

Bottisham & District Gardening Club Annual Village Show - Photographs by Clive Harward.

THE 43rd ANNUAL SHOW (now re-named Annual Village Show) was held in the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club on Saturday 8 September. After a difficult year, with a cold, wet spring followed by a sizzling summer, we really feared that we would have no flowers, fruit or vegetables to exhibit this year. But with an overall total of 281 exhibits in the seven sections, our worries were unfounded. Figures for our entries this year are as follows:

Section 1	
Fruit and Vegetables	85
Section 2	
Flowers	26
Section 3	
Baking & Preserves	45
Section 4	
Crafts (a record!)	28
Section 5	
Painting and Drawing	8
Section 6	
Photography	71
Section 8	
Children & Young People	18



Our thanks go to all who entered. We had an amazing display across most of the sections, particularly the Crafts and the Children's sections. It was obvious that the weather had had an effect on flower entries, which were well down on previous years, and we were particularly delighted to see so many entries from villagers who are not members of the gardening club. We would emphasise that this is an open show, open to all, and we would especially like to see more from our neighbouring villages. You will now know that trophies are awarded to Gardening Club members, who we feel are not likely to run off with the silverware, while non-members who are not necessarily known to us receive a certificate. So if you earned enough points overall to have won a trophy, why not join the club for next

year and go home with a cup. Winners in the junior classes all receive £5, either a voucher or a nice crisp note, and all junior entries get a certificate.

Among the winners were Graham Watson and Chris Woodward, who tied for most points in Section 1, Rhona Walker, who won 2 firsts for her cooking apples and container of herbs, Jennifer Clark and J. Marsh. Brenda Bayford and Ian Cole won Best Veg and Best Fruit in Section 1. In Section 2, trophy winners included Julia Green, Angela Humphreys, Mary Edwards and Carolyn Bangs. In Section 3, 7 of the 10 winners were non-members: congratulations to Matt Bradbury, Gerry Bangs, J Marsh, Meleena Walsh, Jackie Smith and Eleanor McKeane. Section 4 had the highest ever number of entries in that section, congratulations to Teresa Leeson, Nora Watson, Joan Berry, Thelma Miller and Jackie Smith. The Handicraft Cup went to Nora Watson. The talent in the Painting and Drawing section (5) was outstanding: winners were Poppy Corbett, Gerry Cowley, Maureen Sutton and Andrew Woloszyn. Section 6, Photography, was all but cleaned up by Lucy Woloszyn, who won 4 of the 6 classes with her excellent photographs.

Winners in the Children's Section included Beth Gray in the under-5 age group; James Etches, Iona Langdon and Hazel Gray in the 5 to 7 age group; and Daniel Etches, Jorja Walsh and Amelie Woloszyn in the 8 to 11 year age group. Children's certificates went to Beth Gray (painting), Findlay Marsh (painting), James Etches (Lego, two entries), Alexander Cole (Lego and two paintings), Iona Langdon (four cup-cakes), Hazel Gray (painting), Lyla Woloszyn (painting), Daniel Etches (Lego, two entries), Rory Langdon (Lego), Amelie Woloszyn (Lego and a painting) Jorja Walsh (jewellery, painting and cupcakes). Well done to you all.

The Abbey National Cup for most points in the show went to Graham Watson, and the overall Best Exhibit in the Show went to Maureen Sutton for her pencil portrait of her grandson. But congratulations to all exhibitors, the judges commented on the very high standard this year.

Special thanks go to Bill Sumner, who runs the best Village Store in the county and who sponsored us again this year: Make that the best in East Anglia! We are very grateful for his support. The show was opened by Rachael Johnston, Head Teacher at the Primary School, who was there in the morning to judge the Children's Section and she returned in the afternoon to present the prizes and certificates. Thank you Rachael and good luck with your new arrival in November.

There is quite a list of thanks to all who helped us on the day: Barbara Harward and Ian and Helen Cole, who turned out at 8 in the morning to set up the hall; Margret Coles, who makes all the refreshment stall cakes herself; and her helpers; the judges, who have quite a job ranking the exhibits – it's not easy – and their stewards; the gardening club committee who work hard for many weeks before the event. Thanks also to the newly named Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club for their help and support on the day. Special thanks go to Clive Harward, who not only judged Section 6 but stayed on as our official photographer taking photographs of the exhibits during the day and the presentations at the end of the show. We hope to have a web page soon to show them off.

