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Cresset

October 2022



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

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO:

BOTTISHAM PARISH MEETING

Thursday 14 October 2021 at 7.30pm

Main Hall - Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club

7.30pm - 8.15pm: BRIEF ADDRESSES from the Chair of the Parish Council and the County and District Councillors representing this ward

8.15pm - 9.30pm: INFORMAL SESSION to meet individually with the Heads of the village schools, the Police and local Councillors, and see the draft plans for our new cemetery

Refreshments available from 8.15pm

We look forward to seeing you.

**BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
NEW WEBSITE**

Going Live Week Commencing 11 October 2021
New website address will be www.bottisham-pc.gov.uk

The image shows a screenshot of the Bottisham Parish Council website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with contact information: a telephone icon followed by '07789 012781' and an email icon followed by 'clerk@bottishampc.co.uk'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'Parish Council', 'Village Information', 'Report It', 'Local Amenities', and 'Document Arch'. The main content area features a large aerial photograph of the village. Overlaid on the photo is a dark grey box with the text 'Welcome to Bottisham Parish Council Website' and a lighter grey box below it with the text 'Serving the residents and supporting the community'. Below the photo, there is a smaller version of the contact information and a social media icon. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Your Councillors' link, showing a list of items: 'Your Councillors', 'Agenda & Minutes', 'Planning', 'Finance', 'Policies', and 'Grants'. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Bottisham Parish Council' with a large letter 'T' and the text 'his web includes of Supp'. Below this, there is a small image of a computer monitor and a paragraph of text: 'Bottisham Parish Council has 12 members. Bottisham Parish Council exists to help you, the residents, have a point of contact for ideas and suggest village...

WELCOME TO OCTOBER



As I write this, we have just returned from a couple of weeks back in the old country. It was nice catching up with family and friends and at the time when we went North, we left some of the stifling hot weather which we had here at the beginning of September.

Now it may have something to do with coming from the North, but I am not a fan of hot weather. The idea of hot sunny days laying on a beach in Spain fills me with horror. Give me cool but dry any day. Dry may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Scotland but choose the right area and you may find yourself just as short on rain as in East Anglia.

In fact, statistically, one of the driest places in the UK is the area known as The Black Isle, which is North of Inverness on the other side of the Beauly Firth. While called The Black Isle it is neither black nor an island! The name apparently stems from it once having been covered in dense forest and the fact that it is surrounded by water on three sides. Nowadays it grows some fantastic acres of Grain and barley which comes in handy when they want to make some of what is known as ‘the amber bead’ or whisky close by.

When we go to Scotland, we tend to have a routine which includes nice meals out with family and friends, visiting some beautiful scenic areas and last, but not least, involves me getting a haircut!

In 36 years of living in Bottisham I have never found a barber who suited me. Now in saying that I mean no offence to Andy in Lode, Mr Thoday then Boppo’s in Burwell, even Scruffs in Cambridge, but William in Giffnock on the South side of Glasgow just does me fine. (I hear some people saying, “He’s joking, surely!”)

I even drove up to Glasgow from Kirkcudbright in the Southwest of Scotland this time, just to get my haircut. I had the usual banter with Willie, caught up with the latest Glasgow football news, (Yawn), but was taken aback when he disclosed his plans to retire next March! “What will I do now!” I thought while verbally wishing him well.

I might get another visit in before he goes. However, I know he has a cousin whom he regularly visits near Dunstable, so I might ask him to keep his scissors handy when he comes down!

Enough of my ramblings. This month’s magazine has the regular contributions, but there is also a new departure. I was asked to include a leaflet giving a ‘Bottisham Community news sheet’ with details of what’s on. Those who have read the Cresset for some time, will recall we used to carry a ‘What’s on’ page which fell a bit by the wayside as it just summarised what was already in the magazine. However, Jody had a different slant on it, when she got in touch, which I think may well benefit us all with information that is not necessarily elsewhere in the magazine.

I see this as a useful link for the Cresset, as the detail in this newsheet is the same as will appear on the Bottisham Facebook page. I look forward to seeing this develop as a more

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complete way of communicating information to you, the residents of Bottisham. This might need your editor to get some training, or a new editor, as Facebook is like a no-go area for me. Do let us know if you see this as a good move, and also if you had more ideas that would make communicating more relevant in today's world, let us know. Do remember though that there are many people who prefer to see the printed news than on-line reading.

It is also the case that many people use The Cresset as a reference for local services from plumbers, painters and builders to legal companies and finance advice. While I try not to turn our magazine into a Thompson's guide or yellow pages (remember them!), there will always be a place for both mediums.

Our cover this month is another picture of the Long Closed Bottisham & Lode station. I include this one as it shows the number of staff in attendance. One can assume there may have been others off duty. This must have been a busy station. Nowadays even busy stations often have no staff at all. Changed days, but then there was a reason the railway faced many closures. Cost was the main one.

