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Welcome to Bottisham's monthly magazine, created and distributed free to all residents by volunteers and produced by some excellent professional services which are funded by much appreciated advertisers and donations from village organisations. If your organisation feels they would like to support The Cresset then do get in touch.



Hey, did you know we have some world class sports competitors residing in Bottisham? Most people will know that world snooker player Neil Robertson is a resident and we also have a world championship cycling competitor in Laura Massey.

At the age of 34 most office workers have long given up on any pipedream they may have had of being a professional athlete, let alone being successful at it. Not Laura.

She decided that would be the perfect age to take a six-month sabbatical from her job as a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry and throw herself into life as a full-time cyclist.



Massey behind Drops team-mate Alice Barnes, who is also in Great Britain's team for the Road World Championships

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*Laura Massey's best result this season was a top-10 finish in the Tour of Czech Republic*

The result? A place representing Great Britain at the Road World Championships, supporting reigning champion Lizzie Deignan (nee Armitstead) in Doha on 15 October.

In July's Thuringen stage race in Germany, Laura was tasked with being the "last woman that can survive" with team-mate Alice Barnes, and her display put her into the minds of the GB Road Race World Championship selectors. If you know of other inspirational achievers in our midst then do let us know.

Lots to read in this month's magazine on the many activities in the village. Also about some of the issues and opportunities for the village.

One of these is the discussions taking place and the decisions to be made about providing play areas for pre-school and young children. The parish council report and Tony Jolly's 'Old world' encourage us to have our say on this issue. Many have expressed the wish for more play facilities, and now those people need to step up and have their say. The parish council need to make an informed balanced decision for the entire village, so don't wait until it is too late and the opportunity has slipped by.

Finally as we move into November, there is a several events which I would draw you attention to. First is Guy Fawkes night with the fireworks and bonfire. Enjoy it and stay safe (and remember the animals who can get very scared) Then there is the remembrance day service in Lode on Sunday 13th to which all are welcome and the other, for me is the 30th November which is St. Andrews day. Haggis neeps & tatties for tea that night!

*Cheers - Peter Walker*

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# *The Royal British Legion Social Club*

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### **Saturday 5th of November 7.00pm - The Poppy Appeal Meal**

Dinner followed by live music from Back2.

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### **Saturday 19th November - RACE NIGHT**

**Free entry everyone welcome First Race 7.30 pm**

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*And Coming up*

### **Saturday 10th December - Annual Christmas Quiz**

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### **Sunday 11th December - Tacky Dangly Charity Event**

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### **Monday 12th December -**

**Christmas draw and Carols with Newmarket Town Band**

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### **Saturday 17th December -**

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## The Royal British Legion Social Club

A letter from Vicky, the Club's Chair of committee

GREETINGS BOTTSAMITES!



As promised, an update on what's happening at your local British legion. Our hall refurbishment is (almost) complete and it now has a much brighter and airier feel, making it the perfect local venue for any event!

Our sports teams have excelled over the summer! The men's darts team have won the league for the 4th successive season and our ladies have won their league and won the mixed pairs competition. The pool team has fared equally well achieving promotion in the last 2 seasons and runners up in the team knockout plate and our bar billiards teams were winners and runners up in the summer league!. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating all of the team members on their fantastic achievements.

We are currently looking for people to join a snooker friendly league, so if you're interested in joining that or any of our sports teams please speak to Katy or Matt and they will put you in touch with the right people. Just fancy playing for fun?, then our tables are free on a Wednesday.

Plans for Christmas are in full swing! We kick off with our 'Tacky Dangly' event on Sunday 11th. This is a fund raising event (we're supporting EACH this year)where we really rev up for Christmas! Help decorate the tree, wander round the stalls and soak up the atmosphere with a glass of mulled wine. I believe there may be a visit from 'the big man' himself... If you would like a stall contact the club. We also have our local band the LEGIONNAIRES playing on the 17th December. Fairly newly formed they went down an absolute storm at the beer festival so a gig worth coming to if you fancy a boogie. We try to put on an event at least once a month so please check our 'What's on' page each month in this magazine.

January brings our AGM. A chance for all members to find out what's been going on behind the scenes, how we've balanced the books, plans for the upcoming year and election of a new committee. We are always looking for new members to either join the committee or help with organising our entertainment programme. We would also be interested in hearing from you if you have experience in marketing and a few hours to spare each month.

That's it from me, please support your local British legion in any way you can,

**Have a great Christmas,**

*Vicky, Chair*

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Dear Editor

For a number of years now I have organised and run the Anglesey Benefice Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal from St. Cyriac's in Swaffham Prior. We have decided, reluctantly, not to continue, but I would like to take this opportunity, through your letters page, to thank everyone who has so very kindly and generously supported this cause with us in the past. The Rev Alan Brand from RENEW at Lode organises packing and collection in conjunction with Bottisham Primary School, and is very eager to hear from anyone who would like to donate their time, money or gifts to this year's appeal. He can be contacted as follows: 01223 812558 or by email [alanbrand77@icloud.com](mailto:alanbrand77@icloud.com) and collection of items can be arranged if required. There is a sum of money from previous fund raising which I will be handing to Alan to assist with the cost of shipping the boxes. Bit early - but Merry Christmas!!

