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Bottisham

Coronation Celebrations

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023

Holy Trinity Church Flower Festival - All Weekend

Coronation Celebration Service - 10:30am

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You will be aware that there is cause for celebration this month with the Coronation on Saturday the 6th and the village mounting lots of celebration activities on Sunday 7th.



Just as I have had reason to ‘decorate’ my editorial, I think it would be great fun if we all ‘decorated’ our houses. Flags, bunting, flowers and decorated lawnmowers! Could all add to the fun. Let your imagination run and let’s have some fun. Let me have pictures of your efforts and I will try to feature them next month.

There are details and timings of lots of the activities in the centre section of the magazine. It is set there as a ‘pull-out’ section to keep handy on the day.

Now, can I give a thank-you to a staunch supporter of our magazine, who has contributed to its pages for more than twenty years. Articles with so much information in them that it is difficult to remember it all, which is why it is so handy to be able to refer back to past editions (on-line if you don’t keep the hard copy.)

I refer of course to ‘Public Transport Matters’, whose author Paddy James has collated her articles from the plethora of information she gathers from a multitude of sources. She knows everybody who is anybody in local transport and she has travelled far and wide in her many years using buses and trains across this country and the wider reaches of Europe. Paddy has decided to hang up her keyboard and take a well-earned retirement. Paddy, thank you.

With seamless ease, it gives me pleasure to introduce John Austin whom many will know who has taken on the mantle of being the provider of all things transport.

Given the planned developments in and around Cambridge relating to transport, congestion charges, and the state of the roads etc., John may well be the source of useful ongoing information. His first article is a good example with the inclusion of the current timetable for the bus service through the village.

Bird brain gives us another insight to one of our best known garden birds, Parus Caeruleus! There, I bet you didn’t know it was called that. He also explains how birds can sing and call with such a variety of sounds.

The additional holiday this month together with the usual Bank holidays results in some changes to bin collections, so the collections that would normally be done on Mondays 1st, 8th and 29th May will now be done on Tuesdays 2nd, 9th and 30th of May.

Enjoy all the activities this month and also the extra days holiday weekend for the coronation. It should be a lot of fun.

Your Editor



News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

Highly successful Thanksgiving Gift Day 2023

I am delighted to report that as of the day of writing this article around £5,000 has been donated to the church which is a magnificent response to our Appeal. I would like to thank each and every one of you who has donated. This sum will help to support the running of our church for the next year as well as helping towards some of our building projects. However, the appeal will remain open for a couple more weeks and so there is still time should you wish to donate.



We were delighted to see a full church for our Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service led by the Archdeacon of Cambridge, the Venerable Alex Hughes. Plans are advanced for our family service on May 7th which will be led by Bottisham resident Revd. Keith Morrison. This service will be a celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III, for which a special service booklet has been produced. The church will be heavily decorated for a flower festival over that Bank Holiday weekend. We would love to see you at the service or sometime over the weekend to admire the flowers. Please contact Carolyn Bangs 01223 811159 or Jane Morris 01223 811163 to donate flowers or money to support the flower festival.

On Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter) the sun was shining as I walked through the churchyard. It was the day after the grass had been cut, contrasting these areas with those we are leaving to grow as part of our churchyard Eco project. The spring bulbs were also looking resplendent as they gently moved in the breeze. Later I went inside the church to view the flowers, particularly the commemorative lilies. I felt very blessed.

I am trying to organize more coffee and cake concerts but am somewhat limited by the lack of a keyboard player. We have instrumentalists and singers ready to perform but we need someone to accompany us. Is there anyone in the village or elsewhere who could help?

Some of the redundant church pews which were removed from the North Aisle when it was refurbished following the dry rot are still available for sale at £150 each including an end door. Please contact me if you are interested.

A special meeting of the Parochial Church Council members of the five churches in the Benefice was held towards the end of March. The Benefice Profile was agreed and the advertisement for the appointment of a new vicar was subsequently agreed between the Churchwardens and is now circulating in the church press.

We look forward to seeing you over the Coronation Weekend.

