.**

2nd	10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School)
		With Holy Communion
9th	10.30am	RE:NEW Café style (at the School)
	6.20pm	Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)
16th	10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
23rd	10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
	6.20pm	Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)
30th	10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
Beginni	ing our new s	eries: 'Songs of Advent'.

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However, if you do use fireworks or light a bonfire at home, we would ask residents to take on board our safety advice to ensure that it is just their fireworks that go off with a bang !

- Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions.
- Light them at arms length using a taper and stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather, particularly in windy conditions.
- Do not leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedgerows.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, or batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and that children are a safe distance away.
- Keep ALL pets safely indoors.

Michael White

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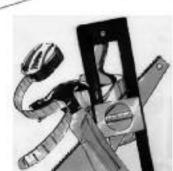
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John Webster from Herbal Haven spoke at our September meeting. His small holding is at the end of a long lane near Saffron Walden and many years ago when he had a glut of potatoes he sold them from the side of the main road together with small amounts of herbs. This was successful so he ventured into attending shows selling herbs, travelling far and wide and now attends at least 150 shows in the summer months. He attends most major shows with the exception of Harrogate where they insist that all plants should be in litre pots. He uses smaller pots so that he is able to offer 130 varieties. He brought many unusual herbs for sale to members and also sells by mail order.

Thanks must go to Jennifer Clark and her group of helpers who arranged a successful Gardening Show. Richard Ayres MBE opened the event and presented awards at the end of the afternoon. Several awards were won by non-members and the winner of the Abbey National Cup for the most points in the show was presented to Julia Green. This was a good community event and further details can be found on the Gardening Club website.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Poppy lounge at The Legion, when David Butler will show slides of a recent holiday.

New members are welcome to attend.

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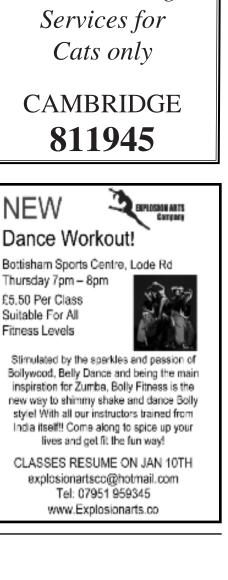
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### Parish Council Report

Many people have commented that the traffic calming has made the situation in the village much better. Vehicles in Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane are slowing down and drivers are thinking about the speed they are travelling at. There are still road signs to be installed on Bell Road. The County Council are awaiting delivery of these signs and will then complete the project. There were some initial complaints: these have now subsided as people have become used to the bumps. The scheme has taken a good deal longer than we expected but Cllr Altham thanked Tony Jolley for his hard work on the traffic calming and his liaisons with the County Council.

At our October meeting the Clerk reported that there have been concerns from several residents over the parking on Bell Road as you drive away from the High Street. There are often several vehicles parked here where the road is on a slight bend. It is therefore difficult to pass these vehicles and be able to see what is coming the other way from the A1303. Sometimes there have been up to 10 vehicles parked here which has meant cars having to reverse back down the road as they haven't enough time to overtake before another vehicle comes along. This has been reported to the PCSO but, as is often the case, especially with parking outside of the shops, the vehicles weren't there when they visited the area. After a near miss myself the other evening, we would like to ask all residents to consider the safety of their parking and encourage visiting tradesmen to do the same. If any residents have an issue with parking please contact your PCSO as this is a police matter.

The footpath round the moat at Ox Meadow has, after much correspondence, been tidied up by David Wilson Homes and is looking very nice. The broken barriers by the drainage ditch have still not been replaced and we are still chasing this with another department of David Wilson Homes. You will recall that discussions on further development at this site stalled after the developer wanted to put an application in for 100 dwellings. This was withdrawn and discussions are once again moving forward for the original plan of 50 dwellings. Once a planning application has been submitted it will be displayed for the community to have the opportunity to view and make comment.

You will be aware that the Parish Council has for some time been seeking a site for a new cemetery. As well as proximity to the village and ease of access, our enquiry has also had to take into account potential flooding, environmental pollution and ease/cost of purchase. Much of the village is low-lying and has a number of springs and watercourses flowing through it, which precludes some sites on the grounds that the water table is too close to the surface. Other potential sites are considered too far away or have existing permission for industrial uses and/or potential for housing – which would make them prohibitively costly to purchase.

