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100 Years ago, in 1922, shortly after The Royal British Legion itself was formed out of the various Regimental 'Old Boys' associations, Bottisham & District Branch was formed by men from the 1st World war who lived in and around Bottisham. Ever since then for the past 100 years, 'The Legion' has been the centre of much of the village social life for many people over the years.

To mark this occasion, we will be combining a celebration of this event together with Armed Forces Day at a Special Church service in

**Holy Trinity Church Bottisham
on Sunday 26th June at 10:30am**

You are warmly invited to join us then to celebrate the contribution that those who went before us made, together with those who do so today on our behalf.

After the service you are invited to come to the former 'Legion' Social Club, now the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club in Downing Close, for a social get together.

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

It is possible that you will receive your Cresset magazine after the Queen's jubilee weekend is over as we all have extra days holiday including the printers.

If so, I hope you had an enjoyable one, but if we are out in time and it is yet to come, then equally, do enjoy. Have there been any street parties, in Bottisham, organised or impromptu? If so, do let us know with the details and pictures if you have them.

I hope the weather plays its part and does not rain on the day. If you are old enough to remember the day of the Queen's Coronation or you have seen film of it, you will recall how very wet it was on the day.

Whenever I see these sorts of occasions I think of the poor soldiers and policemen, who have, from about six in the morning, been standing out in the rain lining the route, unable to take shelter or sit down. (Never mind needing the loo!)

However, I am sure that as with all these sorts of events and occasions, the UK will put on the usual world leading and unsurpassable spectacle that is the envy of the rest of the world.

The Queen at 96 is incredible. She has reigned over 70 openings of parliament, 18 government changes and seen off, 15 Prime ministers.

Admittedly she is beginning to show her age (but only recently!). Like most following the aging process, she seems to be getting smaller and slightly stooped. Using a stick to steady herself when she is walking. But her smile, her interest in what is going on and clearly a sharp mind is unchanged. As they say. "God bless you Ma'am".

Even with the flaws in some members of 'The Firm', The Royal family still have the togetherness of purpose that sometimes lacks in the rest of society. Long may it continue.

Talking of marking of anniversaries, you will see in the magazine, The Bottisham Branch of The Royal British Legion is celebrating 100 years this year, with a special church service on Armed Forces Weekend at the end of the month.

Besides the Jubilee weekend there are lots of activities going on and things to do, visit or join in with. Our local National Trust sites, Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen both have lots of events and things of interest. The Bowling Club has open days and always an invitation to come and have a taster session.

Friends of the college have replaced their summer ball with a Quiz Night. I wonder if the cost was competing with peoples' need to tighten their belts. Anyway, the Quiz costs a lot less while still being a fund raiser for the cause and worth supporting.

Do take note of Cambridge Fibre's article if you are interested in the possible developments in internet connection.

Our cover this month is appropriate for the main event of the Jubilee. But if you have pictures of our lovely village or surroundings, that you would like to see on the cover of The Cresset, then do send them to me at Bottishamcresset@gmail.com. If you send them as full size attachments then that makes sure they are as sharp as can be. To fit the cover, they need to be in a portrait layout. ie. tall rather than wide. Think of that when you go to take the picture.



News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend on Saturday 4th June, we are planning a village celebration tea and garden party in the Vicarage garden (in the church if raining) with typical outdoor garden party activities and a raffle. In addition, we plan to hold an exhibition in the church displaying photographs, taken in and around the village during the 70 years of the Queens reign. Also on show will be any photographs taken by villagers of the Queen at any time during her reign.



Celebration tea 2.00 - 4.30pm in the Vicarage garden.

Exhibition of photographs in the Church 10.30am - 4.30pm. Exhibits to be brought to the church on Friday 3rd June 2pm - 5pm please, together with a cake if you can please.

On Sunday 5th June at 10.30am there will be a special service in church to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – all are welcome.

We are delighted that the Parish Council have agreed to set aside £200 to help with the Village Jubilee Celebrations

We have been very busy since the last report in the Cresset. Over the **Easter weekend** the churchyard was buzzing with around 40 children and their parents on an Easter Egg Hunt (well Easter Bunny actually). The church bells tolled as Carol Kitson showed children (and their parents) how they worked. The church benefited from a magnificent display of flowers thanks to Carolyn Bangs and her talented helpers.

The new sound system and hearing loop have been successfully installed and we are delighted with the results. It has been tested during a funeral, a holy communion service, a concert and a memorial service and the initial feedback has been very encouraging.

On May 7th we held our first 'Coffee and Cake Concert' when over 50 adults and several children enjoyed the singing of Sarah Maxwell and violin playing by myself all accompanied with great expertise by Jonathan Giles, whilst drinking coffee and eating delicious cakes supplied by our supporters. Many thanks to all those who made this event so successful. There were numerous requests for it to be repeated and so 'watch this space!'

That same afternoon the church was packed full for the memorial service of **Ken York** who passed away aged 100 years during lockdown in April 2020. Ken lived a full and happy life including 23 years in the Royal Marines. He made a massive contribution to village life as well as being a very active member of The Royal British Legion. He was also actively involved in the production and distribution of the Cresset. The large congregation was a fitting tribute to his life.

Stuart Field, Churchwarden

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Anglesey Abbey

CONSTABLE REVEALED

Discover the small yet significant collection of paintings by John Constable at Anglesey Abbey through our object trail in the House, including 'The Opening of Waterloo Bridge' in the Library, which has recently returned after restoration and over 270 hours of work completed by The Royal Oak Foundation Conservation Studio at Knole. Enjoy some of Constable's more unusual works and learn how we look after them for future generations to enjoy.

The trail is available daily from 29th April - 30th July and 1st September - 31st October.

SUMMER BLOOMS

Enjoy long, warm days in the beautiful gardens at Anglesey Abbey this summer. Explore the Wildflower Meadows as they come alive with activity from bees to butterflies with over 50 species of Wildflower. As the gardens begin to bloom again, discover the colourful flower displays in the Herbaceous Border, with 16 plants new for 2022, some chosen to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee including showstopping Delphiniums and Eremurus. Another must-see is our Rose Garden, which has also had some new planting for this year, with 15 new varieties to spot. Which is your favourite? Share your photos with us using the #SummerAtAA

SUMMER PLAY AT HOE FEN

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Anglesey Group of Parishes

Wed 1 June	8 pm	C by C (a short contemplative service), Online service on Zoom
Thur 2 June	10.30am	Jubilee Holy Communion, Lode
Sun 5 June	8am	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Jubilee Celebration, Bottisham
	4pm	Village Worship, Village Hall, Quy
Sun 12 June	9am	Holy Communion, Quy
	10.30am	Family Worship, Swaffham Prior – also on Zoom
Sun 19 June	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer, Quy
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
		Morning Prayer, Bottisham
Sun 26 June	8am	Holy Communion, Bottisham
	9am	Online service, on Zoom
	10.30am	Armed Forces Day Service, Bottisham
		Including the marking of Bottisham British Legion Branch 100 years centenary.
Each Thur	10.30am	Holy Communion, Lode

*vicar: Rev'd Sue Giles, The Vicarage, 86 High Street,
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Parish Council Report

As this month's issue comes through your letterbox, I'm sure that you, like me, will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I do hope that the events over the weekend provide an opportunity for us get together, without the restrictions to which we have been subject for so much of the past couple of years. Moments such as this are a time for taking stock of all that has happened over the last 70 years, before turning to the future that we want for our community.