Stuart Field - Churchwarden

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To the Residents of Bottisham From Lucy Frazer MP

It is important that our roads are kept in good condition to ensure the safety of road users, cyclists and pedestrians. Over the past several months, the combination of heavy rain and freezing temperatures has led to several new potholes which I know have caused concern for many of you.

I am pleased that in the Spring Budget the Chancellor announced that the Government will place an extra £200 million towards the Potholes Fund. This takes the total pothole budget for UK local authorities to £700 million in the 2023/24 financial year. The uplift will mean an additional £4.1 million for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Although it is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council to repair the highways in my constituency, I have always been happy to report problems on behalf of my constituents and follow-up with the authority if any issues remain outstanding.

If you notice potholes, you can use the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Reporting Tool, which you can access through their website;

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>,

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Lucy Frazer MP.

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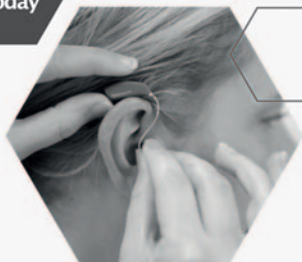
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Sun May 7th	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	CORONATION CELEBRATION SERVICE – Bottisham
	4pm	Village Worship - Quy Village Hall
Sun May 14th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion - Quy
	10.30am	Family Worship - Swaffham Prior
Sun May 21st	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer - Quy
	10.30am	Holy Communion , Swaffham Bulbeck
		Morning Prayer – Bottisham
Sun May 28th	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Swaffham Prior
Every Thur	10.30am	Holy Communion - Lode

Please check the Church notice board for any changes to these details; or email admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk, which is also the address to request the Zoom link. You are very welcome to attend any of these services.

Sales, Wants and Swaps



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BOTTISHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

TUESDAY 16TH MAY 7:30PM - 8:15PM

AGENDA

Welcome: Parish Council Report Activities and Achievements over last year.	Cllr Jon Ogborn Chair Bottisham Parish Council
County Council Report	Cllr Alan Sharp
District Council Report	Cllr Charlotte Cane
Update on Community Safety Open Forum	Various speakers
Summary Introduction to Informal Session	Cllr Jon Ogborn Chair Bottisham Parish Council

The social club bar will open & refreshments available after 8:15pm. Take this opportunity to chat with speakers & members of Bottisham Parish Council and local schools. You can ask anything from planning, new developments, the local environment and the new cemetery etc.

For more information email: clerk@bottisham-pc.gov.uk

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Parish Council Report

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 16TH MAY

I would like to draw your attention to this important event in village life, which takes place at the Bottisham Sports & Social Club on Tuesday 16th May at 7:30pm. It is an opportunity for you to hear about the work of your Parish, District and County councillors and to raise concerns and thoughts you have about village life. There will also be a brief summary of the output from the recent very successful Community Safety Forum.

We will follow the successful format of previous years, with a short formal session followed by an extended opportunity (with the bar open) for informal discussion with councillors, the police and representatives from our local schools.

I urge you to come along and take part in this community event and make your voice heard.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

At the April Parish Council meeting we bade farewell to two long-standing members of the Council, who have decided not to stand for re-election in the May elections. They are Lino di Lorenzo and Hilda Buchanan, who have served for 7 and 50 years respectively. We are so very grateful for the part they have played over the years.

Lino has made a particular contribution to the play group working party and we are pleased he will continue serving as a resident on the new play group working party to be set up. He has stored up a fund of knowledge about play areas that will be invaluable to the group.

In her 50 years Hilda has served as both Chair & Vice-Chair and in many other capacities - most notably always making a very strong contribution on Planning. Her departure is a great loss, but we wish her well in her well deserved "retirement" - knowing that she will continue to be a strong and valued voice in village life.

This leaves us with 3 vacancies on Council that we wish to fill. If you are passionate about your community and want to help make changes that will make a real difference, then please consider becoming a councillor. It is a role that is surprisingly fulfilling, as you see decisions you make really impact your community for the better - and is actually very interesting, giving you a greater insight into what is going on in the village and wider community.