After extensive research, the Council has identified an area of just over two acres of agricultural land to the south side of Lode Rd on the edge of the village. The area is owned by the National Trust, who have indicated a willingness to co-operate if a Compulsory Purchase Order (C.P.O) is made on the land. Trust provisions prevent the National Trust making a free sale of land.

To that end, at our next Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the Council will seek to pass a resolution requesting East Cambs District Council to implement the compulsory purchase of the land - the Parish Council does not, in itself, have authority to exercise a C.P.O. The area will provide ample space for burials for the next 100 years or so. Clearly part of the land will not initially be required for burial purposes and this could be used to benefit the village in other ways. As completion of the purchase approaches, the Council will carry *(continued next page.)* 

#### (PC Notes continued.)

out a consultation with the village as to how the spare land could be best used in the short to medium term.

A working party will be created which would consist of residents and parish councillors to discuss the best use for the community.

It is possible that you have questions you would like to discuss with the Council about the purchase. There are 15 minutes available at the start of every Council meeting for questions from the public. Could we encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity, or to contact the Council before-hand with any questions you may have. It should be remembered that we are at a very early stage. The District Council need to establish ownership of land, investigate legal interests and title deeds etc. before any maps can be drawn up and costs discussed.

At this time of year we ask any club or society in need of some extra funding to make contact with us. We have a nominal fund available each year to provide grant funding. Please see the advertisement in the Cresset.

Finally, one of our parish councilors Mr Mark Heider has decided to resign to concentrate on other commitments. We thank him for his work over the past year and wish him well. We now have 2 vacancies and urge any resident who would like to get more involved in the village they live in to contact either myself or our Chair, Christine Bryant.

#### PC PLANNING NOTES

- 14/00905/FUL 83 Jenyns Close. Conversion of garage into dining rorm and replace utility room roof with felt; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00664/FUL 69 High Street. Extension and alteration of existing property, following demolition of rear conservatory to allow subdivision of single dwelling into two separate dwellings; APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC
- 14/00705/FUL Chalk Barn, Hare Park, Six Mile Bottom. Single storey side extension to existing house and associated alterations; APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC
- 14/00740/FUL 85 High Street Proposed garage, food and waste store; APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC
- 14/00814/FUL 14 Pound Close Part 1st floor and part single storey front and side extensions; APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC
- 14/00617/FUL 11 Trinity Close. Demolition of a range of timber sheds and lean to's and construction of a new ground floor side extension. APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC

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- Good quality books will be on sale sale at the College Christmas Market on Sunday 30th November.
- We have booked a Library Quiz evening 31st January 2015 at the Royal British Legion.
- We have one volunteer currently being trained and another is on the possible list. If you are interested please let any volunteer know. It is for a 2 hour period twice a month and training is given
- We have received another large donation from the Bottisham Charities Board and will be buying some Large Print and Talking Books soon.
- The Christmas Quiz will be available soon from the Library
- New members are most welcome and it only costs £1 to join the association.

Sylvia Overton

### **Public Transport Matters**

Still no National Express timetables at the bus shelters on Newmarket High St. and no further response from the company regarding stopping at the A1303/High St. bus stop, as Whippet do, but what fun to see the same bus stop on The One Show recently on TV when they explored the uses of the oldies bus pass. They instigated a race between two couples using their bus passes with one couple coming from Stevenage and one from Ipswich to Cambridge. They had to meet up at Chocolat in Cambridge and it was more or less a tie. They were shown researching the bus timetables and then their trip was followed. The Ipswich couple ended up taking the 11 from Bury St. Edmunds and – you have guessed it! – sailed right past our stop on the main road. The programme was exploring the effects if the bus passes were withdrawn. Many people now get out and about who otherwise would stay at home. There were 152,000 signatures on a petition to Downing St.

The Imperial War Museum at Duxford recently hosted a Showbus rally – hundreds of buses from all over the world, including New Zealand and Hong Kong, were on display. It is believed to be the world's biggest bus rally and was to mark the 60th anniversary of the Routemaster bus. The new model Routemaster was available - climb aboard!