*Janet Willmott*



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# *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in November*

<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	8pm	<b>Compline by Candlelight</b> <i>Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
<b>Sunday 6th</b>	11am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Revd Elizabeth Caswell</i>
<b>Sunday 13th</b>		<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> No service in Bottisham
	10.50am	<b>Combined Remembrance Sunday service, with parade for Bottisham, Lode and Quy in St James, Lode</b> <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
<b>Sunday 20th</b>	8am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Lawrie Marsh</i>
	11am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>		<b>Advent Sunday</b> No service in Bottisham
	9.30am	<b>Benefice Communion</b> in Lode
	11am	<b>Benefice All-Age Service</b> in Quy

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*“When I needed a neighbour were you there?  
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I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter were you there?  
When I needed a healer were you there?  
Wherever you travel I'll be there”*

### **“And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, Were you there?”**

Many of you will be familiar with this song which took an extra depth of meaning for me as I sang it with the children of Swaffham Bulbeck school recently. I started singing along, but part way through had to stop because I was overcome by the challenge and emotion as the words collided with my experience, heart and spirit.

I have heard too much from people who refuse to engage with refugee issues because of their ‘otherness’ to them; they are someone else’s problem, from a different faith, different race, unknown.

The next day I was heading to the Jungle camp in Calais to take over desperately needed aid before the evictions and to see people who have become friends, and in that moment of singing I felt something of their pain together with my own pain, anger and frustration.

The song words clashed with what I hear from many who speak ill of the refugees, even some who share the Christian faith don’t ‘get it’ or they turn a blind eye; the words certainly clash with most of what appears in the press and from our government. Where are we? Where do we stand? With the refugees, or against them?

I am so proud to say that I needed to make a further trip, from which I have just returned (Oct. 13th), as I had a number of surprise gifts from villagers enabling me to buy more sleeping bags, rucksacks, torches, stoves, gas, and walking shoes. Thank you! You were ‘there’! Thanks to you, refugees will have warmth, light, shelter, food and shoes on their feet as they journey on. God Bless You! I am available to chat through these things and others, and the doors to RENEW are open for you, every Sunday at 10.30 in Bottisham Primary School.

*Rev. Alan Brand*

### **RENEW Church Services in November 2016.**

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services. A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

- 6th November.** 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture.** With Communion (Bottisham Primary School)
- 13th November.** 10.30am **RENEW Café style** (at the School) followed by shared lunch.
- 13th November.** 6.20pm **Evening Worship.** (Lode Chapel)
- 20th November.** 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)
- 27th November.** 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)
- 27th November.** 6.20 pm **Evening Worship.** (Lode Chapel)

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## ***Bottisham & District Gardening Club***

Our September speaker was Robin Carsberg, from Great Dunmow in Essex, who has been involved in horticulture both as a keen amateur grower and as an Essex Guild Horticultural Judge. His talk was on the gardens of the Italian Lakes and he proved to be a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. His talk covered, among others, Lake Como, home to the famous Villa Carlotta, built in the 17th century and extending over 70,000 square metres; and Lake Maggiore on the southern side of the Alps and featuring Isola Bella, the most famous of its popular Borromean Islands, with its palazzi and lush planting. There are many lakes and many islands in Northern Italy and Robin saved the best to last with his slides of sunset over the Dolomites, which turns the ice caps of the mountains to a wonderful rose colour.

The annual Rose Competition for the Don Bedford Cup was held following the talk, and Don's daughter, Ros Cullum, came along to make the presentation. The roses had taken a bit of a battering from the weather in the days before the competition but we had a good display and the winner this year was Margaret Wright with a very pretty peach-coloured hybrid tea.

At the time of writing we haven't yet held our Annual General Meeting, which will take place on 25 October, but Derek Latchford has warned us of his decision to retire as Chairman of the club this year. He will remain a member of the committee and we would like to express our thanks for his many years of service to the club, as a committee member, then secretary and then chairman. We will also be losing another stalwart of the club, Carol Bangs, who has hosted many committee meetings over the years, and stepped in wherever necessary to cover secretarial duties, refreshments, organising annual shows etc. Carol has also promised to stay with the club and will help where possible, though not in an official capacity. We are lucky, in Bottisham, to be able to run our clubs and societies with help from people such as these: the worry is that fewer people are coming forward to help and there is always the danger of losing a vital part of local village life. Thank you again Derek and Carol for your help over the years.

On 29 November our speaker is Jon Ogborn, whose talk is entitled Food for Thought. This will be followed on 6 December (note change of date) with our Christmas Social, including a talk by Sylvia Overton entitled Shopping all over the World. She assures us that men will enjoy it too. The rest of the evening will be spent enjoying mulled wine and mince pies. We look forward to seeing you there – 7.30 pm in the Poppy Room, Royal British Legion.

*Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary, [www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk)*

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**Halloween Fun at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Saturday 29 October: 3.30pm to 6.30pm** Come along in fancy dress for this popular evening of Halloween howls! Carve your own scary pumpkin sculpture and see it lit by candlelight. Join a guided twilight walk around the park. Once your spine is chilled, head back to the Stable Rooms to warm up with hot drinks around a fire. Bring a torch and marshmallows if you wish. Early booking recommended. £10 per pumpkin (£8 for members). Children must be accompanied.

**Nordic Walking at Wandlebury. Alternate Wednesdays throughout November: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start** Get into the rhythm and enhance your wellbeing and fitness levels with this friendly walking group led by Wellbeing Coach/Nordic Walking instructor Oliver Glynn. Three levels of walk: 1pm start for those with restricted mobility, 2pm for healthy lifestyle speed, 3pm total beginners.

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**Conservation Volunteer Activity – Woodland Thinning and Coppicing at Wandlebury. Saturday 12 November: 11am to 3.30pm** Join the CambridgePPF team and lend a hand carrying out some essential woodland management and conservation. If you can spare a few hours it's a great way of getting some fresh air and exercise too.

**NB:** Booking essential. For adults and accompanied youngsters aged 12+. Tools provided, please wear warm, waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear. This is a free event, however donations towards the upkeep of the park are always appreciated.

**Beginners Basket Making at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Sunday 13 November: 10am to 4pm** This relaxed day for adults only will provide a unique opportunity to discover the art of basket making. Experiment using willow to weave a simple basket as you learn basic techniques, guided by an experienced basket weaver. Tools, Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied, but bring along your own packed lunch.

**NB:** £45 per adult (members £40). Wear warm clothes – the Stable Rooms will be kept cool to prevent the willow from drying out. Please bring an old towel to wrap the willow in. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings must be made and paid in full 48 hours prior to the event.

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At the October meeting we welcomed a new parish councillor who had applied for the position and was voted onto parish council. Her name is Claire Walton, she lives in Peacock Drive and has lived in the village for 2 years. We still have one other vacancy which we hope to fill before the end of 2016.

Our County Councillor Mathew Shuter reported that the County Council is very preoccupied at present with the devolution debate which no doubt you will have read about in the press. As part of this, money will be made available for improvements to the infrastructure around Cambridge. The junction onto the A14 from Newmarket is one of those areas earmarked for improvement and C/Cllr Shuter will also ask that the Qy roundabout junction be looked at again. This had been looked at once before at Bottisham Parish Councils request but, at the time Highways recommended no changes needed to be made. C/Cllr Shuter agrees that the priorities are wrong making it dangerous at peak traffic times coming off of the A14. They will also look at the double white lines on the A1303 coming off of the roundabout as they have not considered the impact of the road now being 50mph and cars overtaking.

There are a lot of new planning applications in at the moment and it was good of the developer of the site of the old police station on Bell Road to take the time to come and show us his plans for the site at the start of our October meeting. The layout is very similar to Howlett Way opposite. The site will consist of 9 dwellings with 22 parking spaces. The properties on the ground floor are very small and they are larger in scale on the upper floors. He expects the work once it starts to take 1½ years.

The planning application has now been received for a residential development of up to 50 dwellings on land off of Bell Road. There is no developer at present so these outline plans are almost the same as the ones produced before by David Wilson Homes. There is an allocated site for allotments and provision of allotments is in the Core Strategy. However, Cllr Jolley had put forward the argument that this area could be made into a play area which the village needed. Cllr Jerman suggested asking if we could have 2 less houses to provide a play area and allotments and this is what Parish Council will be proposing to Bidwells who are acting for Peterhouse College.

Over the past 9 months we have been liaising with the District Council regarding the public open space at Ancient Meadows. The District Council own this piece of land after the developer went into receivership and is keen to dispose of any land that they currently own. Initially they approached Parish Council about whether we would want to purchase the public open space. Parish Council would only wish to do this if we were able to put a small pre-school play area on the land. We have been struggling for all this time to receive an answer as to whether we could do this. We have now heard from the District Council that the transfer of the public open space to the District Council contained a restrictive covenant that the land should be held as public open space. This means that it could not be developed and the only structures which could be placed on the land are play equipment. Parish Council still feel the situation needs more clarification. We do not want to start taking this forward, spending money and then find that the covenant restricts us with what

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we can do with the land. We will write again to the District Council enclosing a map of the area that we would wish to take over. Once we are in a position that we could go ahead with purchasing this land and it was to our satisfaction we would then need to look at a village consultation. We realise this is a very contentious issue. The residents of Ancient Meadows have made it clear to us that they do not think this a suitable site for a playground. On the other hand we also receive correspondence from other villagers asking why this area is not being looked at as a playground. Parish Council have made it clear that we have a responsibility to the whole of the village and for many years we have been trying to locate without success a playground both for pre-school children and older children. If we come to the situation where this land is available we have to consider this and therefore a village consultation, where residents have the opportunity to come and give their thoughts is the only fair way forward.

