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Greetings to you from Sunny Scotland. Welcome to our Summer edition of the Cresset, covering July and August.

As I write we are spending a couple of weeks here, coinciding with a visit from America by my sister and her family who are being shown where their roots came from. It is nice to catch up with family who you don't get to see very often because they live so far away.

It must be something for them to see what is on TV as I write. The trooping of the colour is doing its thing for King Charles's official birthday. What a spectacle that is. I don't know why, but it can raise quite emotional feelings of pride and the thought that no other country in the world can match it as a spectacle.

This month's magazine is full of useful information and interesting articles. Two articles give us details of the new T4/T5 bus services with their timetable, meaning that together the existing fast 12, we now have a better service than we have had for a long time. Long may it last.

While we have reports of improved situations, there is also reports of failing ones. The Scout Group is in crisis. Caused as often the case for these things, through the lack of support of people to help run the various age group packs. It would be a great shame if one of the best ways to give children a good start in their development was to disappear. It would take just a few people (parents possibly?), with just a couple of hours spare, to volunteer and the group would survive. Please read Linda Jones's letter.

The PC Notes gives us the update on several items including the play area and allotments. I doubt the allotments are now past any use for this year. Let's hope it gets sorted in time for an early start for next. Perhaps some broad beans or garlic in by the autumn to overwinter would be good once the weeds are dealt with.

They also comment on the coming of a new Budgens store and its licence application but can't answer the rumour that it might not go ahead at all.

Remember, members of the public are invited to attend Parish Council meetings and the council allocate time before their monthly meetings to hear from residents who have something to say. You can't join in the Parish meeting itself, but it is an opportunity to air your view on any relevant subject which you may have on your mind.

Bird brain's articles continue to fascinate us and has prompted me to take more of an interest in what is in our gardens. I was introduced to a great App. for your phone which will identify a bird by its call or song. What a clever bit of kit it is too. One brief listen and up it comes. It even can do more than one at a time. Listing what it identifies!

Our cover this month is an old view towards Newmarket and the old road past the Swan pub which is now First copy.

Lots of other information and reports for you to read. I hope you have a good summer and the weather behaves itself. Remember if you something to go in September's magazine, I need it by 14th August.



Have a good one - Peter

News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

On 19th May 1898 Bottisham Churchyard was granted a closure order by the Court at Windsor, but this was delayed until 28th February 1899 when the closure was finally granted at The Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight. In 1967 the Parish Council submitted a Petition for a Faculty for Reordering of the churchyard to the Court of the Diocese of Ely. This was granted and confirms that the responsibility for the churchyard has been assumed by the Parish Council from this date. In practical terms the 1899 closure order means that no further burials were permitted in the churchyard from this date. However, in 1976 the vicar at the time and the chairman of the Parish Council were granted a Faculty by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely for a Garden of Remembrance to be established in the churchyard for the internment of cremated remains. This garden is demarcated by a central stone plinth and a semicircular beech hedge continuous with a semicircle of disused and broken gravestones, to the East of the Chancel of the Church. There has been no internment of ashes for the past five years. However last month the ashes of Brian Stanley Darlow were buried, adjacent to those of his wife Patricia Rose Darlow who passed away over 30 years ago. In the presence of their children, who were all brought up in Bottisham, a blessing was given by our Vicar, Rev Max Osborne. The names of the deceased have been entered into the Book of Remembrance which is permanently on view in the church.



Wayne Marshall OBE one of the best internationally recognized organists in the world, has come to live in Bottisham! He is an expert in improvisation, but also a classical musician with a huge repertoire. He has performed and conducted all over the world including performing at the last night of the Proms under the late Sir Andrew Davis, at the first night in 2008, the debut concert of the Chineke! Orchestra in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and the Royal Festival Hall last month as well as many others. He has been organist and Associate Artist of the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. If you Google his name, you will have a much greater insight into his amazing achievements. He has kindly agreed to perform for us at one of our Coffee and Cake Concerts on July 19th at 10.30am! Please come along to support him and us. We are suggesting a donation of £10 with free entry for children.

Our Benefice Holy Communion Services will continue on the first Sundays of the month on 6th July and 3rd August and will be led by our vicar Rev. Max Osborne with our Assistant Curate Rev. Dr Rhona McEune. However, Rhona is to be Ordained to the Priesthood in Ely Cathedral on the 29th of June and will lead the service on July 6th which will also see the Baptism of Bella Vann-Fleming. Our services of Morning Prayer on July 20th and 17th August will be led as usual by our Authorised Lay Minister Sarah Maxwell. Sarah will also lead C by C (Compline by Candlelight) a quiet contemplative service, on Zoom at 8pm on the first Wednesday evening of the month on 6th August. (There will be no C by C in July.)

Our Baby and Toddler Group and the Peaceful and Prayerful Art Group will take a break during the school summer holidays but will resume in September. We would love to see you at one of our services and/or at the Coffee & Cake Concert on 19th July at 10.30am and enjoy a chat over refreshments.

Stuart Field, Churchwarden

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JULY

Sun 6th	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Bottisham
	4pm	Village Worship - Quay Village Hall
Sun 13th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion - Quay
	10.30am	Family Worship – Swaffham Prior
Sun 20th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer - Quay
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Bulbeck
Sun 27th		Morning Prayer – Bottisham
	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion (BCP) - Swaffham Bulbeck
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Prior

AUGUST

Sun 3rd	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Bottisham
	4pm	Village Worship - Quay Village Hall
Wed 6th	8pm	C by C (a short contemplative service) – online via Zoom
Sun 10th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion - Quay
	10.30am	Family Worship/Matins – Swaffham Prior
Sun 17th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer - Quay
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Bulbeck
Sun 24th		Morning Prayer – Bottisham
	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion (BCP) – Swaffham Bulbeck
Sun 31st	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Prior
	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Lode
Every Thurs	6pm	Evensong – Swaffham Prior
	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.

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TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENTS

The works on the triangle have now been completed and the Parish Council would like to thank those volunteers who have helped with the planting and also watering of the plants during the summer months. We are extremely grateful for all the help received and especially to ECDC for their help with funding as, without this, the project would not have been possible. But special thanks must also go to Cllr Cundell, who led and invested so much of her time into this project.

20MPH SPEED LIMIT

As we have previously mentioned in other editions of the Cresset, the Parish Council were able to secure LHI funding to reduce the speed limit throughout the village to improve safety. We have now received the final designs from Cambridgeshire Highways and, at the time of writing, are expecting a public consultation to start at the end of the month. This will be residents' opportunity to view the plans and have their say on the proposals. I urge you all to complete the survey, as it is important the Highways receive feedback on the designs, whether this be positive or negative. After this process has been completed, Highways review any feedback given and decide whether the residents support the proposal.