So that's it for another year, thank you all for your efforts before and support during the day, and for making the show such a success. We hope to see you again next year.

Tricia McLaughlin - Secretary and this year's Show Organiser.

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Welcome to your October Village Community Magazine.

I was wondering the other day, how perceptions can change about things, by changing its name.

Some changes we like, and some we don't. We might like a change of name for a particular item and other people don't. So what is it that triggers change.

Well the truth is that it is for the very wish to change perceptions that things are re-named. This can apply to people, businesses, jobs, and organisations.

On the one hand you have things that frankly amuse (or wince) like the bin men now to be called 'waste operatives'. Then the (to me) sad one that, in business, went from the personnel department, when people seemed to matter more, to HR, that represents faceless "Human Resource".

At the other end of the scale are ones which one feels are for benefit.

The Social Club in Bottisham has changed too. The decision of its new name will not have been taken lightly. There was great discussion and a wish to include the word community in its title. So 'The Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club' name better reflects its desired image for the future.

So perhaps I should put this idea forward for reaction. I am often asked why the name 'The Cresset' and what is a Cresset anyway. Well, a Cresset was the metal basket atop a post in which a fire was lit in medieval times to signal messages across the country, from hill top to hill top.

Should we be renaming our magazine 'The Bottisham Community Magazine'? Is 'village' a misnomer in these days of commuter land, urban spread and dormitory towns? If you have a view, then do let me know. And no, this is not a binding referendum, unlike Brexit!

So what's been happening in Bottisham recently?

Well the gardening club held their annual show and a great show it was too. Lots of entries and winners. At the risk of repeating myself, case in point. It was re-titled 'The Annual Village Show' and so it proved. Entrants do not need to be members of the gardening club and many winners were not. Lots of categories were not about gardening at all. Photography, Lego modelling and painting were good examples which drew entries from lots of youngsters including my grandchildren. It was a well attended show with delicious tea and cakes on offer and lots to see. One has to congratulate the members of the gardening club for all the hard work that went into its success. That is also developing "community" in a good way.

Meanwhile the work on the A1303 seems to be coming to an end and I have to say I am disappointed. At its inaugural meeting several things were presented which we were told would make things safer and better for Bottisham. They included wider slow down lanes for turning in at Bell Rd and at the top of the High St. Moving the bus stop away from the

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top junction into a pull in as it was a danger when buses slowing down indicating left were not in fact doing so. What we now have is in my opinion, a worsening of these points and some new additional dangers as well. The white lining of the bus stop highlights the fact that a bus stopping at the bus stop cuts across the traffic at the give way sign a full 4 feet INSIDE that line where cars will be stopped. The wider emphasising of the central white lines has in fact narrowed in places, the width of the slow down area. Finally (for now), the introduction of textured wide white lines plus cats-eyes at the sides of the road will simple push cyclists further out into the traffic. The absence of a commuter's cycle path to Newmarket and the lack of maintenance on others means no option for most cyclists but to risk this increased death trap. Add to that the ridiculous oversized signage and lamp posts everywhere, a very poor result for £1.5m spent!

Finally did you work out where the picture was taken that was on last month's cover. It was of the huntsman statue in the gardens at Anglesey Abbey decorated with dahlias from their dahlia garden. It is a delightful statue well worth seeking out.

No need to mention the fact that the clocks go back this month. Where does the time go?!

Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in October

Wednesday 3rd 8pm "C by C" (Short candlelit meditative service) Sunday 7th Harvest Festival, followed by Bring & Share lunch 11am No service in Bottisham **Sunday 14th** Benefice Communion at Lode 10am Sunday 21st 8am **Holy Communion (BCP)** 11am **Holy Communion** No service in Bottisham Sunday 28th Children's Church in Lode 9.30am 10am Benefice Morning Worship at Ouv

Benefice services are shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Details of these services can also be found on the Anglesey website (www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there.

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WHAT DO YOU LONG TO HEAR?