The man who introduced the Oystercard, Jay Walder, is now running the Crossrail project -62 miles of the route, 26 miles of new tunnelling beneath London at a cost of £14.8 bn. and with 10,000 people working on the project. This is the most significant London project since permission was granted to the Metropolitan Railway in 1853 to run trains underground. It could be extended into Hertfordshire. Mr. Osborne has also talked of a Crossrail of the North - linking places such as Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle. Prosperity could be improved and benefits cut - justifying the cost of perhaps £15 billion.

There is hope once more that the Oxford/Cambridge rail route could be re-established. Dr. Beeching cut so many very useful services and the Private Eye columnist, Dr. B. Ching, writes useful articles of interest to rail passengers. A recent one studied the effect of rail franchises as opposed to the former unified services. The state-owned East Coast line has given the taxpayer £235m in profits, a 12% increase on last year.

Stagecoach is now running a coach service called Megabus – it seems to cover Norwich and Cambridge and has been spotted in Newmarket. It has cheap fares. See Megabus.com.

The guided busway continues to have problems. It has cost the County Council  $\pounds$ 319,000 to research the faults situation and now will cost an estimated  $\pounds$ 31 million. Bam Nuttall is to be presented with the bill.

Cityjet are suspending their services to Amsterdam and Dublin – just after last month I mentioned that Marshalls was now connected to the world.

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#### Dear Editor,

I note with interest the recent article written by S. Bennett, regarding the excellent Bottisham Medical Practice. I will also point out that it is not by my friend S. Bennett.

Of course changes have been made and all change is difficult but we have to be patient patients with patience!

I have lived in different areas in this country and have found Bottisham to be the most efficient, up to date, and easy to access for GP appointments. We can have blood tests as soon as possible, we can access blood tests in Cambridge now, the first in the country to enable this...(the said place is in Sainsbury's Editor, but I may not be able to advertise, feel free to edit).(I doubt they'd sue, Ed.)

I have recently had a health scare and was fast tracked from GP to Addenbrooke's Hospital, a hospital of great renown. As my mother who recently passed away with the same disease had been in Addenbrooke's I was not at all phased by this. It was brisk, efficient and friendly. In and out in an hour. (that included travelling from this village)

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There is a walking group, there is Heart Start and there is a Patients Participation Group. As they say, if you see someone without a smile, give them one yourself.

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#### Dear Editor,

In the dispensary at Bottisham Medical Practice, we strive to provide an excellent service at all times and as such welcome constructive feedback. We were therefore disappointed to read Mr or Ms S. Bennett's letter to you in your last edition.

The letter seems to be based on a misunderstanding about what is involved in dispensing medication which could have been clarified if they had spoken to any member of our dispensary team.

When a patient drops off their repeat prescription slip or makes an online request a new prescription has to be generated by the dispensary staff, then checked and signed by a doctor before a dispenser is permitted by law to actually take a medicine off the shelf and dispense it. As in pharmacies and other dispensaries, medicines are not always held in stock and although we have twice daily deliveries there can be further delay before a medicine is dispensed. For this reason we ask for 48 hours to dispense the medicine to ensure that it is ready when the patient returns to collect it. 48 hours turnaround is the industry standard and is in line with the National Pharmaceutical Association and Care Quality Commission standards.

Drugs are potentially dangerous when used inappropriately and it would be unsafe as well as illegal to simply take a medicine off the shelf on presentation of a repeat medication slip without any safety checks or proper authorisation by a clinician.

We would be delighted to discuss this further with Mr or Ms Bennett if they would like to contact Mrs Beverley Weller-Lewis, our Dispensary Manager at the surgery.

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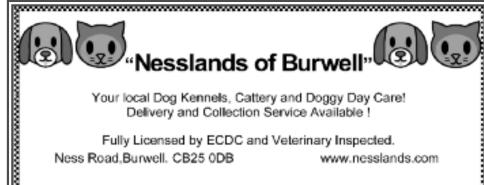
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Did anyone see the Bottisham connection when Cambridge United announced the appointment of their new Chief Executive in October? Jeremy 'Jez' George, formerly United's Youth Coach, First Team Manager, Director of Football, fundraiser extraordinaire, and once described by Dion Dublin as the 'heart and soul of the club', took over the day to day running of United to complete a remarkable rise from grass roots to the Football League.

