



*God Bless Queen Elizabeth II  
God save King Charles III*

## A Notice to Bottisham & District Branch Members

# THE FUTURE OF RBL BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH



You may be aware that the Bottisham & District Branch has been struggling to find members to take up officer roles within the Branch or to attend the meetings. It is, therefore, time to consider the Branch's future and to consult members on the various options for moving forward. This decision will be made at a special EGM for Branch members which will take place on

**Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm  
In the Poppy Lounge  
At The Bottisham Sports & Social Club**

**The item to be decided at that meeting is whether.**

- (a.) the Branch stays as a full branch, which will require Officer roles to be filled of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members.**
- (b.) It becomes a 'County Supported Branch' which only requires two Points of contact (PoC's).**
- (c.) The Branch closes completely with members transferring to a Branch of their choice.**

The County Committee are committed to keeping as many branches open as possible. If you as a current member can spare some time to become a Branch Officer, please let the Secretary, Peter Walker know by email to [pntw@live.com](mailto:pntw@live.com) ASAP, with the role that interests you.

If insufficient members are forthcoming, then the branch will have two options which are outlined below.

*Either.*

### **1. County Supported Branch (The current committee choice)**

- The branch needs to have at least two members who are willing to be the branches points of contact with email and phone access.
- The branch will then be able keep its Standard for use at armistice, funerals etc.
- Their accounts will be held and managed by the County in a specific branch account, but available to the branch for their use.
- The Branch could revert to full status in the future if conditions allowed.

*Or.*

### **2. Closure**

- If the branch chooses to close, membership can be transferred to any branch of the members choice.
- The Standard would be laid up permanently.

**If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

Peter N T Walker - *Secretary*

The Royal British Legion, Bottisham & District Branch.

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As with all other organisations, we send our condolences to The Royal Family at the loss of their Matriarch. Not only their Matriarch, but that of the whole nation. Few people now have known any other head of state and the change we are going through will feel very strange to most.



I recall as a very small boy, the visit of the Queen to Glasgow and being ushered out of my kindergarten class to wave flags as she drove past. Now a well known face to me and one I feel very close to.

However, times move inexorably on and King Charles III is now our Head of State and if you think that is something that we need to get used to, have a thought for him. His life will inevitably change and the demands on his time will be ever greater. Others will take over responsibility for all those projects, trusts and passions with which he has been so involved and which he has driven with his enthusiasm.

While he will be constrained by protocol and affairs of state, I am sure he will continue to influence, cajole, prompt and advise those who take up the reins of his previous interests and also those many other activities close to his heart.

Of course, once the panoply of formality that surrounds the demise of one Head of State and the accession of another is over, there will then come the Coronation of the new King Charles III.

This, some time in the future, will be a cause for the great formal celebration at a State level with the crowning in Westminster abbey and the parades that go with it. There will also be cause for local celebration as well and of what we can do to join in. Many times in the past there has not been early enough planning and opportunities have been missed.

I am pleased to hear there is already talk in the village of wanting to have some sort of local celebration. Whether that is in Bottisham or in conjunction with neighbouring villages will evolve in time, together with what can be done to join in. At this stage we do not know when the coronation will be and it could be some time away, but there is no harm in setting out a plan early.

The Cresset will be invaluable in communicating and recording those plans and so keep watching for updates. Also, if you have any ideas that you would like to bring forward then do let us know. Ideally those ideas would come with an offer to help. Watch out on social media for time of that initial meeting. And look out for more information in future magazines.

In the meantime, there is lots to read about this month. Tony Jolley follows up the article last month about the Bottisham Players with a further potted history of what was clearly a very slick organisation. All that talent must still be out there. It's getting it organised that is the key. Shame it has gone the way of many other organisations. Look out next month for Roger Bond's look at the musical legacy that Bottisham has.

Another organisation that is teetering on the edge is the Bottisham Branch of The Royal British Legion. You can see opposite the detail of the issue they face and again it is people needed to come forward.

It has been an amazing past few weeks, but a time that has caused many, I suspect, to reflect on their own past, happy and sad. Like Kennedy, we will all remember what we were doing when we heard the news that Queen Elizabeth II had died.

**More next month.**

## *News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham*

Following the sad death of our dear and much loved Queen Elizabeth II the church flag was raised to half-mast and the church bells rung according to protocol. This culminated in a gathering of around 200 persons, around the village sign opposite the church, on Sunday 11th September, when we heard the Proclamation read by the Chairman of the Parish Council Jon Ogborn. This was followed by the ringing of the church bells. Many thanks to all those involved in this. In addition, a book of remembrance was available for signing in the church.

There has been much discussion over the last few weeks regarding the **floodlighting of the church**. This is funded by the Parish Council and following a huge increase in electricity costs it was thought prudent to turn the lights off while the financial implications for the council were discussed with council members and the church treasurer. Following these discussions, and an 'onsite' meeting with members of the Parish Council, I am pleased to report that the church floodlights will be turned on again albeit for a shorter duration and reduced number of lamps.

Following our popular **coffee and cake concert** with Jancis Harvey, due to take place on October 1st, I am delighted to tell you about our second. On **November 5th** a very well-known local duo will be performing a programme of songs and words about England entitled "**England, our England.**" Rex Freeman sang his first solo when he was four, entered and won his first competition when he was nine, and has sung as a soloist ever since - he is now 92 and still performs about twenty times a year. His main hobby has been directing over 100 musicals in the ADC and Arts Theatres in Cambridge. He will be accompanied by **Rosemary Wheeler** who commenced piano lessons at the age of five and has enjoyed a lifetime of making music, entertaining the troops stationed in the area where she lived. When she moved to Cambridge, she became involved with three operatic societies as their rehearsal accompanist. Rosemary (now 94 years old) is still in demand, accompanying various singers and occasionally playing solos as well as duets with another pianist. As the accompanist of the Cambridge Gilbert and Sullivan Society for many years she was also privileged to accompany many of the D'Oyly Carte principal singers when they performed in Cambridge.

