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

Bradfords Close Jubilee Party



Bradfords Close and Bradfords Cottages celebrated the Queen's Jubilee on Saturday 4th June by throwing a street party for all residents.

Neighbours celebrated with a beautiful selection of food, cakes, Pimm's and bunting, while Bradford's close resident and professional DJ Bonny, kept everyone entertained with his music all afternoon.

Organiser and resident Carol said, "It was such a lovely sunny afternoon and it was so nice to socialise with everyone after the last few years. Everyone went to so much trouble with the lovely food they brought and we had such a lovely time."

The Queen herself said she was "humbled" and "deeply touched by the number of people who marked the Platinum Jubilee. At the age of 96, she is the longest-reigning monarch ever in the UK.



What a great Jubilee weekend!!



If you spent all weekend in front of the telly, nobody could blame you. You will have enjoyed a feast of events to suit everybody, and what a spectacle! Starting with that British world beater on Thursday, the Trooping of the colour. Simply the best, it never fails to make your chest rise, (and how do they do that synchronised marching!) and then the flypast over the Palace. Then that evening the beacons were lit right across the country, Fabulous!

Friday saw the service at St. Paul's which was attended by the great and the good (and the not so good!). Saturday was Derby Day and the concert at the palace. Great day. Then Sunday had the pageant and street parties. How much can you pack into one weekend!

That brought us to our own celebrations. There were street parties up and down the village. (Photos elsewhere.) Our cover picture features the lovely Post box adornments which appeared all over the village, done I understand by members of the Lode knitting group (Did Bottisham have a knitting group involvement?).

There was also the Church Fete. Although not billed as such it was certainly attended as such. More like a village Fete.

You will read elsewhere about these events, but it does show that with the right trigger, this village can enjoy some real social activities which is what makes a community just that.

The Photographic display in the church was not to be missed, and I have to say, a lot of people will have missed it, who, if they had known what was on offer and had come along would have been enthralled. I know it was advertised but it seems a lot of people missed it, so hope it can be mounted again.

Organising these sorts of events takes a lot of commitment and it needs people to be involved to make it happen.

Alas like in most things it's down to volunteers. With more people stepping up we can do many more things. Without that, it's down to the same people every time and there is nothing more demoralising than continuously putting the effort in and getting no support.

Events are still mounted by the stalwarts, but others, new blood, need to take our community on and run it for the future. Many say, "if it happens, we will come along", but what is needed are people to volunteer and make it happen. It can be very satisfying when you do.

The Swaffham Prior, Lode and Bulbeck events were all set up and run by Jubilee working teams that were set up months back. In most cases each PC donated some money to support.

Bottisham does seem to have a real issue around volunteering. Bottisham PC were asked by the Church for a small grant and did receive it ahead of the events – bunting, etc. but no involvement.

Finally, I am sad to add a perfect example of the lack of support that people are willing or able to give nowadays. The Saplings playgroup, founded years ago with enthusiastic volunteers, who physically build the hall and run it, has finally succumbed to the pressures of bureaucracy and lack of numbers. Run for the benefit of supportive mothers and their pre-school tots it was a well-loved addition to the education of Bottisham's children. Red tape and lack of support gets another one. So sad.

News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

Platinum Jubilee Weekend – I was helping to steward the very popular photographic exhibition in the church at around 1.15pm on the Saturday when the heavens opened and it started to rain heavily. I (and I suspect several others) sent a quick prayer upstairs and low and behold by 2pm the sun was shining from an almost cloudless sky and the temperature began to rise rapidly. From then onwards there was a steady trickle, which soon became a flood of people visiting the church and then going to the tea party in the Vicarage Garden. What a splendid sight it was - a mass of villagers enjoying each others' company, drinking tea and eating the cakes supplied by a multitude of volunteers. Numerous happy children playing on age old games, resurrected from storage in the church tower, as if they were the latest invention on their iPhone. We were so blessed. Many, many thanks to all those who contributed to make it such a successful day. At the end of the afternoon the results of the raffle were eagerly awaited and thanks again to all those who contributed prizes. Overall, £880 was taken which will be divided between the church funds and the Queen's Canopy Charity.

Our vicar Sue Giles led a wonderful celebration service on Sunday, and it was a pleasure to see so many there, particularly those who have not worshipped with us recently. The church was adorned with a wonderful display of appropriately coloured flowers thanks to our flower arrangers.

We are endeavouring to make the churchyard eco-friendlier. To this end we are meeting with Diana Cook from the Churchyard Conservation Awards scheme to discuss conservation and biodiversity.

Following the restoration work on the North Aisle after the dry rot infestation we will be looking to remove the old pine pews from that space permanently. If any one is interested in purchasing one or more of these please contact me.

As part of our diversification of church activities our toddler group will continue to meet on a Tuesday morning at 9am during term time and our coffee and cake concerts will resume in the autumn.

Like everyone else our electricity bill for heating and lighting the church has risen considerably. For the first six months of the year this was nearly £4,700 which has to be met by individual church giving and fundraising. This will mean that we will have to consider carefully the charges for use of the church in the future and/or manage with considerably lower temperatures within the church for our winter events.

Our services will continue during the summer holiday months. You will be very welcome at any of them. Please consult the church notice board for timings.

Stuart Field, Churchwarden

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A Long Service to the Village

After more years than he cares to remember Derek Latchford has been involved with the organising and distribution of **THE CRESSET** since its inception, together with Ken York.

He recalls:

“When it first started, we had no idea how many dwellings there were in the village, so I spent some time walking round each road and counting them. I came up with, I think, 921. Which was the number we ordered first time. I printed little slips to put in each bundle and delivered them to the distributors. For the first few months the collating, counting and bundling was done round our dining room table and when there were too many sheets, we went to the BVC round room.

Pamela produced coffee at some stage so that those who wanted to, could have a short break. Ken and Pauline Sore helped when it was in our bungalow.”

Some time ago he and Pam retired from organising distribution, but continued to deliver the magazines around Pound Close until recently.

The Cresset team would like to thank Derek for his unstinting help and involvement over many years and hope he can now sit back and put his feet up!