The District Council have issued a call for sites asking for anyone i.e. developers/landowners/parish councils to nominate areas of land that could be developed. Parish Council recently met to discuss the areas in Bottisham that had been put forward. Four sites were suggested:

- Meadow on High Street nearly opposite the scout hut
- Area behind development at Ox Meadow
- Bell Road – area to the left as you enter the village behind the Village College
- Bell Road – area to the right has you enter the village –proposed employment site

Parish Council had already had discussions about the meadow on the High Street being made a designated green open space as it was the only meadowland we had left in the village. They were against the proposed employment site. There are currently empty spaces at the Tunbridge Lane industrial estate and it was not felt that we needed this in the village. We would wish to have further information on the site labelled as ‘community led development’ behind the Village College before commenting. Cllr’s preferred the site behind the Ox Meadow development for further development although we have commented numerous times that we do not support further development in the village. Cllr’s also wanted to look at making the Village College playing fields a designated green space as this was the only area in the village that children could play on.

We have been receiving complaints about parking in the village. We are currently trying to liaise with Sanctuary Hereward about the parking in Downing Close. There are concerns that on occasions a fire engine or ambulance would not be able to access this road due to the bad parking. There have been other problems in the lay-bys in the village i.e. outside of the shops, Village College and Parsonage Barns. These are not permanent parking spaces and residents need to consider that some properties, especially those on the High Street near Parsonage Barns do not have any off street parking. If you have a parking space/driveway/garage please use it thus allowing those that don’t have this facility to be able to park off of the road thereby keeping our village and residents safe.

As the weather starts to get colder please take this opportunity to check your hedges/trees/shrubs are not overhanging the public footpath. It is reaching that time of the year when I start getting complains regarding this. Thank you.

*Claire Fullwood – Parish Clerk*

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- 16/01166/OUM, Land off of Bell Road** Residential development of up to 50 dwellings, new vehicular and pedestrian access from Ox Meadow, public open space including allotments and associated infrastructure. NEW APPLICATION
- 16/01250/FUL, Land adjacent 17 Howlett Way** Demolition of existing garage/workshop and construction of 2 one bed apartments. NEW APPLICATION
- 16/00858/FUL, 52 High Street,** Demolition of existing rear single storey extension, garage, outbuildings and garden wall. Construction of new rear extension, front porch and carport. APPROVED BY ECDC
- 16/00904/FUL, 63 Ancient Meadows,** Two storey rear extension, APPROVED BY ECDC
- 16/00960/FUL, 24 Bell Road.** Two storey, side and rear, extension and single storey, front and rear, extension. APPROVED BY ECDC
- 16/00564/FUL, Site rear of 7 Bell Road.** New detached 2 storey dwelling with detached double garage. APPROVED BY ECDC

## *Bottisham WI*

### **We have been concerned this month with Operation Shoebox.**

Firstly we had an excellent talk by Dianna McGrath who was a recipient of a box in 1995. She told how she received a Teddy Bear (she named him Martin and who came to the meeting), pens and paper which led to her becoming a teacher and a postcard from the sender with whom she later corresponded. Her father lost his job after the Communist regime fell in 1990 and the large family were very poor.. He volunteered with a local street charity which led to him working for the charity handing out the Christmas Shoebox parcels sent from England. She and her sisters helped with the distribution to schools, orphanages and churches. Now that Romania is a little more prosperous shoeboxes are being put together there for children in need in poorer countries. She teaches at Bottisham Primary School and she encourages the pupils to support this worthy cause. The school is very lucky to have her on the staff. Then we filled 45 shoeboxes in early October (only 31 last year!) which are now waiting for collection. Members were most generous either with gifts or contributing to the distribution cost of £3 per box. Indeed Dianna waived her fee for her talk to help with this.

We have had an afternoon tea in Jane Morris's garden to raise funds for our centenary celebrations in 2019 and recently had an evening In the Poppy Room to look at our albums recording events held, photographs and records of the various quilts and wall hangings we have made which are now in the College, Surgery and Queens Court. Keith Millard and Janet Pearson, both born in Bottisham brought old photos and "walked" us through the High Street and Lode Road as it was during their childhoods. This was greatly appreciated and led to many questions.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 15th November when Vic Botterill will be speaking about "The Nursery Rhyme Detective" at 7.30pm in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College.**

Visitors are most welcome.

*Sylvia Overton*



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## *Addenbrooke's Abroad - The Good Samaritan*

In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) we are told to 'love our neighbour as yourself' as we learnt about the meaning of helping someone who is a stranger.

As our thoughts turn to Harvest Festival celebrations and we are reminded of all the good things God has given us and how fortunate we are. The parable of the Good Samaritan springs to mind of how fortunate we are and how simple acts can have a huge impact on strangers less fortunate.

Addenbrooke's Abroad, based at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge is a volunteer programme in which clinical staff volunteer their own time to provide specialist training and support to long term healthcare projects around the world.

One of these projects is providing lifesaving training and education in El Salvador to help reduce maternal and neonatal mortality rates.