During the first Village Praise at Lode Chapel last month, I shared this message: A cross section of the British public were surveyed to find out, "What phrase do you most long to hear?" The top three results were:

1. "I love you" 2. "I forgive you" 3. "Dinner's ready"

This suggests to me that people up and down our land, people up and down my street, people maybe even reading this, do not have the blessing of feeling loved, being forgiven by someone they may have wronged, or having a place at a table to share a meal & enjoy hospitality.

I hear the words "I love you" every day from my wife and children; I have made mistakes, and have been forgiven; I hear, or say, "dinner's ready!", every day. I don't take any of these blessings for granted as I know many people do not hear, and long to hear these words.

As human beings we can demonstrate love, forgiveness and hospitality, but I believe, and it is my joy as a Christian minister to share with you, that each of these characteristics are totally fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. He satisfies the deepest longings of the human heart.

People are desperate to hear the words, "I love you" - God says, "I love you so much that I gave my only Son, Jesus, and if you believe in Him you will not perish but have everlasting life!" (John 3.16)

People are desperate to hear the words, "I forgive you" - God says, "If you confess your sin I can always be trusted to forgive you and wipe the slate clean" (John 1.9)

People love to hear the words, "Dinner's ready!" - God says, "I've prepared a feast for you because I love you" (Song of Songs 2.4). Jesus describes himself as the Bread of Life and says if you come to him you will be satisfied. (John 6.35)

The key to these truths making a difference in our lives is whether or not we are prepared to take the step of faith required to trust God rather than depending only on what we can understand. Proverbs 3.5-6 says, "Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He's the one who will keep you on track."

Tell your loved ones you love them today, don't just assume they know it or feel it. Is there someone you need to forgive? Tell them you forgive them. Invite someone to share a meal.

You are welcome to join us at any of our services if you'd like to explore further the love, forgiveness, and life in all its fullness that Jesus offers.

Rev'd Alan Brand.

RENEW Services for October 2018

We have activities for children and young people at all our RENEW morning services.

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Sunday 7th October. Morning Worship.10.30am

With Holy Communion. (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 14th October. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 21st October. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Sunday 28th October. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

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at Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Church

The Bottisham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding its CENTENARY Remembrance Day Parade and Service this year at Swaffham Bulbeck. The parade will assemble at 2.20pm and form up at the memorial on the triangle opposite The Black Horse. Following the laying of wreaths, the parade will then march to the church for the Remembrance Service to commence at approx 3.00pm. Taking part will be contingents from the Bottisham Royal British Legion, Bottisham Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Guides and Beavers, primary schools together with members of the Burwell detachment of the Cambridgeshire ACF We shall also be joined on this occasion by Mrs. Penny Walkinshaw DL, Deputy Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, the Queen's representative. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this occasion. Following the service refreshments will be available and the Crocheted Poppy installation will be on display.

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

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

Services of remembrance will be held in each of the Anglesey group churches. The Bottisham Royal British Legion Branch will join with others at the village sign for the two minutes silence service and after to lay wreaths at Bottisham Holy Trinity Church.

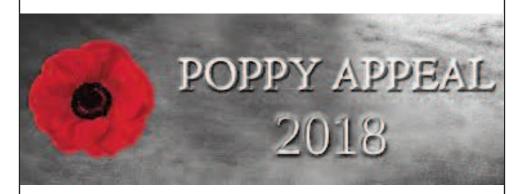
LEST WE FORGET, GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Bottisham Royal British Legion will erect a small Garden of Remembrance which will be situated by the Village Sign opposite Holy Trinity Church. Anyone who may wish to do so

is invited to place a Poppy Cross. The Garden will be in place from Saturday 3rd November until Monday 19th November. Poppy Crosses may be obtained from any Poppy Seller or from the Social Club in Bottisham.



Bottisham & District Branch of The Royal British Legion



A plea from the Legion Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's **Poppy Appeal Collection**taking place at the end of October/early November

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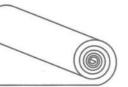


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Parish Notes

At the present time the road works on the A1303 are still ongoing although we hear from our County Councillor Mr Mathew Shuter that work is on schedule. We have had some concerns regarding the junction from the High Street onto the A1303 as the road lines seem to have changed which we feel does not give a clear line of sight. This is being looked into by the Highways Department as is the bus stop here which we feel needs to be reviewed for safety reasons as it is so close to the junction. We had believed that the junction here would be like the new one at Wilbraham. It seems that the project has run out of money and they have had to forego some things.

