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

## *Your New Community Library*

The library has now moved to its new home in what was the main hall at the Village College, staffed by your friendly volunteers.

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Children are particularly welcome. Every second Saturday there is Story and Rhyme time for children.



Sadly we shall not be continuing with our Saturday Art Club. It is the only downside to the new library. There are no large tables, the new carpets could be spoilt but mainly we have no-one to run it. But we do have exciting plans for another club so watch this space.

Our Christmas event Rhyme and Story time session led by Olinda Liddeard was enjoyed as were the Bottisham Handbell Ringers. Thank you to them and to those who came.

Our bookstall at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club Craft Fair was enjoyable, helped our funds and was a good PR exercise

**We open again on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 3.00pm.**

# **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**



As I have to write this editorial ahead of time, particularly for this month's magazine, I have not even put up the Christmas tree, but as you read it, all the excitement will be over and the presents all unwrapped. It is a timeshift that I have got used to over the years.

However it still plays tricks with me. I obviously receive, read and know about events well ahead of them happening. Then when published and others start to talk about them, I think to myself ah yes, but that happened last month, didn't it!

You will see opposite an article from the Library which has reopened in its new home. What a great facility to have in Bottisham. Staffed and run by volunteers, it provides a service that would be the envy of many larger towns. If you missed their open day, it would be well worth a visit. As they say, if they haven't got what you are looking for they can source it from elsewhere. Also the saying is very true, "use it or lose it". I am interested to know what they refer to that may be coming along in the New Year. Watch this space.

I would love to receive more articles from readers which may be of interest to others. Do you have a hobby? Most people do of one sort or another. You may think it would only interest you, but whether that is modelling railways or skydiving, be assured it would be of great interest to a wider audience.

Have you been on a trip or holiday which was a great experience? Then I am sure it would be of interest to others. I read in the magazine, some of the reports of club activities where a speaker gave a talk to the group. Well that talk turned into an article could be a great read.

Photographs are not essential, but accompanying a short article or even a caption, they would be interesting for our readers and considered for inclusion.

Another thing I am always looking for and would love to receive more of are photographs. Whether of local interest or artistic merit, do let us have them. Portrait layout is good for the front cover in colour, but all are welcome. Inside pages come out better in black & white.

All your regular reads this month. Transport matters full of information from Paddy. JOW ruffling feathers and Sports Nut giving us his views.

Another regular article that I include is 'Cambridge, Past, Present and Future'. Based at Wandlebury they have activities for adults and kids every week. You need never be short of something to do.

Then the Medical Practice Patients group always includes what is new at the doctor's surgery and a lot of useful information. They also have a walking group.

The newly formed Community Sports and Social Club hold their first AGM on the 14th January and all members are invited. It's still difficult not to keep talking about 'The

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Legion.' I receive other organisations notices for activities which are taking place there, and often have to amend to the new title. I expect we will get used to it in time.

Before you make your New Year resolutions, cast your mind back a year and check just how successful you were in sticking to last year's. Then make sure any you make this year are realistic and achievable. That way you will succeed and won't be disappointed! A win win all round!

*Have a good year - Peter*

## **WEA News**

If you missed out on the New Year's Concert from Vienna on January 1st, don't worry, you will be able to catch up with the musical history of the city if you come to our next course. Presented by Peter Goodwin, and entitled "Vienna, Centre of Musical Excellence" we will be listening to, studying, and discussing the period in which Vienna established itself as the hub of the western musical universe, and as a source of orchestral, choral and stage music. For more information on this course, or to sign up, please go to [www.wea.org.uk/eastern](http://www.wea.org.uk/eastern), or enrol by telephone at 0300 303 3464. You will need to quote course number C2225552.

Alternatively you can join us as our first session which commences at 10.00am at the Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club, 31 Downing Close, Bottisham, CB25 9DD On Thursday 17th January 2019.