I am aware that many see the work of a councillor as being very onerous but, while we want volunteers who come with a will to serve and get involved, the basic commitment is to attend just one night a month at the Parish Council meeting. It is not that taxing. I would always encourage interested residents to come along and listen in to a meeting to get an idea of what is involved.

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences, who reflect the community, so please don't discount yourself. If you feel that this is a way in which you might be able to support your community please email the Clerk (clerk@bottisham-pc.gov.uk) and we would be pleased to discuss further with you what is involved.

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NEW PARISH CLERK

This month saw the departure of our clerk Alice Bettoney on 6th April. After starting employment in December, Alice settled into her new role very well and we were genuinely sorry to be losing her so quickly. However we are grateful for the very positive contribution she made while with us and wish her well for the future.

We are pleased we have been able to recruit a strong replacement in Samantha Chambers-Turner, who commenced employment on 30th March to allow for a shorthand-over. Sam brings with her extensive experience as Clerk in other local Parish Councils and has good knowledge of the village (she will be already known to many residents). I am confident she will serve the Council and village very well. Her new contact details are at the back of the magazine.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

April has seen a first meeting of the working party to create a Neighbourhood Plan, chaired by Cllr Wilson. We are grateful to all councillors and residents who have volunteered to help support in building this vital document to influence how the village develops in the years ahead. There will no doubt be much to report in the months ahead.

Finally I would like to thank the residents, councilors and other organisations who are working together to help build our village coronation celebration. I would encourage all residents to get involved and make this a weekend to to be remembered.

Jon Ogborn - Chair of Bottisham Parish Council

Planning Notes

a) New applications:

23/00255/FUL - 68 High Street Bottisham. First floor rear dormer window

23/00399/FUL - Laburnum House 6 Tunbridge Lane Bottisham Two storey extension

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CAMBOURNE TO CAMBRIDGE BUSWAY

At the Full County Council meeting on 21st March, the Council voted to proceed to a planning application on the Cambourne to Cambridge busway, which will probably cost more than £200m, will destroy a one-hundred-year-old orchard and gains little benefit for residents. Our group put in an amendment asking that a viable on road solution, which would probably cost £20m be properly considered, as well as waiting until May for the announcement of the East West Rail route before deciding. Sadly, this amendment was defeated by the ruling Lib Dem/Labour administration.

CONGESTION CHARGE PETITION

At the same meeting on 21st March, a petition with nearly 15,500 signatures was presented, asking for a county-wide referendum. Our group put in a motion asking that a county-wide referendum on May 4th be held, but this was defeated by the ruling Lib Dem/Labour administration.

SWAFFHAM HEATH ROAD/ A1303 CROSSROADS

The County Council are waiting for the signing of the land transfer required to proceed with the staggered junction at these very dangerous crossroads. The delay to the commencement of these works has been very frustrating and it is hoped that work will commence very soon on this much needed road improvement.

POTHOLES

I have had a lot of contact from residents about the poor state of Bell Road. Highways officers have placed several works repair orders, and these should be undertaken by the contractor very soon.

Please continue to report potholes and road deficiencies on the CCC portal, but please keep me informed of any issues, as I will continue to push to get our roads repaired.

Jeremy Hunt in the budget announced £200m extra money for pothole repairs across the country. Cambridgeshire's share is expected to be in excess of £3m and I will push to ensure that this is directed to dealing with road issues, when the allocation decision is made.

The ruling administration have allocated the same amount to roads maintenance in 2023/24 as was spent in 2022/23. However, with building material inflation, this represents a cut at the time that we need this budget increased and after a 4.99% increase in your council tax was voted through by the Lib Dem/Labour administration.

If there is any issue that concerns you, please contact me and I will do my best to resolve the issue.

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We hope everyone will enjoy the three Bank Holiday weekends in May, with Reach Fair, the Coronation Big Lunch and the Spring Bank Holiday. Because of these holidays, there are changes to the bin collection days in May. For the weeks beginning 1, 8 and 29 May bins will be collected one day later than usual. Rubbish will be collected on the normal days in the weeks beginning 15 and 22 May.