The Editor

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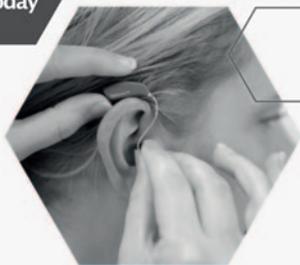
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	10.30am	Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior
Wed July 6th	8 pm	C by C (a short contemplative service) – online via Zoom
Sun July 10th	9am	Holy Communion, Quy
	10.30am	Family Worship, Swaffham Prior – also on Zoom
Sun July 17th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer, Quy
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
		Morning Prayer, Bottisham
Sun July 24th	9am	Online service, on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Prior
Sun July 31st	9am	Online service on Zoom
		10.30 am Holy Communion, Lode
	6 pm	Evensong, Swaffham Prior
Wed Aug 3rd	8 pm	C by C (a short contemplative service) – online via Zoom
Sun Aug 7th	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Bottisham
Sun Aug 14th	9am	Holy Communion, Quy
	10.30am	Family Worship, Swaffham Prior – also on Zoom
Sun Aug 21st	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer, Quy
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck
		Morning Prayer, Bottisham
Sun Aug 28th	9am	Online service, on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Prior
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Please check the Church notice board for current information; or email admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk, which is also the address to request the Zoom link.

THE MARA LINK, TANZANIA BUNDA GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL

PROGRESS REPORT - Back in 2013 a group of us watched the Bishop marking out the area for the new school in an empty field. Now it has 234 girls and 22 staff - and we in the Anglesey villages have been privileged to share in its growth, especially helping to build and equip the science lab. All 59 pupils who took the last National Form IV exams passed. We are now helping to renovate their water supply and support one of their pupils.

LATEST NEED: BOOKS! - They have a Library room but very few books. They need 50 copies of each of their textbooks, which will cost about £15,000 - reduced prices through the charity, READTanzania. If we can make a small contribution towards this, it will bring them much encouragement. The end result will be a new generation of young women growing up to bring health and development to young families and to the country.

Donations can be made by cash or cheque to Holy Trinity Bottisham PCC - and you can increase your donation by 25% through GiftAid. Or you could donate a monthly sum, say, £5 or £10.

Rev. Sue Giles, Peter Goldsmith, Brenda Wilson, Liz Butler

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Parish Council Report

June has been a memorable month! It began with the whole nation celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. This found expression in national events and some very local ones. Many of us enjoyed parties with neighbours, while a key focus for the village as a whole was the exhibition in the Church. This showcased pictures of people and buildings making up the history of our community over the past 70 years (and in some cases, rather more!) A high spot for me was Mina's album – she answered an advert for domestic staff in a country house near the small town in Scotland where she had grown up. It was only when she was offered the job that she learned the name of the country house: Balmoral. Alongside the pictures of her own family were similarly domestic ones of King George VI, the Queen Mother and their children, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. More than 200 people then crossed the road for tea in the Vicarage garden – a wonderful gathering after the restrictions of the past couple of years. I would like to express my thanks to everyone who was involved in organising the events and the Rev'd Sue Giles and the PCC for opening up the Church and the Vicarage garden to residents.

Looking a little further back, the Annual Parish Meeting took place in May. We followed the format used for the delayed meeting last autumn: commencing with a short formal session lasting 45 minutes when the Parish Council and elected members for this Ward on the District and County Councils reported on the past year and their future plans. We were also grateful to have an address from Mrs Rankine, Principal of Bottisham Village College and Sgt Lupton-Pike, who leads the East Cambs Neighbourhood Policing Team. They focused on the anti-social behaviour issues experienced in the village over the past few months and highlighted their partnership approach in tackling the issues that have arisen. The second half of the meeting was an informal session enabling attendees to speak individually with any of the speakers, members of the Parish Council and representatives of Bottisham Local Charities and Queen's Court who also attended the meeting. We thank them for giving their time to this important event in the life of the village and, encouraged by the comments of residents who attended, will follow a similar format in future.

Last month I referred to the Council's decision to promote the development of a Neighbourhood Plan by the village community. We presented the idea to the Annual Parish Meeting and I am delighted to tell you that we have so far received 8 expressions of interest in joining a working group. This is very encouraging! I will keep you abreast of developments in future issues.

Regular readers will know that for the last 12 years, I have been working with a number of other residents to secure a new cemetery for the village. On 8 June we achieved a key milestone, the submission of a planning application to ECDC. I want to thank all who have been involved in what has been a massive task to reach this stage. While it is only "the end of the beginning", this process has covered all the groundwork necessary to move swiftly on to the purchase and construction phases once the application has been determined.

Planning Notes

New Applications

22/00672/FUL – 18 Lode Rd, Construction of two masts and antenna for amateur radio (part retrospective)

Planning Applications Approved by ECDC

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

FRIENDS of Bottisham Village College Present

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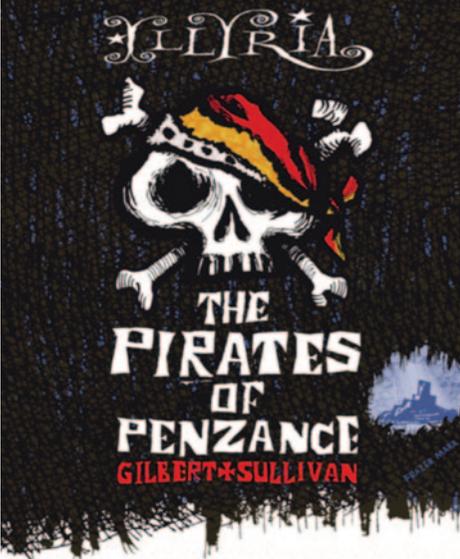
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District Councillors' Report

Many residents have contacted us to complain about waste not being collected on the advertised dates. As we write, many of us still have our Blue Bins out awaiting collection from last week, and our black bags were out for several days before being collected. We would like to thank the waste collection crews for working significant overtime in an attempt to catch up. They worked across the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend and last weekend, for example. Residents can get up-to-date information on disruptions at - Waste Service Disruptions | East Cambridgeshire District Council (eastcambs.gov.uk).