*Gerry Cowley*

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## *Bottisham and District Gardening Club*

Apologies for getting the date wrong last month. I should have known as I was the speaker! Bryan Thurlow returned with another exciting talk (performance) this time as a London evacuee sent to a Suffolk farm. This talk had originally been a schools’ educational play which he had adapted as a monologue. Until the age of 11 he had been happily settled in Bethnal Green, his father was a milkman and although the family were relatively poor he had a good childhood. In 1939 when his father went into the forces and his mother went to work in a munitions factory he and his older sister were sent to family in Suffolk. The children quickly adapted to the freedom and enjoyed the cows (and the warm milk) and the Suffolk Punch horses and despite the 3 mile walk each way to school they soon settled in. They missed their mother at Christmas who had to continue working but on hearing that their Dad had a 48hour leave pass they were sent back to London and there they stayed. School was quite different – only 2 classes, few pupils and elderly teachers. They lived through the Blitz either sheltering under the stairs with saucepans on their heads or going into the Bethnal Green Underground Station. Sadly their home was bombed and he remembered that the whole of the front of the building was destroyed. They returned to Suffolk with their mother but that too was far from quiet as the American airfields were nearby with bombers taking off every night. Sadly in 1942 they heard that their father was missing in action and presumed dead. When they eventually went back to London they lived in a prefab. He remained in the London area but his sister returned to Suffolk having met her husband when she was evacuated. There was a lot of humour in his talk, a few wartime songs and we all enjoyed it. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22nd January when John Benson will tell us about Orchids – all you need to know. Members please bring your flowering Hyacinth Bulb for judging. It will be in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club at 7.30pm

*Sylvia Overton*

## *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in January*

|                      |                |  |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Wednesday 2nd</b> | <b>8pm</b>     | <b>“C by C”</b> (Short candlelit meditative service) |
| <b>Sunday 6th</b>    | <b>11am</b>    | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                |
| <b>Sunday 3th</b>    | <b>10am</b>    | <b>Benefice Communion</b> at Lode                    |
|                      | <b>11.45am</b> | <b>Baptism</b>                                       |
| <b>Sunday 20th</b>   | <b>8am</b>     | <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)                          |
| <b>Sunday 27th</b>   |                | No service in Bottisham                              |
|                      | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Children’s Church</b> at Lode                     |
|                      | <b>10am</b>    | <b>Benefice Morning Worship</b> at Swaffham Bulbeck  |

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](http://www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there.

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## **TURBULENT TIME...**

As I sit down to write this article we are in the midst of the chaos of Brexit. The debates in Parliament have begun, the government has been defeated three times in one day, and the future is looking very uncertain indeed. For you reading this now perhaps there will be a little more clarity, but it seems as though, whatever the outcome, we will be living in a divided nation with a hard road ahead of us. It seems as though things will have to get worse before they can get better.

If you were to look back in the Bible, the Old Testament prophets were constantly bringing words of warning from God about the consequences of turning their backs on him. Jesus himself spoke about the difficult and dangerous times which would take place before he returns to restore the world to how God intended it to be. You can read what he had to say in Chapter 24 of Matthew's Gospel. In verse 12 Jesus says that 'Lawlessness will increase and the love of many will grow cold.' When love grows cold we are in trouble! The Bible tells us that without love we are nothing.

Love, along with forgiveness, is the heart of the message of Jesus. It's why he came. Love is the key!

I pray that as we go into this New Year we will all strive, in whatever ways we can, to replace hatred with love, conflict with peace, discord with harmony, and bitterness with forgiveness.

As Paul wrote to the Christians in the heart of the Roman Empire where they were under the constant threat of persecution: 'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.' [Romans 12:18]

If you are looking for a fresh start, or a new direction for your life, or just want to come and see, then you will be very welcome at any of our RENEW Church services. [See below] And do look out for our third Village Praise meeting at Lode Chapel in early February – an opportunity for everyone, from whatever church, or from none, to join together for an hour of hymns, readings and hearing one another's stories, followed by coffee, cakes and chat!

**A Happy and Hopeful New Year to you all**

*Peter Wells*

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### **RENEW Services for January 2019**

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

Everyone is welcome.

Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10am.

**Sunday 6th January Morning Worship. 10.30am**

**With Holy Communion.** (Bottisham Primary School)

**Sunday 13th January Morning Worship. 10.30am** (at the School) Followed by shared lunch

**Sunday 20th January Morning Worship. 10.30am** (at the School)

**Sunday 27th January. Morning Worship. 10.30am** (at the School)

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For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:

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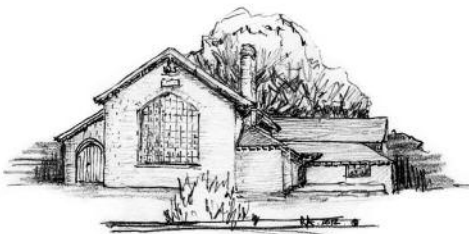
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## *Holy Trinity Church News*

There are many people in the village who are supportive of the church and its presence in the community. With that in mind the PCC felt it would be helpful to let residents know about some of the developments we are considering for the future.