PLAY AREA AT COPSE CLOSE

Cllr Ogborn attended and spoke on behalf of Parish Council at the formal opening of Bottisham Meadows on 13th May. Unfortunately, legal matters are still delaying the transfer of the open spaces at the development (including the Copse Close play area) to ECDC. However, following pressure from Parish Council, the developers assumed insurance liability for the play area, so it could be opened in time for the Easter holidays. Once the open spaces transfer has taken place, ECDC will then insure and maintain the area and other open space at the development.

ALLOTMENTS

The legal delays mean that land designated for allotments has still to be transferred to Parish Council and we are unable to move forward with allocation of the plots. The allotments will be accessible from Copse Close within Bottisham Meadows, with a car parking area designated for use by allotment holders.

Anyone wishing to be considered for an allotment should register their interest with me on the details below before 14th July 2025 and allocations will take place as soon as the land is transferred to us. If we receive more than 20 applications, we will carry out a concealed ballot at a Parish Council meeting. Should transfer take place during the month of August, when the Parish Council do not meet, the lottery will take place in a public location which will be advised to those interested in taking on a plot, as we are keen to get people started as soon as possible. The Parish

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Council will be installing signs to remind residents that the parking area is for use by allotment holders only.

BUDGENS ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

Residents will be aware that Parish Council attended the ECDC licensing subcommittee on 19th May, to raise concerns about the application for an alcohol license by a prospective Budgens to be opened at 56 High St. However, a license was subsequently granted subject to various conditions, such as the need for staff training, CCTV and suitable lighting, rubbish bins, refusals registers and that alcohol should be sited at the back of the store.

At this time we have no firm confirmation if/when a Budgens will be opened at the site.

YEAR END FINANCES

The Internal Audit has now been completed, and the documents are with the External Auditor for review. The Notice of Public rights has been published and will close on 30th July 2025. Anyone wishing to inspect the accounts or has any queries relating to them should make contact with me in the first instance.

If you need any further information relating to anything raised in this report or anything you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, then please do not hesitate to contact me via email, clerk@bottisham-pc.gov.uk or via phone 07369248998.

Sam Chambers-Turner - Clerk to the Council

Cambridgeshire County Council Report

Over the past month I have been settling in and getting to know the Parish Councils and other groups and organisations in the division. Village/Church fete season is well underway. I have already enjoyed many and look forward to attending those to come.

The County Council held its annual meeting on Tuesday 20 May. Lucy Nethsingha was re-elected as Leader of the Council, and Lorna Dupré is now Deputy Leader of the Council.

The meeting appointed Chairs and Vice Chairs of its committees. I am now Vice Chair of the council's Children and Young Peoples Committee and will also be sitting on the Highways and Transport Committee, where I will make sure the voice of rural communities like ours are heard.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Nethsingha drew attention to the 'extraordinary challenges' of the rising number of older people needing social care and of children with special needs and disabilities. She said the new Liberal Democrat administration will 'make sure our council continues to be more caring, better connected and that Cambridgeshire continues to be a wonderful environment for all to thrive'.

QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

As reported last month, this survey remains open until Monday, 21 July. The aim is to obtain views on a range of topics that impact our local communities. I would encourage all that can to take part in the survey to make sure our division is strongly represented. It is available at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey

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BUSES

The new T4 (Newmarket to Addenbrookes) and T5 (Soham to Cambridge) services started on 27 May. Hearing mixed reports from those using these services, I have written to the Combined Authority, run by the mayor, sharing the concerns raised. I also requested an extension to the review period, to allow it to run over the winter months.

HIGHWAYS

I recently met with and toured a large section of the division with our Local Highways Officer. It was a good opportunity for me to better understand the management of maintenance and to make the case for some sites that need more urgent maintenance than they were previously scheduled for. I am confident as a result that some of the more notorious locations such as the B1061 on the edge of Dullingham and the S-bends in Swaffham Bulbeck will be addressed this year rather than waiting for 2026/27.

As a member of the Highways committee, I will work to make sure we see improvements in the reporting and progress of defects. There are already planned improvements to the online reporting site, which will need scrutiny from both councillors and residents. Regardless of these improvements, the most important thing to make sure our roads, pavements, lines and signs are maintained is to report them via:

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141, jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Charlotte Cane MP's Community Update

As a Member of Parliament, my role is to represent your interests in Westminster and to support our community here at home. Whether it's speaking in Commons debates or helping with local issues, I'm here to tackle the challenges we face and to be a strong voice for Ely and East Cambridgeshire.

Leading the Debate on Renewable Energy Safety Large-scale battery energy storage sites in Ely and East Cambs will be vital for hitting our net zero goals—but safety must come first. I've raised this in Parliament and launched a petition for tougher regulations and mandatory consultation with fire services. My petition can be signed online here: bit.ly/batterystoragesafety

Respecting Rights in Gender Self-ID Debate Many of you have shared your experiences, fears and views on gender self-identification. I spoke in a Westminster Hall debate to urge Ministers to work with women's and LGBTQ+ groups to provide guidance that respects the rights of all, and keeps trans people safe.

Tackling Flooding & Drought I chaired the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Flood and Drought, and I'm pushing for sustainable solutions like rainwater harvesting on

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new-build developments. Locally, I chaired the Cottenham Flood Forum where we discussed drainage and development concerns.

Ely Junction Upgrade Still in Limbo Despite rail's huge potential to ease congestion and boost freight capacity, the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement (EACE) programme was again overlooked in the Government's Spending Review. I'm pressing the Chancellor to fund this long-overdue upgrade to Ely Junction.

Protecting Developer Funds for Local Needs I've written to the Secretary of State over concerns that East Cambs District Council is directing developer contributions to a commercial crematorium project in Mepal. These funds could instead provide vital infrastructure such as children's play areas, cycle paths, pavements, sports facilities, GP surgery upgrades, and school improvements.

In the Community

- **Cheveley Community Meeting:** Great discussions on AI, solar farms, road safety, and more with residents and councillors.
- **NFU Farmers' Surgery:** Rural crime was raised as a key concern, and I followed this up at a meeting with the Minister for Policing to push for action.
- **Business Roundtable:** Leaders of firms on Cambridge Science Park explained their need for more skilled workers and local affordable housing to enable local businesses to grow.
- **Charlotte's Chippy Championship:** Huge thanks to everyone who voted for their hardworking local businesses, and congratulations to the winners, Rumbles Fish Bar Sutton.
- **Fêtes, Fairs and Feasts:** Our traditional events are in full swing around the constituency and I've enjoyed meeting residents in communities such as Burrough Green, Cheveley, Soham, Stretham, Swaffham Prior and Waterbeach - entering tombolas and testing my aim on the coconut shy!