There will be a final concert this year on **December 3rd**, when I will give a talk entitled '**The History of our Christmas Carols**', play my violin and will be joined by Sarah Maxwell (soprano) and Jonathan Giles (keyboard). **Put the dates in your diary now.** The concerts will start at 10.30am, last just over an hour and entry will be £5 (children free), to include coffee and cake. All are welcome. Money raised will go towards the church building fund.

**Julie Bristow is planning two candlelit concerts** with her choir in the church on 10th December. Money raised will go to local families who may be struggling at Christmas.

I am sorry to report that a number of holes have been discovered in the church roof. These will need repair and at the time of writing three estimates for their repair have been requested. However, it is likely that the initial cost will be in excess of £5,000 which will

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have to be met from our own church funds and individual donations. This comes at a time when our electricity costs have increased enormously, with estimated costs for heating for a church service around £100 and for a funeral £140.

Our toddler group for children and their parents continues to be held on a Tuesday morning – anyone is welcome to join us. The church guide has been reprinted and is available in the church – a donation of £3 is suggested to cover printing costs.

Our Sunday services continue, in all the churches in the Anglesey Group and also on Zoom. You will be very welcome at any of them. There are usually two services per month in Bottisham at 10.30am on the first and third Sundays of the month. Please consult the Cresset or the church notice board for exact details. **Our Harvest Service is planned for October 2nd.**

*Stuart Field, Churchwarden*

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

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	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b> - Bottisham
	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Village Worship</b> - Quy Village Hall
<b>Wed Oct 5th</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>C by C (a short contemplative service)</b> – online via Zoom
<b>Sun Oct 9th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> - Quy
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b> - Swaffham Prior; also Zoom
<b>Sun Oct 16th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b> on Zoom
		<b>Morning Prayer</b> - Quy
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> , Swaffham Bulbeck <b>Morning Prayer</b> - Bottisham
<b>Sun Oct 23rd</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b> on Zoom
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> - Swaffham Prior
<b>Sun Oct 30th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b> on Zoom
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Lode
	<b>3 pm</b>	<b>All Souls’ Service</b> – Lode
<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> - Lode

You are very welcome to attend any of these services. Please check the Church notice board for current information; or email [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk), which is also the address to request the Zoom link.

## *Letter to the Editor*

A heading that can strike fear in said editor as likely to be highly critical.

Highly is overstating as far as this letter is concerned – being an editor and balancing what should be printed and what not, is an extremely stressful job, and so I am starting this “letter to the editor” by acknowledging that, indeed doubting, if many other villages enjoy something as comprehensive as The Cresset.

However, now comes the punch line – not fully comprehensive.

I am, of course referring to a potential throw away statement in this month’s editorial “All the Summer sports are featured in Sports Nuts update”. Not true.

On the basis there are lies, damned lies, and statistics, there is no reference to a statistic that close to 1% of the local population spent three consecutive days on the river Cam in the third week of July.

The event was the Town Bumps, in which over 100 rowing eights took place on each of the three evenings it was cool enough to race.

Can the Cambridge area field 90 soccer teams for three nights in a row? (Sorry just had to put a pun in somewhere).

Richard Moseley – still rowing in an eight, all of whom are old enough to stand for US President, and who for many years was Rowing Correspondent (unpaid) of the Cambridge Evening News.



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# *District Councillors' Report*

The death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8 September was announced early that evening. Our condolences go to her family at this sad time. The Accession Council met on Saturday 10 September to proclaim the new monarch King Charles III - the first time its meeting has been televised.

Several Council Committee meetings have had to be postponed or cancelled either because the notice for, or the date of, the meeting was within the official mourning period.

Performance for waste collection and street cleansing at East Cambridgeshire District Council has been the lowest since the service was transferred to East Cambs Street Scene (ECSS) in 2018, figures issued to Councillors reveal. The performance of the service was due to be debated at a meeting of the Council's Operational Services Committee on Monday 12 September, but this was cancelled following the death of HM The Queen.

- The Council's target for 'bin deliveries within 10 working days' was 92% - but the Council managed just 38%.
- Similarly the Council's target for 'overall performance' of the street cleansing service was 90% - but the Council achieved just 21% in the first quarter of the financial year. Staff shortages, sickness and the recent reconfiguration of waste rounds are being blamed for the performance downturn. Street sweeping services have suffered as drivers have been diverted to the waste collections which was considered a higher priority.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has published its plans for transport into Cambridge. The plans include more regular buses, with flat rate fares, paid for through a 'road user charge'. They will be consulting on this in the autumn, and it has significant implications for local residents. For more details see Ambitious proposals to deliver world-class transport network for Greater Cambridge unveiled. The proposed bus services for this area can be found on pages 27-29 at 26082022 Making Connections - Bus Proposition Design FINAL.pdf. Fares for buses from here would be a flat rate £2 and inside the current mega rider boundary they would be £1. There would be a daily cap and concessions and free bus passes would remain as current. The road user charge of £5 for cars and motorbikes, more for larger vehicles, will be charged on weekdays 7.00am to 7.00pm. There will be discounts for regular travellers and exemptions for some people, e.g. Blue Badge holders, community transport, buses.