We are currently operating without a Church Warden after Dr Mike Young retired in April after many years of dedicated service. We are also going to lose our PCC Secretary in April 2019. We want to remain an active and prayerful presence in the village and to offer worship locally so we are taking some steps to try a build a community for the future.

The first important development is to explore setting up an official “Friends of Holy Trinity Church” who could help with fund-raising and the maintenance of our beautiful historic building. There are many people who appreciate the splendour of our ancient parish church and we would welcome interest from any residents who felt they might be able to help us with the task of keeping it in good order.

As an exploratory measure we are considering joining the PCC in Bottisham with the PCC in Lode to work together on matters of worship and mission. In the mean-time we are seeking committed Christians who may feel called to be part of the local worshipping community. In particular we are looking for those who might consider becoming a church warden or PCC secretary to assist us in our work and worship. An outline of the tasks can be found on the benefice website.

With the departure of Revd. Professor Gina Radford later in the year staffing services in all five churches every week will be more challenging. There will continue to be worship available across the benefice every week but there may be a greater need to travel to the other villages in the benefice where a wide range of different services are available. These include services specifically for children and families, Book of Common Prayer services and communion services. We hope to be able to offer help with transport for those who would like to attend services in other villages.

We would very much like to hear from anyone in the village keen to be involved in the discussions about our future or who would be prepared to help us in practical ways to maintain the active Church presence that has existed in Bottisham for over 800 years. We would also value your prayers as we seek the way forward.

## *The Rev. Sue Giles writes*

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied, “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.” So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

This piece by Minnie Louise Haskins was used by George VI in his 1939 Christmas broadcast. Then the country was facing the darkness of a world at war.

As we stand on the brink of a new year we are not facing such a bleak and terrible future but we are facing a time of great uncertainty. The future is not clear and some of the divisions which

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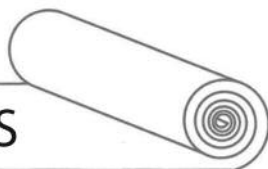


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have been present in our society have gathered very visibly around the decision to stay or leave the European Union. There are people in our society who feel vulnerable, those who feel their voice has not been listened to. There are those who are convinced of the importance of being part of a large and diverse European community.

There are so many views about what would be best for our country and also many different views about the right way to achieve a secure future. What is clear is that once the decisions have been taken we will face the challenge of rebuilding relationships with one another; with our neighbours; with others in our country and in Europe and even with members of our family. We will not all attain what we believe to be good and right, and we will not all be satisfied with the outcomes.

New beginnings can be very difficult and challenging especially when deep divisions and strongly held views are present. Minnie Haskin's piece reminds us that whenever we face the unknown, whenever we struggle with fear, uncertainty or change we don't have to face the future alone. If we are unsure about how to proceed or we cannot see clearly what to do, God is walking with us. If we turn to him he will guide us, if we put our hand out for his he will always respond although it may not be as we imagine.

We are setting out into a new year. There will be personal challenges, hopes and concerns for each of us to face. There are collective challenges we must face. We can trust God that if we seek his help he will guide and bless us. He can give us courage, and wisdom to be peace makers and bridge builders. He will give us strength to manage the things we cannot change. Whatever your year brings you could ask God to be part of it. Whatever your year holds I wish you health, happiness and the blessing of God.

*Sue*

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The A1303 lights are all now working and the cones have been removed. The re-surfacing work at the Quy roundabout has also been completed, which is a much needed improvement. Highway Officers have been out to look at the flooding in Tunbridge Lane around the raised table. They have been in discussion with the contractors but are currently unsure if it is a design or drainage fault and continue to look into the matter. This is definitely a new issue and did not happen before the table was put in. Our County Councillor was reminded that the Parish Council view has always been that the raised table was not fit for purpose as the slope was not high enough to act as a speed deterrent.