As always, I'm here to support you. If there is a private matter you need help with, please do book an appointment at one of my MP advice surgeries which are held across the constituency and online: bit.ly/bookasurgery

Alternatively, phone my office on 0207 362 1601 or email me at charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk

Warm wishes, Charlotte MP for Ely and East Cambridgeshire

Planning Notes

New applications:

25/00560/FUL, Spring Hall Newmarket Road Bottisham Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB25 9BD. Conversion and part rebuild of cart lodge to create a single dwelling and associated works.

25/00583/HEN, 119 Lode Road Bottisham Cambridge CB25 9DJ. Construction of single storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 3.50m, has a maximum height of 3.60m, and an eaves height of 3.00m.

a) Planning Applications approved by ECDC:

25/00443/LBC, The Bell Inn 16 High Street Bottisham Cambridge CB25 9DA. New render colour and external signage.

25/00450/ADI, The Bell Inn 16 High Street Bottisham Cambridgeshire CB25 9DA. New external signs.

25/00125/SCREEN, SCREENING OPINION - installation of an underground electrical export cable, with landscaping and ecological enhancement. Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park Newmarket Road Bottisham Cambridgeshire.



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ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

This is the meeting at which the Chairs and Vice-chairs of the Council and Committees are elected.

For the Chair of Council, the voting was 14 for the Conservative candidate and 14 for the Liberal Democrat & Independent candidate. The outgoing Chair used his casting vote to elect the Conservative Kelli Pettit.

In all subsequent appointments for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, and for the committees, the voting was fourteen-all, and each time the Conservative Chair used her casting vote in favour of the Conservative candidate.

A motion to the Government to include local opinion in planning was put forward and passed unanimously.

The extra funding required for the building of the Mepal Crematorium was debated, and despite strong arguments against the spending of an extra £4m on this project, bringing the total sum to £13m, this was passed, again with the casting vote of the Chair.

Seminar on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Councillors were presented with the work so far done on LGR; three options had been selected as being the most sensible from the six that were first proposed. The three options are:

1. Peterborough City, Huntingdon and Fenland DCs form one unitary, and Cambridge City with South Cambs and East Cambs DCs form another unitary; East-West
2. Peterborough City, Huntingdon, East Cambs and Fenland DCs form one unitary, and Cambridge City with South Cambs DC form another unitary; horseshoe
3. Peterborough City, East Cambs and Fenland DCs form one unitary, and Cambridge City with South Cambs and Huntingdon DCs form another unitary; North-South

Options 1 and 3 would be about equal in terms of population, whereas Option 2 would be unbalanced in terms of population, but might be acceptable soon since the area surrounding Cambridge is deemed to increase rapidly in size.

Parishes will be consulted as to their preference, once more detail is provided.

Ward surgery

A surgery at the Pavilion on the Denny at Swaffham Bulbeck on Thursday 24 July from half past six for an hour, followed by socialising at the Black Horse in the same village.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp

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The 2025 Carers Speak out Report

The Carers Speak Out report was released to mark Carers Week 2025 (9–15 June) – highlighting the struggles and sacrifices of over 150,000 unpaid carers across the region, the report calls for urgent action to recognise and support carers who dedicate so much of their time to care for a family member or friend with a long-term illness or disability, published by Caring Together Charity, shares first-hand accounts from unpaid carers who have contributed to the organisation’s year-round online platform, Carers Speak Out. Their messages are clear: carers feel unsupported, isolated and overlooked, with many facing growing challenges in their day-to-day lives. The report reveals:

- Widespread difficulty in accessing healthcare, including GP support – both for themselves and the people they care for.
- Escalating financial pressures driven by changes to benefits such as the Winter Fuel Payment, rising energy costs, and the overall cost of living. Many carers are forced to reduce working hours or give up work entirely, at the expense of their financial stability and personal wellbeing.
- The emotional and physical toll of caring, with many suffering emotional distress as they watch a family member become increasingly unwell, and struggle to get them the help they need.

One carer wrote of her mum who has dementia, “It’s a struggle keeping a confused lady safe and calm. It’s heartbreaking.”

Another said, “The Winter Fuel Payment (changes) have caused us a lot of problems. I am caring for my wife who is very poorly and wheelchair bound and in constant pain. We can’t afford to run the heat like we did as we are both pensioners and I am disabled too. This is a necessity not a luxury and should not be means tested.”

The charity is calling for unpaid carers to be recognised and prioritised by GP surgeries, for local MP’s to advocate for the thousands of unpaid carers living in their constituencies, and employers to become carer-friendly, with the support of the charity. This will enable more unpaid carers to stay in work.

“Thousands of unpaid carers across our region are doing extraordinary things – often round the clock – to care for family members with disabilities or long-term health conditions,” said Miriam Martin, Chief Executive Officer at Caring Together Charity, “yet they feel neglected, taken for granted and ignored by government and decision-makers. This urgently needs to change. Better investment in carers’ welfare is not only a moral imperative – but a financially sound strategy, saving billions for the NHS and Adult Social Care systems.” The 2025 Carers Speak Out report is available here.

ABOUT CARING TOGETHER CHARITY

Caring Together is a leading charity supporting unpaid carers of all ages across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk.

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In 2024/25 we supported 28,000 people – unpaid carers and those they look after, but there are more than 150,000 carers living in our region. And this number is rising. We need your help to make sure unpaid carers in our local communities receive the practical and emotional support that they need.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM CARING TOGETHER

Caring Together offer a range of support for carers and people they care for including:

- Information and advice - Expert advice available to you online, or from our helpline, free magazine and email newsletter.
- Learning and skills for caring - Sessions online or in-person so you feel more confident and equipped to look after someone.
- Planning for emergencies - Help to plan ahead and have support in place in case something unexpected happens.
- Breaks from looking after someone - Meet with others at one of our groups or trips, or have a care professional to step in and give you a break.
- One-to-one support - Befriending, listening or counselling to help you cope better and feel stronger.
- Specialist support for children who are carers – including fun trips and activities so they can have a break from caring.
- Homecare – for the person you support, in their home or to help them be involved in the community.
- Carer's card - A free carer's card proves that you look after a family member or friend.