The GCP is expected to publish the results of its consultation in May or early June. It has been reported that they received over 23,000 responses. We are pressing them to listen carefully to the responses. Although we haven't seen the responses yet, we have heard the views of many people locally and expect the responses to the formal consultation to be similar. People overwhelmingly agree that better public transport is needed in Cambridgeshire – restoring Sunday buses, the direct buses to Hills Road and Long Road sixth form colleges and evening buses come high up people's agenda. Many also agree that the Newmarket Road Park & Ride site should be on the Quy side of the roundabout, to ease congestion and provide a choice of routes, eg to Cambridge North, the Science Park and CRC as well as into Cambridge centre. But very few people agree that these should be funded through the proposed Sustainable Travel Zone, or congestion charge. We agree that better buses are needed but that the proposed congestion charge is not fair or equitable for residents here in Bottisham or across East Cambs and so should not be introduced.

Unfortunately, East Cambs is not part of the GCP, so we cannot vote on any proposals. But we will continue to meet with representatives of the GCP to highlight the needs of local residents and press the GCP to drop their plans for the congestion charge and work across all local Councils to deliver better buses.

It was reported to the Operational Services Committee that waste collection rates had improved in Jan-March 2023, with 99.87% of all collections achieved first time. But that "resources have continued to be focussed on collection services and this has challenged the ability of the street cleansing service to complete requests. Priority in the street cleansing service is in turn given to higher profile areas within the District." Unfortunately, this means that in Jan-March 2023 just 15% of fly tipping was removed within 2 working days, against a target of 98%. This was also considerably down on last year when 61% was cleared within 2 working days.

Charlotte Kane Cllr. & John Trapp Cllr.

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The meeting in March was our AGM, but before this our guest speaker, Captain Karl Lumbers gave a very interesting talk on the Trinity House Story. It covered the history and details of the very important work done by this maritime charity. In 1514 Henry VIII gave licence to a guild of master mariners who were concerned about the inexperience and poor conduct of unregulated pilots on the busy River Thames. This was endangering life and cargo. Later in 1609 Trinity House built their first lighthouses for East Anglia at Lowestoft. In 1732 the first light vessel is moored at the mouth of the Thames. In 1803 the first buoy workshop at Blackwall on the Thames provided training for keepers and engineers. From 1801 all the lighthouses around the coast had to have three keepers living there at any one time, maintaining equipment and ensuring the light. Candles, wood, coal and oil have been used, electric light being introduced in 1858. In 1998 the system be-came fully automated with no need for any lighthouse keepers. By 2002 all were solar powered.

Some lighthouse cottages can be hired for holiday accommodation. Trinity House maintains the light houses, light vessels, beacons, and buoys around the coast of England and Wales.

The Charity gives millions in grants for the welfare of retired seamen, the training of merchant marine and leisure industry cadets and the promotion of safety at sea.

Pat and Jenn, President and Secretary gave their reports, outlining the meetings, visits, craft sessions and fund raising etc. since our last AGM. (Recently some members have been helping the local Cubs to sew bookmarks). The Treasurer's Report was adopted. They thanked the Committee for all their work and members for their assistance.

- Preparations for the Coronation Village tea on 7th May, with cakes etc. are underway.
- The resolution finally chosen for the National AGM in Cardiff in May was "Clean Rivers for People & Wildlife."

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING is on TUESDAY 16th MAY in The Poppy Room, 7.30pm, The speaker will be Jean Coxall:- "When will I ever learn to say "No" - Mrs. Beaton's Picnic."

If you are interested in maybe joining the Women's Institute please do come along!

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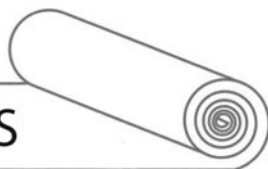


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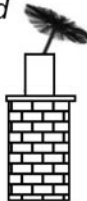
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6:30pm-7:30pm Morris Dancers & BBQ at the club

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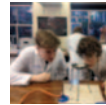
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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

BANK HOLIDAYS

Please note that the Practice will be closed for the May Bank Holidays 1st May, 8th May and 29th May, so do ensure you have adequate medication in hand and order your repeat prescriptions in good time to allow for this. Don't forget that there is still a 5 working day turnaround.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED

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The volunteer driver duties will involve transporting patients to and from the surgery for their appointments.