Take care, stay safe and let's all follow the rules.

Your Editor

Services in the Anglesey Benefice

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME AT ANY OF THESE SERVICES!

Sun 3rd Oct	9am	Online service on Zoom; Village Worship , Quy Village Hall
	10.30am	Holy Communion , Bottisham
	3pm	Pet Blessing Service , Bottisham
Wed 6th Oct	8pm	C by C (a short contemplative service), Online service on Zoom
Sun 10th Oct	9am	Holy Communion , Quy
	10.30am	Family Worship , Swaffham Prior – also on Zoom
Sun 17th Oct	9am	Online service on Zoom; Morning Prayer , Quy
	10.30am	Holy Communion , Swaffham Bulbeck; Morning Prayer , Bottisham
Sun 24th Oct	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) , Swaffham Prior
Sun 31st Oct	9am	Online service on Zoom
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Bottisham and District Gardening Club

Apologies for repeating from the last magazine but we need your support on the 26th October.

We held a meeting at the end of July and there was overwhelming support for the Gardening Club to carry on but this is dependent on forming a new committee and finding new (possibly younger) members.

We do have a volunteer who has agreed to take on the position of programme secretary. We have in the past had monthly speakers with an outing in July/August and had a lunch usually in March or April. This could become a different format with a new committee and membership.

We meet at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 26th October when decisions will be made. We shall also be having a Powerpoint presentation by yours truly entitled "2019 Another Good Year" at this meeting. Obviously pre Covid!!!

We are looking forward to seeing all our members and possibly some new faces.

We hope that our Club will be able to continue.

Sylvia Overton

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Parish Council Report

Now that the Autumn term is well underway, we are seeking to hold our Annual Parish Meeting this month. Parish Meetings should be held annually between 1 March and 1 June, but we were unable to do this during the period when all meetings were held online. Bearing in mind that we still need to be mindful of risk, we are using a different format this year. The meeting will be held in the main hall of the Social Club to allow for social distancing, with a short formal meeting of about 45 minutes - with brief addresses from myself, as Chair of the Parish Council, and from the County and District Councillors who represent this Ward. Following this, there will be the opportunity to speak individually with representatives from the key public sector organisations in the village at separate tables. In addition to the County, District and Parish Councils, the Heads of both the schools will be present as well as the Police. The Parish Council will also have representatives on hand to discuss our work on Planning and Environment. We are pleased that we have now agreed on a draft design for the new cemetery with the National Trust and there will be the opportunity to also discuss these with the resident's working party.

This is a great opportunity to hear about and influence the development of your community, so I would encourage you to join us. The meeting will take place on Thursday 14 October at 7.30 pm in the main hall of the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club. Please put this in your diary!

Sadly, two Councillors have decided to step down from the Council due to competing pressures in their busy lives. In addition to his role as a Councillor, William Clarke has been Chair of the Finance Committee and Vice-Chair of the Council. Lee Chetwynd has served as Councillor and more recently as the Lead for Environment. The other members of the Council and I are very grateful for all they have given to our community during their term of office. The first steps are now underway to fill these vacancies. In the meantime, I would be delighted to hear from anyone who may be interested in exploring the possibility of standing for the Council. Serving as a councillor is a great opportunity to make a really positive contribution to the life of the village. Please do contact me either by email or by calling my mobile for an informal discussion.

Finally, I want to make you aware of a significant piece of work that has been undertaken to develop a new website for the Parish Council and the whole community. The brief was to provide a much easier way to access information about the Parish Council and its work but, beyond that, to create something that is a pleasure to use and reflects the vibrant community and beautiful environment that is our village. My grateful thanks go to the councillors who have put so much time into this project. I add a special thank you to a student of Long Rd 6th Form College and resident of the village, who has provided us with new photographs of Bottisham - which has really added the finishing touch.

The site goes live from 11 October and its address will be www.bottisham-pc.gov.uk. I will be writing more about the features of the new site in the November Cresset, as well as announcing new email addresses for our Parish Councillors.

Jon Ogborn - Chair of Bottisham Parish Council

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District Councillors' Report

The Council leadership is reviewing the funding for the Newmarket Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). We are concerned that the funding might be cut. The Newmarket CAB provides support and advice to people across the South of the District. Importantly, this advice is seen as independent of the Council. Whilst the Council may be able to offer similar support, it will not be seen as independent and it will not be as readily accessible as Newmarket CAB.

Attempts by the council leadership to find ways to avoid implementing civil parking enforcement (CPE) continue to founder. Almost everywhere else in England, 'civil' enforcement of on-street parking is carried out by the council not the police—but East Cambridgeshire's current leadership is adamant it will not take this on. To avoid introducing CPE like everyone else, East Cambs has tried:

- offering to pay for a designated PCSO to enforce street parking enforcement—but this was vetoed by the Chief Constable following the recent cut in PCSO numbers.
- using the national Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) to give police powers to accredited individuals, including council staff - but legal advice to the council said that if any council staff were involved this could create a conflict of interest.