Currently in El Salvador maternal and neonatal mortality is FIVE times higher than here in the UK.

Everyday mothers and babies in El Salvador die as a result of complications during and following childbirth. Most of these complications are either preventable or treatable and all these mothers need is access to specialist doctors and healthcare workers. It is this lack of specialist training which is one of the key reasons why so many women and their babies die or babies are left without a mother.

Such specialist care is often out of reach from the world's poorest women. Globally around 2.7 million new born babies die every year. In many rural areas of El Salvador there are only 4 doctors for every 100,000 residents.

Dr Sue Broster, Consultant Lead for the Acute Neonatal Transfer Service (ANTS), Addenbrooke's Hospital and Addenbrooke's Abroad volunteer explains the situation

"The medical staff are left to learn literally by trial and error, it is a tragic fact that nurses have been known to leave babies that they know are not breathing because they feel powerless to intervene due to a lack of specialist training. Imagine how it feels to go home at the end of your shift knowing that babies have died because you have not been able to give the appropriate care."

Addenbrooke's Abroad is helping to change this frightening statistic by recruiting a multidisciplinary team of volunteers who work with the local hospitals to deliver an annual congress in El Salvador. The annual congress provides specialised practical training in how to manage and treat obstetric and neonatal emergencies to healthcare staff from across El Salvador.

As we start celebrating Harvest Festival, please remember the parable of the Good Samaritan and help Addenbrooke's Abroad volunteers make a difference today, tomorrow and forever by making a donation to help a stranger.

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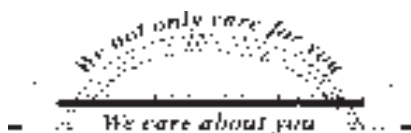
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## ***Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group***

**Community Nurses:** Further to our news last month regarding the issue of moving these nurses away from the surgery, the Chief Executive of the Trust has offered to come and speak to us. This meeting will be at 7pm on 17 November at the surgery. All patients and interested parties are invited and we hope to have a good attendance for this. PLEASE COME TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT. Meanwhile signatures are still being collected for the petition to the Trust. If you wish to add your name to those who have already signed, there will be a sheet in the waiting room at the surgery.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** This was held in the surgery during the 'flu clinic on 1 October and so far £100 has been raised. We hope to have added to this total by the time this article is published.

**Patients' Car Service:** Following the donations from drivers to Magpas, the charity invited them to visit their helicopter base and this took place on a windy day in September. It was a very interesting visit and we were able to talk to the flight crew and medics before they were called away to an emergency when we watched the helicopter take off. There is a photo of the cheque presentation on the surgery notice board.

**NHS 111 and Out of Hours Service:** This service has been taken over by Herts Urgent Care. They are keen to hear from any patient who may have an interest in this service and what they do. If you are interested and wish to be kept in touch then please email [crystal.bishop@hertsurgentcare.nhs.uk](mailto:crystal.bishop@hertsurgentcare.nhs.uk).

**Patients' Group:** The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice's website for further information [www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055](http://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055) and see what your Patients' Group has achieved.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 9th and 25th November, 7th December. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Meeting:** Patients' Group will meet on 17th November at 6.30pm at the surgery. Please join us at 7pm to show support for our petition as above.

*Bottisham Patients' Group*

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## ***Bottisham Community Library Association***

**Very good news.** We were included in the Newmarket Waitrose Community Awards Scheme during the month of September whereby tokens given to customers to choose their favourite one of 3 Charities made the Bottisham Community Library Association the winner. I shall collect a cheque for £500 (yes five hundred pounds) soon. Thank you to all who helped us to be successful. This is the easiest form of fundraising we have. This money is to be used for the purchase of books.

15 youngsters completed the Summer Reading Event and were awarded their medals and certificates at a small event in late September. Congratulations to all.

We have another volunteer, Katherine Adams to help Colin Bryant and Sarah Freed with Saturday Art Club open to Primary Age Children from 10.30 to 11.30 in the library.

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## *WEA News*

Last month, Laurence Staig received a warm welcome for the first presentation of his series of lectures on "Documentary Films". Imagine our surprise when he told us that the first series of lectures that he ever did for the WEA were to us in Bottisham on "Appreciating Film Music". Now, more than five years later, he told us we were about to enjoy his last series of lectures for the WEA on the business of filmmaking! Laurence has decided to enjoy life in retirement. With his knowledge and experience in the Film Industry, he will be missed, and we wish him well.

Members, please be aware that modern technology is catching up with the WEA and that from now on, members will be registering for new courses either on line or by telephone. For more information either speak to one of the committee members or contact [www.eastern.wea.org.uk](http://www.eastern.wea.org.uk) and ask them for details!