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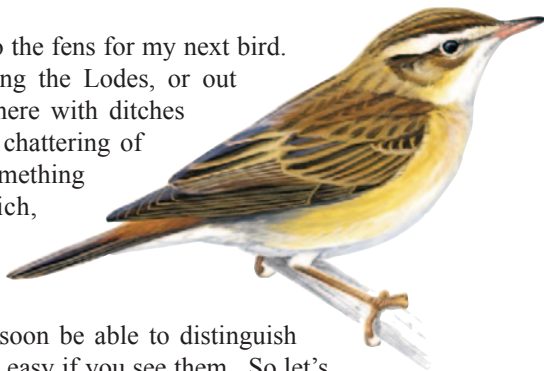
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The Chatterbox of the Fens

I'm taking you out of your gardens into the fens for my next bird. During any summer walk or ride along the Lodes, or out towards Burwell fen, or in fact anywhere with ditches and reeds, you will hear the incessant chattering of Sedge Warblers. You may also hear something similar from Reed Warblers, which, although present, are slightly less common. But hopefully with a bit of practice (and perhaps with the assistance of the app 'Merlin') you'll soon be able to distinguish one from the other. And, of course, it's easy if you see them. So let's focus on the Sedge Warbler.



Acrocephalus schoenobaenus is an 'Old World' Warbler (i.e. native of Asia, Africa & Europe, as opposed to the Americas), a common summer visitor to the UK where it breeds before returning to sub-Saharan Africa during our winter. It has an insistent, harsh chirruping 'song', randomly interspersed with some high-pitched whistles, and this distinguishes it from the similar-sounding Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) which chatters in a more even tone and in a more rhythmic pattern. Sedge will also embark on a song-flight during courtship, where the male will deliver his song whilst rising above the reeds before holding his wings in a V-shape for 'parachuting' descent. He will discontinue the song-flight once a partner has been found, but the males are commonly promiscuous, often finding a second mate and will help to rear both broods!

Typically, the female will lay 5 eggs in a 'cup' style nest of grass lined with softer materials, either on the ground or woven among the lower stems in the reed-bed. Like many small birds, it can be a precarious life. Only 25% of hatchlings will live longer than a year, and birds that reach adulthood often only survive to breed once or twice in their lifespan. However, the oldest recorded Sedge Warbler, from ringing data, is an astonishing 8 years, 8 months and 8 days!

The Sedge Warbler – a little larger than the leaf warblers such as Willow Warbler and Chiffchaff – is usually easier to see, too. Firstly, it is twice as common as the Reed Warbler, with c. 260,000 territories, which is a good start, although numbers do fluctuate (seemingly dependent on levels of rainfall in their wintering grounds). Secondly, it tends to be more active up and down the reeds, frequently showing itself in the open as it forages for insects, whereas the Reed Warbler often favours the thicker cover further down the reed stem. And thirdly, the plumage of Sedge is quite distinctive compared with its plainer relative. It has a rich, streaked, chestnut brown back and wings, pale underparts, a flattish forehead and a very noticeable white eyestripe (which is absent in Reed).

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There is some conflicting data when it comes to the well-being of this species. Although Sedge Warblers are 'Amber' listed in the UK, having declined by nearly 40% over a 50-year period, the European numbers have been stable for most of that time, so not considered to be 'under threat'; and the world population is officially of 'least concern' according to the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology). Anyway, we are blessed with a particularly dense population in East Anglia and the Fens in particular, so keep your ears and eyes open when out walking or cycling the Lodes Way or similar trails.

Drama at the Chalk Pits

Incidentally, on the day of writing this article, I popped down to Cherry Hinton Chalk Pit to see how the Peregrine Falcons were getting on this year. Somewhat perturbed to find an empty nest, I was scanning the area when a Wood Pigeon flew up to the nest and stomped around for a couple of minutes apparently pleased with himself at this surprising opportunity! Until, that is, the Peregrine tiercel (the adult male) arrived! Following a short skirmish, the Woody took flight and disappeared over the horizon with the raptor in hot pursuit. I assume the trespasser escaped because the Peregrine quickly reappeared to reclaim his home with a series of triumphant calls. This prompted a commotion from a nearby rockface where a fledgling began yelping towards the adult who continued his own calls in a protracted conversation which I took to be the youngster asking for food and the adult suggesting that it was about time junior learned to catch his own lunch! After a few minutes, the adult bird took off (presumably with the equivalent of an eye-roll) to go hunting... and that was that.

I am always fascinated by the fact that the Cherry Hinton Peregrines live side by side with both Jackdaws and Wood Pigeons, seemingly without usually(!) paying too much attention to each other. Given that a Peregrine can pluck a Corvid or a Pigeon out of the sky any time it fancies a meal, I find this surprising and am genuinely interested to know why. If I ever find out, I'll let you know. I'll do some research and perhaps bring this magnificent bird back to the Bird Brain page in the future.

TTFN - Gerry Daish

And sedge-warblers, clinging so light
To willow twigs, sang longer than the lark,
Quick, shrill or grating, a song to match the heat
Of the strong sun, nor less the water's cool.

From "The Sedge Warblers", Edward Thomas, 1915

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1st Bottisham Scout Group

Following on from my letter to the Cresset last month re: help for the 1st Bottisham Scout Group. Unfortunately, we have had no response and it is therefore necessary for us to move to the next steps.

We plan to hold an open extraordinary general meeting in early September. Final date yet to be confirmed but will post this in the September edition of the Cresset, on Bottisham Community FB pages, and at the Scout Hut. At that meeting:

1. Should we have had no response to our appeal for new Cub leaders/helpers then we will have to suspend the Cub Pack immediately after the meeting in September. This will have a big impact for the whole group as there will be nowhere for Beavers to move up to when they reach 8 and no new Cubs to move up to the Scout Troop, let alone depriving those currently in Cubs.
2. Should we have had no response to our appeal for a new Treasurer (or split role of treasurers) and new Trustee Board members we will have to suspend the whole Scout Group. All Scouting activities including the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts weekly meeting will stop immediately after the meeting in September.

As I said in my last letter, we are not expecting anyone to take on running the whole group. We just need several people to offer a little. No previous Scouting experience needed. More information about the roles can be found in my letter in the June Cresset or please contact myself on lindakingleouis@aol.com (telephone in the back of the Cresset) or our District Lead Adult Ian Braybrooke on ian.braybrooke@newmarketdistrict.co.uk

Thank you. With all best Wishes,

Linda (Jones) Chair, 1st Bottisham Trustee Board

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Due to popularity, an extra date has been added! You can now watch The Lord Chamberlain's Men perform Shakespeare's greatest romantic comedy, Twelfth Night, in the gardens on both Saturday 16 and 23 August. Sit back and enjoy one of Shakespeare's masterpieces performed in the open air next to Anglesey Abbey's Jacobean-style country house.

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Head to the Anglesey Abbey website to find out more about our upcoming events and book your tickets.

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NEW TIGER BUS ROUTES FOR BOTTISHAM

There are Seven brand-new Tiger bus routes launched on 27 May by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, improving public transport across the region with faster, more frequent services and better connections for our communities.