I hope that, as you have read through this issue, your attention has been caught by our call to "Become a Parish Councillor and make a difference!" Please do feel free to contact me, any of my fellow Councillors, or the Clerk to find out more. We are seeking people with diverse skills and interests to fill the 3 current vacancies and be part of shaping our community's future. Please don't pass it by thinking that someone else "should do it". If you want a great village to live in, come and join us and make a difference.

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has been liaising with several organisations, notably the Village College and the Police, to tackle anti-social behaviour - which has become more prevalent locally since the lockdown. As we move forward, we want to see a more positive environment for young people in our community. To that end we plan to facilitate a mini forum led by the ECDC Community Safety Partnership. This will bring together key agencies to hear from local people about their concerns. As soon as details are available, we will publish them on our website and Facebook page.

If you read the whole of last month's Cresset, you will have noticed several articles referring to the Planning Inspector's decision not to allow the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the Retirement Village. The articles identified that the decision was not straightforward and that, if at any point the Local Plan (the document in which the District Council sets out detailed policies and specific proposals for the development and use of land in its area) is deemed insufficient to meet housing needs, Green Belt designation may not be sufficient to protect land from development. The question then arises as to what our community can do to secure that protection. A key action would be the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. This is where the community (not just the Parish Council!) gets together to establish a vision for an area, including general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood, and the allocation of sites for development. At its May meeting, the Parish Council decided to convene a group representing the community, to explore the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Bottisham. Watch this space for more information.

Planning Notes

a) New Applications

22/00153/FUL – Dunkeld, 70 Tunbridge Lane. Conversion of existing garage into granny annexe – amended application

b) Planning Applications Approved by ECDC.

22/00366/FUL – 10 Maple Close, Proposed 1st floor side extension

22/00270/CLE – Storage Yard at Parsonage Farm, Newmarket Rd, Bottisham. Open storage of timber and wood products

22/00276/FUL – 2 Spring Lane, CB25 9BL. Construction of 1st floor side extension and garage conversion into granny annex

c) Planning Application Refused by ECDC

21/01703/FUL – Site south of 2 Parsonage Barns, Bottisham . Erection of storage building, outdoor covered storage area, extension to form staff welfare facilities, and associated infrastructure



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District Councillors' Report

After a slow start, the Council has generally been efficient and effective at passing the Government Covid grants through to local businesses. We have queried some of the decisions but on the whole, it appears the funds have been distributed effectively. And we supported a motion, passed by Council, which commended the behaviour of local residents during the lockdown.

The Council has demolished their popular Mepal Outdoor Centre, despite not yet having planning permission for the proposed Crematorium. After muddle and delay, the Council is due to decide the application by 13 June.

The calculation on the Council's 5 year land supply was reset, and so they were able to show a 6.5 year land supply, and the policies in the 2015 Local Plan, notably the development envelope, became enforceable again. However, the relief maybe short-lived because a Planning Appeal was allowed in Soham, with the Inspector saying there had been a significant shortfall in development against the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan housing requirement to date, and that the plan 'cannot be said to have been effective in delivering the anticipated housing need to date'. He further stated that even if the Council could currently demonstrate the housing land supply it said it had (more than 6.5 years), there had been significant under-delivery against the plan to date, and there was a 'persistent failure' to meet housing requirements. 'There can be no certainty that the strategy contained in the [Local Plan] will deliver sufficient housing in the long-term of the plan period,' he concluded. 'In fact, the evidence before me suggests that it will not.'

The 2015 Local Plan is becoming increasingly outdated, with insufficient policies to address climate change or air quality as well as issues which need to be reconsidered such as parking space provision. It's challenging to update the Plan with continuing Government delays in publishing their proposed changes to the planning process, so the Council is consulting on its Policy GROWTH 1 and housing numbers, with a deadline for responses of 13 June. - Local Plan Review | East Cambridgeshire District Council (eastcambs.gov.uk)

The Council's record in collecting residents' black bag waste and recyclables has plummeted. Difficulties recruiting and retaining drivers began in September, and by November the local press was reporting allegations of low morale, bullying, stress and other staff concerns. These were denied by management. Green waste collections were cancelled from mid-December to the end of January, then it was announced that waste collection rounds were being permanently reconfigured from the end of March. The first few weeks of this change have not gone smoothly, with large numbers of uncollected bins, in some cases left for days or even weeks. We have struggled to get full information to understand the issues and will be attending a briefing to try to get a better understanding of the issues and press for rapid improvement to the service.

We supported a proposal to the Full Council that East Cambridgeshire should address the lack of 'Changing Places' toilets in the District for people with severe disabilities whether visible or not; and to review disabled access to all public toilets and signage on them for

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invisible disabilities. East Cambridgeshire was the only District in the County not to be awarded any money at all by the Government in its recent funding round to improve Changing Places toilet provision, because it did not request any funding. The Council's leadership delayed giving a response to this proposal by referring it to Finance & Assets Committee. However, this delay does give time for the public to express their views. If you support the call for improved toilet facilities for disabled people, please sign the petition at - <https://tinyurl.com/yumzjyw>.

Our next surgery will be on Monday 20 June at 6.00pm in the Committee Room at Bottisham Sports & Social Club.

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Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

At our April meeting we held our Spring Social. Carrying on with our theme of 'Transformation', we enjoyed a craft afternoon making flowers from flat sheets of tissue paper. In readiness for celebrating the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the flowers were made in patriotic colours of red, white and blue for us to decorate our homes. The Bring & Buy Stall raised approximately £45.

Response to our placing collection boxes in Bottisham, Swaffham Bulbeck, Lode and Quy churches for donations of used postage stamps has been tremendous. Thank you to all those who have contributed. I currently have our second batch (half a carrier bag full) to pass on to aid The Leprosy Mission.