These were already obvious issues which had been raised at the time these ideas were proposed, and it has taken a year to get nowhere. The latest recommendation to use community 'Police Service Volunteers' to issue fixed penalty notices, was pulled from the Committee on the day of the meeting and will now go to full Council on 21 October.

To help us all cut down on waste going to landfill, the Council has set up an A-Z of what can be reused or recycled, you can find the A-Z at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/wasteA-Z

Our next Councillors' Surgery will be on Monday 25th October at 6.30pm by Zoom. Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

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Cambridgeshire County Council Update

After the summer break, meetings of the County Council are gearing up and I have attended Highways & Transport Committee as well as Children & Young People Committee.

I am pleased to report that the Highways & Transport Committee was informed that work on creating a staggered junction at the A1303 and Swaffham Heath Road junction will be completed in this financial year. A delay to the commencement of this project has been caused by COVID and issues with the land purchase required, but it is good to know that this scheme will soon be completed.

According to CCC statistics, there have been 6 serious injury accidents and 4 slight injury accidents within the last 5 years, so I am hoping that the changes to the junction layout will result in fewer accidents. I know that several residents use the route along Swaffham Heath Road to access the A11 and A14, so I hope that this work helps to make your journeys safer.

I attended the Children & Young People Committee on Tuesday 14th September, which was the first public meeting to be held in the New Shire Hall at Alconbury. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings in person, but to help residents the meetings are being streamed live, so I hope that you will take the opportunity to view the decision-making being made on your behalf.

As well as live streaming, you can view a recording of meetings already held. Details of how you can access the meetings can be found on the County Council website.

I am Vice-Chair of the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel, which met on 15th September and discussed with the new Police & Crime Commissioner about his Police Crime Plan that he must publish before March 2022. The Police & Crime Panel are expecting a draft of this Plan at their next meeting in November, so if there are any items that you feel should be included, please contact me.

I have met with the B1102 group, who are concerned about some of the proposals of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), which could affect residents who travel into Cambridge. In addition, I was on a zoom call on which I had the opportunity to express some of the concerns to the Chief Executive and Transport Director of the GCP. There is due to be a briefing to Councillors of the GCP proposals and I will report back when I have more information.

After the heavy rain at the beginning of the week commencing 13th September, flooding issues have occurred again. I have already had contact from some residents about these, but please contact me if there are flooding issues in your locality, so that I can get them logged and the issue investigated as to what can be done to resolve the matter.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Woodditton Division

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Every Wednesday 10:30 Meeting Point in the Poppy Room, Bottisham Sports and Social Club

Every Wednesday 19:15 Carpet Bowls at Bottisham Village College

If you have a club, society or group that operates in the village, please get in touch to add your contact details, forthcoming events and notices to our new section in *The Cresset*, which will also be available online via the Bottisham Parish Council Website and on the Bottisham Community Facebook group bottishamcommunityevents@gmail.com

It would be great to have a dedicated space in our local magazine where we can see all the latest events and opportunities to get together on a regular basis, so we're working with the Editor of *The Cresset* on this. This doesn't mean other groups shouldn't contribute with their own adverts and announcements, we'd just like to have a welcoming and clear 'dates for your diary' section.

How to find out more and join in!

- Keep an eye on the Bottisham Community Facebook page
- Email for further information bottishamcommunityevents@gmail.com
- Spot the newsletter in *The Cresset* or online via the Bottisham Parish Council Website
- Posters on the High Street and Parish Council notice boards (we appreciate not everyone is online or going digital so we will print minimal posters and post them in busy places)

What's been on recently

- 11 September 2021 Church Exhibition

A lovely afternoon in our local church sharing lockdown talent and looking to the future complete with pop-up café at the Vicarage garden

- 25 September 2021 Litter Pick

Helping to look after our beautiful views and local wildlife

Fancy doing something different?

A group of village volunteers from many walks of life, have been working on ideas for local events. We'd love to grow and work with other existing groups, to create a more connected community for all ages.