At the Operational Services Committee on 13 June, John was assured that the problems are over, and that the previous excellent service will be resuming. There will be some catch up over missed collections. It was reported at the meeting that they had brought in additional contracted recycling collection to assist with the catch-up and that they have a new HGV driver. For the longer term, they are recruiting further HGV drivers, looking at in-cab technology to help with the rounds and working with the unions to support staff. This covers many of the measures suggested by us and colleagues, which is welcome. In addition we would like to see additional management support; a staff survey; reviewing HGV driver pay, as it is well below local HGV roles which are being advertised; and a review of the service to build in more resilience. Waste collection is a service which we all rely on and we will continue to press for the changes needed to provide a sustainable and reliable service.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, the representation on the committees was confirmed, and both of us are on the same committees as last year:

Charlotte: Audit Committee, Ethical Guidance

John Trapp: Finance & Assets, Operational Services, Planning

We are also substitutes on other committees.

Alan Sharp continues as the Chair of Council and Anna Bailey continues as Leader of the Council.

Our next Councillor's surgery is on Thursday 21 July at 6.30pm at the Pavilion on the Denny at Swaffham Bulbeck, and at the Black Horse in Swaffham Bulbeck at 7.30pm. There will not be a surgery in August, but we are always happy to be contacted if you want to raise anything with us.

We hope you have a good summer and that the weather is kind to us all.

Letter to the Editor

Whether you are in support of or against a particular consequence, it is true that we form our opinions on matters according to what we hear, what we read and what we listen to. But unless we are actively involved in or have professional knowledge of a particular issue then our opinion is at best, - informed, nothing more.

But whether having an opinion means we accurately understand the issue is, and this again can be determined by the politics of the information source(s) we use. However, I am sure I am not alone, when I am repulsed by the misinformation, the lack of honesty and the treachery emanating from the majority of British media platforms - whether they are broadcast, printed, or social.

Are we wrong to notice this stuff?

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Wendy Lovell made a very welcome return visit, as our guest speaker, on 19 May. The topic being 'Coping during the Pandemic', which Wendy presented in her usual very entertaining and humorous way.

Just before the first Covid lockdown, the vicar retired at the church which Wendy attends in Northamptonshire. This left Wendy and five other 'elders' to hold the fort. Like everyone else they were completely thrown as to what to do when lockdown came into force. The church is very well supported and has numerous clubs, activities and events held every week. Keeping everyone informed was a priority, and of course not everyone was accustomed to using Zoom or didn't have the facility available to them. The need to keep everyone informed had to be met and it was decided to split the congregation between each of the five elders. Each one being responsible to telephone around and check that everyone in their group was well and not forgotten. As they have a lot of space in their building it was possible to reinstate the food bank, and coffee mornings making sure everyone was hand sanitised, wearing a mask and kept 2 metres apart.

At Christmas 2020 they managed to cook a complete Christmas dinner and deliver it boxed up as they had done for the luncheon club that usually met once a month.

The thriving Boys and Girls Brigade managed to do lots of activities over Zoom, including giving out bags for them to make Christingles. As they couldn't go to camp the older boys were given a tent to put up at home and did activities over Zoom.

After having to deal with all the risk assessments and other obstacles, Wendy and her colleagues did a wonderful job negotiating their way through the pandemic restrictions.

Our meetings usual take place on the third Thursday of the month, at 2.30pm in Lode Church. Our programme for the second half of the year, begins on 21st July with guest speaker Stuart Field 'From a mining village to Buckingham Palace – a medical journey', and in August we will be holding our Summer Tea. You are always most welcome to come and join us.

Ann Langran

Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

Bottisham Adult Learning Association is a small, friendly group of lifelong learners who meet at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club during term time.

This Autumn we are adventuring into subjects which are new to BALA. - Psychology and Philosophy. Ges Hartley is leading a ten week course called 'Eye of the Beholder' which is an opportunity to look at examples of beauty from a variety of sources and investigate how the idea of beauty has changed over the centuries. We will explore examples from art, the natural landscape and life to consider what standards we employ in deciding what is beautiful.

Our first session begins at 10.30 on Thursday 6th October for ten weeks with a half term break on 27th October. The fee for the course is £40 plus £5 registration fee for new members. Looking forward to meeting for a new term.

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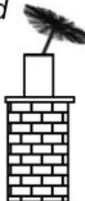
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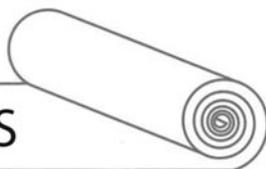


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Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

Although there has not been any news from us for a while, I am pleased to report that our club continued to meet throughout the Covid pandemic, mostly via Zoom conferencing to safeguard our members, and face to face from March 2022 when we resumed at our usual venue, Lode Chapel. It was good to meet up with everyone once again and not viewing members in little square boxes!

We are however grateful for Zoom as we have enjoyed some very interesting and talented speakers, as well as talks by our own members, Debra and Jim Bennett, Elliot Needham and Clive Harward who shared our Members' Mini's Evening and John Wilderspin who led a Portrait Workshop recently with model and lighting equipment.

Our Club Outing this year was a photographic day in Saffron Walden and Audley End House on Saturday 28th May. This was well supported by our members who qualify to enter The Metcalfe Trophy competition which will take place during our new season, judged by an independent judge from Hunstanton.

We held our last meeting of our 2021-2022 season on Tuesday 3rd May with a Print League Competition judged by Vic Hainsworth, President of the East Anglian Federation, to which our club is affiliated through the Photographic Alliance of Gt. Britain. On the 7th May we enjoyed our Social Evening at the Heath Court Hotel, Newmarket, when members enjoyed a celebration dinner followed by a presentation of cups and trophies to the award winners in our club competitions during the year.