We have now engaged a company to repair the gates in the cemetery and this should soon go ahead. We had been looking in some detail at updating and replacing the village maps in the village. Costs for this were between £2.5K - £4K and it was felt that this was a lot of money for something which was a low priority. It was agreed that we could not currently justify the expenditure. The speed indicating devices are now all up and running and hopefully slowing traffic down. We propose to continue with our grass cutters East Cambs Trading Co. in the next financial year. It was felt that after some initial teething problems (which usually happens with new contractors) they were providing a good service.

Regarding the future cemetery on Lode Road things have been progressing well. Parish Council passed a resolution at their last meeting to request the District Council to proceed with a compulsory purchase order for the land. Our Cemetery Consultant will soon be sending initial draft designs for the area. Once these are developed further there will be the opportunity for the village to view these in consultation

Following on from last year's questionnaire, a Pre-School Play Area Working Party has been established. This includes parish councillors and residents who expressed a willingness to become involved. Parish Council owns no land in the village and they are looking at any possible locations. They are in discussions with East Cambs District Council and the Park Estate Residents Association.

**Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2019!**

*Claire Fullwood – Parish Clerk*

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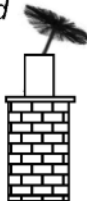
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## *Public Transport Matters*

Please don't scream 'oh no' – there is a new timetable from the 28th September 2018 but the times remain the same – it is just the information about tickets that has been updated. The upgrading of the muddy 12 stop on the A1303 towards Cambridge is under review.

James Palmer of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is under increasing pressure over his plans. The Cambridge News regularly publishes the latest diagrams and details of any new suggestions. Cambourne-Cambridge busway – what is the best route? Apparently this was first mentioned in the April 2014 Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Light rail, widening the A1303 for a tidal bus lane – other suggestions. The Mayor then intervened with his suggestion of a metro line possibly light rail and a tunnel in Cambridge. It could link to Haverhill and Mildenhall. He says that more details will be available in the New Year. Smarter Cambridge Transport has various proposals and a website. South Cambridgeshire District council is backing the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership in looking at other solutions.

Stagecoach East boss Andy Campbell is retiring soon. Before joining Stagecoach he was managing director at First Bradford where he had launched the first commercial smartcard operation in Bradford and guided buses in Leeds and Bradford. Stagecoach was looking for someone with this experience. He had advice from Brian Souter, who founded Stagecoach with his sister in 1980. He is said to be the voice of common sense and would be a Sir Alec Ferguson if he was a football manager with a team ethos.

The arguments over the new HS2 rail link continue – route, costs. HS2 Ltd. is the government owned company running the project. Cutting speed through tunnels could lower the costs as it affects the size. A quarter of the 134-mile route between London and Birmingham will be in tunnels. There is an inspirational design for the new terminus station at Birmingham Curzon St. inspired by traditional railway arches. It will include a visitor centre and offices. There will also be a second terminus, the Interchange Station in Solihull.

The problems with rail timetables continue. From December the 10th Thameslink and Great Northern are adding 200 weekday trains to the south-east of England including 30 new peak services. Northern Rail will change around 5 per cent of services with faster journeys and extra stops. Scotrail has new high speed trains and electrified lines. Transport Focus is watching the situation closely after all the earlier problems. There is a new passenger complaints service regarding late trains, mis-sold tickets and dodgy wi-fi. This is through the rail ombudsman. All train companies have voluntarily signed up to this. Higher rail fares are not welcome.

Bombardier is to cut 500 Belfast jobs. It is considering the situation in Derby where it makes rains.

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## *Poppies for Remembrance*

No-one can have failed to notice the wonderful displays of poppies in our five Anglesey parishes this November. Each church had its own displays, as did the war memorials of Lode and Swaffham Bulbeck, and the Land Girls Memorial in Swaffham Prior. Most spectacular, and the main focus, was the cascade down the tower of St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck, with the Lode memorial also stunningly effective. Those who ventured into Swaffham Bulbeck church will have found a display of purple poppies to commemorate animals lost in war.