Great news for Bottisham residents: The new Tiger 4 service connects Bottisham directly to Newmarket and Addenbrooke's, while the Tiger 5 offers onward travel into Cambridge city centre and Soham. Thanks to the new Hoppa fare, you can now make a single journey by changing between T4 and T5 at interchange points along the route - perfect for seamless, affordable travel.

Here's a quick overview of all the new routes:

Tiger 1 (Huntingdon - Cambridge) – A fast, hourly link into the city via Fenstanton, Swavesey and Longstanton. Ideal for commuters, students and residents seeking a quick and direct connection.

Tiger 2 (Newmarket P&R - Madingley P&R) & Tiger 3 (Fulbourn - Grantchester) – These new services link key sites around Cambridge including Addenbrooke's, sixth forms and colleges, science parks and hospitals - avoiding city centre traffic.

Tiger 4 (Newmarket - Addenbrooke's) & Tiger 5 (Soham - Cambridge) – Serving East Cambridgeshire, these rural routes improve access to Cambridge from Burwell, Swaffham, Soham and Bottisham!

Tiger 7 (Wisbech - Chatteris) – Hourly buses connect underserved Fenland villages like Manea and Christchurch, running early morning to late evening.

Tiger 12 (Longstanton P&R - Sutton) – A new rural route linking Sutton, Earith and Willingham to the guided Busway at Longstanton, perfect for onward travel into Cambridge.

If you'd like to view timetables or learn more information on the routes visit:
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Fordham, Murfitts Lane	06:56	07:56	09:11	10:11	11:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:11	16:11	17:16	18:26
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Swaffham Prior, Cage Hill	07:12	08:12	09:27	10:27	11:27	12:27	13:27	14:27	15:27	16:27	17:32	18:42
Stow cum Quy, Station Road	07:21	08:21	09:36	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:36	16:36	17:41	18:51
Cambridge Airport	07:29	08:29	09:44	10:44	11:44	12:44	13:44	14:44	15:44	16:44	17:49	18:59
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Swaffham Prior, Cage Hill		07:08	08:33	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:38	17:48	18:48
Burwell, Bewicks Mead		07:17	08:42	09:42	10:42	11:42	12:42	13:42	14:42	15:42	16:47	17:57	18:57
Fordham, Murfitts Lane		07:24	08:49	09:49	10:49	11:49	12:49	13:49	14:49	15:49	16:54	18:04	19:04
Soham Railway station		07:34	08:59	09:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	15:59	17:04	18:14	19:14

Tiger 4 : Addenbrookes to Newmarket

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)

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Robin Hood		06:39	08:04	09:04	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:19	17:19	18:19
Fulbourn Babraham Road		06:46	08:11	09:11	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:26	17:26	18:26
Bottisham Bell Road		07:03	08:28	09:28	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:37	16:43	17:43	18:43
Lode Quy Road		07:07	08:32	09:31	10:41	11:40	12:41	13:40	14:41	15:40	16:47	17:46	18:47
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Swaffham Prior Bus Shelter		07:15	08:40	09:43	10:49	11:52	12:49	13:52	14:49	15:52	16:55	17:58	18:55
Swaffham Prior Lower End		07:16	08:41	09:44	10:50	11:53	12:50	13:53	14:50	15:53	16:56	17:59	18:56
Reach Ditchfield		07:18	08:43	09:46	10:52	11:55	12:52	13:55	14:52	15:55	16:58	18:01	18:58
Reach Post Office		07:20	08:45	09:48	10:54	11:57	12:54	13:57	14:54	15:57	17:00	18:03	19:00
Burwell Mandeville		07:25	08:50	09:53	10:59	12:02	12:59	14:02	14:59	16:02	17:05	18:08	19:05
Burwell Hawthorn Way		07:31	08:56	09:59	11:05	12:08	13:05	14:08	15:05	16:08	17:11	18:14	19:11
Exning St Martins Church		07:41	09:06	10:09	11:15	12:18	13:15	14:18	15:15	16:18	17:21	18:24	19:21
Newmarket Rookery Bus Station	bay 1	07:49	09:14	10:17	11:23	12:26	13:23	14:26	15:23	16:26	17:29	18:32	19:29

Tiger 4 : Addenbrookes to Newmarket

Saturday

Addenbrooke's	bay A	06:25	07:50	08:50	09:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	16:05	17:05	18:05
Robin Hood		06:39	08:04	09:04	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:19	17:19	18:19
Fulbourn Babraham Road		06:46	08:11	09:11	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:26	17:26	18:26
Bottisham Bell Road		07:03	08:28	09:28	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:37	16:43	17:43	18:43
Lode Quy Road		07:07	08:32	09:31	10:41	11:40	12:41	13:40	14:41	15:40	16:47	17:46	18:47
Lode Church		----	----	09:35	----	11:44	----	13:44	----	15:44	----	17:50	----
Swaffham Prior Vicarage Lane		07:13	08:38	09:41	10:47	11:50	12:47	13:50	14:47	15:50	16:53	17:56	18:53
Swaffham Prior Bus Shelter		07:15	08:40	09:43	10:49	11:52	12:49	13:52	14:49	15:52	16:55	17:58	18:55
Swaffham Prior Lower End		07:16	08:41	09:44	10:50	11:53	12:50	13:53	14:50	15:53	16:56	17:59	18:56
Reach Ditchfield		07:18	08:43	09:46	10:52	11:55	12:52	13:55	14:52	15:55	16:58	18:01	18:58
Reach Post Office		07:20	08:45	09:48	10:54	11:57	12:54	13:57	14:54	15:57	17:00	18:03	19:00
Burwell Mandeville		07:25	08:50	09:53	10:59	12:02	12:59	14:02	14:59	16:02	17:05	18:08	19:05
Burwell Hawthorn Way		07:31	08:56	09:59	11:05	12:08	13:05	14:08	15:05	16:08	17:11	18:14	19:11
Exning St Martins Church		07:41	09:06	10:09	11:15	12:18	13:15	14:18	15:15	16:18	17:21	18:24	19:21
Newmarket Rookery Bus Station	bay 1	07:49	09:14	10:17	11:23	12:26	13:23	14:26	15:23	16:26	17:29	18:32	19:29

Tiger 4 : Newmarket to Addenbrookes

Monday to Friday (not Public Holidays)