After the summer break our meetings resume on Tuesday 13th September 2022, a Welcome Evening when members submit images taken during the summer break for projection and discussion. This will be followed the next week, 20th September, by a Print Lecture by Diane Seddon ARPS AFIAP CPAGB BPE3 from Louth, Lincolnshire called 'Odd Things, Part Deux'. Weekly meetings then continue until 2nd May next year, concluding our season once again with our Social Evening.

We meet every Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at Lode Chapel in the village of Lode, Cambridgeshire and new members are always welcome. Visitors can attend a lecture for a small entrance fee of £3.00, which includes refreshments. Our annual subscription is £45.00 per Adult, £21.00 per Student, plus a weekly fee of 50p, which includes refreshments. Please contact our Secretary, Debra Bennett, if you would like further information. Tel: 07722 388770, Email: secretary.bandbpc@gmail.com.

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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

There is little to report this month as we have not been able to meet for various reasons.

The Patient Participation Group: As usual 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: Although the future dates are currently under discussion and maybe will return to 6pm and on Thursdays as we used to do before the pandemic. However we will be continuing on Zoom for the time being. So the next meeting is due to be on Thursday 28 July 2022 at 6pm, but this could be subject to change. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting then please email our chairman at s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will confirm the meeting date and time and send you an invitation..

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group

Bottisham & District Gardening Club

So sorry that we had to miss our May meeting as it clashed with the Parish Council AGM. The speaker booked for that night was Nick Dobson, telling us about “Fuschias – the three virtues” He will be coming to a future meeting.

There are still a few places on our summer outing to RHS Hyde Hall on Wednesday 20th July. Pick up point is Bottisham Village College at 9.30 am. The cost will be £17 for members, as we are affiliated to the RHS, and £25 for non-members. Please contact Peter Bullock on 811716 if you wish to go.

Our next meeting will be 27th September when Nigel Start's talk is, “Coping with climate change”.

We meet in the Poppy Room at the Club at 7.30.

Sylvia Overton

Dear Editor!

I am involved in a large scheme to get more trees planted in England, called **copse-in-a-box**. More details can be seen at:- <https://moortrees.org/get-involved/copse-in-a-box/>. It is an organisation joining in the Queen's Green Canopy project in her Jubilee year: <https://queensgreencanopy.org>

Next month I expect to receive a cardboard box containing a larger number of seedlings of trees to plant in the village.

We shall act as Foster-Parents for a season or two, and then ask anyone interested in improving the village for our and future generations to come and collect and plant them elsewhere in the Village. Please get in touch with me if you are (or might soon be) interested.

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Two meetings to report on this time.

Lucy Lewis gave a most interesting and humorous talk on being the First Female Bomb Disposal Expert at our May meeting.

She joined the Army in 1988 following lack of promotion at Stansted Airport where she worked as a security Officer (she was a woman in a man's world). She was lucky to be selected to complete a 3month project with Operation Raleigh and chose to join as a crew member of one of the Tall Ships travelling around South America and from her experiences there she would join the Army and go to Sandhurst. Discipline, spit and polish,

daily use of ironing boards, marching duties, physical fitness training and fitting in with all the other soldiers were essential parts of the course, very hard work and "a good day at Sandhurst is doing well enough to stay another day".

Technical Training to become a bomb disposal officer was difficult and one can imagine how tense it was on her first emergency call out as first duty officer. She was in Germany at the end of the Cold War, spent time in Northern Ireland at the height of the troubles and went to Jordan as part of a small female delegation to advise the Jordanian Royal Family to advise them on their merging of male and female armies. She finished her career in the army serving as a Major at the Headquarters of the Royal Military Police but then left to marry and have a family.

She is presently on another trail-blazing role becoming the first woman appointed as University Marshall at the University of Cambridge.

From her book "Lighting the Fuse" there is a quote from Winston Churchill in 1941 "I fear there is a complex against woman being connected with lethal work. We must get rid of this". It took a long time.

If you want to hear the story of party games at the formal dinners and why the ladies wore 6 pairs of knickers you must talk to somebody who was at the meeting, it is too risqué for a village magazine!

We had our jubilee lunch in the Poppy Room

We shall be holding a games night on 17th August and our AGM meeting with nibbles will be on 21st September.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Poppy Room. Hope to see you there.

Sylvia Overton



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Community Herb Beds

When you are passing the village sign, do take a look at what we have planted in the two beds, including basil, oregano, sage, coriander and more. There are a couple of mint plants (still in terracotta pots to contain their spread) among the shrubs alongside the vicarage wall.

Jan, Bernadette and I gave the beds a further tidy recently and added some mulch to help retain moisture. Fortunately, we have had a decent amount of rain recently, however this looks set to change, so we will be visiting more frequently to keep the plants watered.

You will notice that we currently still have a very small sign on slate. Please, if anyone has something similar, but bigger that we can place there, we would really appreciate it.

FOR JULY we have chosen **OREGANO as our Herb of the Month.**

Oregano is a flowering plant in the mint family Lamiaceae. Originating in the Mediterranean, it is now found widely across the northern hemisphere.

Sometimes oregano is referred to as Wild Marjoram. It is a culinary herb, used in many cuisines.

Oregano can also be enjoyed as an ornamental plant and is a perennial.

GROWING OREGANO

It thrives in a warm sunny position. If it is kept in pots, water Oregano regularly, however, avoid overwatering, as its roots may rot.

In winter, keep pots raised, to allow for free drainage and keep the plants in a sheltered spot.

STORAGE

The leaves of oregano can be used fresh or dried. They can also be frozen in ice-cube trays.

Try drying sprigs of Oregano in a dark, airy place. Once fully dry, the leaves can be stripped from the stems, then stored in air tight containers.

RECIPE

I thought that I would look for an alternative way to use Oregano, other than adding it to Bolognese sauce, for topping pizzas with, adding to chicken dishes or for making pesto etc.

As a lover of cake, I searched the internet and found a lot of Portuguese recipes for Oregano cakes, some using lemon, orange or honey to flavour them.

