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



# Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club

Now that summer is upon us why not take a stroll to the club and enjoy some of the early evening sunshine with friends and family and sample some of our fine range of guest beers, lagers and wines not to mention our very popular gins, all the family are welcome including the dog.

As a committee we would like to thank all our members old and new for their support and custom throughout the first half of this year, we have enjoyed some fantastic events and evenings and we look forward to many more in the coming months, with your continued support.

After the success of last year's Craft Fair we will be holding another one this year, we do have limited spaces so if anyone is interested please leave a name and email address, or phone number with a member of staff at the club and we will contact you with the details.

## WHATS ON

- July 20th** **Live Music from Kim Lane**, tickets available at the bar.
- October 26th** **Children's Halloween Disco, Fancy dress.**
- November 16th** **Five Ska** are back sure to be a sell out, book early.
- November 24th** **Craft Fair.**
- New Years Eve** Back by popular request All Glammed Up.

## FRIDAY NIGHTS

Our members draw £100 takes place between 9.00 and 10.30, you must be in the club at the time to win it.

Members play your cards right as of June 10th over £3000 and the weekly meat draw are also available. Start the weekend off with a friendly drink and maybe go home a winner.

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At the time of writing my editorial, we have just had the Bottisham Village Fete. Following last year's WI led event, a committed group of people decided after its success, that we should have one again this year.

Despite the best efforts of mother nature to almost literally drown us out, the gods intervened just as yours truly had the honour of declaring the event open and the afternoon stayed dry and the gale that had been blowing most of the morning died away. Even the sun threatened to come out, but only showed herself through the thinning clouds.

The event was a great success with all the fun of the fair and more. The tea tent sold out of cakes. The Community Social Club's bar almost sold out of beer and the various stalls did a roaring trade. Entertainment was all around from the steel band to the racing horses, from the Gymnastic display to the Bowling and Archery. The Morris dancers always make an impact.

A large vote of thanks is due to everybody who was involved in making the afternoon so enjoyable.

If you decided not to come, you missed a great afternoon. If you know a good thing, you will keep an eye out for the date next year when I am sure it will continue as an annual event.

Wild flowers now and the search for whoever sowed the lovely patches of wildflowers out on the A1303 (the contractors?). At each of the road junctions next to the village a bright splash of colour made a delightful change from the perennial cow parsley. Inevitably when the county came to mow the verge, some of the flowers were obliterated. However if we think about that the next time the seeds are scattered (which I hope is done), sowing them close along the line of the hedge front would leave them out of the line of fire for the mowers. Line of sight at the junctions to see approaching traffic is essential for people leaving the village, and the height of the cornflowers and poppies does block the view.

While somebody out there is planting wild flowers we have notice that there will not be a village gardening show this year. It sounds like the old story of not enough people willing to organise the event. Usually well attended on the day and incorporating much more than just plants, last year's event was one of the best in recent years. (The Memsahib still has her '1st' red rosette on her desk!) That is a shame, but perhaps like the village fete there is a younger generation out there who would like to take up the mantle.

With both a letter from our county councillor and a mention in the PC report, cars and buses at the college and the primary school are being told to turn their engines off when stationary at the school. An obvious thing to do one would think.

What I also think would be just as obvious is for all the parents and children within the village to walk to school as some indeed do. The walk would do the kids (and some parents) good and would not only reduce the pollution but the traffic congestion too. It is a strange sight to see children being loaded into a car within a few hundred yards of the school, to be dropped off a few minutes later, before the choke has even had time to stop working (which is when the engine puts out the most pollution!). Allow the extra few minutes, save a few pounds and exercise the family all at the same time. Simples!, as the advert says.

No magazine next month, so have a good summer and see you in September.

Peter Walker, Your Editor.



# *Bottisham Village Fete 2019*



After months of hard work and planning, the day of the Fete finally arrived and the weather tested us to our limits! Putting up gazebos in driving rain and 40mph winds was an experience the committee and volunteers are not particularly keen to repeat any time soon. However, the true British spirit got us through it and just as the gates opened, the winds dropped and the rain stopped.

We were delighted (and relieved) to see so many people flooding through the gates. We have had so many wonderful comments about the success of the Fete, and how much people enjoyed the afternoon. There was a real sense of community spirit and support which was fabulous to see.

We had wonderful performances from local groups such as CGA Gymnastics and PWL; the archery, the football and the church games were extremely popular, and of course performances from the Devil's Dyke Morris Men, Fay Childs and George Breakfast, Splitz Theatre Arts and the Panic Steel Band were all fantastic. The "horse riding with a difference" raised the most excitement, particularly from the kids (both young and old!).

There were a lot of people who came together in order to make the fete such a success and we are particularly grateful to the following: the Scouts for battling the weather to erect their marquee which provided much needed shelter from the rain, and for their fabulous BBQ and litter picking duties; the local clubs who provided stalls and activities; the volunteers who manned the gates, sold raffle tickets, organised the site plan, worked like machines putting up gazebos, taking down gazebos and even making a plumbed-in sink for the WI tea tent! To the wonderful "Master of Ceremonies"; the WI for their fabulous cream teas and cakes; the school Caretaker was invaluable in her support, as was the school in allowing us to use their grounds. We are also grateful to the Parish Council for providing funding for the Fete, and The Cresset for sponsoring the printing for the event. And finally, a big thank you to the local community for coming along (over 650 of you) and supporting this village event, and for showing what a lovely community we have.

And so, to the future.....If you had asked the committee at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning whether we would do this again next year, the answer would have been a definite NO, however by 6 o'clock that evening we were all saying let's do it again! So please do let us know if you have any ideas for next year as we plan to build on the successes of the last two years, and will endeavour to make sure our village has a yearly Fete.