Jez began his career as a teenager in the mid-1980s playing in goal for Bottisham before being snapped up by Cambs Premier high-flyers, Philips, where he had the dubious pleasure of attempting to cover for your scribe's mistakes in the back four for seven years! Modesty does not permit me to number the trophies we picked up in that time, but having cleaned up at county level, Jez, already a keen youth coach, moved up to play in higher leagues, including a spell at Cambridge City, before 'retiring' into full time coaching, first at City, then at Cambridge United.

I'm sure all locals, especially those who remember him as a raw youngster in Bottisham colours, will join me in wishing him every success in his new role at The Abbey.

Talking of football management, what on earth is this new clamour for the 'Rooney Rule' all about? Even Greg Dyke, the FA Chairman, has jumped on the political correctness bandwagon to appease the agitators recently. Now it won't surprise you to know that I am all for equal rights, but I think the argument to follow American Football's NFL is deeply flawed.

In a nutshell, the Rooney Rule requires teams to interview at least one ethnic minority candidate for head coaching positions. A number of players, pundits, and (failed) ethnic minority managers in England, including Rio Ferdinand, Garth Crooks, Chris Hughton and Paul Ince, have talked up a storm based on the fact that, currently, there are only two black managers out of 92 teams in the professional football league, and they claim the rule has transformed the fortunes of African Americans in the NFL.

Admittedly this is a poor representation when you consider how many BME players, both English and foreign, are currently active in professional football. However, one wonders just how many have not only the qualifications and the track record, but also the desire to secure the top jobs in the English game. The two who are in post – Chris Powell at Huddersfield and Keith Curle at Carlisle – are both English, but of course many of the black players in the game are not, and perhaps have no intention of hanging around after making their millions, to serve their apprenticeship as managers in the lower reaches of the league.

I am not convinced that doors are closed to the minorities. There are plenty of foreign managers in the game after all... just look at the Premier League. Clubs simply go out into the world and employ the best they can afford. And just what constitutes an ethnic minority anyway? Is it simply the depth of someone's tan? How does it tie up with nationality? (Are we soon to campaign for Eastern European or Asian rights as their numbers grow in our international 'domestic' game?) How far back in family history would we go? My children's children could have a black grandmother, three white grandparents, white skin and blonde hair... would they qualify for a fast-track to the interview panel? What a nonsense!

I simply do not see that forcing clubs to put the names of brown-skinned coaches on interview short lists for jobs is going to make much difference. After 11 years of the Rooney Rule in the NFL, they currently have 4 black head coaches out of a possible 32. Big deal! I believe that equality will wash through in the end, as the gradual positive shift in culture – that is already well under way in business and the professions – encourages black and ethnic minorities to see themselves as leaders of men. Until that happens I think that market forces will do very nicely thank you without any help from American style law enforcement.

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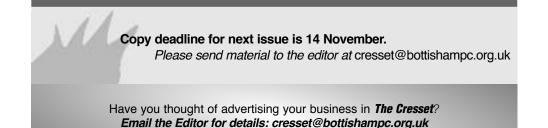
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If we want to borrow any ideas from across the Atlantic then perhaps we should look at their American Football 'draft' system... but that's a-whole-nother matter (as I heard somewhat surprisingly – uttered on the BBC recently)!

Before closing, I must just mention two momentous events in cycling recently. Jens Voigt, that lovable, irrepressible German, who epitomises everything heroic about competitive sport, broke the 'Hour' record with a distance of 51,115km. That's nearly 32mph folks! Then Sir Bradley Wiggins won the World Championship Time Trial, beating defending champion Tony Martin to become only the second Briton after Chris Boardman to achieve this. Chapeau Wiggo... now how about that Hour record?

TTFN

Gerry Daish



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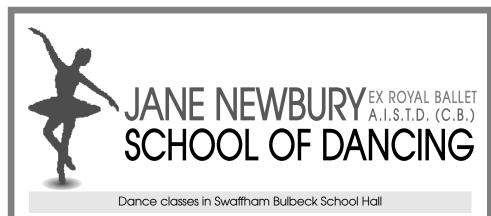
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#### Taking on responsibility...