This easy looking recipe comes from the foodfromportugal.com website. I plan to test it out on family and friends! -

LEMON OREGANO CAKE

Ingredients; 3 eggs - 175g plain flour - 50ml olive oil - 100ml lemon juice - zest of one lemon - 150g dark brown sugar

1 tbsp dried oregano - 1tsp baking powder

Directions; Preheat oven to 180C

1. Grease a 2lb loaf tin and dust with flour

2. Beat the sugar, eggs and lemon zest until well mixed (use an electric mixer if you have one)

Add the olive oil, lemon juice and oregano, mixing for another 1 or 2 mins, until incorporated.

Add the flour and baking powder and mix well.

3. Pour the dough into the prepared tin, then bake for approx 35 mins or until a cocktail stick inserted, comes out clean.

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Public Transport Matters

As I write public transport is in a mess - strikes threatened by the railway workers and airports having problems or closing due to shortage of staff - possibly foreign workers who have gone back to Europe.

The Greater Cambridgeshire partnership is again asking for views and comments by July 11th on the Cambourne to Cambridge scheme and its impact on the landscape and by the 18th on the new road classification for Cambridge. LTCP the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough combined authority are asking for comments on the Local Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport and Connectivity Plan. What it must all be costing in staff wages. It has been going on for so long now.

Buses have slightly more passengers and we are mostly wearing masks.

I hope you managed to avoid transport problems at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

A shuttle bus is proposed in Cambridge to link up destinations in the centre. We did have the citibus doing that but it was stopped a few years ago. I found it very useful. Car parking spaces could be cut and cycle hangers introduced to enable a car free centre. Proposals will be made at the end of June. Not sure how old are the people who make these cycling suggestions. Bus priority schemes are also suggested. People are not happy that the citi 2 bus stop is no longer outside Cambridge North station but 500 metres away. Stagecoach unveiled special Jubilee buses with purple livery.

The Elizabeth line was opened and celebrated. A big accomplishment - it was first announced 14 years ago. Office rents are soaring along the route of what was previously Crossrail.

Goods trains will be given priority if a rail strike does go ahead.

There are community local rail partnerships and we are urged by the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton one, to give the train a try. Train passengers could see a 11% rise in the cost of season tickets.

The German DWS company has purchased Stagecoach but National Express wished to. National Express shares have tumbled after a profit alert.

There is criticism of the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership proposal to relocate Waterbeach station at a cost of 20 million pounds. RLW could contribute 17 million pounds This is due to the Waterbeach New Town East Development.

The vital northern link has been scrapped from the HS2 plans. It would have connected the Crewe-Manchester section to the West coast route just south of Wigan.

Flexi season tickets can now be purchased from machines at stations.

Operators say the Cross Channel ferries will go electric. Paris to Berlin by high speed rail is proposed to woo people from airlines.

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Happy travelling - take care.

Paddy James

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News travels fast! A big Thank You to those who have already made contact to enquire the precise whereabouts of the new EAAA Clothes Bank in the car park at Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club and, more importantly, to those who have already ‘made deposits’.

On another front, foreign coins, and even old British currency, have a value to us – please take your coins to a branch of NatWest Bank – special collection boxes exist in Cambridge and Newmarket branches.

We are extremely pleased, and proud, to announce that our former CEO, Patrick Peel, has been made awarded an MBE, in recognition of his services to air ambulance services over the past 21 years – in particular to EAAA which he helped found and grow into a fully-fledged helicopter emergency service. He also helped spearhead the creation of Air Ambulance UK, a charity representing all 21 air ambulance organisations across the country. Congratulations Patrick.

Now well in to 2022, EAAA continues to progress in terms of the scope of services available to the people in the Region but perhaps a moment or two reflecting upon last year would remind us of these services.

2021 was a ‘milestone’ year for the charity. At the forefront of pre-hospital emergency care, EAAA continues its sizeable mission to provide exceptional levels of support for each patient, both pre-hospital and through aftercare. In April, our crews made the move to the new Norwich HQ, Helimed House. Funded through generous gifts in wills, the £7m development allowed the realisation of plans to improve welfare, rest facilities and, importantly, training. In July, following an urgent fundraising appeal, we started carrying blood on board every mission, providing blood transfusions as an important and core part of our life-saving service. On 30th June, we became the first air ambulance in the East of England to fly ‘round-the-clock’ thereby extending our 24/7 cover by rapid response vehicle to 24/7 cover by air and road across the region.

2021 statistics

Patients Treated 1,754, Helicopter Taskings 1,467, Rapid Response Vehicle Taskings 1,122 and, since launch, well over 33,500 life-saving missions with over 100,000 patients and their loved ones benefitting. What a workload!

Looking ahead, EAAA is working on a refreshed five-year strategy looking specifically at how to provide the best possible service for our patients, funded in the most sustainable and cost effective way. Part of this strategy also involves continuing to develop our work around prevention, such as our community CPR training programme. Hopefully, more on future plans later in the year.

To continue this level of service we need to raise £15m each year so we need lots more fundraising support – young and not-so-young ! If you would like to know more about how you might help, please go to www.eaaa.org.uk for ideas and information – Volunteering takes many forms. You really could make a difference.

And again, to all who support EAAA in any way, a HUGE thank you – please keep it up – its working. *‘Together we save lives’.*

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Saplings Closure

With great sadness we announce that Saplings Preschool Playgroup will close at the end of this school year on 22nd July 2022.

A morning session, term time only preschool no longer meets the needs of most modern families. This is shown through our declining attendance of children over recent years. Numbers enrolled for September were unsustainably low. Children are staying for a shorter time than they used to, moving on when they turn 3 to access their 30 hours funding elsewhere.

A group of parent trustees make up the management committee and are legally and financially responsible for all aspects of the running of the setting. In recent years it has been extremely difficult to recruit new committee members. The requirements and demands from a parent led committee are significant. We are not alone in our closure, many other village preschools across the country are closing also as the parent led-model no longer works.

Staffing and recruitment are proving very difficult across the whole childcare sector at the moment. Many childcare professionals are seeking work that is for more than just three hours a day. We have been unable to recruit a qualified and experienced manager to run the setting long term. We are unable to meet our statutory obligations in this respect.