Our meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Lode Church. On 16th June we will be making a simple posy bowl arrangement with summer flowers. All are welcome to come and join us.

Ann Langran



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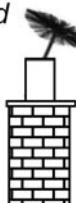
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Welcome to our Village

RECENTLY ENJOYED

Easter Village Treats Lots happened in April to celebrate Easter, with egg hunts, live music, Church services, a fundraising Race Night and the reopening of the Bottisham Airfield Museum.

Village Yard Sale Organised by resident Amy and supported by plenty of neighbours, despite a grim start to the day weather-wise, it proved to be sunny and sociable, with visitors from other villages and towns. The event even raised funds for local organisations by way of donation of profits.

Coffee, Cake & Concert Early May saw the start of a new series of Church concerts, to be run on Saturday mornings, keep your eyes peeled for further signs and have a listen!

REGULAR VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Toddler Group every Tuesday (term time only) 09:00 at The Holy Trinity Church

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

Carpet Bowls every Wednesday 19:15 at Bottisham Village College

Bottisham Book Club every (first) Wednesday of the month, 19:30 at The Bell Pub

Bottisham Baking Club every (second) Wednesday of the month, 19:30 at The Bell Pub

Wool & Wine Wednesdays every (third) Wednesday of the month, 19:30 at The Bell Pub

Bottisham Boardgame Club every (fourth) Wednesday of the month, 19:30 at The Bell Pub

Bottisham Men's Walking Group every (last) Friday of the month 09:30 (For further details contact Ian Cole on 01223 812573)

Storytelling First Saturday of every month 10:30 at the Library

THINGS IN THE MAKING

Crafty Contributions to Jubilee Celebrations! Our local Bottisham Wool & Wine Group have been contacted by our neighbours in Lode. Their knitting group, has a decoration plan to celebrate the Jubilee and they're looking for interested Bottisham residents to join in. Contact clarewilkes33@btinternet.com if you'd like to make a contribution, or simply know more about their knitting group, which meets every odd-numbered Tuesday, at The Shed in Lode:

Suggested emblems to create are, horses, lions, roses, thistles, daffodils, shamrock, handbags, unicorns, leeks and of course corgi's!

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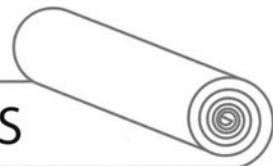


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and gold. Required are rectangles, either stitched together from triangles or squares. Places to decorate Longmeadow, Bottisham, Lode and Swaffham Bulbeck; pick a place and team up with neighbours to add to the festivities

Dad's Friday Night Football – at the Bottisham Sports Centre, for a small cost of £3 per player, being a parent is not essential, kick off at 8pm most Friday's, for more information check out the Bottisham Community Group Facebook Page

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – JUNE 2022

Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations Saturday 4th June – Starting 10:30-16:30, join your neighbours in the Vicarage Gardens for tea & cake . There will be a few games for all ages & a raffle. Come along and share friendship, food & fun with neighbours and toast to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! There will also be an exhibition of pictures and memorabilia in The Church of Bottisham over the past 70 years.

Disco Fiesta! Saturday 11th June – at the Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club, enjoy some 'Old Skool' tunes at this 'Throwback Party', with Salsa Taster Session starting at 19:30 and disco for all starting at 20:15. For more details contact bottishamcsasc@gmail.com or visit their website this is a ticketed event

Litter Pick Saturday 18th June Meet at the Sports Centre end of the BVC car park at 10:30am, let us know in advance if you're coming along so we can ensure we have enough equipment

1940's Weekend Sat & Sun 18th and 19th June – Bottisham Airfield once again opens it's doors for this historical and enjoyable event. This is a ticketed event advanced entry tickets can be purchased. Further information can be found on their website or Facebook Group

Play Reading Evening Monday 20th June – Meet at the Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club, from 7:30pm, to explore and share scripts with others and have some fun reading out characters in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, to join email rosemary@anthonyjolley.com or see the event on Bottisham Events Facebook Page

FRIENDS OF BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

Is a fundraising group supporting our local Secondary School. Sadly their planned Bottisham Ball had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales, however, they have re-purposed the date of the Saturday 2nd July and transformed it into The Great Summer Quiz! Do pop the date in your diary and come along!

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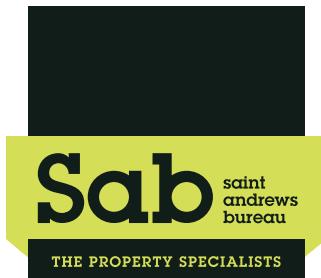
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DARWIN NURSERY

At our meeting on 26th April we were very pleased to welcome Caroline Deeth from Darwin Nurseries to talk about hanging baskets. But first we learned something of the history of the Darwin Nursery itself. It relocated from Fulbourn Hospital to its present site on the A1303 Newmarket Road some 25 years ago, with the aim of encouraging adults with learning and mental health challenges to develop confidence and skills which would help them in their lives. The Nursery is part of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust. The site has grown immensely and now has over 7 acres of land, with woods, the farm with animals (take your Christmas trees there for shredding, the goats love to eat the pine needles). There's a farm shop selling its own and other locally produced goods, including pet food, and a café area for refreshments, tea and coffee etc. Near the entrance to the Nursery you will see the Bee Orchid Wood, established in 2014 with trees donated by the Woodland Trust and further expanded to add the High Ditch Wood on the other side of the site, making an additional 1000 trees planted in the past few years. The public are encouraged to visit, there is plenty of room for picnics and for children to visit the animals and generally enjoy themselves. The site also has a large greenhouse for indoor work: pricking out and transplanting the numerous bedding plants for the hanging baskets. Outside is the main growing area for vegetables, an orchard with apples, pears, plums, and cherries. They hope to have an apple day in autumn when they will make their own juice – everyone welcome. Everything is grown organically using the permaculture (no dig) method; no chemicals are used.

The farm shop stocks home-grown and locally sourced fruit and vegetables, meats, cheeses and fruit juices, chutneys and pickles also purchased from trusted local/ East Anglian suppliers. Eggs are fresh and free range from the Nursery's own hens. There is always a good range of bedding plants, perennials, shrubs etc - everything a gardener could wish for.