You may well have noticed the new speed indicating devices situated in the High Street and Lode Road which we hope will make drivers review the speed they are travelling at especially as the schools are now back and there are more children about in both of these areas.

Fly tipping has been a particular problem over the summer especially on the A1303 although once reported on the County Council website this has been cleared away within 3 days. If you notice any fly tipping, pot holes or any other problems with the highways this can easily be reported on the County Council website. Alan Sharp, our District Councillor also pointed out that residents can arrange for up to 3 bulky items to be collected and disposed of for £25 through East Cambs District Council.

Regarding the proposed new cemetery on Lode Road we have now heard that the Environment Agency is happy for burials to go ahead on the proposed site although we will have to raise the soil height which is not an unusual thing to have to do. We now hope that after all the environmental studies that have been undertaken we are able to move forward with this and the Cemetery Working Party will be meeting shortly to discuss the way forward.

As you can imagine with the new cemetery and other things in the pipeline we have struggled to find enough help from our existing councillors. We applied to Electoral Services at the District Council to up our number of councillors from 11 to 12 and we recently heard that this has been approved and we will be able to recruit an extra person at the elections next May. Until that time we have only 10 councillors currently and really would like to fill that 11th position as soon as possible. If you are thinking of a new interest and would like to be more involved in the village you live or work in please contact myself for more information.

Claire Fullwood - Parish Clerk clerk@bottishampc.co.uk

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- 18/02082/FUL Little Tunbridge, 28 Lode Road, Single storey front extension and two storey rear extension, NEW APPLICATION
- 18/00979/FUL 16 Arber Close, Proposed new two storey dwelling revised plan, NEW APPLICATION
- 18/01097/FUL 139a High Street, Proposed single storey extension joining garage to house including new Entrance porch and six new roof lights, NEW APPLICATION
- 18/00158/FUL 187 High Street, Proposal for seven houses, APPLICATION REFUSED BY ECDC
- 18/00442/FUL 20 Tunbridge Close, Proposed front extension and garage conversion. APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 18/00585/VAR Bottisham Medical Practice, To vary condition 11 (use of dental and doctor surgery) of previously approved application E/99/0824/F APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 18/00637/FUL 6 Arber Close, Demolition of existing rear single storey extension, new single storey rear/side extension and front porch, APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Public Transport Matters

I am assured by Stagecoach enquiries that there are no planned changes due for the 11/12 and X11. I have pointed out that it might have been less confusing for everyone if the 10 numbering had been kept and the route just continued to Bury St. Edmunds. It is a long journey from the villages but at least people without a car now have access to Cambridge, Newmarket and Bury. We still read in the CN of cuts to services and James Palmer still seems determined to establish' his hub in Cambridge' and a metro idea and now there is the suggestion of relocating Drummer St. bus station to Christ's Pieces. This again is being met with opposition. He also suggests that there could be a voluntary £1 charge for those on concessionary passes.

This would not be compulsory but it would bring in money to subsidise routes that would otherwise not be able to be financed.

I had tried unsuccessfully to establish what is happening to the bus stops on the A1303. Now Lucy Frazer, our efficient MP, has linked me in by letter to the chap in Cambridge County Council who has been dealing with the upgrade of the road. We have spoken and he confirms that the stop at the junction of the High St. and the A1303 will stay where it is at the moment.

I asked about the stop on the other side of the road where we have to alight or board without a kerb and on an often muddy, stony surface at the entrance to the farmer's field. He replied that that is not part of the works and not his job as it is classed as maintenance and he has given me a number for contact which I have passed to our parish clerk in Bottisham. It seems ridiculous to have all these expensive streetlights and traffic islands and not deal with the mess at this stop. He said that the farm entrance was not where the actual stop is but I pointed out that that is on a verge in deep grass and that I had once been deposited there with my trolley and found it very difficult!

The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has taken a step closer to being reality as the Gov't has announced the best link for the two fast-growing cities.

Dubbed the 'Brain-Belt Expressway', it would link Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge as does the X5 coach already. James Palmer is backing the plan.

Both road and rail are under consideration and there are to be 1 million new homes by 2050. So many problems still continue - HS2, Crossrail, Heathrow, the rising cost of fares and the

changes to rail timetables that have caused so many problems. There are suggestions for a new M25-style railway to link Gatwick and Heathrow in 15 minutes.