*Bottisham Village Fete Committee*

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## ***Letter to the Editor***

### **Dear Peter,**

At the Bottisham APM a gentleman who lives near the school challenged (quite rightly) me with regard to the buses leaving their engines running outside the schools. I spoke to the relevant committee Chairman and as a result this letter has gone to our school transport bus companies. I thought this might be of interest to the village.

*Kind regards - Mathew Shuter, County Councillor*

### **Dear Operator**

#### **Re. Vehicle Emissions - at School / Day Centre Sites**

Following on from recent concerns raised in the National Press around high levels of vehicle emission pollution which is affecting the health of the public particularly around young people, the council has recognised that it must play its part in reducing this risk where possible. Therefore as a council we wish to ensure that our contracted transport provision is setting the best possible example regarding vehicle's operating in and around our Schools and Day centre facilities.

We are therefore requesting that when contracted transport vehicles are stationary on or near a School/Day centre site the vehicle engine is SWITCHED OFF, however short any wait may be. This is aimed to reducing emission levels at the point Children/ Service Users are boarding or alighting vehicles.

We thank you for your support in reducing emitted emissions levels around these facilities.

## *Services in the Anglesey Benefice - July/Aug. 2019*

Wed July 3rd	8pm	“C by C” (Short candlelit meditative service) at Bottisham
Sun July 7th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Swaffham Bulbeck
	9.30am	Morning Service at Swaffham Bulbeck
	9.30am	Village Worship in Quy Village Hall
	11am	Holy Communion at Bottisham
Sun July 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Family Holy Communion at Lode
Sun July 21st	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Bottisham
	9.30am	Holy Communion at Quy
	11am	Family Service at Swaffham Prior
Sun July 28th	9.30am	Children’s Church at Lode
	11am	Holy Communion at Swaffham Prior
Sun August 4th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Swaffham Bulbeck
	9.30am	Morning Service at Swaffham Bulbeck
	9.30am	Village Worship in Quy Village Hall
	11am	Holy Communion at Bottisham
Wed August 7th	8pm	“C by C” (Short candlelit meditative service) at Bottisham
Sun August 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Family Holy Communion at Lode
Sun August 18th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Bottisham
	9.3 am	Holy Communion at Quy
	11am	Matins at Swaffham Prior
Sun August 25th	9.30am	Children’s Church at Lode
	11am	Holy Communion at Swaffham Prior

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Unfortunately Rev. Alan is recovering from an operation at the moment. He will be continuing his series on Love from 1 Corinthians 13 in the next issue. In the meantime here is one of my favourite little poems on the subject – it is called ‘Outwitted’ and it’s by Edwin Markham (1852-1940):

He drew a circle that shut me out—  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took him in!

That is our aim at RENEW Church, to draw a circle that takes people in. Please come, we’d love to see you! The times of our Sunday worship services are shown below.

*Peter Wells.*

## RENEW Services for July and August 2019

Morning worship at Bottisham Primary School will continue on Sundays as usual through July and August. Croissants and drinks are available from 10.10 am.

The services begin at 10.30 am  
Everyone is welcome.

We have activity groups for children and young people

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:  
Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558. Email: [alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk](mailto:alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk)  
Or visit our website at [www.renewchurch.org.uk](http://www.renewchurch.org.uk)

## *Letter to the Editor*

I should like to thank whoever was responsible, either group or individual who planted the poppy and other wildflower seeds in several places along the A1303. The flowers were much appreciated by one and all.

At a recent Meeting Point meeting (Wednesday mornings in the Poppy Room) we had a visit from a member of the Care Network team based in Sawston who was on a fact - finding exercise to explore the facilities available to all Bottisham residents, not necessarily the older community. The 3 volunteers on duty were able to give her a long list and surprised ourselves of what is available. She commented that we compared most favourably with other villages. She will be coming again shortly to familiarise herself with the Red to Green café and plant shop and will also go into the public library also run by volunteers. The opportunities are there – please please use them. There is no need to feel lonely.

I started this in a good mood. What a shame that the grasscutters cut the beautiful blooms with many more flowers to come down before it was needed. I question whether they needed to be so severe. I am glad we went on the previous weekend to photograph them.

*Sylvia Overton*



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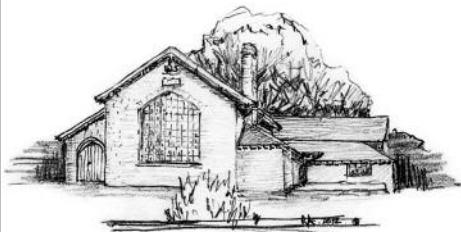
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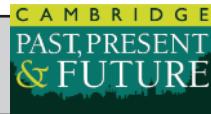
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## **In Situ: Theatre at The Leper Chapel: Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare Thurs 4 July – Sat 6 July: 8pm**

Join In Situ: theatre for Shakespeare's history play and tragedy of political assassination and civil war. Tickets £15 available in advance at [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) and at the venue from 7.30pm. The Leper Chapel, CB5 8JJ – opposite Cambridge United. No parking on site.

## **Coton Countryside Walk: Coton Reserve–Madingley Rise–American Cemetery Saturday 6 July: 10am to 3pm**

Join us for a sociable 7.5 mile long countryside walk around picturesque Coton village and its beautiful surroundings. No need to book. Free, donations are appreciated. Meeting point is the Martin Car Park at Coton Reserve, Grantchester Road, Coton.