HANGING BASKETS

Caroline, aided by the very helpful Tom, then showed us the various types of hanging baskets available and how to plant them up. Her preference was a jute liner, topped with a circle on the base cut from an old compost bag to stop the water flooding through. In went good compost mixed with long life food to half fill the basket, and then place the plants. Personal choice here, but have a taller plant in the middle surrounded with low growing and trailing plants. Top up the basket with compost and water well. The planting is the easy bit, to keep the basket going we need to water daily, twice daily if it's hot, and water the soil, not the foliage. Feed regularly with tomato food to help them flourish. Plants like petunias can get very sticky and droopy with age, prevent this with regular deadheading. The finished basket was added to the raffle and a very pleased club member will collect her prize from the Nursery later in May.

Darwin Nurseries take the hard work out of it and will make up hanging baskets to your own order and keep them in their greenhouse until about the end of May when they are ready

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for hanging outside. They will also refill your own existing basket, giving it a general MOT and replacing chains where necessary before planting it up.

Tricia McLaughlin

FORTHCOMING

Tuesday 28 June, 7.30 pm in the Poppy Room – Summer social and plant swap; plus the competition for the Don Bedford Rose Cup.

Wednesday 20 July (Please note change of date.) Summer outing to RHS Hyde Hall. Pick up outside Bottisham Village College at approx. 9.30am, departing Hyde Hall around 4 pm. The cost will be £17 for members as we are affiliated to the RHS, £25 for non-members. This outing is open to all, not just members of the club. Contact Peter Bullock (email wandaandpeter@googlemail.com, tel. 811716) or Julia Green (email julia.green145@gmail.com, tel. 811467) for further information. You are very welcome to join us for the day.

Reasons to be Cheerful...

In this mad crazy world in which we live, there are many things which upset or disappoint us. I have a silly sense of humour, and there are many things which make me smile as I go about my life. Road signs, TV adverts, clothing labels, people, animals, food packets, and all sorts of other stuff. Here are a few things which made me giggle this month.

- There are more Baked Beans eaten in Britain than in the rest of the world.
- Chicken Tikka Masala is widely recognised as a British national dish.
- Film. The new name for cling film now that it doesn't cling!
- Surprise surprise. Yorkshire Tea is not grown in Yorkshire.
- There is a coffee factory in Derbyshire that produce 175000 jars of instant coffee every day (Inside the factory).
- Ribena's Gloucestershire factory turns 90% of Britains Blackcurrants into 3 million bottles of soft drink every week (Inside the factory).
- Word of the month; - Ullage.

SOME VET SIGNS.

If cats could text you back, they wouldn't.

If the Earth was flat, cats would push everything off it.

Dogs have owners, cats have staff.

Letting the cat out of the bag is easier than putting it back in.

Keep smiling - Peter Rayment

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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend: The surgery will be closed for the four days bank holiday weekend so please remember to ensure you have a sufficient supply of your medication to cover this period and to also allow at least 5 working day turnaround for repeat prescriptions during this busy period.

Health Pod: This has now been installed in the waiting room to enable patients to take their blood pressure, weight and complete health questionnaires which will automatically upload to their GP records. It will be in use within the next six weeks.

Red Bucket Funds and other Donations: Thank you to all those who have donated. The current total is £374.40 after our contribution to the purchase of the new ECG machine.

Dispensary: There continues to be a five day turnaround time for repeat prescriptions. They are continuing to offer a delivery service for medication. Please pick up a leaflet from the practice or go on line in order to register for this service.

Appointments: These will continue to be a mixture of face to face and phone consultations. Whilst patients will still need to queue for the dispensary there will be now be more seating allowed in the waiting area.

The Practice Manager wishes to extend thanks to patients for their help and support over the last difficult few months.

The Patient Participation Group: We are looking for new members to join the committee, all patients of this Practice are eligible. Please contact our chairman as below to find out more information and how you can be involved

Regular Meetings: Please note that we are returning to 6pm and on Thursdays as we used to do before the pandemic. However we will continue on Zoom for the time being.

So next meeting is Thursday 28 July 2022 at 6pm. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting please email our chairman at s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will send you a meeting invite.

Choose if Data from your Health Record is Shared for Research and Planning

Patient data from GP medical records kept by GP practices in England is used to improve health, care and services through planning and research, helping to find better treatments and improve patient care. The NHS is introducing an improved way to share this information – called the General Practice Data for Planning and Research data collection. (GPDPR)

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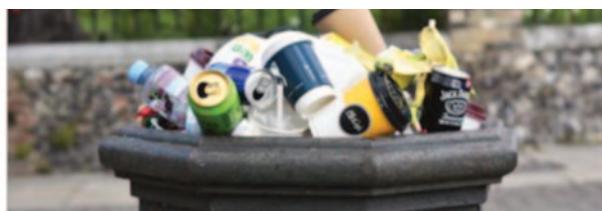
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Our April meeting was held in the Poppy Room at the Sports and Social Club. Our speaker was Arn Dekker and he gave us a very interesting talk about the Cambridge Peace Trail. Other trails have been created in Manchester, Bradford, London and Leeds. The trail gives information about people that are connected with peace and social justice. It begins at Station Road, then Lensfield Road, Parkside and onto Regent Street. We heard about connections with many of the colleges and also the Guildhall and Peas Hill. Although there are few monuments to peace activists in Cambridge a visit to where they first became engaged with peace issues is always rewarding. In the library of Corpus Christi College is a written agreement between King Alfred of Wessex and a Viking ruler of East Anglia, called Guthrum which is probably the earliest attempt at a treaty designed to keep the peace. Also they have 2 coins which are examples of the money in circulation at the time 878 to 890 AD.

At refreshment time we had the opportunity to look through information on the many varied events that are being organised by our Cambridge Federation Office.

There will be no meeting in June as we are having a members Jubilee lunch. The WI meeting in July will be as normal.



Bottisham Village Litter Pick



Saturday 18th June 10:30am

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For the first time these residents have access to speeds up to 935Mbit, which is over 20 times faster than the previous average speed. New locations are being added daily, so those interested in the service should contact Cambridge Fibre to check availability at their address.

Work has also begun on Lode Road to extend the network to Lode and Long Meadow. It is estimated that the first homes in Lode will be connected in late June or early July.

In other good news, the government voucher scheme that funds 100% of the installation cost has been granted an extension. The Bottisham and Lode project is being managed by Cambridge Fibre. Those wanting to receive a voucher need only place a pre-order on the Cambridge Fibre web site, and it will be requested on their behalf.

However, it is not all good news. The project currently has insufficient take-up to fund the roll-out to all homes in Bottisham. If this situation persists, then the areas with the lowest take-up are likely to be excluded from the roll-out. This would lead to a very undesirable “haves” and “have-nots” scenario.