We will be holding a face to face surgery on 18 October from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fassage Hall, Lode, and thereafter at The Shed, Lode. In the meantime, residents can contact us by email or phone.

*Cll. John Trapp*

## *Planning Notes*

### **Planning Applications Approved by ECDC**

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# *Parish Council Report*

The Parish Council gathered for its first meeting of the season on 5 September, with a full agenda of items to discuss.

We began with a briefing from Maggie Camp, Legal Services Manager for ECDC, about the Compulsory Purchase process to secure the land for the new cemetery. The reason for this is that the proposed site is “inalienable” land belonging to the National Trust. This means that the Trust is prohibited in law from selling it. The only way in which it can be obtained is by a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) exercised by the District Council on behalf of a Parish Council. In order to ensure that the National Trust does not feel the need to oppose the order (an expensive process for all concerned), the New Cemetery Working Group has collaborated closely with the Trust to ensure that the proposal accords with its vision and values.

We are now advised that the decision on the planning application should be made by the ECDC Planning Committee in November. So it is appropriate to map out the CPO process, which is the next stage. At the same time we are beginning to look ahead to the construction phase. Fundamental to this is importing soil for the burial platform. Initial enquiries have identified there are contractors who dispose of soil from other works which they can deliver free of charge to the site. Although this sounds a simple transaction, there have to be safeguards to ensure the soil is free from contamination (with legal requirements to observe) and matched to the local soil type. This is just a small illustration of the complexities arising from this project!

We also discussed a couple of matters of more immediate interest. Many of us enjoy the comforting glow of the lit church tower as we journey back into Bottisham. However last May we learnt that the cost of running the church floodlights was very much higher than we had been previously charged by the Parochial Church Council (and were budgeting for). Concerned at the escalating costs the lights were turned off, while options were investigated. I am pleased to say that a budget has now been determined, which will permit the floodlighting to resume. A small group will be looking at how many lights can be run for how many hours within the available budget - to see if we can obtain an adequate effect with fewer lights. The capital costs of replacing the current lights with LED lighting would be prohibitive in relation to the savings. I know those who have missed this important feature of our village will be relieved to have the benefit of them again. It is important to say though, that in these uncertain times we must keep this under close review. We hope that power will not be rationed over the winter, but if this does happen we will clearly have to reconsider to where our priorities lie.

Another issue in the same location is the state of the Churchyard path from the north porch to Downing Close, which is breaking up in several places. This path is heavily used as a key route to the primary school. We hope to appoint a contractor to repair this section shortly.

Taking a longer term look at how we care for our environment, we were grateful to receive a presentation from Sarah Brown, who attended the Climate Conference arranged by ECDC for Parish Councils in May. She highlighted some of the key challenges which we face locally: East Cambs has fewer trees than most of the country and also has a higher level of

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commuting, both of which have an impact on our carbon footprint. More positively, this area is achieving a higher than average level of recycling. Councillors agreed that a good way to ensure this remains a priority is for it to be a theme within the Neighbourhood Planning work, which is to commence in the autumn. In the meantime, other initiatives are already happening to take responsibility for the quality of our environment. I attended a meeting with members of the Parochial Church Council, which identified zones within the churchyard for rewinding - details of this can be seen on the church notice board. I also want to record our thanks to the Community Herb Bed volunteers, convened by Sarah Brown, who have taken on caring for the beds in the area by the village sign. They are now looking lovely.

Finally, we are grateful for the support of our District and County Councillors who attend our meetings and support us over many issues. A matter raised by both at our meeting relates to the discussions within the Greater Cambridge Partnership to manage congestion in the city. A key proposal of concern is to introduce congestion charging in Cambridge. This will have huge implications for villages in East Cambridgeshire. Details of the full proposals may be found if you search on your browser for "Ambitious proposals to deliver world-class transport network for Greater Cambridge unveiled". We understand there will be a consultation in the autumn on the proposals and I would encourage you to ensure that our voice is heard on a matter that will have a huge impact on our daily lives.

## ***Rank Brothers Ltd***

Having reached the age of 70 I have decided it is time to retire and made the decision to sell Rank Brothers Ltd as a going concern. The business was started in 1957 by my father, Edmund Rank, and my uncle, Albert Rank as a village garage and machine shop. I joined in 1975 when we were still a garage selling petrol and servicing vehicles. It has not been an easy decision to make and I have had mixed emotions over the recent weeks.

Many of you may not know what was carried out at the rear of the building. We did precision subcontract machining for a large customer base and had computer controlled (CNC) milling machines and a lathe as well as manual machines. Quite a large part of the machining business was for low volume parts and prototype parts and we had a number of customers from the local science parks.

The other side of the business was the manufacture (hence the need for CNC machines) and sale of scientific instruments. These were mainly used for research in the large multinationals and universities. The vast majority of sales were for export and we had a worldwide customer base of which we were justifiable proud. I remember several years ago one of our village residents was in New Zealand and was shocked to see an instrument in a lab with 'Rank Brothers Ltd, Bottisham, Cambridge' on the front.

I would like to thank everybody in the village for the support they have shown since we started in 1957. Without your support we would not have survived the difficult times we have been through during that time.