## **Hinxton Watermill Open Day, Sunday 7 July: 2.30pm to 5.30pm**

See the mill in action, riverside walk and 'Where's Ratty' game for children. NB: CambridgePPF members can visit for free. For non-members entry is £3 for adults, £1 for children. No need to book. Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD

## **Wandlebury Adventures: Den Building and knots (for unaccompanied 8-12 year olds), Mon 8 July: 6pm to 8pm**

Have a blast building a construction using knots! £15 each individual session. Based in the Stable Rooms at Wandlebury, CB22 3AE. Booking in advance essential by email [enquiries@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeppf.org) or telephone 01223 243830

## **Wild Flowers of Wandlebury in Summer, Tue 9 July: 10am to 12pm**

Learn more about wild flowers found at Wandlebury. Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE

## **In Situ: Theatre at The Leper Chapel: Hamlet by William Shakespeare, Sat 13 July and Sun 14 July: 8pm**

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## **Moths at Wandlebury, Fri 19 July: 7.30pm-late or Sat 20 July: 6am to 9am**

Come and learn about hundreds of species of common and rarer moths, Wandlebury Country Park, CB22 3AE

## **In Situ: Theatre at The Leper Chapel: The Demon Lover by Elizabeth Bowen, Sat 20 July: 8pm**

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## **In Situ: Theatre at The Leper Chapel: Tales of Mystery and Imagination, Sun 21 July: 8pm**

The "uncanny boundary between life and death" feature in two of the best of Edgar Allan Poe's famous collection of short stories. Tickets £15 available in advance at [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) and at the venue from 7.30pm. The Leper Chapel, CB5 8JJ – opposite Cambridge United. No parking on site.

## **In Situ: Theatre at The Leper Chapel: Ghost Stories, Sat 27 July: 8pm Bourn Windmill**

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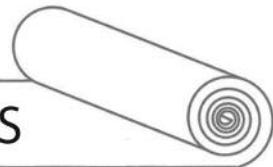


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**Directions:** Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

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## ***Anglesey Branch Mothers' Union Report***

Our guest speaker in May was Rev'd Professor Gina Radford. She lead us through a fun question and answer session on hymns and their writers. Many people enjoy singing hymns whether it is traditional, gospel or modern. They have very personal meanings and memories for each individual, often marking important events during our lives. However, we rarely look at when and by whom they were written. This was very enlightening, and enhanced our knowledge on the writers' background.

The oldest hymn ever written in 200AD was by Clement of Alexandria 150-215. He was a Christian theologian who taught at the Catechetical School of Alexandria. Probably the first hymn written in modern English which begins "Glory to Thee, my God, this night, /For all the blessings of the light; / Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, / Beneath Thine own almighty wings" was given to us by Thomas Ken (1637-1711). He was an Anglican Bishop, hymn writer and Royal Chaplain to Charles II of England.

Charles Wesley is said to have written 6,500 hymns. These include the well-loved hymns "Love Divine, all loves excelling", "Rejoice the Lord is King" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul".

American hymn writer Fanny Crosby 1820 -1915 wrote more than 9,000 hymns. Fanny was blind and only had sight for the first six weeks of her life. Two of her best known hymns are "Blessed Assurance" and "To God be the Glory".

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847 wrote "Abide with me" in 1847. This was set to music whilst he lay dying. Today the hymn is usually sung to the more modern tune 'Eventide' written by William Henry Monk.

In 1855, while staying in Ontario, Joseph M Scriven received news from Ireland of his mother being terribly ill. He wrote a poem to comfort his mother called "Pray Without Ceasing". It was later set to music and renamed becoming the hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus".

Famous poet John Milton 1608-74 is the youngest hymn writer. He wrote "Let us with a gladsome mind" at the age of 15 as a paraphrase to Psalm 136.

At the end of her talk the branch presented Gina with a card and small keepsake to wish her well on her move to a new parish in Devon.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. In July our speaker will be a volunteer of the Service by Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV) Suffolk & Cambridgeshire. (A charity organisation transporting blood, blood products, breast milk, patient samples 24 hours a day, 365 days a year). You are most welcome to come and join us.



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The Council have been liaising with the village storekeepers, looking for solutions to the car parking problems around the ‘triangle.’ Our thanks must now go to them for their work in upgrading the car park (provided for the tenants and staff) at the rear of the shops, to encourage parking there. This has been neglected and overgrown for a long time, with the owner unwilling to invest in the site. Bill Sumner of Bottisham Village Stores liaised with other shop owners and together they have cleared a large area of overgrown brush. The drainage will also be improved to prevent the heavy flooding which inhibits the car park from being used. The road surface will be repaired and the car park lit at night to improve safety. The initial works have already resulted in many more vehicles using the area, so freeing up space for customers at the front. We had discussed installing an extra lay-by around the ‘triangle’, but are monitoring the situation in the hope that this will not now be needed.

At our recent Annual Parish Meeting, a parishioner complained about buses at the Village College leaving their engines running, resulting in heightened levels of emission pollution. County Councillor Shuter took this on board and spoke to the Transport Manager at the County Council. He agreed that they should be doing more to reduce vehicle emissions around schools and daycentres and has sent a letter to all bus operators in Cambridgeshire. This requests that drivers, when stationary on site, turn off their engines, no matter how short the stay. County Councillor Shuter urged any resident who felt this was not being adhered to, to take the number plate and time and report this to the County Council.

The bus shelter for the new A1303 installation (towards Cambridge) has now been ordered and should be almost ready for installation in the next couple of weeks. Disappointingly, whilst this is going ahead, the bus shelter on the other side of the A1303 has been vandalised. Not content with kicking out the Perspex panels, the vandals have bent or torn out the frames that the Perspex fits into and broken the holder for the timetables. This will now result in an insurance claim. A waste of money and my time! Please report to the police any suspicious behaviour you may see in the village.

There have been problems with the grass cutting as a new ‘team’ get used to the area they have to cut. Hopefully these have been ironed out now, but please let me know if somewhere has been missed.

Recently Lucy Frazer MP wrote to us concerning a ‘bus strategy’. She is consulting with all parish councils, asking for their views on what improvements to the service they would like to see. This was discussed with residents who came to the Annual Parish Meeting. We replied to say we wanted an evening and Sunday service and also some consideration as to how students can get to sixth form colleges. Another suggestion was a service that ran to Cambridge North railway station. Our District Councillors have been liaising with other villages in the ward serviced by the no. 11 bus, and are hoping to get representatives from them together to discuss the matter.