When asked about this, Cambridge Fibre has said that they are working on this problem. John McEleney, the Managing Director of Cambridge Fibre said the following:

“We are taking a multi-pronged approach to solving this problem. Firstly, we are determined to increase the take-up in all areas of Bottisham and use that funding to cross-subsidise the areas with the low take-up.

Secondly, we are looking closely at the reasons behind that low take-up. In many cases the areas where we have not had pre-orders have a lot of retired residents that do not feel that they need broadband which is either faster or more reliable. What they would like to see is a lower-cost option.

For this reason, we are introducing a new “Social Tariff” which will be available to all residents of retirement age, or those on state benefits. The cost of this service will be just £17 per month for a 100Mbps service.

Even this low cost service is faster than the best “Part Fibre” these residents have today, and is far more reliable. These homes can choose to switch to the faster services any time they wish. That same fibre will easily deliver a 935Mbit service, or anything in between.

Thirdly, we have been told by many residents that they would like us to take-over provision of their telephone service and eliminate the expensive line-rental. We will now be offering telephone services which allow you to hold on to your existing number, starting at £6 per month”

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Last year the Government revealed a 3 billion pounds plan to transform England's bus network and it is thought that around 2.4 billion pounds has been announced so far. Bus fares have risen, and local political leaders are disappointed at missing out on their Bus Improvement Plan – improvement of bus frequency, evening buses, better cleaning, and CCTV in every bus. The Combined Authority say they are proud of what they have achieved including having been awarded the Zero Emission Buses Regional Area scheme funding for 2021/22 for the roll out of 30 net Zero electric buses.

Britain's first full size self-driving bus has been tested by Stagecoach in Scotland with passengers due to board this summer. They are sensor operated but will have a driver and bus captain on board. They could carry 36 passengers for the 14 miles over the Forth Bridge in Scotland. Paris has removed 149 electric buses after a second fire in a month.

National Express say their passenger numbers have improved particularly at Easter with passengers to the airports but demand also in Spain and Morocco. Eurotunnel also benefitted from the P and O problems at Dover.

A Bill to extend the HS2 to Manchester was laid in Parliament in January. This would cut times between London and Manchester and also between Birmingham and Manchester. More than 11,000 journeys have been made at Soham's new multimillion pounds railway station in its first 3 months.

There has been a scheme by the government to offer cut price train tickets between April 25th and May 27th. With problems at the Channel and other ports and also at the airports this might have helped people with the cost of travel and when they were travelling off peak perhaps for the recommended Staycation. Cambridge to Liverpool Street was 4 pounds in the sale.

A nationwide rail strike has been threatened. Pay rises to help with the rising cost of living are being sought by a trade union.

The Oxford Cambridge Arc is still under discussion.

Thameslink is increasing its services between King's Cross and Cambridge.

Greater Anglia has introduced a new Summer Timetable.

Network Rail has designed a flatpack railway station to replace old and crumbling ones - Ikea furniture style.

It's all aboard the platinum express.

The first Crossrail trains are scheduled to run on May 24th in time for the Queen's Jubilee. 20 years in the making, over 3yrs late and now set to open as the Elizabeth Line. Trains are running in its final phase of testing branded as TfL Rail between Reading and Paddington in the west and Shenfield and Liverpool Street in the East. I have enjoyed watching the television programmes.

A new track section in Laos means you can now travel to Singapore from Portugal by 13 trains.

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Paddy James

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News from Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

WILDLIFE NEWS

We've been seeing lots of marsh harrier activity on Sedge Fen from the Visitor Centre so we're hoping it's going to be a good year for harriers, and that their young will thrive. By the time you read this article, fen wildflowers will be blooming, and butterflies, dragonflies and bees will be buzzing. The Summer Nature Trail opens on 1st June which is a great route for getting away from it all for a tranquil wander. It's a real treat to walk through the tall herb fen vegetation – it feels like you're immersed in nature.



NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE FESTIVAL (MAY TO OCTOBER 2022)

Natural England is celebrating 70 years since the first NNR was designated. Wicken Fen was designated as a NNR in 1993. We'll be joining the celebrations by offering pop-up activities for visitors to enjoy, including the opportunity to interact with people recording wildlife on the Fen. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information.

SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS

We'll be offering our usual programme of summer events for families, including a summer trail, and fen favourites such as pond dipping and dragonfly safaris. Details of our events can be found on our website at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on>

FOOTPRINTS: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We're looking forward to meeting local communities at fairs, feasts and festivals in the fen edge villages. We'll be at Ely Eel Fayre 5 June, Waterbeach Feast 11 June and Burwell Carnival on 25 June. Pop by to say hello if you're visiting any of these events – we'd love to meet you. You'll also be able to find out more about our community engagement project, the nature reserve and Wicken Fen Vision.

EVENTS

For the latest reserve information, please visit our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

Picture contributed by Richard Nicoll.

CARERS WEEK 2022



Carers Week 2022 is on the way from 6 to 12 June. The week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges people looking after a family or friend face and recognise the contribution they make to communities.

The theme for Carers Week 2022 is 'Make caring visible, valued and supported'.

Caring Together have a range of activities, workshops and information sessions planned for throughout the week. There are also fun activities planned for young carers in the half-term week before Carers Week.

If you look after a family member or friend, see how you can get involved. Find out more at caringtogether.org/news/carers-week-events-activities-countdown

If you know of someone looking after a family member or friend who would benefit from support, please contact **Caring Together on 0345 241 0954**, at hello@caringtogether.org or see caringtogether.org

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The group members are as follows:

Johnathon Cook	(Lay member) Chair
Emma Fletcher	(Lay Member and founder of A to B1102)
Tania Verdonk	(Lay Member)
Colin Lizieri	(Lay Member and Stow cum Quy representative) Treasurer
Fran Plattern	(Lode Parish Councillor) Secretary
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It was agreed that the group would meet every 3 months to address the issues that the group is dealing with and to initiate consultations concerning the B1102. We also will be encouraging Parish Councils to interact with us to meet these objectives and help keep the B1102 a safe road for all those that use it.

It was also agreed that the group would conduct a Swaffham Bulbeck to Burwell road safety Survey. It was agreed that not only would Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell benefit but the entire road between Stow cum Quy Bottisham and Lode. It was greed that the group would engage the help of Mike Horsfall who has an expertise in this field but also, he is a resident of Swaffham Prior.

The group agreed to continue with the express bus service that was discussed before the group was constituted. The express bus would have limited stops but would connect with other services outside of the B1102 settlements. The Bus route would be Stow Cum Quy/ Lode going through Swaffham Bulbeck into Burwell carrying on into Soham. From Soham into Newmarket then turning onto the A1303 at Stetchworth toll roundabout. Along the A1303 turning right into Quy. There would be interchanges at Lode, Soham, and Newmarket. The group would discuss this with Stagecoach (due to ticketing issues with other providers) to see if this would be a viable service for them to provide.