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For further details and how to apply, send an expression of interest to patientsgroup@outlook.com

ACCESSIBLE TOILET:

We have now installed a raised seat for this facility.

HRT AND PRESCRIPTION CHARGES

Please note that the Practice will be contacting patients currently on this medication to advise about how to apply for the prepayment certificate, once the system is set up.

The Patient Participation Group

We are happy to have 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 May 24th 2023 at 1.30pm**. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting please email our chairman at s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will send you a meeting invite.

"NAAFI BREAK"

ALL veterans are welcome to come along and meet likeminded veterans. 10 till 11am at Anglesey Abbey Cafe. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Next date to meet: 3 May 2023. Come along, for a good old chin wag, meet new faces and feel connected within your local community. Gary looks forward to welcoming you. He will wear a grey Help for Heroes T Shirt.

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Bottisham Community Library Association

We had a full house for our quiz night at the end of February and as well as contributing to our funds everyone enjoyed exercising their grey cells.

The build up to the Coronation of Charles III is on everyone's mind at the moment, but there is also another important milestone coming up for our village. In July it will be 20 years since our public library was closed; only to be re-opened days later by a band of enthusiastic volunteers. At the time it was an act of defiance, but who would have thought that 20 years on we would still be going strong. We are planning a morning of celebrations at the library on Saturday 8th July so put the date in your diary. One of the events will be an art competition to re-design a book cover so look out for the posters or pop into the library for details.



An Art Competition

to celebrate 20 years of Bottisham Community Library

Design a new book cover for a favourite book
using pencil, crayons, pastels, paint or
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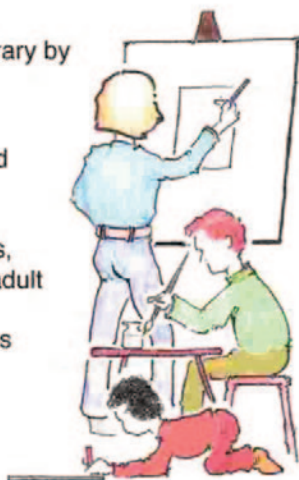
Entries to be handed in at the library by

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This camp was made famous for the 'Great Escape' of several prisoners, dramatised in the movie with Richard Attenborough and Steve McQueen. Alex was held captive right until the end of the war before returning home. Our display gives you some idea of the conditions prisoners had to endure.

The 1st and 2nd of July is 'Bottisham at War' our 1940s themed weekend. This year's event will have battle re-enactments, two half-track armoured vehicles and other jeeps and lorries.

There will be tours of our wartime camp / trench, two wartime singers, trade stalls and refreshments. The museum will also be open for visitors as part of the event admission.

Please come along and support this special event. Opening times will be 10.30am until 4pm both days. Further information will follow next month and advance booking discount will be available online.

Keep watching our website, www.bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk too, as it is soon to be updated.

Charles Cook, Museum volunteer

Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

**Wednesday 15th June 7.30pm
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*The Bottisham
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Sunday – May 7th

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12.00 pm onwards

Flower Display — Immerse yourself in the beauty of flowers and admire the skills of the Flower Arrangers

Bottisham Airfield Museum

10.30 am to 4.00 pm

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Of course none of this Coronation Celebration would have been possible without the generous support and cooperation of; Queen's Court, The Church, Parish Council, The Sports & Social Club, Red 2 Green, WI, Park Estate Residents Association, The Primary School, The Cresset and not least, the army of volunteers that came forward to organise events and to help in many other ways.

The Coronation: History and Ceremonial

The coronation ceremony is an occasion for pageantry and celebration, but it is also a solemn religious ceremony and has remained essentially the same over a thousand years. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London. The service is conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose task this has almost always been since the Norman Conquest in 1066

The coronation of the new Sovereign follows some months after his or her accession, following a period of mourning and as a result of the enormous amount of preparation required to organise the ceremony.