Lastly, congratulations and thanks must go to the Committee who organised an excellent village fete, with the weather clearing up to allow for a good turnout. The earlier wind/rain

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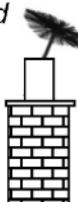
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was a challenge setting up. Parish Council spent a long morning erecting, then having our gazebo destroyed by the elements. Fortunately we were offered shelter for our stall elsewhere and had a good afternoon engaging with residents about any concerns. A second objective was to attract new parish councillors – we are still short in numbers by 5!! Please see the advertisement in the Cresset and if you think you would like to get involved, please contact myself or our Chairman Jon Ogborn. Our next meeting is Monday 1st July in the Poppy Room at the Community Sports and Social Club, 7.30pm. If you would like to see what goes on at a meeting, you are welcome to attend. Please note we do not meet in August. Enjoy the summer everyone!

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

## ***Planning Notes***

19/00697/FUL, Post Office, 12 High Street. Provision of a link structure to enable covered areas from retail unit to rear store area. NEW APPLICATION

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## **Public Transport Matters**

My apologies to anyone who was put off travelling in London by my declaring in my last article that the cost of a single bus ticket in London was £150 rather than the accurate £1.50! As I write, a date for the commencement of the works for the A1303 bus service 12 bus stop has still not been confirmed. The Highways dept. have received a cost for the installation but that had to be agreed and the works ordered. Apparently the residents of Rotherham now have a new bus shelter at a cost of £6000 at a site where no buses have run since March!

Plans to cut congestion in Cambridge city are often in the news. Possible new travel hubs and potential routes for a new mass public transport link from the A1307 would mean that thousands could access the city without driving. This is being planned by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) joint assembly. A public consultation on links from the A1307 to the city could begin in September. It is to support the thousands of extra jobs and homes planned for Greater Cambridge. There has been a public consultation on ways to cut congestion, improve air quality and double public transport provisions. More than 5000 people took part. More than 70 per cent of people preferred a new travel hub over a multi storey car park on the existing Trumpington Park and Ride site. It would have more parking spaces and secure and sheltered cycling spaces with lockers to encourage more people to cycle, walk or use public transport to get to the city. People do want to have reduced traffic and better public transport as options to using their cars, particularly at peak times, says Councillor Lewis Herbert. Rail commuters will also benefit from 2,000 extra seats at peak time with a new Govia Thameslink railway timetable which started in May. The frequency of the Cambridge-Brighton rail link Monday to Friday will be doubled with two trains running per hour each way. The chief executive of GTR says the service has been well received. There will also be extra weekend services including new and reinstated trains. He says that leisure travellers will love the new service too. There are now 31 additional services on weekdays, 13 of which are at peak times. Full details are available on the National Rail website regarding a replacement bus service between Watton at Stone and Stevenage for maintenance and delivery of a fifth platform at Stevenage.

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*Happy travelling - Paddy James*



# Saplings

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It has been a busy term for us at Saplings. We have recently had an Ofsted inspection, and are thrilled with the outcome of being rated "Good".

Lunch club is proving popular, and it is a lovely social time for the children to eat together.

We have improved our outdoor play space. Our mud kitchen and sand pit have had a revamp, and we now have a den building area. Thank you to the Parish Council for a grant which we will use to continue to improve the outdoor play area.

We recently asked the village to respond to a questionnaire about what you need from Saplings.

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to give us feedback. From this, we have extended our opening hours. From September we will be open longer on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9am-3pm.

If you are interested in sessions in September, please email [enquiries@saplingsbottisham.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@saplingsbottisham.co.uk). or phone 01223 813226. Even better pop in and come for a play to see what we are offering.

*Saplings Preschool Committee*



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We often tell you what the 1st Bottisham Scout Group get up to locally, but Scouting holds all kinds of activities at District level (Newmarket in the case of 1st Bottisham), County wide, Nationally and Internationally. For example, thousands of Scouts from across the world, including a strong UK contingent, will be heading to the '4 yearly' World Jamboree, held this summer in West Virginia, USA. 1st Bottisham have recently been involved in one National event – The Scout National Archery Competition 2019. Philip Watson, one of our Scout Leaders tells us about the experience:

"What do you get when 300+ Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders from all over the UK converge on Phasels Wood Scout Centre near St. Albans for a weekend in early May?

Under normal circumstances it would point toward a lot of fun and probably a campfire or two, but when you add in 300+ bows and arrows you get the UK's largest archery competition! In this case the 14th Scout National Archery Tournament and 1st Bottisham have been taking part since 2009!

With nine archery ranges it is a logistical nightmare but the organisers, Scout Leaders from Hampshire Scout Archery Club take it all in their stride. Those ranges encompass target archery (what most people think of as archery, with targets lined up and archers all shooting together), field archery (simulated hunting in a woodland setting with targets at unknown distances and random (and challenging!) locations and clout archery (simulated warfare!) with archers trying to get their arrows as close to the clout (cloth) as possible. No easy task when the clout is 100yds away and is just a flag set in the ground!

Clout is always a huge challenge as everyone shoots supplied equipment rather than their own so there are always plenty of 'nowt for clout' badges awarded to those who despite best efforts score zero and can claim their special badge.

Everyone's favourite is field. The Scouter responsible for the courses each year takes great pride in making them different, challenging but also fun for each age group. 1st Bottisham, true to the Scout Motto, did their best and were rewarded with a great medal haul:-

Explorer YL, Jasper (Gold in the U18 Clout and Gold in the U18 40yd Compound)

Explorer YL, Flo (Silver in the U18 40yd recurve)

Mary Watson, Troup Asst. (Gold in the O18 40yd Longbow)

Kate Watts, Troup Asst. (Silver in the O18 20yd recurve)

Paula Langton, OH (Silver in the O18 40yd recurve)

We also missed out (by just 8 points) on a Bronze for Scarlet in the U14 20yd recurve."