On behalf of Saplings, we thank everyone who has been involved, be it in previous committees, whose children have attended, and to the village for its ongoing support over the years.

We will be holding two toy and equipment sales on Saturday 23rd July and Sunday 31st, at 10am - 12pm. We would like to use these sales as an opportunity to celebrate the success of Saplings over the years. Please join us for tea and cake.



The poster features a central logo of two smiling saplings in a circle, with the word "Saplings" below it. The text "TOY SALE" is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the dates and times "10am - 12pm, Saturday 23rd July & Sunday 31st" and the location "at the Play Hut." are listed. At the bottom, it says "Free Tea & Cake". The background is white with decorative grey diagonal stripes in the corners.


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Community Library

We have been given £300 by the Village College from one of the many Government Covid Payments Packages and have recently been able to buy several Junior Fiction and Picture books for which we are most grateful. We ordered them from Heffers in Cambridge, who have given us a generous discount too. Many thanks for their generosity.

We had fine weather for our Triangle Book sale in May and raised £95 for our funds, not a lot but it gave us an opportunity to clear our cupboards from the many donations we have been generously given. A large proportion are put on the Library system and are available to be borrowed. The books we were unable to sell have been dispersed to local telephone kiosk libraries, charities, hospitals, and local stores.

Please nominate Bottisham Village College as your chosen school in the National Book Token Scheme online before 29th July. There is a chance that they will receive £1000 and you could win a £100 book token for yourself.

Our AGM is to be held at 7.00 on Tuesday 12th July. Members of Bottisham Community Library Association have received their invitations but all users of the library are welcome to attend.

The summer reading challenge will start sometime in July. Information from the Cambridgeshire Library Services is sketchy at the moment of writing, but we do know that the subject is GADGETEERS and that young readers are asked to read 6 books over the summer holiday.

Sylvia Overton

Greetings from Anglian Leisure Bottisham!



What a lovely start to the summer it has been! We are very much looking forward to what we can offer you over the summer, so please keep an eye on our website and social media pages at; <https://bottishamvc.org/sports-centre/>

As always, we are available to contact over the phone on 01223 811121.

Our pool timetable is proving to be a success, and with lots available, from parties to swimming lessons, do not hesitate to get in touch at bottisham@anglianleisure.co.uk

Over the summer, we will be providing Lifeguard Courses on the 25th – 30th of July and again on the 22nd – 27th of August: perfect for those of you leaving education and in need of a summer job!

We will also be running crash courses directly from our swim school with more information coming soon on our contact lists and website.

As ever, our 3G remains open and ready to use by the quarters, halves or even full pitch as well as our outdoor netball and tennis courts. Our badminton, basketball and table tennis courts are set up ready for you to use, and with low prices this opportunity is not worth missing out on.

Aqua Zumba is a hit with our customers, running on Mondays. Yoga is jubilant on Tuesdays and Zumba is triumphant on Wednesdays. All classes start at 6.15 pm and cost from as little as £5.00 per session to £28.00 per month when you opt for our swim, gym and classes membership. With more fitness classes along the way, our fitness classes hub is as successful as ever.

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Letter to the Editor

A few weeks ago, my husband and I were put in touch with a multi-generational Ukrainian family fleeing the war with Russia. We had several on-line meetings with a Russian - speaking translator and it was quickly agreed they would come and live with us. The last three weeks have been a whirl of applications, meetings, preparation and home checks. In anticipation of their impending arrival, I posted a message on the FB Community page and had an amazing response.

At the time of writing, they have been with us 5 days arriving at Luton airport after 4 days of travelling: bus, train, car and plane. Grandmother, mother (34 weeks pregnant) and five yr. old son, Lev.

We have welcomed them and they are really lovely people. They have seen unimaginable sights and are so grateful to be away from a war zone - but so sad to leave both their husbands behind to fight.

On their behalf I would like to thank everyone who read and responded to my FB post. I have tried to speak/ message many people but if you are reading this and I have not personally thanked you for your kindness please forgive me. Everyday we have been completing forms/ applications/ going to meetings. This is a lengthy and quite difficult process at times.

The names of our guests are Elena (expectant mum) her 5 yr old son, Lev and her mother, Nika.

So for all the clothes, baby equipment cot, brand new sheets, Moses basket, baby chair, nursing chair, bath, mobiles, toys, Lego, books, drawing materials, bike, helmet, scooter, football, maternity items, hand knitted baby clothes, toiletries, towels, cash offers for swimming lessons and the offer of money for school uniform and cash given in envelopes etc etc we all want to say a massive THANK YOU. Your kindness and generosity has been overwhelming.

We hope Lev will attend Bottisham Primary (I've heard it's a great school - it was for the 25 yrs. I taught there!) In Ukraine children do not go to school until they are 7 so this will be a massive step for both mum and son.

Both ladies are very very keen to work (but we have told Elena she must give birth and take some time out!) if you know of any work very local to Bottisham Nika is intelligent with basic English and improving daily. She worked in Finance but happy to do most jobs to support her family, please message me. I am actively helping her look for employment.

We did not know this family 4 weeks ago and only set eyes on them 5 days ago. Lev was very shy and apprehensive (no English) he seems to have become fond of us and loves our gentle Golden Retriever, Sunny, and our grandchildren, Isla and Finlay, who live locally. Already he can say 'Good Boy Sunny'!

Thank you again everyone, from all of us. If anyone is considering hosting a Ukrainian family we are very happy to help in any way.

Wendy and Ron Haynes

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Well, it has been a busy summer already this year in the sporting world. With so much going on I'll offer you a few bits and pieces to ruminate on during the Cresset's annual recess.

Someone who's been extra busy is my Ukrainian refereeing friend Vitalii, about whom I wrote in the May Cresset following his delivery of a crowd-funded ambulance to his compatriots in Krakovets. Since then, together with some friends and relatives in Wales, he has supplied a further eight (yes, eight!) ambulances to his war-torn homeland. Look up 'Vito Burnus' on Facebook if you're interested in following his exploits... he's a true hero in my eyes.