### **The facts and figures behind these displays are truly amazing:**

- Over 8000 poppies, crocheted, knitted and felt
- Over 100 adults (including six men) and 200 children involved
- All four schools, the Guides, both WIs, Queen's Court, Swaffham Prior Quilters, Lode Coffee Morning and Red2Green all joined in
- Over £400 raised for the British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thanks to press coverage from BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, That's TV Cambridge, Cambridge Independent, Newmarket Journal and Cambridge News, visitors came from far and wide. One traveller had been staying near Newmarket and, realising that he wouldn't be home in time for any services in his home town in Yorkshire, stopped off in Swaffham Bulbeck for his own act of remembrance having seen the report in the Newmarket Journal. But most importantly, the displays provided a focus for our own communities to remember those that died, and a backdrop to the services of remembrance held across the benefice.

Our thanks go to all who participated and supported in any way – those who planned, donated, made, hosted, tied, stored and installed – you are too many to thank individually but you know who you are. We have been asked by many of you, what will happen to the poppies now? The current intentions are that the Lode display is kept intact for use in future years, the Swaffham Bulbeck tower cascade is divided up to make altar fronts for the churches, and individual poppies are sold to wear next year.

Thank you once again for all your support for this project, and through it, for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. If you would like to join our group on a regular or occasional basis, we meet on odd-dated Tuesdays in the Black Horse. We usually work on our own projects, knitting, crochet or other handicrafts, and from time to time, embark on a group project. All are welcome, from learners to experts. Contact: [angleseyinstitches@gmail.com](mailto:angleseyinstitches@gmail.com) FB:angleseyinstitches

**That'sTV report:** <https://m.youtube.com/watch?sns=em&v=hMRm-UgD9Jw>

Front cover picture taken of poppy installation at Swaffham Bulbeck Parish church



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

**Telephone Advice:** The doctors and nurses are happy to speak to patients by telephone, outside consulting times. Please leave your details with reception staff and a doctor/nurse will return your call between surgeries.

**Care Network:** This charity has three branches. Help at Home providing free short term practical and emotional help for adults at home after a crisis, illness or hospital stay. Contact 01223 714433. Community Navigators help older people find enjoyable activities and useful services, for East Cambridgeshire area call 01353 659639. Community Development to support and sustain community groups for older and vulnerable people across Cambridgeshire and for East Cambs area 01954 211919. All their leaflets are available at our surgery.

**Rethink Carer Support:** Families and friends of people with mental ill health often need information, encouragement and the strength from knowing you are not alone. Their phone number is 07783 267013 and email address CambridgeRethinkGroup@rethink.org. They can provide a lot of information and support.

**Too Many Missed Appointments:** In order to reduce the number of these please arrange to register for a text reminder. If you no longer need a booked appointment then please let the surgery know as this can then be used for to another patient to avoid delay.

**Other News:** The repainting of the surgery has now been completed. Another clinic room has been made to accommodate a Health Care Assistant when one has been recruited. Janet our phlebotomist and receptionist has left.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 18 and 30 January, 15 and 27 February, 15 and 27 March 2019. 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: Next meeting will be Thursday 24 January 2019 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

**We hope you have a Happy and Healthy New Year.**

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*Michael White*

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## *Message to Bottisham from Lode Parish Council*

### **Litter pick on Sunday 3rd February from 2-4**

We will be having our annual litter pick in and around Lode and Longmeadow, and we are hoping that you will be happy to take a bag and gloves when you go for a walk or just do a clear up in the verges and ditches near your home. Although we suggest a particular time, any time is just perfect. We will have tea at the Passage from 3.30-4 and we will meet at the Passage at 2 where we will have bag holder openers and litter picking sticks. If you have an area that you can do but cannot come on the day, please let me know.

Apart from the roads in our villages we will also be doing the road to Bottisham, Longmeadow and to Quy, and we will be asking these other villages to meet us half way. However, please do not take children along the main roads. These will be done by adults

**Thank you and look forward to hearing from you, Fran Platten [Lode Parish Council]  
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In this our centenary year we also paid tribute to the 100 years celebration of the Armistice. After a poem remembering the women who worked in many different occupations and a reading of "In Flanders Field" we held a minutes silence remembering all who had served in the Great War

Richard Todd ex Head Gardener from Anglesey Abbey told of his 44 years' service there. His first few years were rather like slave labour from the raking of the leaves and the use of hand mowers and the despair of removing trees suffering from Dutch Elm disease. The total area of land only covered 5 acres in 1973 and these were mostly agricultural fields but Lord Fairhaven's plans for a beautiful garden were carried out even after he died in 1967. Hoe Fen was just a scrub area ideal for raising young pheasant chicks. Thanks to the corporate and financial links with young bankers from Goldman Sachs (350 for 3 days in the first year, increasing to 400 and then 500 in the third year) we can now enjoy Hoe Fen with the bird hide, pond and the children's play area and the pathways to it with their planting of numerous daffodil and snowdrop bulbs. This is a wonderful asset bringing many visitors.