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to the leaders who once again gave up their time. Our fundraising continues, this time at the wonderful Bottisham village fete, although I'm not sure we used the term wonderful on the Saturday morning, when trying to erect the Scout marquee in the pouring rain in 40mph gusts of wind! But what a fabulous afternoon, with lots of people turning out and having fun, and lots of charities and groups like ourselves being seen - and making some money to fill the coffers! A huge thank you to the organisers; you know who you are!

As always please drop me a line about anything Scouting related and if the piece on Archery has interested you then why not give it a try – Philip runs Peacock Archers from Bottisham [www.peacock-archery.co.uk](http://www.peacock-archery.co.uk) for all ages and abilities, including complete novices (see ad in the magazine). Happy summer!

Linda Jones Chair, 1st Bottisham Exec committee [lindakinglouis@aol.com](mailto:lindakinglouis@aol.com)

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# Bottisham Sports Centre

We are extremely excited to share with you our refurbishment plans for the Sports Centre. During the summer, the swimming pool will be re-lined and the changing rooms a much-needed makeover. In addition, the fitness suite will also undergo some changes with new gym equipment and set up. The new gym equipment will include 3 treadmills, 2 bikes, 2 cross trainers, 'smith' machine and full set of dumbbells. In addition, we will be having new upholstery on all our resistance machines.

This is a significant project and therefore the swimming pool and changing rooms need to close, to allow the work to take place. The last day the swimming pool will be open is Thursday 27 June, closing from Friday 28 June to Sunday 8 September. If it is possible to open the swimming pool facilities earlier, we will inform you.

Please note: all other aspects of the Bottisham Sports Centre membership will continue to be available as normal; Badminton; Tennis; Fitness Suite and Fitness Classes.

*Oliver Swan-Taylor, Centre Manager 01223 811121*



**Copy deadline for next issue is 14 August.**

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An advertisement for the Cambs FA Business League Cup. It features a logo with a crown and the text 'CAMBS FA BUSINESS LEAGUE CUP'. Below the logo, the title 'Cambs FA Business League Cup' is prominently displayed in large blue letters. A subtext explains the purpose: 'The Cambs FA Business League Cup is fast, fun, accessible football. This is a fantastic opportunity for people to get fit and healthy, promote wellbeing in the workplace and play the beautiful game.' A list of benefits includes: 'Weekly fixtures', 'FA Full-Time fixture and results recording', 'League and cup rounds', 'Delivered by a Cambs FA Co-Ordinator', and 'FA Qualified referees'. To the right, details about the competition are provided: 'VENUE' (Bottisham Village College 3G), 'KICK-OFFS' (Tuesday evenings 7:00 or 8:00pm), 'COST' (£25 per team each match-day), 'FORMAT' (5 a-side / 40 minute games / 10 week playing season), and 'SPACE' (8 Teams). At the bottom, contact information is given: 'Contact Ashley Dean T 01223 209034 E [Ashley.Dean@CambridgeshireFA.com](mailto:Ashley.Dean@CambridgeshireFA.com)' and the website 'www.cambridgeshirefa.com'.

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An advertisement for Bottisham Nursery. It features a colorful handprint graphic. The text reads: 'BOTTISHAM NURSERY SPACES STILL AVAILABLE'. A list of key points follows: '30 hours free childcare available for eligible working parents', 'Some spaces remaining for September 2019', 'Enquire at the Primary school office for more information', and 'Telephone: 01223 811235'. Below this, a paragraph invites visitors to the nursery: 'Come and visit our happy, child-led nursery. Our specialist members of staff will be excited to welcome you and show you around. Wonderful outdoor provision and a warm nurturing space. We look forward to hearing from you.' The address 'Beechwood Avenue, Bottisham CB25 9BE' is also provided. At the bottom, the website 'www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk' and email 'email: [office@bottisham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bottisham.cambs.sch.uk); [twitter.com/BottishamPri](https://twitter.com/BottishamPri)' are listed.

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News about the shortage of GPs and staffing in some practices emphasises how fortunate we are with our practice here. Nevertheless our doctors still welcome any suggestions to make things better for their patients, which is where our Patient Group comes in, illustrated by the recent automation of the entrance doors as we had requested.

**Tombola and Red Bucket:** Despite the inclement weather our stall at the Bottisham Village Fete together with the Red Bucket raised a further £121.30 towards our funds saving to buy extra equipment for the surgery. Our thanks to all who contributed.

**On Line:** We are asked to use the on line service to book appointments and for repeat prescriptions wherever possible.

**Missed Appointments:** There are still too many missed appointments, which could have been given to another patient needing one. This also costs the NHS money so please cancel with reception if you are not going to attend. You can arrange with reception to have a text reminder sent to you if this would help.

**Extended Hours:** From 1 July there will be extra appointment times on Mondays and Tuesdays with pre bookable appointments from 7am and over the lunch time period 12 – 3pm. These appointments will only be pre-bookable and on line. The surgery phone line will not open earlier.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 5 and 24 July, 9 and 21 August, 13 and 25 September 2019. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Walks from Anglesey Abbey continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be **Thursday 25 July 2019 at 6.30pm** at the surgery.

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

Many apologies to the leader of our Lego Club as I got her name wrong. It is of course Morven LANGDON and I should have known better (she says she has been called much worse!!) Sorry. July dates for the Lego Club are Saturdays 6th and 27th July.

We shall be holding our AGM in the Library on Tuesday 9th July at 7.00pm. Please come. Sue Wills, Head of the Cambridgeshire Library Service will give a short presentation.

We held a successful book sale at the Village Fair and made a good contribution to our funds from the sale of books recently donated. Thanks to all concerned.