Sadly, time ran out for Lester Piggott who departed the mortal coil at the end of May at the age of 86. Having ridden his first winner in 1948 as a 12-year-old schoolboy, the 'Long Fellow' achieved icon status in his sport over a 50-year career, riding a total of 4,493 winners including nine Derbies and becoming champion jockey 11 times. By any measure, Piggott was an extraordinary man; not comfortable in front of the camera due to his deafness and speech impediment, but a tough, ruthless gladiator on a racehorse... "very naughty" according to the Queen (refusing to reinstate his OBE after his imprisonment for tax evasion) but "the greatest" according to Frankie Dettori!

I note that the All-England Lawn Tennis Club (Wimbledon) incurred the wrath of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) by banning all players from Russia and Belarus from all UK grass-court events. The ATP and WTA responded by churlishly removing world ranking points from players participating in this year's Wimbledon tournament, citing the need to avoid "supporting discrimination based on nationality". Such weasel words have been echoed by a number of top players (especially those selfishly seeking to protect their precious earnings), but please spare a thought for the countryfolk of Ukrainian pro, Sergiy Stakhovsky, who tweeted his disappointment that his fellow players would "stand on the side of invaders and murderers". Good on Wimbledon, I say. How about you?

I am guessing that very few people had ever heard of 17-year-old Blackpool footballer Jake Daniels before he announced his 'coming out' as homosexual in late May – the first male professional to do so since Justin Fashanu 32 years ago! Happily, there was overwhelming support for Daniels within the game, and the media was awash with stories of his courageous 'trail-blazing'. With over 5,300 professional footballers in England these days, it's only natural to wonder who will be next but, seriously, I welcome the day when such disclosures are so un-newsworthy that announcements are completely unnecessary.

The abuse of Liverpool supporters by the French police and criminal gangs before and after the 2022 Champions League final at the Stade de France appalled everybody regardless of club affiliations. I can tell you, from bitter, first-hand experience in 2017, that the Gendarmerie have 'form' when it comes to brutal crowd control. And the 'fake tickets' explanation in the attempted cover-up was an absolute disgrace to France, UEFA and the competition. The lawlessness in the Saint Denis area of Paris is well known, but it is utterly unforgivable for the police to have not only stood by whilst peaceful football supporters were assaulted and mugged by thugs, but to pepper-spray and tear-gas people standing in an orderly

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queue! It's all very well for UEFA to apologise and instigate a public enquiry (yawn!) but, surely, this venue should never be allowed to stage a UEFA or FIFA match ever again!

Which brings me onto England's recent run of games in the Nations League. Put aside the actual football for a moment (it has been completely forgettable from a performance and results point of view, to the extent that even the staunchest Gareth Southgate supporter must be wondering about his persistently cautious style), how is it that Hungary's home match 'Behind Closed Doors' v. England was watched, live, by 40,000 children and accompanying adults, and England's BCD match at Molyneux v. Italy was witnessed by 30,000? These matches were supposed to be punishments, in Hungary's case for racist crowd behaviour and in England's case for the debacle at the Wembley Euro final last June. This is a complete nonsense by UEFA (again!). You don't suppose they value the money from ticket sales higher than combating racism and thuggery, do you?

"Boatloads of cash" is how Rory McIlroy described the allure of Greg Norman's new Saudi-funded LIV Golf series which started in London in early June, threatening to tear the sport apart. To his credit, McIlroy resisted the gravy train in favour of defending his Canadian Open title on the PGA Tour, and he called on Golf's administrators to "get in a room and figure it out". The money involved here is eye-watering... \$4 million to the winners of each of the eight inaugural competitions! But former major champions Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson are reported to have been paid \$200m and \$150m respectively just to appear! You may have heard of the backers previously, regarding the Newcastle United FC takeover. They are none other than the Saudi Arabia Public Investment Fund (i.e. the government) and they have committed nearly \$2 billion with a view to creating a 14-event league by 2024, challenging the established dominance of the PGA Tour (USA) and DP World Tour (Europe), who are considering sanctions against the LIV participants. Formula 1, Boxing, Football, now Golf... I wonder which sport will be next to succumb to the Saudi campaign to 'sportswash' their reputation for human rights abuses?

Well, the Stokes-McCullum era of English cricket has got off to a cracking start with back-to-back victories against the current World Test Champions! What a contrast in the games, too! With both sides collapsing in the first innings of the 1st Test, it took a dazzling century from our golden ex-skipper, Joe Root, to turn the match England's way. And the 2nd Test produced the most extraordinary scenes... How does a team (NZ) posting a score of 553 in the first innings, go on to lose a match? First, Joe Root confirmed his position as the world's best batsman with a massive 176, aided and abetted by 145 from Ollie Pope; then Johnny Bairstow – possibly playing for his place in the team – ripped into a tired Kiwi attack after tea on Day 5 with 132 off 92 balls in a devastating display of batting that the 'Chef' (Sir Alistair Cook) described as "Like playing Brian Lara's Cricket on cheat mode"! This new approach may not always be successful but it sure won't be dull!

Finally, on a local note, it's great to see the Bottisham & Lode Cricket Club reporting progress in the Cresset. Congratulations on a brilliant start, lads... good luck for the rest of the season!

TTFN Gerry Daish

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“Patron Saint of Kings”

In the June edition - in the context of St George - I made comment of the first known Patron Saint of England. One or two of you seemed fascinated about the prominence of Saint Edmund and the role he and the Great Abbey at Bury had on the British constitution of today including our laws and our rights. But the influence of the ‘Charter of Liberties’ - now commonly referred to as ‘Magna Carta’ - stretches far beyond the shores of this ‘Sceptered Isle’ to most countries around the world that boast a democracy. And so with the memory of Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee still fresh in our minds it might be a good opportunity to expand the story of Saint Edmund a little to understand his importance to the Monarchy over several centuries - even to this day. But first let’s put the story into a proper setting by knowing more of the boy who, at the age of 14, was crowned King of East Anglia.