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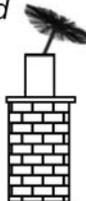
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THINGS IN THE MAKING

Story Telling First Saturday of the month, at the village Library, for details contact olindaliddiard@hotmail.co.uk

Lego Club The Community Library are looking for a volunteer(s) to re-start the Lego Club, if you're interested email enquiries@bottishamvc.org

Community 'Yard Sale' An idea to raise funds for the Bottisham Scout Group, donate to have yourself added to a village map, while achieving a mini-clear out, provisional date 16th Oct TBC. If you'd like to find out more please email alicebeeb@gmail.com

Community Herb Bed Project If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact brownsjc46@gmail.com who has exciting plans for showcasing the 'herb of the month' and delicious recipes and ideas for use and would like some help with the following:

- Donations of unwanted herb seeds, plants, or wintering bedding plants
- A creative person to design a community herb bed sign, to encourage residents to 'take a snip for dinner'
- Volunteers to help with planting

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 17th October 2021 Re-enactment Weekend Come and see the authentic uniforms and vehicles from 10:30am at the Bottisham Airfield Museum, check their Facebook page for further details



Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

Having had our first gathering post pandemic to celebrate the 145th anniversary of Mothers' Union in August with a short service followed by tea and cake. We look forward to continuing with a short programme of meetings to the end of the year. At the time of writing, we look forward to Richard Ayres giving a slide show of the gardens at Kirtling Tower at our September meeting in Lode Church. This being very appropriate as the Church will be decorated for Harvest Festival with colourful floral arrangements and harvest produce.

Our meetings will take place on the third Thursday of October and November and second Thursday in December at 2.30pm. venue to be confirmed. You are most welcome to join us. Please contact me nearer the time for venue confirmation.

Ann Langran

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Work on Wicken Fen Nature Reserve's exciting new heritage project, Footprints, has begun. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project will focus on creating opportunities for local people to access a range of recreational activities and to connect with nature, understand the cultural value of this special place, and be part of its story. We're grateful to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for supporting this project.

Join us for our Vision Festival on Saturday 2 October, where we will be showcasing project activities and volunteer opportunities. We'll also be celebrating the Wicken Fen Vision with special guided walks and boat trips - don't leave it too late to book as last time we sold out quickly – see <https://bit.ly/VisionFestival>

There are also plans for tree planting and community archaeology in the wider areas of the reserve. These activities will take place in November. If you're involved with a school or community group that would like to get involved, please email julia.hammond@nationaltrust.org.uk for more information.

CYCLE CENTRE NEWS

Our Cycle Hire team are offering free sessions for you, if you are nervous about cycling, or have never ridden a bike, or not for a long time anyway. These Return to Ride sessions will be taking place on Fridays 1st, 8th and 15th October, at 11am. We'll cover the basics, including how to do a safety check, control and balance on a bike, fitting a helmet, and end with a short ride. We will restrict numbers, so give the team a call if you are interested to join, for 1, 2 or all 3 dates. We are being supported by Sport England, so if you need to borrow one of our hire bikes, the normal hire charge will not apply if you are signed up.

We will have further sessions in November on Basic Cycle Maintenance, on Saturdays 6th and 13th. Again these are free, but we need names up front as places are limited. And on Fridays from 26th November to 10th December, why not join us for a guided Ride Out event, exploring some of the cycle paths and routes around the Vision area with our team. Again, thanks to Sport England funding, these are free for participants (including use of our bikes) but we need your names so we can manage numbers.

WICKEN WEDNESDAY WALK

And don't forget... every Wednesday at 10am there is a social Wicken Wednesday Walk of about 1 hour, or just over, meeting up in the car park. No need to book for this, just turn up ready to stride out around one of our selected routes on the wider reserve or round Wicken village, with the guides and the rest of the group.

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BREAKING NEWS! We've just heard that **Father Christmas will be back at the Fen** this Christmas! Keep an eye on our website as booking details will be released shortly.

For the latest information please visit our website and keep an eye on our social media feeds www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen



Autumn misty morning on Sedge Fen by Glynis Pierson

Hats for Premature Baby Unit at The Rosie Maternity Home

Thank you to all of you that knitted hats in red, yellow or green from the pattern in the earlier magazine.

The good news is that I received 348 of them a marvellous response. The bad news is that the Rosie have more than enough at present and nowhere to store them!

They fill a suitcase for the moment and are safely stored in the back bedroom and as holidays are on the back burner there they will stay until the Rosie send out another request.

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Tim the Vinophile writes

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU SPEND ON A BOTTLE OF WINE? There's obviously the issue of affordability but do you really get what you pay for? Well, yes and no.

Although you can get some decent wine for a fiver a bottle generally it's worth paying a bit more. If duty, tax and shipping works out at about £4.50 a bottle then that leaves 50p for a £5 bottle. A £6 bottle has £1.50 worth of wine (three times "better") and a £7.50 bottle a whopping £3. On that basis alone it's worth paying a little more if you can.

The next question is where to buy your wine? Supermarkets have massive buying power and are able to negotiate great prices based on the volumes they purchase. Perhaps the most successful at this is Aldi who have created a good reputation for selling great tasting wines at unbelievable prices. All the major supermarkets have shrewd wine buyers and can be relied on to provide good value options. The downside is that because they buy so much it all becomes a bit less exciting. If I had to choose one supermarket it would be the Coop in Bottisham. Not because it necessarily has the very best on offer but because it's our local store and we should support it!