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*Peter Rank*

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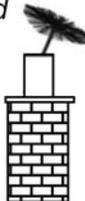
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In the warm (not too hot) sunshine on the afternoon of 18th August in the garden of Station Farm, Lode, members and several husbands enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea generously provided by committee member Jill Jenyns and her husband Roger, both celebrating their 80th Birthdays this year. Everyone was served with their own individual afternoon tea box supplied by a local bakery. This contained tasty sandwiches, cheese straw, cream scone, macaroon, mini chocolate éclair and fruit tart. Cups of tea and coffee were served by committee members, and there was lots of chat and enjoyment of each other's company.



Jill was presented with a card and flowers for her imminent birthday. To thank both Jill and Roger for providing the tea, they were presented with a birthday cake to share with their family. Julie Sale was presented with flowers to thank her for hosting the event. A collection during the afternoon raised £77 for the Mothers' Union 'Jubilee Summer' of Hope' Appeal. For further information on the appeal visit <https://www.mothersunion.org/soh2022>

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month, at 2.30pm in Lode Church. On the 20th October we will be holding our Harvest Social with Bring & Buy Stall. You are most welcome to join us.

*Ann Langran*

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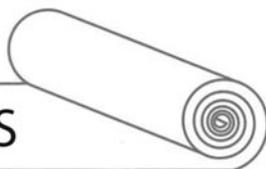


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## Autumn at Anglesey Abbey

A hot chocolate from Redwoods and a camera are a must this time of year in the garden. Rich autumnal colours begin to breakout throughout the garden, some of our favourite spots to capture the burnt reds and oranges are on Temple Lawn, the Riverside Walk and Jubilee Avenue. An abundance of Cyclamen near the Mill adds to the sensory autumn delights that begin to shine through in early October.



Plans are well underway for our annual fundraising event Winter Lights. An alternative to traditional Christmas experiences ‘Nature by Night, Nature by Light’ is a beautiful, sensory after-dark journey that brings the gardens of Anglesey Abbey to life in all their wonder. Alongside a variety of artists and performers we’ll be continuing our partnership with local author Robert MacFarlane, and illustrator Jackie Morris. The Lost Words and The Lost Spells poems, music and illustrations will thread throughout the experience. Visitors to Winter Lights 2022 will see magical projections of Jackie’s nature illustrations created by the award-winning projectionist team Ross Ashton and Karen Monid, as well as new versions of songs and poems from the books throughout the route.

Tickets are on sale now on our website and the event will be running from **Friday 9-Wednesday 21 December**. Every ticket bought helps places, people and nature thrive.

The Woodland Play area is the ultimate destination this October half term. Nestled away, at the end of the woodland path, there is something for everyone, from the swings and scrambler climbing frame to bird watching and den building. Head to Hoe Fen and see what you get up to.

The House is closed from Tuesday 1- Wednesday 30 November as we prepare for Christmas in the house. Join us from Thursday 1 December to kickstart your festive season, explore richly decorated rooms and delight in festive music at the weekends. Head to our website for all the details.

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**29<sup>th</sup> October** – Learn how to Salsa followed by a disco with Vish.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – Race night in Aid of the Poppy Appeal

**26<sup>th</sup> November** – The Bowling Club Quiz Night

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – let Christmas begin with a party for the children, 3pm until 6pm

**4<sup>th</sup> December** – Craft Fair

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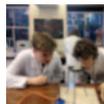
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## *News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group*

**Masks:** We ask that you please continue to wear a mask when visiting the surgery for your protection and the safety of the staff.

**Influenza immunisation:** Flu jab clinics are starting from the end of September. Patients who are eligible to have a vaccine at the practice will be contacted by text message and if we have no phone number then by letter. You can book an appointment directly online for these clinics also.

**Eligible groups for influenza vaccine are:**

- all children aged 2 - 10 years
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- secondary school-aged children focusing on Years 7, 8 and 9 and any remaining vaccine will be offered to years 10 and 11, subject to vaccine availability
- those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023)

**COVID-19 Vaccination boosters:** Bottisham Medical Practice will be administering COVID boosters to the care home population. Eligible patients can book a COVID vaccine via the local vaccination hubs or walk in centres e.g. The Grafton Centre.

**Health Pod:** We have purchased the screening for the pod, which is now in place.

**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:** Next meeting is Wednesday 23 November at 2pm. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting please email our chairman at [s.j.gilson@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.gilson@btinternet.com) who will send you a meeting invite.

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We met in August in the Poppy Room and had a pleasant evening playing Corgi Beetle and Scrabble. Sounds childish but it worked well and there was plenty of opportunity to chat and to catch up. We have had in the past i.e. pre-Covid, an outing instead of a meeting and hope this is something we can resurrect next year.

We have decided from January 2023 we shall return our meeting nights to the third Tuesday in the month. We hope to see some members return as the change to Wednesday was not suitable for some.

We shall be making a collection nearer Christmas time for the Salvation Army and cuddly toys, small stocking filler gifts and wrapping paper and Sellotape have been suggested. Toiletry gift packs for single mums and older children in care are also needed.

A small group of members walked to the Black Horse at Swaffham Bulbeck for lunch in early September another event we have missed during the pandemic.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 19th October when Jason Middleton will be informing us on the History of Jewellery.

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

*Sylvia Overton*

## ***Bottisham and District Gardening Club***

We did not have a meeting in August so this report is obviously very short.

Our next meeting is our AGM on 25th October. We shall be pleased to see all members and some new ones too.