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## *Public Transport Matters*

The Greater Cambridge City Deal ([city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)) continues to feature largely in the local Cambridge News. Over 12,000 have signed petitions to stop the proposed congestion plans, to reject the new busway to Cambourne proposal via the West fields - Coton and Madingley not happy - and also local businesses are demanding the transport scheme is scrapped. A main problem is the proposed closure of certain central main roads and the problems that will cause to delivery vehicles and people trying to access their place of work (possibility of workplace parking levy!) or schools. There would also be Peak-time Congestion Control Points (PCCPs). There are daily letters from people outlining how the proposals will affect them. People from the outlying villages, who do not have good public transport, are also asking what they are supposed to do. Park and Ride has become less popular since the price increase and also the long queues that form, making people late for work.

I have, however, come to realise that using the local bus service is quite an art that I have tried to develop over the years. A village friend, who was dissatisfied with the Newmarket Road Park and Ride, tried to use the bus to connect with an 11 a.m. appt. in Cambridge. At 10 20 a.m. and with no sign of the bus due at 10.08 she decided she had to use park and ride. Of course, it came at 10.25 and, in fact, overtook her park and ride bus! I have learned to make appts, for the half-hour, e.g. 11.30. The drivers do themselves have so many problems to cope with including the congestion. They also have people, who can't find their purse or travel cards, pushchairs, wheelchairs, trolleys, which all slow things up when people are boarding. However, if you are not at the bus stop on time, the bus is punctual and goes zooming past! Some of the letters are very dismissive of those of us who regularly use the local buses. They speak of dirty vehicles and problem passengers. We are lucky that we mostly have the recycled guided eco-buses.

I find it interesting to be able to chat to other bus users. As I sat at Newmarket bus station, a lady recently told me of her adventure in the past hour as she had been near an elderly couple in QD stores, who discovered that the lady's purse had been taken from her unzipped handbag. She had been able to help them access the banks by telephone, as it was Saturday and they were closed, and the cards had been cancelled. The shop staff had called the police and she had left them waiting for help but as we got to the bus stop by Hughes on the High St. the elderly couple boarded the bus so we heard that the police had turned up to help. So moral is – keep bags, etc. firmly closed!

I am delighted with my new large forward-facing square trolley as I can put everything in it and close the cover. Bus drivers lower the bus as I board but they and Tennants, the butcher, did initially query whether perhaps I needed L-plates! I have improved!

Obtaining paper timetables is proving difficult as so many Information points and desks are closing, e.g. the Grafton Centre and at Drummer St. I am still awaiting the promised box from Stagecoach and must drop them a reminder.

Newmarket Library, usually a good source, was closed for renovation but is now open again and has some timetables including information of the Voluntary Network Sunday bus,

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which I am still finding so useful (01638 664304 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to book a slot). suffolkonboard.com is a good website for local travel information. While waiting at Newmarket bus station various bus services arrive operated by other companies. There is a no. 18 run by Whippet which runs a limited service from Newmarket to Teversham via Six Mile Bottom, the Wilbrahams and Fulbourn. I continue to hear of holidays to France, etc. booked more easily using seat 61. Train services and users are also featured regularly in the news at the moment – especially Southern Rail, where there are strikes past and present. Travellers talk of overcrowding, late and dirty trains but some people do have praise especially for the passenger assist system, which involves being met at each station by a porter and helped to any further trains. We used that last year on our trip to France. Another problem is the question of whether passenger crossing points at railway stations can be closed or do they just need extra safety measures, e.g. buzzers or flashing lights – one in Newmarket is the latest under discussion with users. The unions are worried about a possible review of Eurostar, which could result in job losses. However, the company say that they would offer voluntary redundancies or sabbaticals. As I write, it seems that HS2 is due to be approved – linking the Midlands and the North – the first phase to run from London to Birmingham.

A book turnout from Jimmy's shelves has revealed Last Trains by Charles Loft – Dr Beeching and the death of Rural England. Great Railway Journeys seems to be popular on television. On October 1st on BBC2 there was Railway Nation - A Journey in verse featuring W H Auden and Benjamin Britten's 1936 train journey across Britain, ref. Night Mail.

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**Happy travelling! - Paddy James**

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## *East Anglian Air Ambulance*

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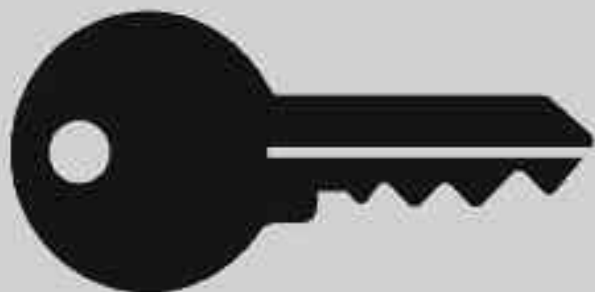
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## November Bulletin

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

**Please, do not become a 'statistic' this November 5th.**

For more information on firework and bonfire safety log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500

*Michael White*

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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

Oh dear! So the best England manager The FA could find lasted only 67 days before being seduced by the coin of the Devil and reducing his life plan, along with the hopes of thousands of football fans, to a rubble of broken dreams. But I won't waste too many valuable column-inches on Sam Allardyce's idiocy. He is clearly a stupid, stupid man, but he is not the only one to emerge from this sordid episode looking contemptible. I cast doubt on the competence of The FA's selection committee a couple of months ago but I never dreamed that their efforts would end so badly. What were they thinking? The FA have elbowed a number of previous England managers in the past (think Venables, Hoddle, Eriksson) citing off-field issues, and Allardyce himself had some murky associations on his CV, so some might say it was a disaster waiting to happen. The words 'booze-up' and 'brewery' spring to mind!