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*Sylvia Overton*



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## **District Councillors' Report**

May has been busy with induction meetings at the District Council and starting to get to know the Parish Councils in Bottisham ward.

The Annual Council Meeting on Thursday 30 May 2019 largely decided and noted Council Appointments. There was one policy motion and adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan. We have both been appointed to the Finance & Assets Committee and John has been appointed to the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee meets once a month and visits all the sites under consideration in the morning. They then meet to discuss and decide each application in the afternoon. John's first meeting was on 12th June and didn't finish until 6.30pm, which he was told was not unusual.

The policy motion, which was seconded by Charlotte, committed the Council to revisit its plans for the MOD site which it is buying in Ely. Before the motion the Council was going sell all but 15 of the 92 properties on the open market. The 15 were to be sold as affordable shared ownership properties, with none available for rent. The motion asks the Council to allocate at least 46 of the houses as affordable, with a significant proportion of those available for affordable rent. There are 710 applicants on the waiting list for social housing and the Council has a target of 130 new affordable homes each year – a target it has not met since 2007/8. These 46 affordable homes would set us on track to meet that target in 2019/20 and offer homes to some of the 710 applicants on the waiting list.

Officers have been working on figures for the various options and there will be a special Council meeting on 19 June to agree what number of affordable houses could be delivered and how many of these could be for rent. The proposal will then be put to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA). The reason they are involved, is because the Government funding for affordable housing was given to the CPCA rather than to District Councils. We hope the CPCA will be willing to provide grant funding to allow East Cambridgeshire to deliver more affordable houses on the scheme.

The Sutton Neighbourhood Plan was adopted as part of the District's Development Plan. This means that all planning applications in the Sutton Area will be assessed against their Plan. They are only the second Parish in the District to have a Neighbourhood Plan, with 6 other Parishes working on their plans. There were calls for the District to give more encouragement and support to Parishes to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan.

Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Monday 22 July at 6.30-7.45 pm at the Memorial Hall Brinkley, followed by a 'Meet your Councillors' at 8.00pm in the Red Lion, Brinkley. Following that, we will hold a Surgery on Thursday 22 August at 6.30-7.45 pm in the Village Hall Swaffham Prior, followed by a 'Meet your Councillors' at 8.00pm in the Red Lion, Swaffham Prior.

*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp, June 2019*

### **Morgan Wright**

Malcolm, Bonny and Kyla would like to thank all of you who kindly passed on your condolences and support on the sudden loss of Mogs in March this year to Sepsis. Your thoughtful words and generous contributions to UK Sepsis Trust in his memory have and continue to give us all much solace - *Malcolm Wright*

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The future of our WEA class in Bottisham is very uncertain.

The Government has decided that devolved authorities should now be responsible for adult education. The WEA's bid for funds to Mayor Palmer was refused and as a result there will be no funding for any WEA classes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

At present it looks as though costs for students will be unacceptably high but we are still trying to come to some arrangement with WEA. If this proves impossible we are looking at other ways of running a course.

We do hope that you will continue to support us and we will keep you informed of our progress in the September issue.

*Valerie Leake, Chairman*



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Peter Hains, a previous warden at the Village College, who recently trained as a Cambridge Blue Badge Guide treated us to an imaginary walk through the City focussing on the literary students who attended the many colleges. Milton attended Christ's College and is reputed to have written Paradise Lost whilst sitting under the Mulberry tree in the garden. He had lost his sight to glaucoma so this makes the poem even more impressive. Colin Dexter was another student as was C P Snow who wrote novels on University life. Jesus College had students Laurence Sterne, Samuel Taylor Coleridge and more recently Nick Hornby who taught briefly at Parkside School.

Samuel Pepys studied at Magdalene College – his diary completed between the ages of 27 to 36 years old was originally written in code and is now in the Pepys Library which houses his personal library. Charles Kingsley, C S Lewis and Julian Fellowes were also at Magdalene. Peter read excerpts from the various books and poems and was a most interesting and entertaining speaker. He will certainly have to return and take us on the next part of the journey.

We reached the finals of the Cambridge Federation Darts Competition but sadly lost to Waterbeach WI, the eventual winners, in the semi-final.

We were involved with running a cake stall (a good boost to our funds) and providing teas throughout the afternoon at the Village Fete. Fortunately the weather improved during the day but I understand the gazebo will not live to fight another day. Thank you to all members who helped in providing cakes or on the day.

There will be a walk on the evening of Thursday 4th July from the Triangle for a meal at the Black Horse Swaffham Bulbeck and we have also arranged a coach outing to Woburn Abbey on Tuesday 13th August. The cost will be £25 to cover travel and the entrance fee – Please contact Jenn White on 01223 811600 if you are interested in either of these events.

At our next meeting on 16th July Nick Wyatt will speak on Recycling. Our raffle proceeds will be passed to the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity and members are asked to wear yellow.

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*Sylvia Overton*

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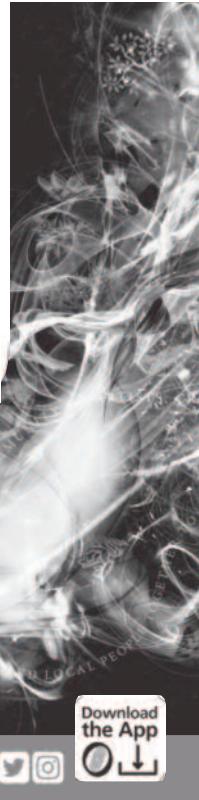
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With temperatures forecast to be similarly high to last year, fires in open areas of land can easily spread and become out of control.

Group Commander Paul Clarke, head of community fire safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We want to help ensure that people enjoy the sunny weather while it's here safely. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread. Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can develop quickly."