Steven ODell

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Community Library

A few of our volunteers met face to face on Friday 6th May evening session and had a pleasant catch up. There were several new volunteers together with some who have been involved with the Association since we started nearly 20 years ago. The Public Library Service thought the 10 community Libraries would be a nine days wonder and only gave us minimal funding for 3 years. We are ALL still running and serving our local areas! We are perhaps most fortunate as we share our library with the Village College in lovely modern premises. Some use an area where bookshelves have to be wheeled away at the end of the session and have few opening times. We have continued to run identical session times. We are lucky to have such loyal and willing volunteers.

We are pleased that, with the ending of all restrictions, we are once again welcoming pupils from Bottisham Community Primary School class by class for library visits on some Wednesday mornings.

I hope our sale on the Triangle goes well next Saturday and the weather is as good as it is today.

Please note that due to the Jubilee Celebration holiday we shall be closed after our Wednesday morning session on 1st June and re-open on Tuesday 7th June at 3.00pm.

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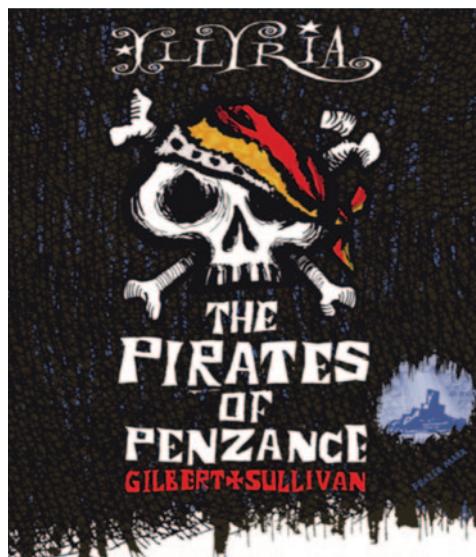


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Bottisham & Lode Cricket Club

The Bottisham & Lode cricket club are hoping to be able to provide some Kids cricket from Mid June, which is aimed as a taster for kids aged 6-11.

The club are discussing with the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association about having 8 sessions held in lode for younger age group cricketers with the plan to have some older age competitive cricket from next year. If your child might be interested in joining in or if you would be interested in helping this please contact myself on the following email address timothysale@hotmail.com and I will send you further details.

May 7th and the first game of the 2022 cricket season. The Bottisham and Lode team started with a home game in Lode. The wicket had been prepared by Will Allen and was looking good despite some early morning rain. The outfield looked longer than the team would like and with a bit of moisture on the surface made it look like batting would be hard early on especially. Jordan Haynes went up for the toss and Camden called right and put Bottisham and Lode in to Bat.

Chris Darling and Conner Lee confidently took to the field to face the opening salvos of the season from a Camden side buoyed by their friendly win the week before. The opening over was an eventful one, where Chris Darling started strongly with runs off the first few balls, before finding that the rain in the morning had made the pitch trickier to read than expect and resulted in Chris catching one on the lip and coming off for treatment. That allowed Michael Mead and then with a period after Hamish Westbrook to come to the wicket. The left / right hand batting combination worked well for a time allowing the team to pick up some easy runs. However, the team struggled in the middle overs of their inning finding it hard to put runs on the board with regular wickets falling with players trying to force runs in the adverse batting conditions. This didn't stop Callum Fullwood coming in late to knock some important runs, to give the score a more respectable finish. The team ended with 129 all out. Top scorers were Hamish Westbrook and Callum Fullwood both with 30. This was by no means a low score and if the pitch continued to be hard to bat on, would allow the Bottisham and Lode team every chance to win the game if they could bowl and field well.

After Tea both teams took to the field and were looking for a way to win. The pitch had unfortunately started to settle down as the day went on with the moisture in the surface lifted out and so batting was easier the longer the game went on. This allowed Camden plenty of comfort for their batting with just over 3 runs an over needed on an improving pitch.

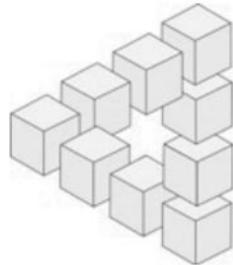
Bottisham and Lode took to the task well initially however it soon became clear that the Camden side were prepared to play the long game and not take risks with their wickets. Plenty of players managed to bowl during the innings for Bottisham and Lode, even the wicket keeper for the day Callum Fullwood who went on to get a wicket. Unfortunately, the Bottisham and Lode team could not overcome their opponents on this occasion. Congratulations to Matt Lewis on his debut for the club, unfortunately not a winning one, but plenty of time left in the season for the team to work their way up the league.

Thanks to all who came to support and watch.

May 14th and the Bottisham and Lode team travelled to Newmarket to play a newly former Newmarket 2nd team not knowing what to expect.

Will Allen went out for the toss and promptly won sending his side in to bat on what looked like a great batting surface.

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Conner Lee and Hamish Westbrook strode out with confidence and the team were on top of the bowlers from the off.

Notable scores of 43 from Conner Lee, 67 from Jordan Haynes, and 52 from Callum Fullwood allowed the team to progress to a superb score of 233 for 8 wickets in the 40 overs. Great work from all the batsmen.

This score buoyed the Bottisham and Lode team as they came out to field looking for a fast start to cement the advantage. Opening bowler Joe Wilson got the team off to a great start with 2 early wickets to put the Newmarket team on the back foot. With tight bowling from Joe (2 wickets for 17 runs off 5 overs) and Ned ‘the mullet’ Westbrook (1 wicket for 27 runs off 8 overs) Newmarket were well behind the run rate, after 10 overs. Moving into the middle over this great start was supported by Conner Lee (2 wickets for 20 runs off 8 overs), with support in the final few overs coming from Jordan Haynes (4 wickets for 6 runs off 2.1 overs) clearing up the tail helping his own and the teams figures.

Despite this great bowling Newmarket were able to get the better of a couple of other bowlers with Will Allen giving 43 runs off his 6 overs and Dan Roberts giving 33 of 4 overs. The fielding was pretty good, however a drop from Callum Fullwood behind the stumps and a couple of miss-fields from Jordan Haynes and Joe Wilson allowed further runs to slip through in the later part of the innings. Not all their fault as Newmarket had decided to throw everything at it, despite the game effectively being over, with the team being out for 167, well short of the Bottisham and slide total.