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

*Sylvia Overton*

**Have you ever stopped one morning to sit down to have a cup of coffee in the house on your own, and thought it would be nice to talk to somebody? Well you can and very easily too. Come along to Meeting point on a Wednesday and have that cup of coffee with like-minded company**



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# *Community Herb Bed News*

The rain in September has been most welcome, so we are watering much less often now. Jan and I gave the lavender plants a tidy, weeded the beds and planted some Autumn pansies. The Pansies are a Halloween mix, with a mixture of oranges and purples. We hope that you enjoy them.

The annual Basil plant has been replaced with a new Rosemary plant.

Please do take a snip of the herbs to try in your recipes. It would be good to hear if anyone has a favourite herb or recipe

A few bulbs have been returned to the bed alongside the vicarage wall.

## **HERB OF THE MONTH- FENNEL FROM OUR VOLUNTEER REHANA**

“Fennel is a fantastic herb. Very easy to grow, once established, will come up every year. In Asian culture, fennel seeds are widely used to make herbal tea or just for chewing as a remedy for stomach problems such as wind, indigestion etc.”

### **CULTIVATION**

Fennel can be grown from seed in the Spring, straight into the bed where it is wanted. Seedlings should be thinned to approx. 45cm apart (18 inches).

Avoiding planting Fennel close to Dill as they could cross fertilize, producing seed which is neither Fennel or Dill.

There are two types of Fennel, the common fennel, which has feathery foliage (with a delicious aniseed like flavour) and Florence fennel, which is the vegetable, characterised by its bulbous base.

If you collect seeds from fennel, store them in a clean glass jar with a lid.

## **RECIPE - SAUSAGE AND MED VEG PASTA BAKE WITH FENNEL**

Chop your preferred Mediterranean vegetables (I use a red onion, yellow and red pepper, courgette and mushrooms, sometimes adding some chopped aubergine if I have one).

Heat your oven to 180 C or 160 fan.

Place the veg into a roasting dish, spray with oil, season and add some chopped herbs eg. a little fresh rosemary if you wish.

Place your choice of meat or vegetable sausages (vegetable or vegan sausages may need less cooking time) among the vegetables,

then bake for approx. 40 mins, until the sausages are cooked and the vegetables are tender.

You could drizzle some balsamic glaze over the veg for the last few minutes if you wish.

I prefer to remove the sausages and cut them into bite size chunks before assembling the bake.

You could also cook the sausages separately to the vegetables if you prefer, chop them, then add them to the dish once cooked through

Put a large pan of water on to boil, for your choice of pasta. Cook the pasta for just under the recommended cooking time, drain it and keep covered until ready.

Meanwhile, heat a can of chopped tomatoes or carton/jar of passata, add 1tsp of Fennel seeds in a saucepan. If you like chilli, you could add approx. 1/2-1stsp of dried chilli flakes your sauce.

Stir the sauce and heat it gently.

When the sausages and vegetables are cooked, combine them with your sauce and stir through the pasta.

place this all into an ovenproof dish, top with grated cheddar or non dairy melting cheese, then place under a medium hot grill until the cheese melts and is golden. Serve and enjoy.

Let me know how you get on and if you have alternative suggestions, e.g. using a microwave or slow cooker to save energy.

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## *Public Transport Matters*

Times they are a'changing. We now have King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla as our dear Queen died last week. Many things have been suspended or cancelled but the buses continue to run. Covid is still with us but people are now more out and about and using the buses.

A congestion charge of 5 pounds is being considered for Cambridge. One has to consider workers and delivery drivers who go in and out all day. We could use park and ride and I know of people who do cycle into Cambridge regularly. There are the cycle ways.

The bus stop on the High Street on your left as you turn into Bottisham from the A1303 has been moved nearer to the junction and a case reported of being stopped behind a bus as it picked up a passenger and having a car zooming round from the main road having to jam its brakes on. This is being reported.

The new bus timetables at the bus stops are not very satisfactory as I said last month. The one on the High Street opposite Beechwood Avenue is so high I can't read it. That is also being reported.

So many things are still under discussion as regards public transport. The East West rail project high banks could be removed from the planning.

Electric buses could be the future but the brakes have been put on Oxfordshire's electric bus factory due to lack of funding. Bus lanes could be key to zero emissions targets says a GoAhead chief as he announced the expansion of the Newcastle electric bus fleet.

A 2 million pounds off-road busway to connect Cambourne to Cambridge via Hardwick and Grange Road is now being challenged as people would rather have a bus lane. That seems to work on Newmarket Road.

They say that a busway would damage the countryside. The bus lane would run next to the A1301/A428.

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The aim of the Greater Cambridgeshire partnership is cheaper bus fares, more frequent services with longer operating hours and a huge increase in coverage for rural areas but that would need to be funded by a road user charge from 7am to 7 pm. I haven't yet seen what the result was from the public meeting on September 8th.

As someone who enjoyed working for the Cambridge Tourist Office and has kept in touch with colleagues as the council gradually closed it all down I was intrigued to see a photo in the Cambridge News of the new electrical mobile visitor centre for Cambridge. The staff will have free maps and guides. They are part of the Cambridge BID scheme - on street ambassadors

Crossrail bosses are to advise Israel on building a Tel Aviv metro.

The recent rail strikes have caused people so many problems and probably loss of income. Getting to work and school and important hospital visits made difficult.

There is now a direct overnight coach link to Paris. run by Flixbus.

Spaniards are getting free train journeys under 300km.

The West Highland line from Glasgow to Mallaig is suggested. You will probably see lots of deer even on the platforms.