There are seven simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

### Help prevent outdoor fires

- 1** Ensure cigarettes are fully extinguished before disposing of



- 3** Disposable barbecues should be placed on bricks - do not place directly on to grass



- 5** If lighting a bonfire, ensure it is away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property - **NEVER** leave it unattended. Ensure it is completely extinguished when leaving it



- 2** Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation



- 4** Dispose of glass bottles properly - the sun's rays can shine through the glass, causing a fire



- 6** Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface away from buildings, grass and shrubs



- 7** Talk to your children about the dangers of starting fires outside. Remember - arson is a crime



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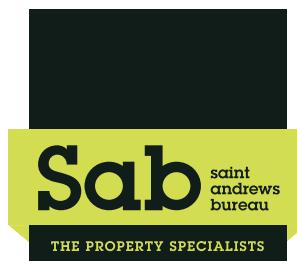
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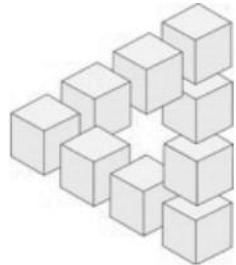
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Peter Jackson who recently retired from Scotsdales kindly stepped in at the last moment to talk about growing fruit and vegetables.

He explained that with the tendency to smaller gardens and the changing weather conditions we have to learn to adapt. Potatoes are now grown in sacks and many plants can be grown in containers, hanging baskets, growbags and raised beds. Crops and yields are very good especially if they are on grafted stock – similar crop from 3 grafted tomato plants compared with 15 of the old plants. He suggested we grow what we like, fruit and veg not often available in supermarkets and grow in smaller quantities from seed (seed can be kept for many years if it is stored in an airtight container). Fruit trees are now much smaller and can be grown in various shapes. Aim to eat all the crop as due to warmer winters and no cellars or cold pantries it is very difficult to store fruit. It is not cheap to grow vegetables and fruit and there is obviously a lot of hard work involved but the taste more than makes up for it. He completed his most interesting talk with pictures explaining his talk and answered several questions from the floor.

As I write there are still places available on our summer outing to the **RHS Garden at Hyde Hall in Rettendon on Wednesday 17th July**. Coach fare and entrance is £15 per person for members and non-members are most welcome at £20 per person. Please contact Peter Bullock on 01223 811716 if you are interested.

Members are reminded of the visit to the **Mill Garden, Impington evening visit on Tuesday 13th August**. Transport is available if necessary.

We ran a gardening stall on behalf of our club at the Bottisham Village Fete and made a healthy profit from the plants on sale. Thank you to the many contributors and helpers on the day.

**GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW** - I regret to tell you that the Club will not be holding an Annual Show this year. It has been a regular community event for over 40 years (the only year we missed was Princess Diana's funeral). The committee are all volunteers, several with commitments to several other village groups and are unable to take on this considerable workload. A Show takes a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes in arranging the day. Sorry.

*Sylvia Overton*

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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

Not for the first time, I find myself writing this page in a beautiful European city, bathed in the early Summer sunshine, whilst on England 'duty'! This time the city is Porto, the scene of Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur Wellesley's (later the 1st Duke of Wellington) famous defeat of Napoleon's army back in May 1809, which effectively saved Portugal from French rule and underlined the oldest military alliance in the world (founded in 1386 as the Aliança Luso-Britânica and still in force today!)

But there was to be no English victory in the Nations League semi-final against Holland. With Southgate leaving out all Spurs and Liverpool players, England looked leggy and unimaginative, and succumbed to Holland's energetic high press. The Dutch possessed little cutting edge – as demonstrated in the final, losing to Portugal – but were gifted their win by an unusually benevolent English defence.

The defence was much tighter in the 3rd/4th play-off but we still lacked a goal threat and were relieved to see Pickford save the day by scoring our 5th penalty and saving the Swiss 6th in the shootout. A dull, pedestrian encounter, but at least we enjoyed the sunshine, in stark contrast with the soaking we took before and after the Holland game! I must just mention an extraordinary thing that happened as we were returning to our coach, via the Guimaraes town centre, after the Switzerland game: the local population lined the street in the main square and applauded the thousands of passing England supporters. We'd never seen anything like it before and, I'm guessing, neither had they! Lovely people!

Well, predictably enough, Liverpool won the European Cup in a very disappointing final against Spurs - the first time in the tournament's history that the match was completed with no yellow cards issued by the referee. He had his moment though when, in the first minute, doubtless with the forthcoming rule change in mind, he awarded a controversial penalty against the arm-waving Sissoko for a 'deliberate' handball. The die was cast, and thereafter Liverpool never really looked in danger of conceding a goal from a Spurs side, busy, but bereft of invention. If I was Lucas Moura, who was cruelly dropped by Pochettino after his semi-final hat-trick, in favour of a half-fit Kane, I would take my runners-up medal and run off to find another club! Well done both teams for an over-achieving season - they both secured some fantastic results but they look a way off being hailed as the two top teams in Europe!

On the same night, Andy Ruiz Jr, a somewhat lardy looking Mexican American, produced an unlikely attack on Anthony Joshua, after being floored himself in the third round, to strip Joshua of his World Heavyweight Boxing titles, proving yet again that anything is possible in sport, especially when the underdog has nothing to lose. Ruiz, a late replacement challenger, was 25/1 against for goodness' sake! Joshua retorted that this 'minor setback' would not prevent him making a triumphant return in the re-match; let's hope he has recovered his focus by then, after having succumbed to complacency this time!