He needed training as a tree surgeon to manage the many trees and was responsible for establishing the herbaceous border, the formal garden and the dahlia and roses area. The highlight of his time at the Abbey was with Richard Ayres (Mr Snowdrop) in the designing and development of the winter garden in 1998 which continues to delight visitors today and not just in the winter. He was able to share his substantial gardening knowledge when he became one of the 8 gardening consultants for the National Trust responsible for 200 gardens. An excellent speaker with several most interesting slides especially of the early days of Anglesey Abbey. We are so lucky to have this on our doorstep.

**Come and join us in the new year. We meet at Queens Court at 7.30 pm.**

Our first speaker is **John Flood** explaining the History of the **Cambridge Museum**.

*Sylvia Overton*

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## *Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club*

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we start a new and exciting year at our club we would again like to thank you for your continued support and custom.

After a very hectic and fun filled December we must get down to the more sober and functional business of running the club, starting with our AGM on Monday the 14th of January. The meeting will start at 8pm sharp, please come along and give us your input on the election of officials and the committee, plus a review of the last year.

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## *Anglesey Group Mothers' Union Report*

At our October members had fun applying their skills to the art of napkin folding. Ann Langran guided the group through the steps of breakfast, classic, victorian and modern folds to create cutlery pockets, fans and Christmas trees. We also held our autumn bring and buy stall.

Reverend Sue Giles was our guest speaker in November. We began the afternoon by watching the film reports and video clips of the Anglesey in Stitches poppy displays in the Benefice. Sue's talk was in theme with the Armistice Centenary and Remembrance. Sue centred it around war artists and their pictures. It was during the Great War that the British government first deployed official war artists to record the front line and its horrors. We were shown pictures by E. H. Shepard who on the outbreak of war was a cartoonist for Punch. He volunteered for service on the western front and continued to sketch for Punch on the observations of life around him. E. H Shepard is probably best known as the illustrator for A. A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh. The Menin Road painted by artist Paul Nash with its shattered landscape gave us much to think about, as did paintings by Stanley Spencer, and Flora Lyon. Flora was commissioned at home to cover munitions factory and other scenes of women playing their part in the war effort. Sue pointing out that women's role in war is recognised in the stain glass window in St. Mary's Swaffham Prior. We then moved to the Second World War with drawings and paintings by Polish artist Jan Komski, a survivor of Auschwitz depicting everyday life in the concentration camp. We were also shown graphic art posters such as 'Dig for Victory'. This very thought provoking and poignant presentation concluded with Sue reading The Creed of a Holocaust Survivor by Alexander Kimmel.

Members and several husbands enjoyed Christmas Lunch at Scotsdales Garden Centre, Horningsea

Copies of our programme for 2019 are now available in all five parish churches. To begin our programme Reverend Liz Caswell will lead our New Year Communion Service. Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. All are welcome to come and join us.

*Ann Langran*

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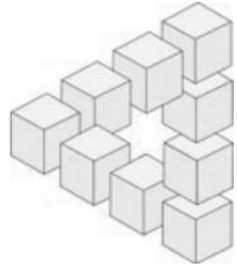
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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

Happy New Year Folks! Let us start 2019 on a positive note by basking in the reflected glory supplied by England's cricketers in their recent record-breaking tour of Sri Lanka! Achieving a 3-0 'whitewash' for the first time in that country, the selectors' faith in their youthful team has started to pay handsome dividends after a ghastly start to the year. (Remember being beaten 4-0 in the Winter Ashes series then suffering a First Test thrashing at home to Pakistan?) Ouch!