On that theme the other places to buy wine are our local wine merchants such as Cambridge Wine in Cambridge and Corney & Berrow in Newmarket. They offer more unusual wines, competitively priced as well as staff with a wealth of knowledge which they are delighted to share in a non-intimidating way. Pluck up the courage to walk through the door and ask for advice. They will be delighted to chat about wine, what they enjoy drinking and what you might enjoy.

The good news is that wherever you buy your wine, quality control has improved so much over the last ten years that you can be reasonably sure that whatever you drink will taste good and be consistent from bottle to bottle.

I'd love to hear what you enjoy drinking. Drop me an email vinophile7@gmail.com
Recommendations.

2018 Baron Amarillo Monastrell, Spain, 13.5 per cent Aldi, £6.49 Monastrell, aka the mourvèdre grape, tamed by the Spanish sun, is crammed with fat, richly spiced black plum fruit.

2020 Montes Reserva Chardonnay, Chile, 13.5 per cent Co-op, £7 (down from £8) Cheapest price all summer for this delicious, rich, creamy, lemon curd stashed Central Valley chardonnay.

Sanziana Pinot Noir Recas Cramele 2019 Corney & Barrow £8.50 Romania is emerging as an exciting destination for characterful Pinot Noir. The supple Sanziana has layers of juicy black cherry and raspberry, with pretty flavours of fruit cake.

Enjoy.

Copy deadline for the next issue is 14 October.

Please send material to the editor at BottishamCresset@gmail.com



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Monday 15th NovemberSan Marino v England 19.45.

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EVENTS AT THE CLUB:

Legionarres77- Saturday 16th October - Free Entry

Children's' Halloween party Saturday 30th October 17.00-20.00

Christmas Fair- Sunday 5th Dec. - Still tables available.

Email the club for details.

Just a reminder that membership is due for renewal on the 1st October. The cost to existing members stays at £20 each with new members subscriptions being £21 which includes their £1 share in the club. New members are always welcomed.

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Community computers and photocopying machines will again be in use.

Charges are to be reimposed from 27th September. There is a free 3 week loan (books can be renewed up to 3 times) and then charged at 25p per day. Please remember that any payments for fines or purchases are to be paid in CASH.

Our recent Book sale at the Club raised over £100 not bad at 50p per book. Thank you to those who made donations to our funds on the day.

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We are looking for a few more people to add to our group of volunteers. If you are computer literate and can manage a few sessions each month we should be pleased to welcome you. If you wish to join our team, please let a volunteer know and training can be arranged.

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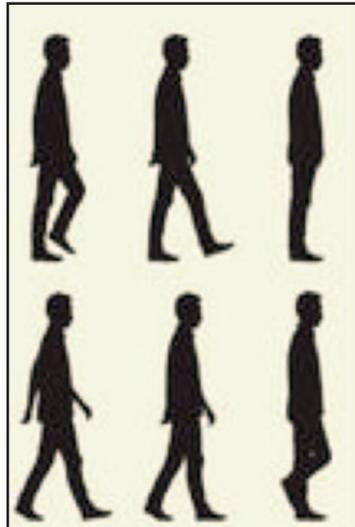
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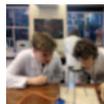
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- Peach, Pear, Pineapple - Garden History Walk Wed 6 Oct, 10am -12 noon.** Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided tour at Wandlebury Country Park.
- Fri 15 Oct, 7.30pm. £5/£3** on the door A 68 minute film-poem exploring land, cultural memory and the carnivalesque through the vanished site of Stourbridge Fair.
- Ghost Stories II at the Leper Chapel Sat 23 & Sun 24 Oct, 8pm.** £15. Chilling and thrilling storytelling performed by In-situ.
- Children's Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury 25-29 Oct, 8.30am –4pm.** £38 per day. Fun and enriching outdoor activities during half-term.
- Halloween Spooktacular at Wandlebury Sun 31 Oct, 4pm-8pm** Family £24/Adult £7/Child £5 Wild Thyme & Embers spooky adventure for the whole family with ghostly tales, fiendish foods and creepy crafts.
- Dracula at the Leper Chapel Sat 6, Sun 7 Nov, 7.30pm.** Adults £14/under 18s £10 Jonathan Harker recounts his terrifying encounter with Dracula.
- History and Archaeology Walk at Wandlebury Wed 10 Nov, 10am - 12.** Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided walk with a Warden.
- Forest of Imagination Exhibition Sat 27 Nov 10.30-3pm.** Free Outdoor exhibition of artwork at Wandlebury Country Park.
- Winter Wreath Making at Wandlebury Country Park Sun 5 Dec,** All day, 90 minute sessions. £18 per family Create your own wreath with the whole family.
- Winter Trees at Wandlebury Country Park Wed 8 Dec, 10am - 12.** Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided walk to learn how to identify tree species in winter.
- A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens) at the Leper Chapel Fri 10 & Sat 11 Dec, 7.30pm.** Adults 14/under 18s £10 Festive play as Dicken’s performed it himself: One man, one stage.
- Winter Wreath Making at Wandlebury Country Park Sat 11 Dec, All day,** 90 minute sessions. £18 per family Create your own wreath with the whole family.
- Winter Trees at Wandlebury Country Park Tues 18 Jan, 10am - 12.** Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided walk to learn how to identify tree species in winter.
- History and Archaeology Walk at Wandlebury Country Park Weds 2 Feb, 10am - 12.** Free (donations welcome) Gentle guided walk with a Warden.
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Reports on 2 meetings we will have had by the time you read this.