The leaflets at Newmarket Library include Bike & Go and Days out start when you take the train - 2 for 1 offers on places to visit when you go by train.

I am awaiting a new box of timetables as is Newmarket Library so hopefully most of you have one. Bottisham post office is kept supplied.

Rail info: 03457 484950 Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

Happy travelling! - Paddy James

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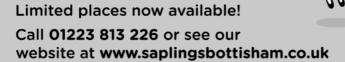


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Our members have enjoyed a number of activities during the summer. In June members and friends went on a coach trip to Ely Cathedral 'Kaleidoscope of Life' Flower Festival . This was a most pleasurable afternoon viewing all the colourful and creative arrangements.

We welcomed Alice Leadbeter, to our July meeting as our guest speaker. Alice ran the 2017 London Marathon to raise awareness of Mothers' Union, and the work it does worldwide. She explained how she came to take up running, and how it has benefited her general wellbeing. Describing how she enjoys the beautiful wonders of nature as she runs through the countryside all weathers and seasons. Alice expressed how the London Marathon creates huge excitement for runners and supporters alike. She gave us a narrative of the day from preparing for the start, to crossing the finishing line. This included the camaraderie between runners and the support and cheering on from onlookers especially when 'the going gets tough'. For Alice her lapse in energy and strength is usually around the 18 mile marker, but with the encouragement of the crowd she is soon motivated to keep on running and complete the further 8 miles to the finish. We all valued the opportunity of seeing Alice's medal.

In August a group of us enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at Scotsdales Garden Centre in Horningsea.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. At our next meeting on 18th October we will be learning the art of Napkin Folding and holding our Autumn Bring and Buy Stall. You are most welcome to come and join us.

Ann Langran



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October 13th, November 10th and December 8th (Black Tie optional)

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If you wish to join us, simply make sure that you are at the Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club, Bottisham before 10.00am on **Thursday 4th October**. If you would like more details of this course, wish to sign in on line, or would like to see the details of other courses available in the Cambridge area, please go to www.wea.org.uk/eastern

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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

Flu Vaccinations: It's never too early to start thinking about protecting yourself from flu.

The Practice is running the usual flu clinics at Bottisham Medical Practice on **Saturday 13th October and Saturday 3rd November**, 9am-1pm, when the Patients' Group hope to be running a tombola stall to add to the funds for the purchase of the Pod.

In addition they are extending their weekday hours to accommodate patients who are aged under 65 into the evening with Friday 19th October and Wednesday 28th November, 6pm to 8pm.

This year there will be further flu clinic dates on weekdays as below

- Wednesday 10th October, 3:30-5:30pm
- Friday 12th October, 9-11am
- Wednesday 24th October, 9-11am
- Friday 26th October, 3:30-5:30pm
- Monday 29th October, 4-6pm
- Wednesday 31st October, 3:30-5:30pm

The Practice will notify you to join them for the flu clinic and will book you into one of the above to suit yourselves. Appointments can only be made by phone or at reception.

The Practice have already ordered your vaccine; please support your local GP practice by having your flu vaccination at the surgery.

The flu vaccine is the best way of protecting yourself against the virus. You will be eligible for a free flu vaccination if you are a registered patient and are:

- Over 65
- Pregnant
- Have certain medical conditions including, but not limited to, chronic (long-term) conditions such as: respiratory, heart, kidney and liver diseases, neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease and MS, diabetes, and a weakened immune system (or if you live with someone who has).
- If you receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.

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Bottisham 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 website for further information. We would welcome help with running the group.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 3 and 26 October, 7 and 23 November and 12 December 2018. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey

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Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Thursday 22 November 2018 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

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- Please have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which might cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Regularly inspect your chimney breast in the roof space particularly in older homes.
 Make sure that it is sound and that sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks, broken bricks or mortar.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company from which you purchase the appliance but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information
- Importantly, ensure that correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should use only the right quality wood recommended by the supplier.
- Avoid burning resinous and green woods that quickly build up soot
- Burn only fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned usually kept dry and stored for around 2 years
- Burning laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO (Carbon Monoxide) alarm in the room where the burner is installed.
- Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months. We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone.