During the ceremony, the Sovereign takes the coronation oath. The form and wording have varied over the centuries. Queen Elizabeth II, for example, undertook to rule according to law, to exercise justice with mercy - promises symbolised by the four swords in the coronation regalia (the Crown Jewels) - and to maintain the Church of England.

Following the oath the Sovereign is then 'anointed, blessed and consecrated by the Archbishop, whilst the Sovereign is seated in King Edward's chair (made in 1300, and used by every Sovereign since 1626).

The sceptre with dove goes in the left hand and represents spiritual power, with the dove symbolising the holy spirit. The orb is a symbol of the globe, divided into the three continents known of in England in Medieval times and representing worldly and Christian power.

After receiving the orb and sceptre, the Archbishop places St Edward's Crown on the Sovereign's head. Unless decided otherwise, a Queen consort is crowned with the King, in a similar but simpler ceremony. If the new Sovereign is a Queen, her consort is not crowned or anointed at the coronation ceremony.



Public Transport Matters

FROM THE EDITOR

First a note from Paddy, who retires after many years contributing, then John Austin's first contribution.

“Finding a copy of the Cresset for June 2003 with my article in it, while having a book clear-out, convinced me that it was now time for me to hand over Public Transport Matters to someone else and John Austin has agreed to carry on providing you with transport information as he is well qualified to do.

Thanks for your positive comments over the years.

Happy travelling!”

Paddy James.

This is my first regular ‘Public Transport Matters’ article and I’d like to thank Paddy James for writing this for all those years, from before we first moved into the area in 1984.

The start of a new era always gives an opportunity for a review, and so I thought it might be helpful to those who hardly ever use the local buses (or perhaps never use them at all) for this article to show exactly where and when they go - as our local transport authority (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority) doesn’t put that information up at bus stops.

In Bottisham buses stop in the High Street at the stops named (in large letters) High Street (at the Newmarket end of the High Street), Beechwood Avenue, Stocks Close, and Bell Road. Buses will also stop at the old unlabelled red ‘Stagecoach’ stop outside (and opposite) 32 Bell Road. (Buses no longer stop at the stops named Bottisham Turn on the A1303, nor the stops along Lode Road, as these all became obsolete when the bus services were re-organised in October last year).

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Cambridge Bus Station	07:15	08:20	09:15	10:18	Then hourly at:	18	until	17:18	18:15
Bottisham High Street	07:35	08:40	09:35	10:38		38		17:38	18:35
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John Austin



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Bioblitz at White Fen and Norman Moore

Pond – Saturday 8 July - We'd love people from our local communities to get involved with our bioblitz in the wider reserve. Keep the date if you'd like to come along and help us find as many species as possible – more details to follow. If you're involved with a local wildlife, nature or community group and would like your group to be involved, contact Julia Hammond julia.hammond@nationaltrust.org.uk

Events for adults - Our popular Dawn Chorus Walk is back on 7 May. You'll need to set your alarm for an early start at 4:45am, but you'll be rewarded by the full spring fenland chorus, and breakfast in the café afterwards. Booking essential. We'll also be celebrating another of the Fen's spring highlights on our Fen Flowers Walks (24 and 27 May). You'll be the first to preview the beautiful Summer Nature Trail before it opens for the season with our expert guide. Booking essential.

Family events at May half term - Drop in anytime over half term for our 'Let it Grow' trail or book in for pond dipping (29 and 31 May), making a seed bomb (30 May and 1 June) and our 'Green is the Colour' crafts, games and outdoor fun sessions (2 June). For details of all the above-mentioned events and booking information, please see our website.

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Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month, at 2.30pm in Fassage Hall, Lode. On 18th May Sue Claydon will be our guest speaker. Sue visits our link areas in Africa, and will be speaking to us about Shyogwe, in the south province of Rwanda, and education for women initiatives in Africa. We hope that fellow MU members in the Deanery will attend, and anyone in the Anglesey Group of Parishes is most welcome to come along and join us for the afternoon.