We had a cream tea as a welcome get together meeting in July – the first since February 2020 and I missed it!

All who attended commented on how lovely the main hall at BCSASC looked, with tables beautifully laid with tablecloths, china crockery and flower arrangements. The cream tea itself with both plain and fruit scones jam and cream, and FOUR small cakes came boxed up. Just as well as there was too much to eat in one go. I did have a box given me later that evening and greatly enjoyed it – I did share it. Thanks to the committee who arranged this.

Wednesday 15th September will be our delayed AGM covering 2 years 2019/20 and 2020/21 and will be followed by cheese and wine.

Our October meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm** when **Margaret Harrop** will tell us about her visit to Armenia.

Please note our new venue – the Main Hall at the **Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club**.

Hope to see you there.

Sylvia Overton

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If there are no available appointments for GPs to book into at Addenbrookes Hospital or you have been referred to a triage service for further assessment, you will either receive a letter direct from them confirming an appointment or a letter from the hospital asking you to phone to make an appointment.

Due to increased demand on all services, there are longer wait times to receive routine appointments. Should you be concerned you have not received an appointment at the hospital when the GP has confirmed they will refer, please contact the Appointment Team at Addenbrookes Hospital:- **New appointments - 01223 274593 Return appointments - 01223 274900.**

Alternatively, please email: callhandling-patientcontact@addenbrookes.nhs.uk

Next meeting: If you would like to join one of our Zoom meetings, please email our chairman at s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will send you a meeting invite. Next regular meeting November 24th at 2pm.

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Public Transport Matters

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The county's mayor Dr Johnson has unveiled plans for a fleet of 30 double decker electric buses. He has submitted a request for £4.295 million to the government under the Zero Emission Buses Regional Area, to the Department of Transport plan, known as ZEBRA. Stagecoach are consulted, as like all transport companies, they have lost a lot of money during the lockdown and are having to work out how to carry on providing services. As people start to go back to work and school there is increased use.

Smarter Cambridge Transport talk about a staggering waste of money on half-baked ideas after various plans have been published. They think a congestion charge would need to be 10 or 12 pounds.

The Soham station is due to open in December, but they say the penny pinching on the Cambridge South station must be stopped. There needs to be proper interchange facilities for buses so that people leave their cars at home.

Greater Anglia has introduced two new electric trains on its West Anglia commuter routes between Cambridge and London Liverpool Street. Train use is continuing to increase but there is talk of having to increase fares to make up for the taxpayer bailout during the pandemic.

First class carriages will not be included in a new FirstGroup train service between London and Edinburgh but the fares will be cheap - 14 pounds 90 from London to Edinburgh.

The worries about the East-West rail link continue and there is now mention of a connection between road and rail noise and dementia.

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Paddy James

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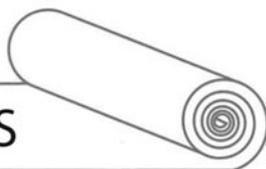


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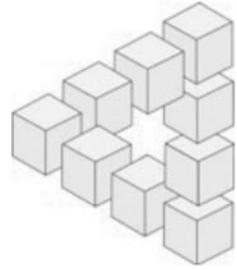
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

I have shed tears of joy or excitement over a number of sports in the past but, until now, Tennis has not featured on that exclusive list. But when Emma Raducanu made history in New York on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 by winning the US Open, I would admit to having a little emotional moment! The 18 year-old Raducanu showed the world that she had conquered whatever demons had troubled her at Wimbledon in July (when she withdrew from a last-16 tie, mid-match) in defeating 19 year-old Canadian Laylah Fernandez in straight sets. It has to be said that Fernandez was a more than worthy opponent, having beaten three of the top five seeds in reaching the final with defensive tenacity and attacking verve, but Raducanu was absolutely relentless on the day with a display of athleticism, power and accuracy that elevated Women's Tennis to a whole new level. And the records tumbled...