So a great result for Bottisham and Lode and leaves the team mid table after 1 win and 1 loss. We may be having the rest of May have off thanks to a Bye week and Witcham pulling out of the league. So, our June games are:

4th June Sutton away / 11th June Histon away / 18th Cottenham home / 25th Coton away
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Joe Root stepped down as England Cricket captain on 15th April after a record-breaking tenure comprising 27 victories (in 64 tests) and 5,295 runs as skipper, outperforming all other captains in these respects. But he carried the burden of 26 defeats – a less celebrated record – the disastrous recent tours in Australia and the West Indies, and ‘walked’ before the team’s losses began to damage his outstanding form with the bat, not to mention his life in general. “I have loved leading my country, but recently it’s hit home how much of a toll it has taken on me and the impact it has had on me away from the game.” I think we sometimes forget that our sporting heroes are ordinary, sentient life forms beneath their talent and their fame.

So, from a shortlist of one, the ECB finally forgave Ben Stokes for indiscretions of the past and installed him as captain for what we hope is a ‘great reset’, beginning with a challenging Test series against the Kiwis this summer. He immediately announced that Messrs Broad and Anderson would be returning to the England fold and went on to celebrate his appointment by hitting poor Josh Baker for 34 in one over, on his way to a 64-ball ton, at Worcester in a county match! Together with Robert Key, the new Managing Director of Men’s Cricket, and new head coach Brenden McCullum, one hopes that Stokes, with his ‘no backwards step’ mentality, can rapidly improve England’s current form which has seen only one win in the last 17 Tests. Perhaps McCullum, a former Kiwi captain, might offer some insights into New Zealand’s weaknesses, if any, but one thing is certain: both Stokes and Root will need to bring their ‘A-game’ to shore up the worryingly fragile batting line-up if England are to dent the crown of the current World Test Champions!

Thinking about coaches reminds me that Emma Hayes, the Chelsea Women’s football manager, has enjoyed quite a season... she recently celebrated her team winning the domestic ‘Treble’ by picking up FIFA Best Women’s Coach of the Year. Hayes faces regular criticism from less-enlightened football men who feel emasculated by her expertise as a commentator and a coach, but you only need to listen properly and watch her team play to see that she knows exactly what she’s doing. Could she manage a men’s team soon, I wonder?

Burnley perhaps? They are looking for a new manager after the ridiculous sacking of Sean Dyche in April, eight matches before the end of the 2021-22 campaign. At nine-and-a-half seasons, Dyche was the longest-serving manger currently in the top flight and had guided Burnley to two top-half Premier League finishes and one season of European football before a string of poor results led their American owners to hit the panic button. Considering his relatively meagre budget, Dyche performed near miracles keeping Burnley this high for so long but, when there is so little investment in ‘the product’, it’s inevitable that the manager eventually runs out of magic. (At the time of writing) it looks a big ask to expect Under 23s manager Mike Jackson to save the First Team from relegation, but I guess Burnley’s thinking is that his salary is a lot more commensurate with life in the Championship than Dyche’s!

No such money worries for Manchester City, eh! The Premier League champions elect have just splashed out on the world’s most prolific goalscorer, Erling Haaland who has scored 61 goals in 66 games for Borussia Dortmund and 15 goals in 17 international

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appearances for Norway. You might think one would be excited by the prospect of seeing such ability in the domestic game. But me... frankly, I find it depressing! Liverpool and Manchester City are already in a two-team league of their own in England and the more they spend, the longer this state of affairs will prevail. The remainder of the so-called 'big' teams are left scrapping for the ever-increasing number of places in various European competitions, and everyone else is in a relegation struggle! It's sad that the more modestly-sized clubs like Derby, Nottingham Forest, Burnley (or Ipswich!) will never again be able to win English football's most coveted prize.

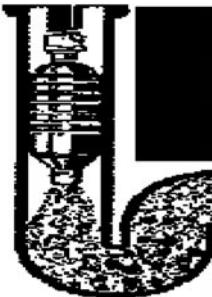
And so, to a little mystery! May 2022 saw the 60th anniversary of Ipswich Town winning the old First Division under the stewardship of a certain former Tottenham full-back, Alf Ramsey. And to mark the event, leading goalscorer Ray Crawford was presented to the Portman Road crowd at half time during Ipswich's final match of the season against Charlton (one of his former clubs). Having seen him play back in the 1960s, I can tell you that this man had everything anyone could want in a centre-forward, and he still looked great at 85! Anyway, I was curious enough to look up his stats... Crawford scored 204 goals in 320 games for Ipswich, which is strikingly (get it?!) similar to his contemporary Jimmy Greaves' 220 goals in 321 games. How odd then, that Crawford was only capped twice for England whilst the great Greavesie went on to 57 caps. Might we have won the World Cup four years earlier with Ray Crawford leading the front line? I reckon so!

Someone else who looks good at a ripe old age is the redoubtable Mark Cavendish, who is still winning cycle races at the very top level at the age of 36. He outsprinted big names such as Nacer Bouhanni and Alexander Kristoff to become the oldest winner of the oldest one-day Classic – the revered Milano-Torino in March. Then, returning to the Giro d'Italia after a nine-year absence, Cav produced a massive 300 metre sprint in Stage 3 to claim his 16th Giro stage win and 160th career win. The remarkable thing was that, not only did he beat a world class field, but he stuck his nose in the wind a good 100 metres earlier than his normal modus operandi. His team – QuickStep-AlphaVinyl – have already taken the decision not to enter Cavendish for the 2022 Tour de France, but one wonders if they might reconsider if he continues to prove that he's their fastest man!

Someone who has not coped so well with the ageing process is one-time golden boy of tennis, Boris Becker. He cut a sad figure at the end of April as he was sentenced to 30-months prison after being found guilty of four charges under Insolvency legislation. He was declared bankrupt in 2017 owing £50 million to various creditors, including a £3 million loan on his luxury estate in Mallorca. But, despite his denials, the jury of Southwark Crown Court found that he had concealed shares and property worth over £2 million in order to continue to fund an inappropriately lavish lifestyle. These days, Becker's bloated face tells the story of his chaotic life since retirement from tennis, a roller-coaster of problematic ventures, failed relationships and excess. I really don't know whether Becker is a pig-headed reprobate or a boy who never grew up, but his protracted fall from grace is now complete as he contemplates the next 15 months in jail. A cautionary tale of too much too young?