But what of the methods of the dear old Daily Telegraph? "Entrapment", cried the victim, and he was right. I wouldn't be at all surprised if Jolley Old Tony has something to say about this type of Machiavelian gutter journalism, so I'll simply ask the question: does the end really justify the means, when the means are so dirty?

I wasn't very impressed with some of the mischievous and cheap reporting of the so-called Fancy Bears' revelations of athletes' medical records either! The Russian hackers illegally announced that Sir Bradley Wiggins (among others) had used Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) to obtain the anti-inflammatory drug, triamcinolone, when preparing for major events. There was no evidence whatsoever of any rules being broken but even the BBC jumped on the bandwagon and I've no idea how Team Sky boss Sir David Brailsford kept his temper during Dan Roan's innuendo-laden interview in September. Much was made of Wiggins' failure to mention the medication in his autobiography, but aren't medical records confidential for a reason? How many of us would be willing to inform the world at large of every visit to our GP?

On to more uplifting topics... just like the Olympic effort, I thought Brazil also made a reasonable fist of the Paralympics against a backdrop of funding difficulties and Russian intrigue. Obviously they didn't reach the heights of London and, personally, I find some of the categories somewhat bewildering – I'm always left wondering about the fairness of seemingly different disabilities competing against each other. However, one must always remember to define people by their Ability, not their DISability, and there were some remarkable moments that will live long in the memory.

I particularly enjoyed the extraordinary Egyptian table tennis player, Ibrahim Hamadtou, the man with no arms who holds the bat in his mouth, and absolutely personifies the values of the Paralympics. He didn't manage to win a game but this is a man who does not know the meaning of defeat and he not only works daily to improve his own skills, he coaches others with similar disabilities. Humbling, eh?!

Of course Team GB made an outstanding contribution to these Games by finishing second in the medal table, none more so than Dame Sarah Storey taking her 14th gold to become Britain's most decorated Olympian; but the other particularly poignant moment, for me, was when Alex Zanardi, the Italian former F1 driver, took gold in the H5 (handbike) road time trial on the eve of the 15 year anniversary of the crash in which he lost his legs. His double amputation came after crashing in the American Memorial 500 CART race at Lausitz, Germany in 2001, and his reaction exemplifies the sporting spirit for all of us, whatever our abilities: "Life is a privilege", he says, "...identify where you want to go and focus on what you can achieve on that given day... step-by-step you can make things happen."

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**(Sports Nut continued.)**

On September 25th, we lost another great man of sport: Arnold Palmer. Universally recognized as the 'King' of modern golf, Palmer accomplished similar things to, say, Richie Benaud in cricket, and Jimmy Hill in football, in that he transformed his sport into a marketable product and secured greater earning potential for its players than anyone would have thought possible previously. With impeccable timing, Rory McIlroy rightly recognised Palmer as a 'pioneer' and a 'legend' in paying his respects, after securing the prestigious FedEx Cup, winning nearly \$9m in the process. But I think the greatest accolade for this man who transcended the game, and perhaps all sport, is that he had a drink named after him: iced tea and lemonade! How cool is that for an epitaph?! RIP Arnold.

At the time of writing, the Bottisham boys are off to Slovenia to witness the second match of the Gareth Southgate era. Can he restore a modicum of pride in English football after kicking off the Russia 2018 campaign with an uninspiring 2-0 win over Malta at Wembley? It looks a big ask on current showing!

### **POST SLOVENIA POST SCRIPT**

It's not unusual for us to feel a little disgruntled on returning from an England game but failing to create any meaningful chances against the world's 67th best team feels like a new low for us, so least said the better. On the plus side, Ljubljana is beautiful and the whole Slovenian infrastructure shines like a new pin. It's gratifying to see our EU contributions have been put to good use!

TTFN - Gerry Daish

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Well, we've all heard or read about Sir Cliff Richards' recent brush with sensationalised journalism. And to deliberately set out to 'entrap' Sam Allardyce, the England Football Manager, as some are adamant it was, is if proven, well, beyond despicable! Being a rugby union fan I'm no great supporter of the game I call 'soccer' and certainly not so called 'English' soccer which, in its name alone, is probably in breach of the Trade Descriptions Act. What's more, the autonomous antics of the English Premier League are probably the sole cause of all the woes facing the English National side! But lest I'm shown the red card by my good friend 'Sports Nut' I'll leave him to comment further about the game and whether the English FA has the 'balls' to take on the EPL...