Whilst the opening partnership – currently Burns and Jennings – still gives us cause for concern (particularly Jennings' inconsistency against fast bowling), the recalled players – Buttler and Rashid – more than justified their places; 20 year old Sam Curran has proved himself a match-winner several times already; and new boy Jack Leach established himself as a class act, not only with the ball but also in the field, where his sensational run out of Kusal Mendis on the last day in Colombo effectively squashed Sri Lanka's stiff resistance and wrapped up the series for England. But the biggest breakthrough this Autumn has been the introduction of Ben Foakes. He wasn't even in the squad at the beginning of the series but, having taken the gloves from the injured Jonny Bairstow, he proceeded to keep wicket immaculately and scored a total of 277 runs to secure the Man of the Series award! Bairstow, of course, will return on the strength of his batting and the squad looks in much better shape for its forthcoming tour in the West Indies than it did a year ago.

This is finally starting to feel like Joe Root's own team and, although I've had my doubts about his ability to maintain his form whilst shouldering the burden of captaincy, I love the way he always puts them first: "You are only good as your team, you can't look past that." Classy!

Incidentally, I noted with amusement recently that the respected Australian cricket writer Gideon Haigh has been talking about Aussie cricketers suffering "a tsunami of disfavour" from their public following the "sandpapergate" scandal last year. The new leadership of Cricket Australia has even launched a campaign called "It's Your Game" in an attempt to re-engage with their disaffected supporters. Following the disgrace in South Africa and what looks to be a tough home series against India (already 1-0 down at the time of writing), it will be interesting to see whether the Aussies are still licking their wounds come August when they take on England in the Ashes. My guess is that they'll be as competitive as ever... I can't wait, can you?!

Before that though, the Bottisham lads will be taking a little trip to Portugal in early June to watch England in the Nations League finals. Harry Kane obliged us with an injury-time winner in the final qualifier against Croatia at Wembley in November and we now take on Europe's finest, arguably as favourites, having seen the might of Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Belgium all fail to qualify! Naturally, we're planning to attend the entire range of qualifiers for the 2020 European Championship, too; commitments that will take us to Montenegro (via Albania!), Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Kosovo before the year is out!

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So we have already spent many hours online, finding flights, connections, hotels and transport in all sorts of weird and wonderful places in a race against time as prices skyrocket and availability plummets! But I can't remember being as excited about England's prospects on the European and World stages as we are at the moment under Gareth Southgate's calm, intelligent stewardship. With an average age of under 25, they'll surely continue to improve for a long time yet.

What a pity, then, that the pre-Christmas football news was dominated (again) by the spectre of racism. Manchester City's winger Raheem Sterling, suffered abuse from spectators at Chelsea and broke his usual dignified silence with two interesting, but terribly sad comments. Firstly he remarked that he "expected no better"; then went on to accuse the media of helping to fuel racism in their portrayal of young black players, who are often subject to harsher criticism and negative stereotyping. And it's fair to say that Raheem, himself (not always at his most effective when playing for England, it has to be said) has received more than his fair share of such negativity.

Regular readers of this column will know that I have mixed feelings towards the lobbyists of the Kick It Out campaign due to what I perceive as a sensationalist, blaming mentality. However, they bring some interesting statistics to the discussion. e.g. whilst there has been a drop in the number of sexism, faith and disability related cases reported, allegations of racist and homophobic behaviour have increased by 22% and 9% respectively over the last year. We should recognise that there may be a positive aspect to this in that more incidents are being reported. One suspects that many incidents went unreported in the past.

But none of us can rest until this curse is completely eradicated. I think the progress that has been achieved has made us complacent. We must all help Sterling to "expect better". Did anyone see Ian Wright's thought-provoking "Out of Their Skin" documentaries recently? The horrendous things that pioneering black players like, Viv Anderson, Cyril Regis and Paul Canoville put up with in the 70s and 80s had me in tears. To think this hatred still exists in multi-ethnic British society in the 21st Century is too shameful for words, and we should support Kick It Out, indeed, all the stakeholders in demanding much more stringent punishments (including deduction of points from offending clubs if necessary!) for offenders. I really like Wright's idea of an end-game on this. He looks forward to the day when we no longer see the skin colour, but talk about all players as simply "footballers"... citing that "No-one calls Pele a 'black footballer'"! Quite so.