In the meantime, I couldn't help a wry smile in May when I read that the Kick It Out campaign had to issue a hurried apology to Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club following an unwelcome, but highly predictable, comment from their Head of Development

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**(Sports Nut continued.)**

(whatever that is) Mr Troy Townsend suggesting that the club's sacking of manager Chris Hughton may have been racially motivated. Townsend repeatedly cites racism as the cause of disparity between the number of black and minority ethnic players in the country and the number who follow the managerial route. But, to (mis)quote William Shakespeare: "He doth protest too much, methinks!" Not only is he fundamentally misinterpreting the statistics, given that many black European and African millionaires have not the slightest interest in pitching themselves into the cauldron of management, he is actually setting the equality agenda back years by playing the race card every time someone with a brown skin suffers a setback. I didn't notice him bleating about the treatment of white managers when Frenchman Claude Puel was sacked by Leicester City in February, or when former England boss Steve McLaren was dismissed by Queens Park Rangers after only 11 months in post, did you? I could go on... but I won't.

Also in the meantime, the ICC World Cup began at The Oval at the end of May with England trouncing South Africa, thanks to a scintillating display of batting, bowling and fielding from Ben Stokes, including - of course- THAT CATCH! Such moments are what draw us irresistibly to elite sport and the Bottisham boys were privileged to savour another "I was there" moment with which to bore our grandchildren in the future!

On the local cricket scene, I am delighted to begin regular updates on the exploits of Bottisham & Lode Cricket Cub. At the time of writing the season's stats are P3 W2 L1. i.e. Wins over Cambridge III's and NCI II's by 32 runs and 8 runs respectively, but a 38-run defeat by Over. Callum Fullwood, currently tops the batting averages, scoring two half centuries already, with Tim Sale and Jordan Haynes also posting fifties. Pick of the bowling to date is Will Allen with 4 for 26 versus NCI.

For prospective spectators, upcoming fixtures at The Fassage, Lode are: -

13/7. v Over - 13th July, 27/7. v NCI II

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*TTFN Gerry Daish*

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### **ARE WE SEEING THE RENAISSANCE OF A 'RURAL COMMUNITY'?**

As Bottisham has grown I've frequently heard it said that it's all happening far too quickly to be sustainable and that this is not helping to facilitate a proper rural 'Community Feel'. Others have commented that there are broader matters influencing the natural village environment which require better communication and more rigorous reflection. I do empathise wholeheartedly with both viewpoints but in order to revive or to instil a 'community spirit' you need a willing community. Sadly, my belief has been that we in Bottisham have tolerated 'Community Inertia' and so, over many years, have lost what was once a 'willing rural community' - most probably caused by above average growth for the size of village we are but also likely to be influenced by communities existing within a community.

Quite by coincidence this topic of 'community spirit' cropped up again recently whilst chatting with a number of acquaintances both old and new. Examples were conveyed about how some villages - where 'community forums' exist in one guise or another - pull together to promote a particular community project or objective. In these 'forums' community matters are raised and, where relevant, are proactively addressed allowing initiatives to be put in place without the burden or bureaucracy of local government. Often overseen by a small nucleus of folk this band of willing volunteers involve themselves in the sort of 'community action' that often sits outside the scope or remit of a Parish Council. And what makes these 'forums' truly remarkable is that local people are willing to be co-opted to help when a specific expertise or a vocational skill is needed. Furthermore these 'forums' can confront any issue and can formally represent a desired outcome or a particular opinion on an important concern.

It's gladdening therefore that we are at last experiencing some examples of an awakening particularly in the form of the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club from what was the Bottisham Royal British Legion. And it's heart-warming that the village has not lost the BRBL completely and that it will still continue to use the facilities of 'The Club' as its base. But let's not leave it there, we also have the Village Fete Committee which has built on the enormously successful event staged last year by the WI and thanks must also go to the Primary School for once again hosting this occasion. Alas we were away – again – but I understand that many attractions were there and that there were opportunities to converse with local groups, clubs and societies.

Now whilst on the topic of local groups, I have heard mention about the probable cessation of the once very popular Bottisham Players - our very own local 'Am Dram' group that entertained this village for well over 40 years with at least two productions a year plus a pantomime. Could the remaining committee members possibly be persuaded, perhaps with the help of a willing resident(s) who knows about these things, to have another go at resurrecting this once 'village treasure'? Surely if Swaffham Bulbeck can do it... I do wonder what happened to those wonderfully heady days!

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Bottisham did in fact have a vaguely similar forum specifically set up for the new Millennium in 2000 but the departure of a leading figure saw this fold for lack of leadership. Should a similar ‘community forum’ ever be considered for Bottisham it could for example inspire action in support of local clubs, societies and groups, even help form new groups to reflect the changing diversity of our rural community. A ‘community forum’ could even spearhead and develop ideas for improved community cohesion leading to an enriched community spirit. An annual ‘Harvest Feast’ is one such initiative that several rural communities seem to put on comprising a Hog Roast, Ceilidh and a display of farm animals and machinery, etc.

And on the subject of farming and animals the village may be about to lose its only remaining natural ‘meadow’. Some of you may have read about this in the Newmarket Journal or via Parish Council. And some will also remember this meadow being used for Donkey Derby’s and for the Village Feast. For decades this local green space – sited at the eastern end of the village - has been the habitat of many animals comprising but not limited to; sheep, hedgerow birds, ground nesting birds, birds of prey, deer, insects, wild flowers, badgers, foxes and small mammals of all varieties. It also contains a number of what is left of our indigenous trees and ancient earthworks but not alas to my knowledge a ‘great crested newt’!! It’s as if other areas of the village have not already been identified for development where Greenbelt has been released on arable farmland specifically for this purpose – not a natural habitat such as meadow!

A recent report published by the UN has drawn attention to the devastating effects that the loss of such places is having on the natural world. It claims that one in four species of plant and animal life are now at risk of extinction. This comes on top of an international report and rising global concern saying how vital a natural habitat of flora and fauna are to this planet’s ecosystem – and here we have a local example of a custodian of our countryside’s ecology wanting to concrete over a meadow!!

Having found out from other communities about the awakening of their indigenous but once dormant potential I wonder how willing the hidden potential in Bottisham would be in trying to advance on what has recently been achieved to further community participation and to protect what little is left of our ecological rural heritage?

*JOW*

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