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## Autumn wildlife



Look out for migrant birds arriving to spend the winter at Wicken Fen next time you are visiting the reserve. By the time you read this article, you should be able to spot wigeon, redwing and fieldfare. The low rays of autumn sun catch the reeds' feathery golden spikes on afternoon walks round the boardwalk and in the reedbeds on the wider reserve. The changing seasons always present something new in the natural world, so if you haven't visited for a while, it's well worth making time for a stroll on the reserve.

**Footprints:** Community Engagement Project

**New Wicken Wellbeing Walk – Fridays 10-11am** Following our pilot series of walks in the fen edge villages, we launched a weekly wellbeing walk at Wicken Fen on Friday 30 September. The feedback we received during the pilot indicated that a regular, easy paced, sociable walk would be welcome. So, if you'd like to join us, please meet in the Visitor Centre at Wicken Fen on Friday morning ready for a 10am start. The walk will be around 2 miles in length at a relaxed pace, taking approximately an hour.

**Vision Festival - Saturday 8 and Saturday 15 October** For the first time we are celebrating the Vision with activities at both ends of the Vision area: at Wicken Fen on Saturday 8 October and at Anglesey Abbey on Saturday 15 October.

We'll be showcasing Footprints activities with demonstrations and hands-on activities provided by our brilliant project partners. You'll also be able to discover more about the Wicken Fen Vision by joining us for walks, talks, boat trips and much more.

Check out our Facebook event and the What's On section of our website for more details and to book. There's a good mix of drop-in and bookable events. We hope to see you at either (or both) Festival days.

### **OCTOBER HALF TERM - FAMILY FUN AT WICKEN FEN.**

**Monday 24, Wednesday 26 and Friday 28 October. Storytelling in the Fen Cottage,** with spooky Fenland stories for all the family. Free sessions throughout the day between 10:30 and 15:00 – sign up at the Visitor Centre on the day.

**Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 October. Family-friendly guided tours of Fen Cottage.** Free sessions throughout the day between 10:30 and 14:00 – sign up at the Visitor Centre on the day.

**Saturday 29 October. Toast-making over an open fire in the Fen Cottage.** Free sessions 11:00-12:00 and 13:30-14:30 - sign up at the Visitor Centre on the day.

**STOP PRESS - Father Christmas at the Fen** is now available to book! See our website for details.

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## *Reasons to be Cheerful...*

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In this mad crazy world in which we live, there are many things which upset or disappoint us. Here are a few things which made me giggle this month.

Half-baked and Willy-Nilly, what great sayings.

Collywobbles and Dabble, what great words.

Without freedom of speech, we wouldn't know who the idiots are! (Facebook).

There is a place in East Devon called "Dog Village".

Do Rice Krispies always go, Snap, Crackle and Pop in that order?

The 1st of October is National coffee day.

The Barilla factory in Parma, Italy produces 150000 kilometres of spaghetti every day.  
(Inside the Factory).

Kakorrhaphiophobia. How about that for a word. It means "the fear of failure". Just trying to spell it will induce that very fear! And it took me 3 attempts to even copy it.

How do you make an octopus laugh? 10 tickles. (Mel Rees).

At this year's Burghley Horse Trials. 3 horses were found guilty.

Bombay Sapphire gin is brewed in Hampshire! (Made in Britain).

A day without laughter is a day wasted. (Charlie Chaplin).

The only mystery in life is why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets. (Al McGuire).

Humpty Dumpty was pushed. (Seasick Steve).

The 7th of October is "World smile day". Go on, give someone a reason to smile.

*Keep smiling  
Peter Rayment*

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## *Important Letter Received*

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Good afternoon,

One of our coordinators alerted me to a new scam I thought your readers should be aware of.

Fraudsters are pretending to be from Ofgen. If you receive a call or email telling you to apply for your £400 energy bill rebate, ignore it.

There are so many scams that I don't routinely send out messages about them, but this one which refers to the £400 is particularly current.

Best wishes, Kevin Evans,  
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## *Community Library*

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We are pleased to report that we have more people using the library ( people using libraries in rural areas have been much quicker to return after the pandemic than city users)and would encourage more users to become members of our Bottisham Community Library Association. It only costs £1 to join and you get a free book reservation voucher for 50p. Children's reservations continue to be free.

**Please keep Saturday 8th July 2023 free** when we shall be celebrating our 20th Birthday.

*Sylvia Overton*

## *Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)*

Bottisham Adult Learning Association is a 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.

Our email address is [bottishambala@btinternet.com](mailto:bottishambala@btinternet.com) for any further enquiries.

Looking forward to meeting for a new term.

*Helen Cole*

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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

I guess that Thursday 8th September 2022 will be one of those dates when everybody in the western world will remember where they were as they heard of the death of our beloved HM Queen Elizabeth II. Personally, I was on a ship somewhere in the Irish Sea, but that's not particularly relevant! The reason for mentioning it is that, approaching the end of my holiday, I was looking forward to catching up with all the ongoing sports events and stories, having been away from the mainstream media for a week or so. In particular, I was keen to follow the final Test match in the series against South Africa, the last few days of La Vuelta, the remainder of the Tour of Britain, and the weekend's football fixtures, especially the Ipswich v Cambridge showdown in League One.

Now, I am no anti-Royalist, and I support all marks of respect to our greatest, most dignified Monarch. But I fail to see how cancelling sporting events is respectful to the Queen and her family. Surely, mourning and grieving are personal things which people can do in their own way, or attend organised ceremonies if they wish. But I should think, as a sports lover, the Queen would be extremely disappointed to think that her passing put a stop to many of the activities that bring much-needed unity and joy to the country. Race meetings were halted mid-meeting; the Tour of Britain cycle race was stopped after only five of the eight days (with the current leader – Spaniard Gonzalo Serrano – unfairly declared the winner); and the entire football programme – Premier League to grassroots – for the whole country was cancelled.