Whales, Bears, Eagles, Glaciers and real Mountains – these were some of the treasures in store for us during our recent trip to Alaska, British Columbia and Alberta. And of course the Rocky Mountaineer train was a must to conclude our trip and didn't disappoint. We chose to take the reverse route through the Rockies and went from Vancouver via Kamloops to Banff, in other words ascending into the Rockies and enjoying a vista that became more and more dramatic and imposing as the two day journey unfolded. There were so many highlights during our tour but I think the moment that made us look on in awe and wonder and one that really grabbed the essence of raw nature was to listen in total silence to the 'talking' Glaciers – creaking, grumbling and groaning; displaying a deep incandescent blue. And then to hear the rumble followed by the boom of the fissure as the glacier calved into the sea forming a new iceberg. I have no doubt that close friends and new acquaintances will hear about nothing else for weeks and possibly months to come...

What also impressed us about Canada in addition to the interested and helpful people was the courteous, considerate and tolerant nature of the motorists. We hardly ever heard the blast of a horn as traffic regulations in the most part were adhered to wherever we went. Speaking to our 'Tofino Bus' coach driver he said there was a scheme in place that allowed members of the public to report 'irresponsible driving' which tended to have the effect of normalising motorists' behaviour. A form of self-policing I suppose which accorded the general public empowerment to concern themselves with upholding better driving standards. Another quality we found in Canada that we certainly don't find in this country anymore, or elsewhere in Europe come to that, is 'taking responsibility for your own actions'. For example; if you're daft enough to be wearing ear buds plugged into your Smart Phone and step into the road and get hit then YOU, and no one else, are at fault! I'd like to see that endorsed in Cambridge! Furthermore, and comparable to the US, railway lines are NOT fenced off in rural towns and villages and have 'open' barriers at formal crossings – your safety in crossing those lines is your responsibility. Tragic though it was I wonder what the outcome of the Elsenham enquiry would have been had the same happened in Canada or in the US!! Much sensibility could be regained from our 'Commonwealth Cousins' who continue to nurture the use of 'common sense'. Justifiably even more reason why the Commonwealth should continue as a valued institution! Perhaps to disentangle the UK from the 'red tape' of the EU, other than for trade, in favour of a new relationship with the Commonwealth is not such an impractical idea. After all it is argued that we Brits are not really Europeans in the manner that Brussels would have us be having far more in common with those once colonial nations who continue to share like values!

And so closer to home; sadly while we were away another stalwart of the Bottisham community left us, this time Charles McCartney. I didn't know Charles that well but my memory of him is that he didn't shy away from community and public responsibility; volunteering and devoting much of his spare time in the village to Parish Council, the Village College and to local Charities to name but a few. I'm sure we'd all wish to express our condolences and sadness to the whole family at this difficult time.

Well well. Scotland has voted to remain in the Union and Bottisham now has its Traffic <u>Speed Calming</u> partially installed. Good news in both respects firstly because I doubt that (Jolley continued on page 54.)

#### (Jolley continued.)

Scotland would have made it on its own economically and secondly because the Traffic Speed Calming schemes have taken far too long to put into effect. I notice that there are already signs of scuff marks on the top of the cushions which suggest they are being hit at speed – the warning signs are there and are quite visible. The message will soon get through to motorists that if you are travelling within the 30 mph speed limit the cushions can be negotiated quite safely.

I really can't understand the arrogance of some motorists and motorcyclists that persistently exceed the speed limits through the village as well as the air of self-importance of some drivers who persist on parking on double yellow lines outside The Bell – probably the same people! Not only are they parking illegally, even if it is just for a minute or two; they are also creating a dangerous hazard by impeding the visibility of motorists joining the High Street from Bell Road. Admittedly parking is at a premium but with a little bit of common sense and less selfishness it can be achieved. As nice as it is to have the 'triangle' there perhaps village growth advocates this area should be given over to parking. A worthy scheme for consideration as part a Local Highways application perchance, which I gather Parish Council has again turned down due to the lack of identifiable village projects!! Or, if this idea doesn't find favour, possibly a suitably equipped outdoor exercise resource as part of a broader village recreational policy.