Newmarket Rookery Bus Station	bay 1	----	07:30	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:40	17:40	18:40
Burwell Health Centre		----	07:43	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	17:53	18:53
Burwell Manchetts Ness Rd		06:44	07:44	08:54	09:54	10:54	11:54	12:54	13:54	14:54	15:54	16:54	17:54	18:54
Burwell Newmarket Road		06:50	07:50	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00
Burwell Mandeville		06:52	07:52	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:02	17:02	18:02	19:02
Reach Post Office		06:58	07:58	09:08	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08	17:08	18:08	19:08
Swaffham Prior Lower End		07:01	08:01	09:11	10:11	11:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:11	16:11	17:11	18:11	19:11
Swaffham Prior Bus Shelter		07:03	08:03	09:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:13	17:13	18:13	19:13
Swaffham Prior Vicarage Lane		07:04	08:04	09:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:14	16:14	17:14	18:14	19:14
Lode Church		----	----	09:20	----	11:20	----	13:20	----	15:20	----	17:20	----	----
Lode Quy Road		07:10	08:10	09:21	10:20	11:21	12:20	13:21	14:20	15:21	16:20	17:21	18:20	19:20
Bottisham Bell Road		07:14	08:14	09:26	10:24	11:26	12:24	13:26	14:24	15:26	16:24	17:26	18:24	19:24
Fulbourn Babraham Road		07:31	08:31	09:43	10:41	11:43	12:41	13:43	14:41	15:43	16:41	17:43	18:41	19:41
Addenbrooke's	bay A	07:47	08:47	09:59	10:57	11:59	12:57	13:59	14:57	15:59	16:57	17:59	18:57	19:57

Tiger 4 : Newmarket to Addenbrookes

Saturday

Newmarket Rookery Bus Station	bay 1	----	07:30	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:40	17:40	18:40
Burwell Health Centre		----	07:43	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	17:53	18:53
Burwell Manchetts Ness Rd		06:44	07:44	08:54	09:54	10:54	11:54	12:54	13:54	14:54	15:54	16:54	17:54	18:54
Burwell Newmarket Road		06:50	07:50	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00
Burwell Mandeville		06:52	07:52	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:02	17:02	18:02	19:02
Reach Post Office		06:58	07:58	09:08	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08	17:08	18:08	19:08
Swaffham Prior Lower End		07:01	08:01	09:11	10:11	11:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:11	16:11	17:11	18:11	19:11
Swaffham Prior Bus Shelter		07:03	08:03	09:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:13	17:13	18:13	19:13
Swaffham Prior Vicarage Lane		07:04	08:04	09:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:14	16:14	17:14	18:14	19:14
Lode Church		----	----	09:20	----	11:20	----	13:20	----	15:20	----	17:20	----	----
Lode Quy Road		07:10	08:10	09:21	10:20	11:21	12:20	13:21	14:20	15:21	16:20	17:21	18:20	19:20
Bottisham Bell Road		07:14	08:14	09:26	10:24	11:26	12:24	13:26	14:24	15:26	16:24	17:26	18:24	19:24
Fulbourn Babraham Road		07:31	08:31	09:43	10:41	11:43	12:41	13:43	14:41	15:43	16:41	17:43	18:41	19:41
Addenbrooke's	bay A	07:47	08:47	09:59	10:57	11:59	12:57	13:59	14:57	15:59	16:57	17:59	18:57	19:57

Village Litter Picks 2025



We need your help!

We have a wonderful small group of volunteers who regularly help out, but we need more volunteers to get around more of the village every month, so if you can spare an hour and a half on a Saturday, please do come along.

Fresh air, friendship and looking after our wildlife
Bring your gloves and join us for refreshments afterwards

Starting Location	Date	Month
Bottisham Village College (sports centre car park end)	12	July
Bottisham Community, Sports & Social	13	September
Bottisham Village College (sports centre car park end)	11	October
Bottisham Community, Sports & Social	8	November
Bottisham Community, Sports & Social	6	December

Further Information:

All events, once a month on a Saturday, starting at 10:00am

Ways to keep in touch with updates:

- ✓ Join the [Bottisham Village Litter Pick WhatsApp Group](#)
- ✓ Visit either the [Bottisham Events Facebook Page](#)
- ✓ Visit the [Bottisham Community Group Facebook Page](#)

Public Transport Matters

THE NEW TIGER 4 SERVICE GIVING MORE BUSES FOR BOTTISHAM WAS INTRODUCED ON 27TH MAY

This has not been without challenges, and I understand that CPCA, who have commissioned the service, are reviewing timetables so that any necessary changes to the route and timetable can be introduced after the summer. But it does offer some excellent new links to residents of Bottisham: direct services to and from Anglesey Abbey, Lode, the Swaffhams, Reach, Burwell, the 6th Form Colleges in Cambridge and Addenbrookes Hospital

Timetables of all bus services in Bottisham are shown below in two separate blocks (one for the 12, and one for the T4). These buses operate Monday to Saturday (there is no service on Sunday). The T4 offers through travel across the Addenbrookes Hospital stop for people going between this area and the 6th Form Colleges (and vice versa). I have shown the times at all bus stops for the 12 and T4 in Bottisham, and those for the main stops in other places served by the 12 and T4.

Note that NEITHER of the bus stops called Bottisham Turn, on Newmarket Road, Bottisham (with bus shelters) are used by any service bus

Times in italics are approximate times; times not in italics are times at timing points where buses may sometimes wait a little while to avoid running early. BUT IN ALL CASES PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE AT THE STOP 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE DUE DEPARTURE TIME.

Happy travelling

National Traveline Enquiries (for bus services) - www.traveline.info or 0871 200 22 33 (a Premium-rate service)