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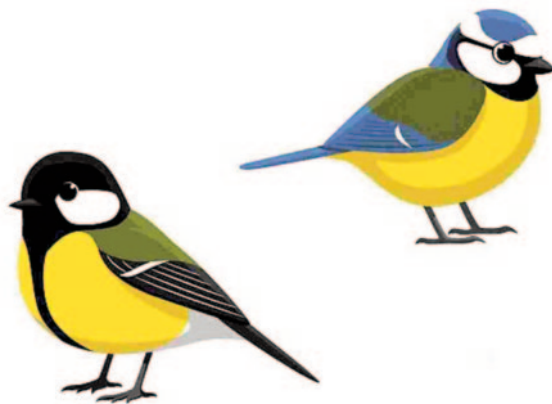
Bottisham Bird Brain

Sometimes, when the shrubs, trees and hedges are full of the chattering and chirruping of various birds from families such as the thrushes, sparrows, finches and tits, it is difficult to distinguish one song from another. It's a bit like trying to pick out a single instrument from an orchestra, but if you can latch onto certain individual patterns – one at a time – you will be amazed at how easily you can identify the sources.

Firstly, let's look at how birds actually sing. Believe it or not, birds produce more varied and complex sounds than any other animal, including humans. This is due to the unique characteristics of their respiratory anatomy. In common with humans, the passage of air between a bird's windpipe, bronchial tubes and lungs for essential breathing has the secondary function of sound production. However, where humans pass air over the vocal cords in the larynx (in the throat), birds have a voice-box called the syrinx, located at the windpipe-bronchial junction, instead. The syrinx, containing a 'double-barrelled' arrangement of membranes, cartilage and muscle, sits over the bronchus, enabling independent sounds to emerge during both inhalation and exhalation from each lung! Some birds can even inhale to one lung whilst exhaling from the other! This means that birds can not only emit two different sounds simultaneously, but also sing continuously for extended periods of time. (e.g. have you ever wondered how a skylark sings an unbroken song for up to a quarter of an hour without apparently 'drawing breath'? Well now you know!

Anyway, this month we'll deal with a pair of closely related birds that you might see and hear almost every day: the Blue Tit and the Great Tit. It's perhaps a little generous to call the sounds they make 'songs', each having only two distinct notes to offer, normally, but the way these sounds are delivered are diagnostic and, once you've registered them, you'll know these birds are present whether you can see them or not! Indeed, they may be quite difficult to see sometimes, especially if they're flitting about in a mixed flock high up in the foliage of trees.

The easier of the two is Parus Major – the Great Tit – with its slightly harsh, repeated, two-tone, sawing sound. Some sing more rapidly than others but the double note, often described as "tea-cher, tea-cher", is pretty penetrating for such a small individual. (Personally, I think of it as a donkey on fast-forward: "ee-aw, ee-aw!") The even smaller, more subtly-plumaged Blue Tit – Parus Caeruleus – has a quieter sound, slightly more varied, but nevertheless a distinctive combination of two notes, uttered in a string of two or three high-pitched "tsee tsee" followed by a quicker trill of up to six lower notes characterised as "di di di...". Go out and have a practice! These are some of the commonest sounds of all in our gardens and parks.



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Of course, if you see the birds, they are easily distinguishable from each other, and other Titmice. Both birds have a yellow breast and shades of bluey-green on the back but the Great Tit sports a smart black crown and bib and a bold black stripe down the centre of its breast, whilst the smaller Blue Tit is a more delicately coloured, bluer bird with a lovely light blue crown. The small, pointed bill of both birds enables them to enjoy a varied diet, chiefly of insects and caterpillars, but also taking in nuts, seeds, fat and scraps, particularly if they find a reliable source from a generous local householder!

Both Great and Blue make nests in almost any structure containing a cavity accessed through a hole, and will often make use of nest boxes (as long as the hole is not too big – they are very particular) which they will line with grass, moss, wool, feathers and suchlike. By the time you read this, they will have laid at least 6-8 eggs (even double figures are not unknown!) and will be attempting to rear a chaotic brood of chicks, of which, typically, over 60% will perish within their first year. Naturally, the parent birds will favour the strongest chicks in the distribution of food, not wishing to waste their energy on lost causes... such is the cruelty of natural selection! However, with a life expectancy of less than three years, Tit pairs breeding only once per year, only need to successfully raise two chicks to adulthood in their lifetime in order to sustain their species. So it all works out pretty well, but if you want to give them a hand, then site your nest boxes to face between north and east in order to avoid the strongest sunlight and wind & rain. Remember, though, they will be prospecting for nest sites in February and early March and looking for their special holes... no larger than 25mm (Blue Tit) and 28 mm (Great Tit)!