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We shall again be filling Christmas Shoe Boxes in the next few weeks. We shall have a birthday themed **Beetle Drive on 23rd October** and a wedding themed evening on **27th November** to raise funds for the postage costs which have now increased to £5 per box.

Visitors are most welcome to attend these meetings at Queens Court and also our next monthly meeting on **Tuesday 16th October** when **David Taylor** will speak about the "**Dambuster - The Story of Operation Chastise.**" These all start at **7.30pm**

Sylvia Overton

East Anglian Air Ambulance



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Ann Webb won the annual members rose competition for the Don Bedford Cup with a beautiful red/orange rose. There were several entries in what has been a most difficult growing season especially finding roses in August. We shall revert to June in future.

At our next meeting on **Tuesday 23 October, 7.30 pm in the Poppy Room**, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting, when the committee are elected/re-elected, the programme for next year is distributed and the evening ends with a quiz and refreshments. All members and visitors are welcome.

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Mara Update

THE SAFE HOUSE in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania is a refuge, welcoming girls who are at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) or child marriage. These customs, illegal in Tanzania, are traditional in some ethnic areas in Mara, near Lake Victoria.

FGM involves the cutting of external female genitalia, in unhygienic conditions using razor blades or broken glass. It is done by community elders to girls of 12-15 years in December every other year in the belief that it protects virginity, discourages promiscuity, ensures marriage prospects and improves fertility. In fact, its effects include severe pain, infection, scarring, injury in labour and even death. FGM is imminent for many girls this coming December.

The vision of the Safe House, with active support from government and police, is to save young girls from this practice, by the following methods:

- 1. As the cutting season approaches teams visit the villages, explain to parents the harm this practice does and try to get an undertaking to discontinue the practice.
- 2. If this fails, girls at risk are brought to the Safe house, have schooling arranged and learn skills such as tailoring and computing.
- 3. The ultimate aim is to end FGM; to give the girls education, skills and self-awareness; and to foster healthy family life in the community.

Since the Safe house was established in 2015, more than 400 girls have been rescued from FGM and the families of 147 girls have agreed to discontinue the practice. 48 girls are at present residing at the safe House, but this is expected to increase before the end of this year.

FUNDING. A UK charity, the Tanzania Development Trust, made donations for capital expenditure to set up the Safe House, providing money for vehicles to allow social workers to visit villages to educate families and rescue girls; and equipment for the skills classes at the House. However, they need our help to support the ongoing costs of providing this essential service.

PRESENT NEEDS include fuel for village visits, maintenance of the equipment in the

kitchen and classrooms, and girls' living costs. There is only one dormitory, accommodating up to 80 girls – but during the cutting season they expect to receive about 150 girls.

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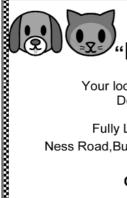
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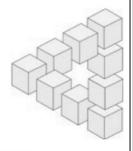
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As I write this we are still working to the date of Thursday 18th October for closing the Library at 5.15pm. We hope to open again on Tuesday 2nd November for both sessions but this may not be possible due to reasons beyond our control. We shall put up posters and notices in the villages if there is any change. Please be assured that borrowing dates will be adjusted and that fines will not be imposed. The new Library is situated in the old College Hall and the entrance will be clearly signed. New and current borrowers will be most welcome. Come and see the changes.

Thank you for continuing to use the library in the last few months in view of the building work in progress at the College. The route to the old library (until 18th October) is via the Sports Centre road access then left past the woodwork area and right by the project area to the library entrance as we have used for the past 15 years.

The summer reading scheme for younger borrowers - "Mischief Makers" – was again well supported and awards were presented to 25 young readers on September 28th. Thanks to Veronica Hanke for managing the scheme this year.

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

I did not know Graham "Hum" Barker as well as many lifelong Botsamites, but I do know that he was a fine local sportsman, a stalwart of the Cricket Club for many years, a terrific team-mate, a rapier wit and a thoroughly top bloke; and his tragic passing in early September will leave a massive hole in the life of the village, especially in the vicinity of 'The Club'! RIP mate... Bottisham will never be the same without you!