National Rail Enquiries - www.nationalrail.co.uk or 03457 48 49 50

John Austin

12 Newmarket - Bottisham - Cambridge												
Newmarket, Guineas Bus Station	06:30	07:20	08:25	09:30	10:27	11:27	12:27	13:27	14:27	15:27	16:27	17:30
SERVES ALL BUS STOPS BETWEEN THE GUINEAS BUS STATION AND DEVIL'S DYKE												
Devil's Dyke, Jolly Lodge (on Newmarket Road, south side)	06:36	07:26	08:31	09:36	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:33	17:36
Bottisham, High Street (opposite 1/9)	06:41	07:31	08:42	09:41	10:44	11:44	12:44	13:44	14:44	15:44	16:44	17:41
Bottisham, Beechwood Avenue (on High Street, south side)	06:48	07:38	08:43	09:48	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:48
Bottisham, Stocks Close (on High Street, south side)	06:48	07:38	08:43	09:48	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:48
Bottisham, Bell Road (on High Street, south side)	06:48	07:38	08:43	09:48	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:48
Bottisham, Howlett Way (on Bell Road, east side)	06:49	07:39	08:44	09:49	10:46	11:46	12:46	13:46	14:46	15:46	16:46	17:49
Stow cum Quy, Church Farm (on Newmarket Road, opposite St Mary's Church)	06:52	07:42	08:47	09:52	10:49	11:49	12:49	13:49	14:49	15:49	16:49	17:52
SERVES ALL BUS STOPS BETWEEN CHURCH FARM AND DRUMMER STREET BUS STATION												
Cambridge, Drummer Street Bus Station	07:10	08:00	09:05	10:10	11:07	12:07	13:07	14:07	15:07	16:07	17:07	18:10
12 Cambridge - Bottisham - Newmarket												
Cambridge, Drummer Street Bus Station	07:15	08:10	09:15	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:18	17:18	18:15
SERVES ALL BUS STOPS BETWEEN DRUMMER STREET BUS STATION AND CHURCH FARM												
Stow cum Quy, Church Farm (on Newmarket Road, near St Mary's Church)	07:30	08:28	09:30	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:36	16:36	17:36	18:33
Bottisham, Howlett Way (on Bell Road, west side)	07:33	08:31	09:33	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:39	16:39	17:39	18:36
Bottisham, Bell Road (on High Street, north side)	07:34	08:32	09:34	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:40	16:40	17:40	18:37
Bottisham, Stocks Close (on High Street, north side)	07:34	08:33	09:34	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:41	16:41	17:41	18:38
Bottisham, Beechwood Avenue (on High Street, north side)	07:34	08:33	09:34	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:41	16:41	17:41	18:38
Bottisham, High Street (outside 179)	07:35	08:35	09:35	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:42	16:42	17:42	18:39
Devil's Dyke, Jolly Lodge (on Newmarket Road, north side)	07:47	08:46	09:47	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:54	16:54	17:54	18:51
SERVES ALL BUS STOPS BETWEEN DEVIL'S DYKE AND THE GUINEAS BUS STATION												
Newmarket, Guineas Bus Station	07:52	08:52	09:52	10:55	11:55	12:55	13:55	14:55	16:00	17:00	18:00	18:57

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Hello neighbour

Bottisham's Co-op is open

Find us here:

12 High Street, Bottisham,
Cambridge CB25 9DA

Open 6.30am - 10pm, daily



It's what we do

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MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS																
T4 Newmarket - Burwell - Reach - The Swaffhams - Lode Crossroads - Bottisham - The Wilbrahams - Addenbrookes / Sixth Form Colleges																
Newmarket, Guinness Bus Station	-	07:30	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40	16:40	17:40	18:40			
Exning, St Martins Church (on Church Street, west side)	-	07:36	08:46	09:46	10:46	11:46	12:46	13:46	14:46	15:46	16:46	17:46	18:46			
Burwell, Health Centre (on Newmarket Road, south side)	-	07:43	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	17:53	18:53			
Burwell, Hawthorn Way (on Toys Lane, south side)	06:46	07:46	08:56	09:56	10:56	11:56	12:56	13:56	14:56	15:56	16:56	17:56	18:56			
Burwell, Ness Road (on The Causeway, east side)	06:49	07:49	08:59	09:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	15:59	16:59	17:59	18:59			
Burwell, Mandeville (on High Street, east side)	06:52	07:52	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:02	17:02	18:02	19:02			
Reach, Great Lane (on Fair Green, east side of road)	06:58	07:58	09:08	10:08	11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	16:08	17:08	18:08	19:08			
Swaffham Prior, Cage Hill (on High Street, east side)	07:03	08:03	09:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:13	17:13	18:13	19:13			
Swaffham Bulbeck, Heath Road (on Green Bank Road, east side)	07:06	08:06	09:16	10:16	11:16	12:16	13:16	14:16	15:16	16:16	17:16	18:16	19:16			
Swaffham Bulbeck, Pound Way (outside the Black Horse)	07:07	08:07	09:16	10:17	11:16	12:17	13:16	14:17	15:16	16:17	17:16	18:17	19:17			
Longmeadow (on B1102, south side)	07:08	08:08	09:18	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:18	17:18	18:18	19:18			
Lode Village, Passage Close (on High Street)	-	-	09:20	-	11:20	-	13:20	-	15:20	-	17:20	-	-			
Lode Crossroads, Quay Road (east side of Lode Road) (stop for Anglesey Abbey on T4)	07:10	08:10	09:21	10:20	11:21	12:20	13:21	14:20	15:21	16:20	17:21	18:20	19:20			
Bottisham, Lode Road (opposite 121)	07:12	08:12	09:23	10:22	11:23	12:22	13:23	14:22	15:23	16:22	17:23	18:22	19:22			
Bottisham Village College (Lode Road, opposite the College)	07:13	08:13	09:25	10:23	11:25	12:23	13:25	14:23	15:25	16:23	17:25	18:23	19:23			
Bottisham, Bell Road (on High Street, north side)	07:14	08:14	09:26	10:24	11:26	12:24	13:26	14:24	15:26	16:24	17:26	18:24	19:24			
Bottisham, Stocks Close (on High Street, north side)	07:14	08:14	09:26	10:24	11:26	12:24	13:26	14:24	15:26	16:24	17:26	18:24	19:24			
Bottisham, Beechwood Avenue (on High Street, north side)	07:15	08:15	09:27	10:25	11:27	12:25	13:27	14:25	15:27	16:25	17:27	18:25	19:25			
Bottisham, High Street (outside 179)	07:15	08:15	09:27	10:25	11:27	12:25	13:27	14:25	15:27	16:25	17:27	18:25	19:25			
Little Wilbraham, Rectory Farm Road (on Church Road, north side)	07:21	08:21	09:33	10:31	11:33	12:31	13:33	14:31	15:33	16:31	17:33	18:31	19:31			
Great Wilbraham, Church Street (on High Street, south side)	07:23	08:23	09:35	10:33	11:35	12:33	13:35	14:33	15:35	16:33	17:35	18:33	19:33			
Fulbourn, Babraham Road (on Cambridge Road, south side)	07:31	08:31	09:43	10:41	11:43	12:41	13:43	14:41	15:43	16:41	17:43	18:41	19:41			
Netherhall School (on Queen Edith's Way, south side)	07:42	08:42	09:54	10:52	11:54	12:52	13:54	14:52	15:54	16:52	17:54	18:52	19:52			
Addenbrookes Hospital Bus Station, Bay A (arrive)	07:47	08:47	09:59	10:57	11:59	12:57	13:59	14:57	15:59	16:57	17:59	18:57	19:57			
Addenbrookes Hospital Bus Station, Bay A (depart)	07:50	08:50	09:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	16:05	17:05	18:05	-	-			
Perse School (on Hills Road, west side)	07:53	08:53	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:08	17:08	18:08	-	-			
Blinco Grove (stop for Homerton College) (on Hills Road, west side)	07:54	08:54	10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:09	17:09	18:09	-	-			
Hills Road 6th Form College (on Hills Road, west side)	07:55	08:55	10:04	11:04	12:04	13:04	14:04	15:04	16:10	17:10	18:10	-	-			
MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS																
T4 Addenbrookes / Sixth Form Colleges - The Wilbrahams - Bottisham - Lode Crossroads - The Swaffhams - Reach - Burwell - Newmarket																
Netherhall School (on Queen Edith's Way, south side)	-	07:42	08:42	09:54	10:52	11:54	12:52	13:54	14:52	15:54	16:52	17:54				
Addenbrookes Hospital Bus Station, Bay A (arrive)	-	07:47	08:47	09:59	10:57	11:59	12:57	13:59	14:57	15:59	16:57	17:59				
Addenbrookes Hospital Bus Station, Bay A (depart)	06:25	07:50	08:50	09:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	16:05	17:05	18:05				
Perse School (on Hills Road, west side)	06:28	07:53	08:53	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:08	17:08	18:08				
Blinco Grove (stop for Homerton College) (on Hills Road, west side)	06:29	07:54	08:54	10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:09	17:09	18:09				
Hills Road 6th Form College (on Hills Road, west side)	06:30	07:55	08:55	10:04	11:04	12:04	13:04	14:04	15:04	16:10	17:10	18:10				
Fulbourn, Babraham Road (on Cambridge Road, north side)	06:46	08:11	09:11	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:26	17:26	18:26				
Great Wilbraham, Church Street (on High Street, north side)	06:54	08:19	09:19	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28	14:28	15:28	16:34	17:34	18:34				
Little Wilbraham, Rectory Farm Road (on Church Road, south side)	06:56	08:21	09:21	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:36	17:36	18:36				
Bottisham, High Street (opposite 179)	07:02	08:27	09:27	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:36	16:42	17:42	18:42				
Bottisham, Beechwood Avenue (on High Street, south side)	07:02	08:27	09:27	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:36	16:42	17:42	18:42				
Bottisham, Stocks Close (on High Street, south side)	07:03	08:28	09:28	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:37	16:43	17:43	18:43				
Bottisham, Bell Road (on High Street, south side)	07:03	08:28	09:28	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	15:37	16:43	17:43	18:43				
Bottisham Village College (Lode Road, outside the College)	07:04	08:29	09:29	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:38	16:44	17:44	18:44				
Bottisham, Lode Road (outside 119)	07:05	08:30	09:30	10:39	11:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	15:39	16:45	17:45	18:45				
Lode Crossroads, Quay Road (west side of Lode Road) (stop for Anglesey Abbey on T4)	07:07	08:32	09:31	10:41	11:40	12:41	13:40	14:41	15:40	16:47	17:46	18:47				
Lode Village, Passage Close (on High Street)	-	-	09:35	-	11:44	-	13:44	-	15:44	-	17:44	-	-			
Longmeadow (on B1102, north side)	07:09	08:34	09:37	10:43	11:46	12:43	13:46	14:43	15:46	16:49	17:52	18:49				
Swaffham Bulbeck, Pound Way (opposite the Black Horse)	07:10	08:35	09:39	10:44	11:48	12:44	13:48	14:44	15:48	16:50	17:54	18:50				
Swaffham Bulbeck, Heath Road (on Green Bank Road, west side)	07:11	08:36	09:39	10:45	11:48	12:45	13:48	14:45	15:48	16:51	17:54	18:51				
Swaffham Prior, Cage Hill (on High Street, west side)	07:15	08:40	09:43	10:49	11:52	12:49	13:52	14:49	15:52	16:55	17:58	18:55				
Reach, Great Lane (on Fair Green, west side of road)	07:20	08:45	09:48	10:54	11:57	12:54	13:57	14:54	15:57	17:00	18:03	19:00				
Burwell, Mandeville (on High Street, west side)	07:25	08:50	09:53	10:59	12:02	12:59	14:02	14:59	16:02	17:05	18:08	19:05				
Burwell, Bewicks Mead (on Ness Road, west side)	07:27	08:52	09:55	11:01	12:04	13:01	14:04	15:01	16:04	17:07	18:10	19:07				
Burwell, Hawthorn Way (on Toys Lane, south side)	07:28	08:53	09:56	11:02	12:05	13:02	14:05	15:02	16:05	17:08	18:11	19:08				
Burwell, Health Centre (on Newmarket Road, north side)	07:35	09:00	10:03	11:09	12:12	13:09	14:12	15:09	16:12	17:15	18:18	19:15				
Exning, St Martins Church (on Church Street, east side)	07:41	09:06	10:09	11:15	12:18	13:15	14:18	15:15	16:18	17:21	18:24	19:21				
Newmarket, Guinness Bus Station	07:49	09:14	10:17	11:23	12:26	13:23	14:26	15:23	16:26	17:29	18:32	19:29				