According to legend Edmund was born in 841 AD the son of Alkmund during the reign of Offa, King of East Anglia. Offa went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and on his way stayed for a time at Alkmund’s court. Offa had no sons and warmed to Edmund, and eventually named the boy as his heir and successor. Offa died shortly after and so at the age of 14 Edmund was crowned King of East Anglia, a ceremony thought to have taken place at Bures, on the Suffolk border with Essex. Edmund was crowned on Christmas Day, 855 AD. He ruled East Anglia in relative peace until 869, when chaos descended upon the kingdom in the form of a Danish invasion known as the ‘Great Heathen Army’.

The Danes won the day and Edmund fled, finding refuge in a stream under a bridge in a wooded area near Hoxne. Edmund was captured and tortured by the Danes, who tried to get him to renounce his Christian faith. When he refused, they tied him to an oak tree and shot him with arrows until he died. The Danes then cut off his head and threw it into the woods. Edmund’s knights searched high and low for the king’s head, and finally found it in a thicket, carefully guarded by a wolf (possibly the King’s own wolfhound). They buried the King nearby on 20th November 869 AD and erected a wooden chapel at the site. Eventually the body was exhumed and reburied at Boedericsworth, which was renamed Bury St Edmunds in the King’s honour and there an Abbey was built to house the shrine of a Saint. The Abbey compound of 1020 AD is now in ruins, and aside from two rather impressive 14th Century gatehouses little of the medieval structures remain intact. But at its height, the Abbey was once the second-largest church in the world after St Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City.

On top of being the site of one of the most impressive ecclesiastical buildings in medieval England, Bury St Edmunds (affectionately known as “Bury”) was also “the seat of royal sanctity” being home to St Edmund’s shrine. Miracles were reported at the Saint’s shrine, and pilgrims flocked to the site, making the Abbey one of the most important in England. St Edmund was the guardian, protector, and Anglo-Saxon Patron Saint of Kings and of all England, and his shrine was thus a place of immense power and influence throughout the Middle Ages (said to be between the 4th and 14th centuries).

By the time the Domesday Book was compiled in the 1080s, Bury St Edmunds was among the six wealthiest and most influential monasteries in England. St Edmund was the



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only English saint to whom the Conqueror William showed any devotion. The Kings of England who succeeded the Normans were also highly reverent of St Edmund. Richard I sent many gifts to the Abbey and would often come to pray at Edmund's shrine to ask for the saint's protection before undertaking sea voyages or military campaigns. His predecessor Henry II is also said to have undertaken his campaigns under the protection of St Edmund and attributed his many military victories to the Saint's intervention. King Henry III was dedicated to the veneration of St Edmund, also paying frequent visits to Bury Abbey and attending St Edmund's feast days with the monks. But the relationship between King John and the monastery was volatile and further soured when the Abbot showed support for John's barons in their attempts to force the king into putting his seal on Magna Carta. Historian Roger of Wendover records the oath the barons took in 1214, which was made at the shrine of St Edmund in Bury Abbey, that "if the King refused to grant these liberties and laws, they themselves would withdraw from their allegiance to him." It was the role of the Bury community in the sealing of Magna Carta on 15th June 1215 that earned Bury its reputation as "shrine of a king, cradle of the law".

Edmund was so popular that he was regarded as England's Patron Saint until Edward III created the Order of the Garter in 1348 and elevated St George to that post. The Dissolution of the Monasteries then followed in 1539 AD ordered by Henry VIII and so Edmund's body was moved for protection. Bury Abbey was stripped of all valuable artefacts and materials and what was left became a quarry for local builders. Over the centuries it slowly turned into the bare ruins that are today left to mark the site of what was once the glory of English monasticism.

However, the story does not end there. A huge old oak was known locally as St Edmund's Oak. In 1848 the oak fell down, and when the trunk was cut up an old arrowhead was found buried within it, about 5 feet from the ground. Tree ring dating suggested that the iron point was lost in the tree about 1000 years previously. Proof of the martyrdom? Hard to say, but it does add to the story, and enhances the mystique surrounding Edmund and his death. A stone cross marks the spot where the oak tree stood beside Cross Street, near Goldbrook - only an arrows flight from Hoxne. And today it is understood that Prince Charles favours the reinstatement of St Edmund as Patron Saint of England.

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"It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction." - Edmund the Martyr.

Much of this article has been prepared using my own knowledge of the St Edmund story however acknowledgements must be given to Meagan Dickerson and David Ross for much of the finer detail.

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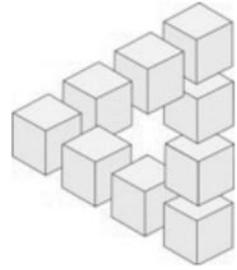
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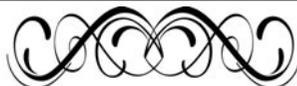
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The other area is 25 acres which was previously farmland. Over winter, volunteers planted 2,000 trees and the remaining land is being cultivated to be sown with a meadow seed mix to create rare chalk grassland, which is a priority habitat for nature conservation. A new path has been created around this area so that visitors can enjoy the views and watch nature colonise the new habitat. This area doesn't yet have a name and Cambridge Past, Present & Future is offering donors the opportunity to help name it.

Ros Aveling, Chair of the charity, is delighted to be expanding the park *"Thanks to generous supporters and the hard work of our team, this wonderful countryside is now open for the public to enjoy. What is also great, is that this project is helping to restore nature, absorb carbon and improve our environment, not just for us but for future generations. This is part of our collaborative effort to deliver the Cambridge Nature Network, which is a large-scale initiative to enable nature to recover in the Cambridge area."*

Writer, Robert Macfarlane, helped to support the project and cut the ribbon at the opening *"Wandlebury is a wonder: a place where the city comes to breathe. It's thrilling to see it grow; two new areas of land opened for people and nature now and in the future"*.

The new land was purchased by the charity thanks to support from donors and supporters and the work to improve the habitats has been supported by grants for the Cambridge Nature Network from the government's Green Recovery Fund and Natural England's Nature Recovery Programme.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free. For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

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