Former England footballer, Peter Crouch, summed up similar sentiments: "I know it's only a game and some things are much bigger, but imagine all our games went ahead... black armbands, silences observed, National Anthem, bands playing, etc. Watched by millions... wouldn't that have been a better send off?"

In the meantime, the England & Wales Cricket Board put all other governing bodies to shame by forging on with the deciding Third Test against South Africa at The Oval. Respect for the Queen and the Windsors was 100% observed, pre-match, and several players described how proud and inspired they were to be involved in that moment. And what a match they gave us! After the first day wash-out and second day cancellation, 17 wickets fell on the third day as England scraped through to a modest 40 run first innings lead. Then the bowlers took charge, dismissed the Proteas cheaply again (in yet another English-style batting collapse!) to set up a 9-wicket victory. It was particularly pleasing to see Zak Crawley repaying the skipper's faith in him by posting an unbeaten half-century, his first of the summer, and scoring the winning run.

That's six wins out of seven Tests in the Ben Stokes era, including series wins over the reigning World Test Champions (NZ) and the current World Test Championship leaders (RSA). The ageing Broad & Anderson partnership still looks world class; Robinson and Potts have established themselves too in the pace attack, Root and Bairstow are in the form of their lives; the partnership of Lees and Crawley just might be the answer to perennial 'opening' problem; and Foakes seems to have secured the WK/batsman slot for life! Isn't it amazing how belief and confidence can impact performance?! If Stokes can stay fit himself, this could be a magical time for English cricket... Am I getting carried away to think that we can win back the Ashes next summer?!

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*(Sports Nut continued.)*

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So, what else had been happening before our world was turned upside down? Well, Anthony Joshua failed for the second time to match his ability to his words by losing again to Ukrainian Oleksandr Usyk who consequently retained his three Heavyweight World Titles and now has the small matter of persuading Tyson Fury out of retirement for a massive unification bout... Goodness knows what Joshua can do next! He embarrassed himself in the ring by losing his cool when the points decision went (unsurprisingly) to Usyk and this was his third defeat in his last fights. Time to go quietly and look after his family and his mental health, in my humble opinion, but I'm sure he won't.

Finally, while I'm thinking about hard men... I noticed that ex-Liverpool player and Sky Sports pundit, Graeme Souness, got himself into hot water with the 'political correctness' brigade in August by referring to a game of men's football as "a man's game"! Hilarious! He was describing the fiery 2-2 draw between Chelsea and Tottenham, appreciating the referee "letting the players get on with it", meaning things had got a bit spicy in the heat of competition! Karen Carney, ex-England Women's player was in the studio and didn't bat an eyelid (Why would she? Having won 144 international caps, she has nothing to prove!) but the presenter went pale, hurriedly adding, "It's also a woman's game as well"! And then the keyboard warriors came out of the woodwork on social media: "Disgraceful" wrote England squad player, Bethany England; "It's not ok", proclaimed former international player Eniola Aluko, referring (erroneously) to the Lionesses ending England's "56-year wait to win the European Championships". I have news for you Ms Aluko: the Women's European Championship began in 1984. Anyway, Souness stood by his remarks, clarifying for the confused that he was talking about a specific match and not the whole sport of football, which "is a game for everyone to enjoy". Indeed!

*TTFN - Gerry Daish*

**“Grief is the price we pay for love.” HM Queen Elizabeth II**



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### **“Silence in the Wings...”**

This is the Stage Manager’s familiar cry to many thespians as the curtain is about to go up at the start of the next production. But as you may have read in the previous issue of the Cresset, it is now quite literally ‘Silence in the Wings’ as there will not be a next production for our beloved drama group - Bottisham Players. The final curtain has disappointingly come down after forty odd years of providing excellent theatrical entertainment involving numerous actors, actresses, stage crew, set builders, front of house stewards - all embracing many genres of theatre. One avid supporter once commented, “Bottisham without its annual panto is akin to a village without a soul”. The group not only provided decades of entertainment for the village, but also offered those interested, young and old alike, the opportunity to experience and involve themselves in live theatre. What on earth has triggered the final act to be played? I suspect most that have lived in this village for a goodly number of years will have a vague inkling...

As a former member of the drama group my better half gave a résumé in last month’s Cresset plotting the history and fortunes befallen Bottisham Players, or ‘The Players’ as they were affectionately known. Nevertheless I have my own, probably less subtle, recollections so perhaps you will allow me the indulgence to offer my own appraisal of ‘The Players’ and how the village had seen them grow and diversify. Of course there’ll be stuff that I’ve missed out and possibly a couple of (hopefully minor) inaccuracies but I hope the following will go a little way in offering a complementary take on such a well-loved and respected Amateur Dramatic Society that brought endless pleasure to many.

You will have already read that ‘The Players’ were formed in the late 1970s and presented over a hundred productions across the years. At least two productions were put on every year with the later addition of a pantomime. I believe the panto was a spin off from the old ‘Gang Shows’ put on by the local Cubs, Guides and Scout troops. In the 1990s, with the support of the Village College, a Youth Section of the ‘Players’ was started which helped enormously with casting the panto but also with casting roles in the adult section. The Players mentored these budding youngsters as they matured and learned their craft which presented opportunities for them to progress into the world of mainstream theatre.