With Hum in mind, it seems only right to talk about Cricket for a bit. What an absolutely fascinating Test series it has been between England and India this summer... a roller-coaster of stunning performances and abject failures from both sides! An important (if flattering) 4-1 series win for England cannot mask some worrying frailties in their batting; and India, despite being the world's no.1 Test nation, demonstrated a similar tendency to collapse in the face of England's seam & spin attack together with an over-reliance on Virat Kohli (probably the best batsman in the world at present even though – as captain – he seems completely unable to win a toss!). It has to be said that it has become increasingly difficult for all countries to win Test matches away from home these days, and there is no doubt that England will face different challenges on harder pitches when they visit Sri Lanka and the West Indies this coming winter.

In terms of entertainment, though, the series against India was one of the most exciting in living memory and certainly helped by the English wickets which offered encouragement to both teams' bowlers. There were plenty of memorable moments, not least Jimmy Anderson's 564th test wicket (to break Glenn McGrath's pace bowling record) and, of course, Alastair Cook hitting an overdue century in his final test innings. It crossed my mind that he may not have retired had these runs come a couple of matches earlier; or was it only his retirement that precipitated this 'last hurrah'? Anyway, I can't help thinking that the entire England team – brilliant one minute, fragile the next – might benefit from some input from Dr Steve Peters, the celebrated sports psychologist if they are ever to achieve anything approaching consistency!

What did everyone make of the Ben Stokes acquittal in his outrageously delayed trial for 'affray'? I am really struggling to get my Nut around this one. With his protagonist already 'not guilty', one felt that – however much Stokes had been provoked – the video of him beating a bloke senseless would be enough evidence for a conviction. But no! With neither party found guilty... one wonders if the fight ever happened at all!! This is not the end of it though! The ECB are now planning to spin the matter out for another three months whilst they decide whether to punish Stokes for 'bringing the game into disrepute'! Even though their burden of proof of a misdemeanor would be "on the balance of probabilities" and not "beyond all reasonable doubt", I don't see how they can slap a further ban on the player after he has already served a whole series suspension, then waited nearly a year to be cleared of the offence! But who knows what sports governing bodies are capable of...?!

Which brings me to the recent announcement of the hosts for 2026 FIFA World Cup. Would you believe Canada, USA & Mexico in a joint bid? Nor did I at first! And I immediately wondered whether we would all have to climb over Donald Trump's infamous wall! I was also baffled as to how a country like Mexico was set to host for the third time when so many

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footballing nations elsewhere have not had a look-in. But I figure the answer lies mainly in two issues: (1) that of the 23 WCs to date, 11 have been hosted in Europe and only 8 in the Americas; and (2) that the insane proposal to increase the number of teams in the 'Finals' to 48 means that very few countries will have the infrastructure to host alone in future. So the triple-centre American tournament will redress the balance between the two 'big' continents and provide ample venues for the gargantuan competition, whilst the poor old visiting spectators – always the very last of FIFA's considerations – will have to travel further and more frequently than ever before in order to follow their teams. I expect we'll still do it though…!

In the meantime, the death toll among construction workers building new stadiums in Qatar continues to rise. Estimated at c. 1200 to date, many of the fatalities – including one British worker earlier this year – are the result of falling from heights when 'safety' equipment fails, but I suspect that labourers are not at their most alert when working up to 14 hours a day, every day in over 100 degrees of heat. In my humble opinion, it is still not too late to relocate the 2022 World Cup to an alternative country with suitable stadiums already built and in use (remember the switch from Colombia to Mexico in 1986?), but you can be sure that is not going to happen this time. I get the impression that FIFA's 'new broom' Giovanni Infantino, who was charged with cleaning up this toxic cartel, is more of feather duster than a stiff brush. He will not allow the sweat of migrants toiling in slave conditions to sour the taste of his champagne when he poses for the cameras in four years' time, in stadiums destined to be white elephants a few weeks later. It is so disappointing that the major footballing nations continue to turn a blind eye to this scandal.

To finish on a positive note, and to mitigate against further chastisement from our esteemed editor for overlooking certain sports, I would like to record my delight that a Briton has reached No.1 in the World Golf Rankings! Hearty congratulations to Justin Rose, who finally realised his boyhood dream 20 years after announcing his arrival on the scene with a fourth-place finish at the 1998 British Open. Of course he has picked up a US Open title and an Olympic Gold medal on the way, but it underlines the importance of dedication and persistence in whatever one sets out to achieve in life, eh!