Titmice have long since proved to be interesting subjects for scientists looking into behaviour and intelligence. For a creature with a brain the size of a pea, the Great Tit, in particular, exhibits a surprising level of mental agility. Recent studies in Sweden rate its problem-solving skills as highly as Ravens or Chimpanzees which are well-known for their learning abilities. And ornithologists at Oxford University have been studying generations of Tits since the 1940s. They have discovered – using a device called a ‘puzzle box’ – that Tits’ learning is not merely developed through their own trial-and-error, but also by observation and mimicry, so that a behaviour can transmit ‘horizontally’ throughout a population with astonishing speed.

The best example of this shared intelligence involves milk! Who can remember those mornings when you would go to your doorstep to pick up your milk bottles, only to find that the Tits had got there first and ripped off the foil caps? This was – still is, where milk deliveries prevail – a clever ploy by the birds because, whilst they lack the enzymes necessary to digest milk, they are ok with the cream which contains less lactose and more fat. Cunning, eh!

TTFN Gerry Daish

**A blue-tit darts with a flash of wings, to feed
Where the coconut hangs on the pear tree over the well;
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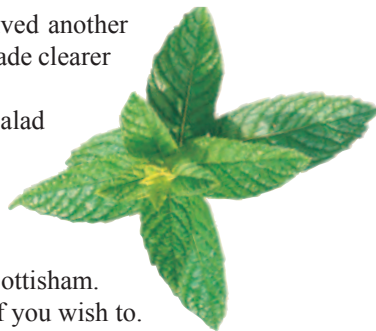
By the time you read this, the herb beds will have received another tidy and the signs for the beds and herbs will have been made clearer for residents to see.

We will also have sown annual herb seeds Basil, Sorrel (salad leaves) and Parsley in the hope that they grow.

As a backup, I will sow some in pots to plant out during the late spring and early summer.

Any gaps will be filled with colourful bedding plants, purchased from the wonderful team at Red 2 Green, in Bottisham.

Please take a snip of the herbs to use in your cooking if you wish to.



Sarah B

HERB OF THE MONTH - MINT

Growing - Mint is a popular perennial herb. It is easy to grow, but is best grown in pots, as it spreads very easily. If grown in the ground, try using a bottomless pot, by cutting the base from a plastic pot. This will help to restrict the spread of the roots.

In autumn, the plants can be divided to make new plants. Discard the old central part and replant the younger, outer growth. Mint doesn't like to be waterlogged, so use pot feet in winter, to allow for drainage.

Cutting mint frequently encourages new leaves to grow. Also allow some to flower, as this will help beneficial insects.

If your mint plants develop mint rust (a common fungal disease which appears as orange/rust coloured spots on the leaves), it is best to carefully discard the whole plant and avoid planting herbs in the same place for up to 3 years, to avoid reinfection.

Storage - Using fresh mint is always best, however it can be frozen. Try washing and drying the leaves, then fill an ice cube tray with them. Once frozen, the cubes can be transferred into freezer bags, for future use.

RECIPE *Kindly provided by Rehanna:- Mint, Coriander and Green Chilli Sauce*
(Asian people call it hot chutney)

Ingredients

- Bunch of fresh mint leaves
- bunch of fresh coriander
- 3 to 4 green chillies (more if you can bear the heat)
- juice of 1 lemon
- 3 cloves of fresh garlic (if you don't mind the smell of garlic)

Method:

- Take the mint leaves off the stalks and wash (discard stalks). Wash and cut the coriander, including the stalks. Wash and cut the green chillies.
- Put everything into a chopper. Add lemon juice and garlic. Add a little bit of water.
- Finely chop everything.

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