Latterly The Players diversified into musicals and revues which necessitated an improvement in all round ability. Indeed, The Players effortlessly rose to the task and the shows proved a great hit with cast and audiences alike. I think it is fair to say that amongst the many excellent productions, Bottisham audiences delighted not only in farce and comedy but also the traditional style of panto which offered plenty of slapstick. There was the saucy ‘Dame’ (usually a man!), the two ‘Nit Wits’, the Principal Boy (usually a girl!), the Principal Girl (always a girl) custard pies, catchy songs, audience participation with boos directed at the Villain and cheers for the Hero and, of course, all the wonderful colourful costumes. But the ‘stars’ of the panto shows were always the younger ones in both



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cast and audience. The concentration, fun and enjoyment so visible on their faces was a joy to behold – but alas to be seen no more in Bottisham.

Of course we all know that the primary tool to do the job of traditional theatre requires a stage with wings and scenery. This would be supported by a theatrical rigging system (rope lines, blocks and pulleys, counterweights and related devices), plus a lighting and sound system and dressing rooms. But the long serving Community Hall at the Village College was replaced with an avant-garde ‘auditorium’ as part of the College’s ‘progressive’ expansion programme in 2018. My recollection is that despite significant input from The Players very little was done to accommodate the basic requirements of mainstream theatre.

So despite the very best efforts and valour of all involved, The Players productions, with possibly the exception of one or two, began to struggle into mediocrity. The frequency of productions also suffered and diminished to just the panto which gave its last show I believe in 2016. Accordingly disappointment awaited those signed up members and audiences who had supported The Players over many years. Was this all prompted by the impending loss of their traditional ‘theatre’ facilities - or perhaps it was a lack of willing directors, too few audience numbers, even possibly casting issues – who really knows other than The Players themselves. But understandably this disruption of the status quo resulted in some of the more experienced members forsaking the ‘boards’ completely and others taking their talents elsewhere.

And so it is that after an illustrious era our cherished Bottisham Players similarly succumbed to the same fate endured by other once well supported local institutions. Nevertheless one really does have to ask in this multi-talented and growing ‘village’ of ours, why the new thespian blood did not come forward. Could it be that people simply favour a theatre of smartphones and subscription entertainment supplemented with pizza garnish? Surely it is much better for communal interaction and societal cohesion to get out and support a querkly, quintessentially English tradition of live theatre involving local talent...

As one of many I am sure, I really do hope that we haven’t seen the last of Am Dram in Bottisham. Let us all hope that new talent does come forward so that we may see a phoenix rise from the ashes – one that reenergises local drama into a positive new era. Perhaps a congenial new venue with the appropriate stage facilities will present itself – the Nave and wings of the side aisles of our Parish Church perhaps!! Meanwhile the valiant members, past and not so past, should be rightly proud of what they have achieved over so many decades. Now that the last act has finally been played out let us have them all taking a well-deserved final curtain and a standing ovation.

*JOW.*

## **BRAVO ‘The Players’...**



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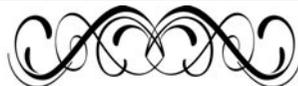
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## *1st Swaffham Prior & Reach Scouts*

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We run three sections: Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (10½ -14), and also have a number of Young Leaders (14-18). We meet weekly in Swaffham Prior during term time, and our scouts come from Swaffham Prior, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, Bottisham and surrounding village

This is a summary of what the scout section have been up to for the past year, but all three sections run full programmes, giving the beavers, cubs & scouts all get a chance to learn and do new things that they might not get a chance to do at home or school.

In Autumn, the scouts spent a couple of evenings outside on the scout field, learning about fires and building outdoor shelters in the woods. All sections paraded through Swaffham Prior on Remembrance Day to take part in the church service. Before Christmas we spent time indoors learning about knots, first aid and map reading.

In the Spring, we chose to briefly return to scouting online to avoid having to wear masks in the scout hut, and the scouts spent time doing an online escape room, more badge work, learning about online safety and further first aid. We also managed to meet up in person for a winter walk down the Swaffham Bulbeck lode, to the river Cam.

During the Easter half-term, we ran our traditional overnight Easter camp in Swaffham Prior. The cubs joined us for a campfire with songs and marshmallows, and a small number of scouts (and leaders) woke up the following morning to find their tents covered in frost, having made it through an overnight temperature of minus 4 Celsius!

In May, as we have for several years, we worked with the Reach fair committee to run the village barbecue on the village green, where the scouts and leaders cooked and served a seemingly endless amount of burgers and sausages, raising thousands of pounds for charitable causes.

After Easter, we spent most of our time on the field. The scouts played lots of games, learning outdoor and survival skills, such as cooking on fires and hiking stoves, pioneering (including some impressive bridge building), putting up tents, learning knots, and getting ready for camp.

During the Summer holiday, the group made its furthest trip for a few years, taking most of the Scouts to Swaledale in Yorkshire, for a four-night camp. The scouts made the most of their time in the Yorkshire Dales, hillwalking, splashing about in the river, singing lots of walking and campfire songs, and learning to climb and abseil as a team. We even managed to find time for a gang show evening!

If you think your kids might be interested in joining the group, or if you think you might want to help lead the group, please email Tim Doe, the Group Scout Leader, on [gsl@1stswaffhampriorscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@1stswaffhampriorscouts.org.uk).

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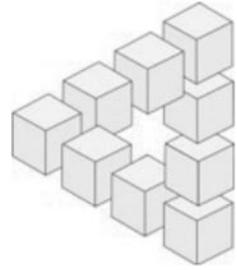
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