Finally, wouldn't it be brilliant if we all became a little more considerate and civic minded - taking on responsibility for what we do rather than persisting with the 'ME' attitude and thus blaming someone else or the 'system'. *TJ* 

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### **Bottisham WI**

Irina Kirillova was a most interesting speaker informing us of her time travelling with Royalty to Russia as their interpreter. Her first visit was with the Prince of Wales through several Central Asian Countries in an effort to establish trade and business contacts in the late 1980's. She was able to save Prince Charles from a delicious meal of the roasted head and eves of a horse (a local delicacy) by explaining that his love of horses was too great to allow him to eat one. They still paraded it in front of him. In Turkmenistan they were seated at a horseshoe shaped table (she on a small stool just behind him) and were presented with a 25 course meal. Not that they ate much as the food was quickly moved to allow for the next course. A litre of brandy was taken by the President on this occasion – Prince Charles sipped water. In Lithuania they met in a large silver lined room - floors and ceiling - they mined so much that they thought they would use it. She also accompanied the Queen and Prince Philip on their visit to Russia to meet President Yeltsin firstly in Moscow and later they hosted a dinner on Britannia before returning home from St Petersburg. She travelled several times with Prince Michael of Kent who bears an uncanny resemblance to the last Tsar Nicholas. In fact the elderly female beggars at the door of the Naval Church in St Petersburg were convinced that the Tsar had been re-incarnated. She had many such stories and was warmly thanked in Russian.

There are a few seats available on the shopping trip to Norwich on Saturday 15th November departing the College at 8.30am and leaving Norwich at 4.30pm. Cost £10. Please contact Margaret Hill on 01223 812293 if you would like to come.

We have recently been given some WI papers relating to our initial meeting in April 1918 and covering the period until 1944. If you have any items in your loft relating to the WI in past years we should be delighted to have them.

We filled 30 boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child this year. We are very grateful to those who came to cover and pack the boxes and for the generous amount of items sent as gifts to be included. We shall be holding 2 coffee mornings to raise funds to pay for the delivery costs.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th November when Barbara Kettel will speak about Cambridge City Food Bank in the Lecture Room at the College at 7.30pm.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

Sylvia Overton

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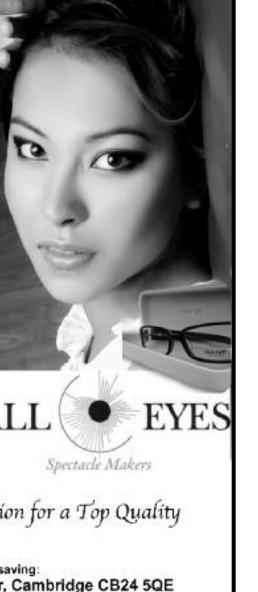
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- Swaffham Bulbeck Firework party
- 8 BRBL Poppy dinner
- 9 Remembrance Sunday service Bottisham
- 12 BBPC Photoshop Demonstration. Talk by Ian Kippax.
- 13 Bags to school collection day
- 19 BBPC Nature Photography. Talk by Roger Hance. FRPS
- 25 Gardening Club, Poppy Lounge 7.30pm
- 26 BBPC Creative Board Competition. Judge David Huber.
- 29 Hilton Park Christmas fair
- 30 BVC Friend's Christmas fayre

#### DECEMBER

2/9/10/16/17/23/30 BRBL Line dancing

- 3 BBPC A bit of him and a bit of her. Talk by Paul Radden & Shirley Radden
- 6 Saplings Christmas kids craft workshop
- 10 BBPC Quiz Night. Chairman Gerry Metcalfe.