TTFN Gerry Daish

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'A MARK THAT WILL BE CARRIED TO THE GRAVE...'

The 'memsahib' and I went off to a lovely part of the Norfolk coast to visit a colony of seals we came across a few years ago. But before we parked, age determined that we needed to use the 'facilities' before we set off to the spot an hours trek along the beach. Being the first to emerge I walked onto the beach for an intake of fresh sea air. But what took my breath away was the number of seaside revellers sporting tattoos – some petite others less so, some exceedingly imaginative and others more simplistic in their design. Also there were the young broods emulating their parental parades in all but the tattoos - but for how long would the latter last I wondered. The glimpse of a 'tattoo less' frame was by far the anomaly and so this started me thinking about what is driving this ostentatious resurgence?

In the past 20 years or so tattoos have made an 'indelible' mark on Britain, shifting from the spinach eating 'Popeye' and working-class war paint to the middle-class must-have. Not so long ago such bodily disfigurement would seriously limit one's job prospects because tattoos were once used as a signifier of criminality. Except now you see tattoos on the great and the good, the rich and famous. Tattoos are everywhere you look, on the fit and the fat, the old and the young, the rich man and the poor man, on females of every age and class.

The word 'tattoo' is a Polynesian term and denoted a person's rank although similar markings were found to be used in ancient Egypt, Persia China and Japan to brand slaves and criminals. The first tattoo to arrive in Britain was on a South Pacific Islander named Omai who disembarked here in 1774 off a ship returning from James Cook's south pacific expedition. The tattoo then became the trade mark of sailors and by the late 1800s it's recorded that 90% of the British Navy had a tattoo. It was a mark to show where they had sailed: a turtle for crossing the equator; an anchor for the Atlantic. Their use was also widespread among soldiers in the American Civil War partly as a show of allegiance and partly as a means of posthumous identification.

Back in Britain tattoos became popular among the upper classes in Victorian England. Not so much the influence from Polynesia but from Japan where the art flourished. It was part of a craze for 'japonaiserie' which is the superficial and surface addition of Japanese motifs into art. It was largely the menfolk of the Royal Family that inspired the fashion after visiting Japan in 1881. This then spread across Europe through Victoria's nine surviving children of whom five were boys. When Sutherland Macdonald opened Britain's first tattoo parlour in the late 19th century on London's Jermyn Street, his client list boasted dukes, maharajas and assorted European royals.

By the mid-20th century the enthusiasm for tattoos had declined and tattooists became mainly backstreet operators working with dirty needles creating old fashioned designs. In social circles it became taboo to have a tattoo let alone one that was visible. And having one significantly restricted one's credentials to mix with and within middle class society. Lower down the social order a tattoo limited one's ability to find and to retain work outside of the manual labour sector.

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And then in 1999 along came David Beckham with 'Brooklyn' tattooed across his back – all of a sudden tattoos became 'cool' and socially acceptable again. Tattooists began producing more complex, intricately drawn images so that today sporting arenas are more affiliated to art galleries than to sport itself. Inkings that couldn't be hidden for an interview had long been 'job stoppers' but today it's suggested that 20% (and rising) of young adults have a tattoo. I have read that those that display tattoos argue it's to exhibit their freedom of expression and individuality.

It seems though that the jury is still out on the pros and cons of extensive body art. Whether you personally like it or not is definitely a 'Marmite' moment. Those that are guarded say that a tattoo is hard to remove if you fall out of love with it. And of course there is the health risk associated with infection and with the chemicals used in the ink ending up in the lymph nodes. Some opponents suggest there are also hygiene implications with wearing 'vests' to show off extensive upper arm and neck etchings. And society in general considers going as far as inking on the face to be the new taboo. There is also strong objection within the cultural appropriation movement who vehemently oppose the adoption of elements of a minority culture by others not of that same culture.

Yes, it's all a matter of choice and it's not what you see but the character that lies beneath that's important. But surely there are much better ways to express individuality, if indeed that is the true purpose, than to casually stain one's self with a 'huge' mark that will be carried to the grave?

"The young man knows the rules but the old man knows the exceptions." - Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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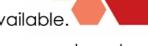






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