TTFN, Gerry Daish

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"Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George"

What did you do on April 23rd? Once upon a time it used to be a national holiday in England with parades, morris dancing and feasts with pubs in particular festooned with garlands of St. George's crosses to celebrate the English Patron Saint. Just as Scotland has St Andrew, Wales St David and Ireland St Patrick - England has St George. But according to The Sun, nine in ten Britains don't know of St George's Day nor know his saint's day is celebrated on 23rd April each year. Like many things traditionally English the celebrations have been somewhat dumbed down over recent years and have become just an observance with the St George's Cross only raised on public buildings, cathedrals and churches. Very, very few English people now even wear a red rose on their lapel.

But it is very much the opposite in this household! Every year at JOW we celebrate the occasion by flying the 'Red Cross of St George' – you may have noticed it if you travel along the High Street – and this year we gladly hosted a traditional St George's Day dinner for friends. But nowadays few English souls on this 'sceptered isle' will let their hair down and slacken those stiff upper lips to celebrate their nationality - whereas the other nations appear not to miss the chance of raising their glasses on their nations' saints' days. Maybe the English simply feel a bit embarrassed about demonstrating pleasure in being who they are!!

Most people know little or nothing more about St George other than he once killed a dragon. The story was brought back by the Crusaders in the Middle Ages. They claimed; "George turned up in a village where a dragon was terrorising the locals and they fed it sheep to calm it down. After the greedy monster had scoffed the whole 'woolly' population, the king decreed that local children should replace the sheep on the dragon's menu. Along came George who saved the day by slaying the dragon with his sword".

St. George has been recognised as patron of a wide variety of countries and cities across both Eastern and Western Europe and we owe his popularity in England to the 11th and 12th century Crusades. "He was born in Turkey to a Palestinian mother almost 2,000 years ago and fought in the Roman army. He was beheaded for his Christian beliefs on April 23 in the year 303 and his feats have been recognised in English folklore for over 1500 years. But he never set foot on 'England's green and pleasant land' and didn't become the Patron Saint of England until 1348, when Edward III founded a new order of chivalry, the Knights of the Garter. "Edward made St George the patron of the Order and also declared him Patron Saint of England". Further credence to this is given when at the battle of Agincourt in 1415; Henry V invoked George as England's patron by his rallying call of "Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George".

However it may be surprising to learn that St George was not the first Patron Saint of England. That honour was originally held by St Edmund, or Edmund the Martyr - King of East Anglia, in the 9th century AD. Edmund was born in 841 in Suffolk and at the age of 14 was elected King of East Anglia. In 869, following the Danish invasion of East Anglia, Edmund was captured at Hoxne in Suffolk, tortured and beheaded. His body was buried near to where he was killed until his remains were moved to 'Burie', which we know today



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For centuries Edmund's resting place was patronised by the Kings of England and the Abbey became increasingly wealthy as the cult of St Edmund grew. During the Dissolution of the Monasteries under Henry VIII, his remains were removed to France (Toulouse) for safe keeping where they remained until 1911. Today they are believed to be kept in the chapel in Arundel Castle.

Will you be raising a glass or two as a toast to St George on 23rd April next year – or even perhaps to St Edmund on 20th November?

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"There is a forgotten, nay almost forbidden word, which means more to me than any other. That word is England." Sir Winston Churchill.

Community Herb Beds

"After a few weeks of very dry weather, we have finally received some welcome rain for the gardens and wildlife today (Wednesday 11th May)

Yesterday, Jan, Bernadette and I met at the Community herb beds beside the Village sign. We were pleased to see that the pansies planted in the late Autumn have revived and are looking good. One or two losses were noted, but we did add some new herbs after giving the beds a weed and tidying the grass border.

I have included a couple more slate signs, which may be too small for some of you to read. We also have a temporary small sign saying 'community herb bed' and another inviting you to 'take a snip for dinner.'

As soon as we obtain or are donated a more permanent sign, we will place it beside the beds.

We currently have small, young plants of Fennel, Parsley, Marjoram and Thyme, also some Basil and Coriander seedlings, still in their coir pots; which will hopefully thrive.

We will need to visit more often to keep the beds watered during dry weather; any help with that would be welcome if you live close by.

We would politely ask dog walkers to ensure their dogs don't 'go' on the beds, thank you.

We have chosen Parsley as our 'Herb of the Month' This annual herb can be sown direct into prepared beds, or grown in containers and can be a fun thing to do with children.

Recipe: I never enjoyed parsley sauce on fish as a child, but have come to appreciate the various ways this versatile herb can enhance the flavour of many other dishes. Nowadays I finely chop some parsley, mixing it with breadcrumbs, some lemon zest and seasoning, then use this mixture to top a fillet of firm white fish, before baking it. You could also add a little Parmesan to the mixture.

Do you have a favourite herb recipe?

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If you are not yet a member of, or in the habit of walking past, Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club you may not be aware that in The Club car park there is a new Clothing Bank. Thank you to The Club for hosting this important fund-raising operation. Please get in touch if you, or someone you know, can host an EAAA Clothing Bank in your area.

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Please continue to support EAAA in any way you can – do contact us with your ideas for fundraising – we need your ideas and help to keep this marvellous life-saving charity doing what they are trained to do – together We Save Lives.

Michael White

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Tree Identification at Wandlebury, Tuesday 7 June & Wednesday 29 June, 10.00-12.00

Gentle guided walk around the beautiful Country Park to learn about native trees. Led by a knowledgeable CambridgePPF Warden, who will help you to identify tree species using features such as bark, leaves, flowers and fruits. Please wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors. Meet at the large noticeboard near the car park. Free event, suggested donation £3. No need to book.

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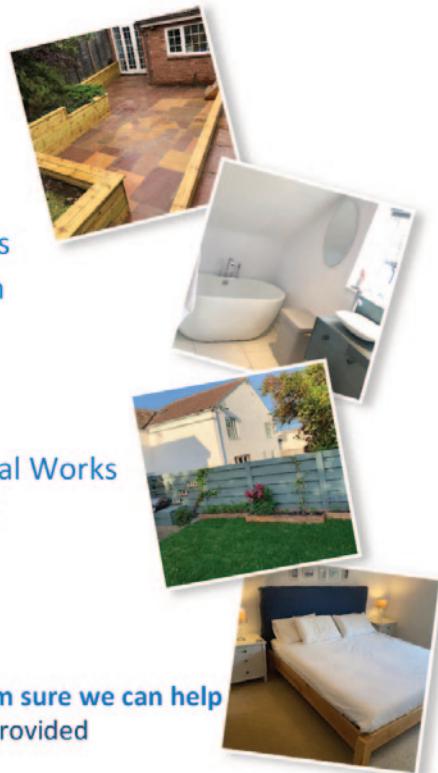
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