For a start, Raducanu did not lose a single set in the entire tournament, a feat last achieved by Serena Williams in 2014. She is the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam title. She is the youngest woman to win a Grand Slam title since Maria Sharapova won at Wimbledon in 2004. She is the youngest Briton to win a Grand Slam title. And she is the first British winner at Flushing Meadow since Virginia Wade in 1968. On top of all that, she pockets \$2.5 million and has risen from 150th to 23rd in the World Rankings. If she can repeat this level of performance (her composure and confidence suggest she can), then this dramatic leap in fortune is merely a stepping stone to the very top. Who thinks we're looking at the 2021 Sports Personality of the Year?

If things had turned out differently, Joe Root's batting form might have put him in contention for SPOTY, too, but after throwing away two test matches from winning positions against India, he still has much to prove as a captain. Root is now the all-time leading run-scorer for England across all formats of the game but, sadly for English cricket fans, he is on his own as a batsman capable of building a test-match-winning innings. In short, if Root fails, England lose. I, among others, are very quick to point the finger at shorter versions of the game for our batting frailties, but the 'slogging' mentality does not seem to have blighted other countries as badly as England. I'm not sure why, but I do think that we sometimes lack the ruthlessness that is evident elsewhere. I'm not saying that I approve of bare-faced 'gamesmanship' (quite the opposite), but just look at the way Virat Kohli fires up his players when the chips are down and inspires them to merciless aggression when on top, eg. excessive appeals, constant sledging of batsmen, bowling bouncers at tail-enders...

And now, with the tourists 2-1 up, India has robbed England of the chance to level the series by withdrawing from the 5th and final Test a mere two hours before the start of play – a move which leads to more questions than answers! An initial report that India had forfeited the match turned out to be English wishful thinking but, at the time of writing, nobody knows if or when, it will ever be played. What a shambles! It had been known for some days that some of the Indian coaching staff were isolating after head coach Ravi Shastri had tested positive for Covid, but all the players had tested negative on the evening before the match, so England, 80,000 spectators, Lancashire CCC and the media were justified in

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expecting play to start on time. Obviously, the English are crying ‘foul’, but it was only last December that the England team withdrew from their series in South Africa in similar circumstances. So there is a degree of sympathy in the home camp considering that the tourists have been away from home, effectively cut off from the non-cricket world, for four months and wish to put safety first.

But two big, somewhat worrying questions remain, don’t they? Firstly, how did the Indians manage to pick up the infection given that they have lived in a protected ‘bubble’ since June? Who broke the rules and spoiled the party? And secondly, to what extent was the sudden panic over Covid induced by pressure from the Indian Premier League, which was due to start its competition imminently in the UAE (having been postponed in May due to the pandemic in India). ECB chief executive Tom Harrison is playing this link down in the interests of diplomacy; but remember that the IPL is now the financial powerhouse of world cricket and they could not countenance the absence of some of their most cherished players from their precious competition. Personally, I’m with former England captain Michael Vaughan: "I honestly feel Indian cricket has let the English game down." Sigh!

Talking of sports finance: Arsene Wenger is FIFA’s Head of Football Development these days and has just tabled a proposal to reorganise the whole landscape of international football by holding a World Cup every two years! It goes further... the Euros would also move to become bi-annual so that there would be a major international competition every summer at the end of the domestic European football season. Genius or madness? Well, it depends who you are and what country you’re in!

The English Premier League is against it; so is UEFA. But there are 211 national Football Associations or Federations in the FIFA membership and 166 of them recently voted in favour of conducting a feasibility study into the proposal. Their reasoning is simple... money! Remember that the smallest footballing nations, who are most likely to benefit from the contents of FIFA’s coffers, have voting rights equal to any other country. I can imagine that Wenger must be Gianni Infantino’s blue-eyed boy at the moment! The FIFA President would know from his time at the helm of UEFA that the big money is to be made from the big competitions. In fact, UEFA would significantly out-earn FIFA in a European Championship year. And now Infantino can see, first hand, that FIFA’s usual \$700 million a year income skyrockets to a staggering \$4.5 billion in a World Cup year!

I am awfully afraid that the money will talk loudest, ultimately. But... have Infantino, Wenger and their cronies never heard of ‘killing the goose that lays the golden egg’? I hope there is still enough common sense within Football to recognise the collateral damage that would ensue from such changes. FIFA will sell the idea to the ‘bigger’ nations by virtue of a simplified international calendar with fewer qualifying fixtures, but consider the impact on players who would never get a break, on the clubs who pay their wages and treat their injuries, and on all other sports struggling for the oxygen of media attention! The defeat of the European Super League proposal in April demonstrated how various football interests can work together for the common good. Let us give everything we’ve got to resist this detestable idea and retain some vestiges of balance for all sports against this crazy football juggernaut.

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‘IMBECILIC...’

A strong word to use I appreciate - but one which I feel aptly defines some of the madness we find in today’s society both at home and abroad. But this is just my view - you may in all likelihood disagree!