But 'gutter press' capers seemingly don't stop there. They can also be found in the vindictive persecution of British Armed Forces personnel. These 'defenders' of our liberty are being arrested on dubious evidence based on cases cobbled together by left-wing law firms scouting conflict zones in search of lucrative compensation claims. Of course, accusations of war crimes have to be taken seriously but has this process been mishandled and abused? The sole purpose of these so called law firms is financial gain by having spurious claims of human rights abuses brought before the 'Civil Court'. Surely members of our Armed Services - when in a theatre of war - are guided by the Geneva Convention and Military Law rather than Civil Law. I wonder how I might react toward the executioner of a captured colleague and friend whose slaying was carried out before my very eyes! And there's more; we also hear about the legal leeches known as 'ambulance chasers' sucking millions out of the NHS. One such case saw a law firm apply for £35,000 in costs for a £3,500 compensation claim. Furthermore, I've heard it said that such claims cost the NHS over £400 million a year - the rough equivalent to 19,000 nurses. Don't these people have any conscience? When we go into hospital we're all asked to sign a consent form that warns us of the risks. So, unless incompetence or bad practice causes us a life changing event how on earth does financial compensation help? And then we wonder why the Rosie Maternity Unit at Addenbrookes and our Community Care Services are struggling to cope!

As for parochial matters; my last article concerning the public open space in Ancient Meadows has caused a few ripples, not least in Ancient Meadows itself. But can I please remind readers that if they wish to comment on the musings I pen in the JOW column, the proper medium is through the Cresset magazine or with me directly. Nevertheless, I am convinced that almost everyone wants what is best to provide for the recreational needs of our young people and that the importance of communal play for the very youngest is widely understood. But if the new and better play areas unanimously asked for in the 'Bottisham Vision' Consultation are to be fulfilled then those who want them and support them must have the courage to publicly speak out. There's a huge deficit of play area space that has to be found and this can only be achieved in a timely and judicious way by having equipped play areas peppered around the village. But whether you are a supporter or an objector to the idea of

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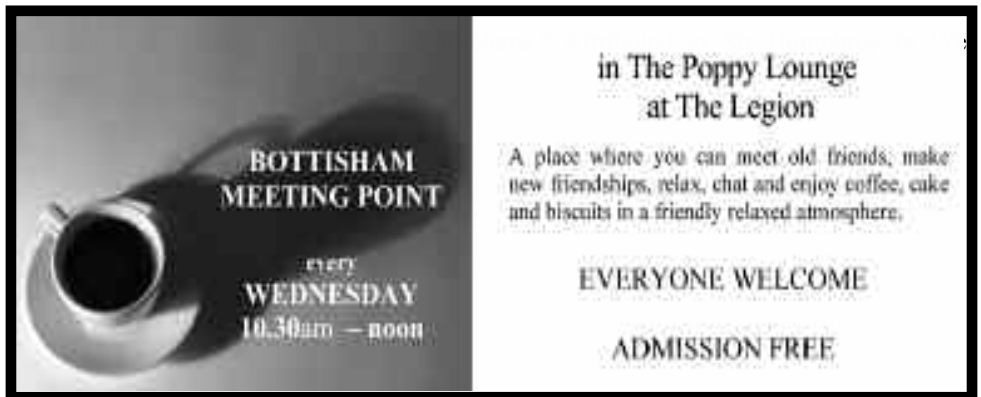


having a pre-school play area on the Ancient Meadows POS site, the ultimate decision may eventually rest with the village at large to decide. So, despite the attempts of a few to censure comment, I make no apologies for raising this issue in JOW and thus stand decisively by everything I've said to date. If this rankles with some who seem to be more concerned with nebulous legalese than the aspirations of the wider community then so be it.

And now onto lighter reflections starting with: "It must be true" because" I've read recently that research has highlighted that very young children are emulating their elders especially when bending down to pick things up. Our eighteen month old granddaughter came to stay recently and a family member took some video footage and yes, there it was, the 'Uhhh' as she bent down to pick up a ball. And it certainly was true for family who had a programmable robot vacuum cleaner. They set it to come on over night forgetting they had a puppy that was not properly house trained. After the robot's ceaseless rounds fresh faeces was found spread over every conceivable surface - now that's what you call a 'poopocalypse'! And on the theme of household pets; an album of music for cats is to be released. It features purring noises as well as soothing cello sounds. The company is now considering further albums for 'species-specific' releases.

"It wasn't all bad": well not for the Water Voles anyway that have returned to Malham Tarn, England's highest fresh water lake. Once found in every waterway in Britain, Water Voles are the fastest declining mammal in the UK, having fallen prey to the voracious appetite of the Mink. Alongside efforts from a Water Vole breeding scheme a Mink control programme is paying dividends as Water Voles are also being reintroduced in Cornwall and the South Downs. And it certainly wasn't all bad for the fisherman who found the world's largest known pearl caught up in his boat's anchor. He kept the pearl under his bed for over a decade before having it assessed. Weighing 34kg and measuring 67cm in length it's been valued at £75 million! The world is certainly his oyster now... And if you've been given the name Alfie or Elsie, be prepared for a resurgence in what some would term 'old fashioned' first names. These names along with Ethel and Doris have appeared for the first time in over twenty years on the registry of births.

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