A final word on the legend that is Ronnie O'Sullivan. This is an overused piece of hyperbole but justified in my humble opinion, given his monumental achievements in his profession. Anyway, a fortnight before Christmas he clinched his record-breaking 19th title in a Triple Crown event and his 7th triumph as UK Champion. (The three tournaments in the Triple Crown are the World, the Masters and the UK Championships.) At the ripe old age of 43 the Rocket still seems to be enjoying his snooker more than ever and he is certainly still providing cracking entertainment with an endless supply of shots of which only he is capable. Long may it continue!

TTFN - *Gerry Daish*

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## **LET 'COMMON SENSE' PREVAIL...**

Firstly may I wish my loyal reader a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. But seriously, this applies equally to all who contribute, produce, deliver and read *The Cresset*. As I pen this New Year article we are anxiously awaiting the vote in Parliament which will indicate the direction our elected leaders have chosen to take this amalgam of nations. Having had a democratic vote, marginal though it was, anything other than to deliver on that outcome would in my opinion, and I suspect in many others opinion as well, be unacceptable. Not because I voted Remain or Leave but because this was the majority vote of the United Kingdom. And no, people who voted Leave do not lack intelligence nor are they country yokels as some have suggested. The contempt and ignorance displayed by some in the capital appals me. We elect our MPs and then the party holding the most seats normally form a government. Even if the vote produces a very small majority do we then go out again and have another general election to see if the result swings in a different direction – no of course we don't. So why should the referendum result be any different? Parliament – wrongly in my opinion - relinquished sovereignty to the people in 2016 by allowing a 'Peoples' Vote'. The electorate thus spoke and so Parliament must now implement the democratically arrived at wish of the people otherwise Parliament itself will be in contempt. Do we really want to see here what is being witnessed in France?

It is suggested in some quarters of the media that far too much attention is given to minority excesses and to gender fashions, so much so that it feels to the silent majority that such indulgences are being classified as the norm rather than the exception. The nature of our society is such that many are happy to listen to and to put up with these social constructs. But on the other hand there seems to be an intolerance of those that do not agree with or embrace or partake in such fashions. But surely in a free society the freedom to think, to say and to do is equally applicable to all. I can then empathise somewhat with those who feel they are witnessing the progressive whittling away of the established beliefs of a rational society.

Coincidentally the mention of rationality fits neatly into something I read recently where a volunteer was told to sign a document the contents of which were onerous and went beyond his principles. The purpose was simply a tick box exercise to show that the 'organisation' was conforming to a one size fits all 'safeguarding' ideology. The alternative was for him to cease as a volunteer in an activity he had devoted many years of his life to that had little to do with children. "What has happened to common sense?" was his riposte. Indeed...

Regular readers will know that I am in most parts a technophile but only in so far as it works for me and not me for it. I therefore owe my gratitude to Bret Stephens 'New York Times' for the following thought provoking slant on Tech deceptions: "The reason that technology so often disappoints and betrays us is that it promises to make easy things that, by their intrinsic nature, have to be hard. Tweeting and trolling are easy. Mastering the arts of conversation and measured debate is hard. Texting is easy. Writing a proper letter is hard.

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Looking stuff up on Google is easy. Knowing what to search for in the first place is hard. Having a thousand friends on Facebook is easy. Maintaining six or seven close adult friendships over the space of many years is hard. Swiping right on Tinder is easy. Finding love – and staying in it – is hard.”

Continuing on this technology topic many are wise to be watchful over the arrest of the CEO of the Chinese technology giant Huawei. Even GCHQ has issued warnings -about covert data being gathered by Huawei about individuals who use Huawei Smartphones – and is barring their use in UK intelligence establishments. Canada is also concerned as is the US. It is suggested this all has links to the Chinese Government’s desire to gather global intelligence in support of their ‘Social Credit’ system which rates citizens according to their trustworthiness – penalising them for ‘bad’ social behaviour and rewarding them for good – which has already had an impact on millions of Chinese people. One of the aims of the system is to make it more difficult for ‘bad’ citizens to move around. It is reported in ‘The Week’ that so far 11.1 million people have been blocked from flights and 4.25 million people from taking high speed trains.

To be warned is to be forearmed and as in everything use you Common Sense when downloading and or using Apps – they are not necessarily there for your benefit...

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