So let’s start with the crisis in Afghanistan essentially brought about by the ineptitude and recklessness of two men. A walking chum, an ex British Army Major who served in both Afghanistan and Iraq, holds the view that the US Administration in 2001 was not interested in the lessons learnt from the Afghan Civil War 1992 -1996 when the withdrawal of US interests left five or six militias fighting for power, nor in the strategies used by British Commanders during days of empire. Winston Churchill wrote in 1897 of fighting the (ancestors of today’s) Taliban: “Financially it is ruinous, morally it is wicked, militarily it is an open question and politically it is a blunder”. Throughout both campaigns British Forces were, in reality, operating within a US strategy over which they had next to no influence. Let’s call him Major Charles revealed that British Commanders favoured a quick ‘in and out’ approach that left a metaphorical message rather than pursue a lengthy campaign to change the social order. It seems that Professor Michael Clarke of RUSI concurs and suggests it would represent a note left on the table to the effect; “don’t let international terrorists operate from your country again, or we’ll be back”. If only politicians had listened. Instead the twenty years of a newly westernised political, military and social structure has been surrendered back to the Taliban to wreak havoc. Judging from the carnage we have witnessed since the campaign began, Major Charles and his colleagues were, on the face of it, spot on. As indeed was Churchill in his 1897 letter. Furthermore, no thought was given to how Pakistan was to be prevented from sponsoring a resurgence of the Taliban once occupying troops had departed. The residual mess in Kabul is at the sole behest of the current US President whose arrogance prevented him from consulting with his NATO allies. Consequently, all NATO countries were caught on-the-hop by the US change of tactics - therefore to blame the current UK government for the clumsiness of the US is both hypocritical and beyond the pale. Thus, the Afghans have been left to face the retribution of the Taliban where anyone who defies their barbaric rule will likely face execution and where women and girls will once again become invisible and worthless. Politicians of all persuasions would do well to realise that ignoring lessons of history is the preserve of the ignorant...

Moving on; it’s my understanding that law enforcement in this country is conducted outside of politics with impartiality and, most importantly, with the consent of the people. An understanding perhaps forgotten by the Constabulary in Cheshire, who have deemed it appropriate to paint at least one of their patrol vehicles with a rainbow design including bursting stars to promote LGBT rights. This is seemingly part of a wider UK strategy to introduce ‘hate crime cars’ to show support for marginalised sections of the community and to promote reporting of ‘offensive’ comments. But surely freedom of speech or expression of thought allows for people to be offended, as long as the so called ‘offensive’ comments don’t encourage hatred? Indisputably this promotion of LGBT+ rights is making a ‘political statement’ and therefore must pose a conflict or a risk of perceived bias. Furthermore, isn’t such a move playing straight into the hands of the

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workplace diversity organisation ‘Stonewall’ who are accused of siding with transgender militants? Being one of the most easy-going societies in the world we tolerate many eccentricities at face value but that doesn’t mean we are obliged to accept them. For example, look at the backlash in Scotland over the promotion of transgender rights and the clash between a loud minority who want to privilege transgender rights whilst cancelling the rights and opinions of feminists who believe their biological rights are being dumbed down and under attack. ‘Nobody has the right to not be offended’ - that right doesn't exist in any declaration I have ever read. If you are offended it’s your problem, and frankly lots of things offend lots of people. Perhaps the Police and politicians have lost sight of this too. Is it then likely that we will no longer see a police car or a police officer who is there to support everyone, from all political persuasions, with impartiality and without fear or favour? Don’t be surprised if such painted vehicles are the subject of the occasional wry smile – or perhaps this too will be deemed ‘offensive’!!

And finally, to the truly ‘imbecilic’ behaviour of Extinction Rebellion, aka XR, who – just as moderate voters finally accept the need to act – have embarked upon disruptive antics that has alienated their cause. To quote Clare Foges in The Times; “It’s not only XR’s antics that undermine their cause but a powerful and understated force we might call tribal distaste. Middle England wrinkles its nose and recoils from the tie-dyed trousers and tattoos, the piercings and Citizen Smith ramblings, the dreadlocks, didgeridoos and drums. If they care at all about climate change it is time for XR to retire these unhelpful protests so the cause can be owned and acted on by us all”. Everyone has the right to peaceful protest but when such protests prohibit the general public from going about their lawful business then the line of tolerance has surely been crossed. Unfortunately, some in the public spotlight, who really should know better, cannot see the politics of such behaviour - whereas elsewhere in the country the majority of otherwise lenient people immediately bristle at what is being seen and said, not through bigotry but through boredom with the militant’s own hypocrisy.

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Lucy Frazer our Constituency MP Writes

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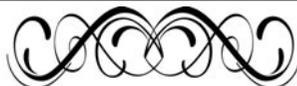
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