#### JANUARY

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

- 2 Precept funding deadline date
- 7 BBPC Showing of EAF Annual Exhibition. CD Presentation.
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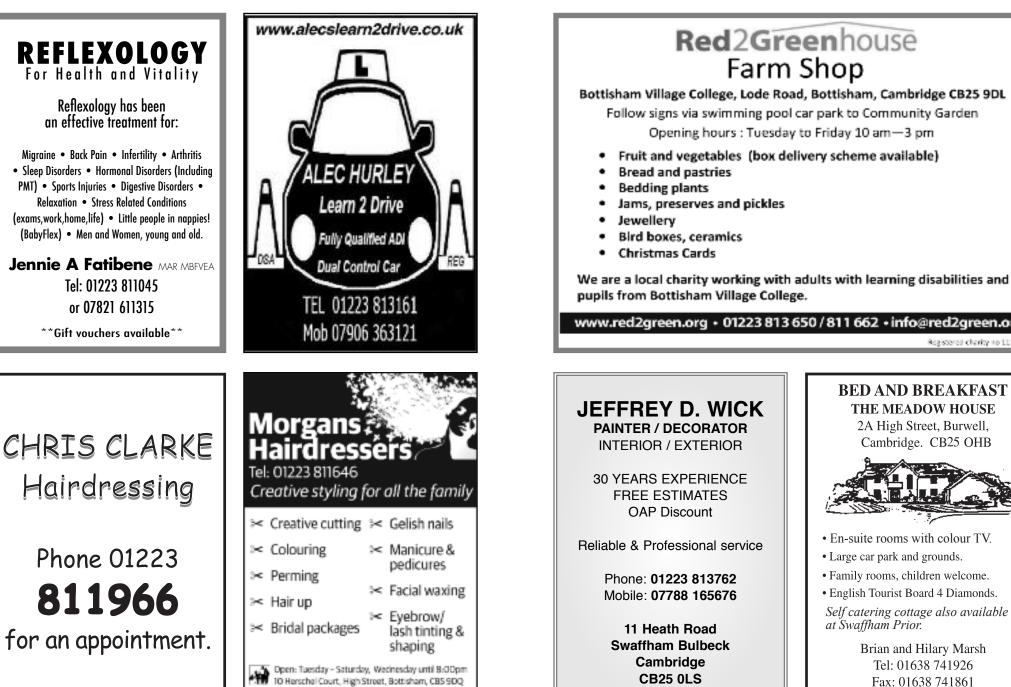
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### **Bottisham Patients' Group**

The big news in October was the awarding of the contract to provide an integrated service to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The UnitingCare Partnership has been selected; it is a consortium of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust with Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The programme's aim is to get the best possible services for older people, particularly the elderly and frail, and adults with long term conditions, providing healthcare in more joined-up and innovative ways. The Partnership will be responsible for ensuring that care is much better coordinated. They will directly provide and hold the budget for the following services:

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- And other health services which support the care of people aged over 65.

UnitingCare is not a private company but a partnership of current providers of NHS services. It will employ staff who currently provide these services and will need to work closely with GPs, social services (provided by local authorities) and with others, including ambulance services, out-of-hours services, voluntary organisations and housing services. A set of criteria (What do good services look like?) called an Outcomes Framework has been developed. This is part of the contract and performance will be measured against it, with payment linked to achieving the outcomes. This should ensure improvements can be achieved across the whole service. The service will start in April 2015 after when the Patients' Group will welcome feedback on patients' experiences of the service and about whether or not it is meeting its objectives. To find out more: www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk

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**'Flu jabs** If you are reading this, are eligible for a free 'flu jab but haven't yet had it, phone the Practice on 01223 810030 to book an appointment. While the Saturday morning clinics have finished, 'flu jabs are still available.

**The Dispensary** We have been alerted, via the Editor's Letters pages of The Cresset, to some critical feedback about the Dispensary. We welcome feedback from all patients of Bottisham Medical Practice on its general services. You can email us at patientsgroup@outlook.com or write to us care of the surgery. If you have a complaint - or a compliment - about your or your family's medical care please contact the Practice Manager direct.

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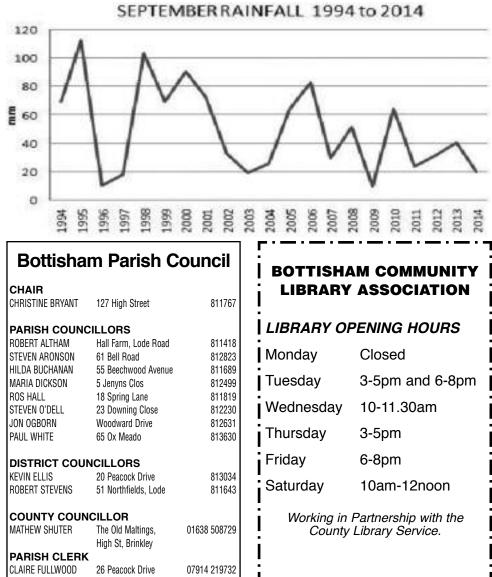
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Terry Chapman



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