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Rev'd Rhona McEune, the Anglesey Benefice Curate joined our May meeting where she spoke about the 'Ministry of Ringing'. Church bells are rung for many occasions: for services, Weddings, Funerals, the Coronation, and other special occasions such as V.E Day. Rhona pointed out that Bell Ringers can often spend many hours a week in church, practicing, ringing for services, and then rushing off to do the same at another church. It really is a form of ministry!

We learnt about the different parts of bell ringing equipment and mechanisms, and how the 'Changed Ringing' patterns emerged in the 17th century – these are still used today and are similar to an orchestra following sheet music. It is very much an art, and is mostly associated with Great Britain, but other countries, especially those with close historical ties to us may use this method too.

Bell ringers are quite a community, going on outings, holidays, attending Guild Associations, and competitions. They will often travel from church to church, and many keep a record of just how many different churches they have rung in. A full peel of the bells takes 3 hours to ring, with a ¼ peel taking 45 minutes. Rhona told us that some ringers have rung 6,000 peels – that is a lot of hours of dedication!

We finished our session by having a go at the changed ringing method using some 200-year-old hand bells, which was great fun – and good for our brains. We could see why Rhona said that bell ringing enhances your listening skills!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 17th July at 2.30pm at the Passage Hall, Lode. Alison Johnson will be talking to us about Literacy in Prisons.

All are welcome to join us.

Alison Martin

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What have we been up to?

Our learners and clients have been working hard and having fun preparing for the Summer Fair! They've been busy crafting decorations, designing games, making signs, and more. It's been heartwarming to see their creativity and enthusiasm come to life as we get ready for this special community event.

A big thank you to all the local communities that have supported Red2Green throughout June at various events, it is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference to everyone here at Red2Green.

Community Talks & Workshops

Our CEO, Liz Taylor, recently gave an engaging workshop to the Burwell Girl Guides on the topic of People with Differences - exploring how everyone, including neurodiverse individuals, may think, act, and communicate, and why inclusivity matters.

We love connecting with the community and are keen to do more! If you're part of a local group (such as a school, club, or society) and would be interested in a talk, presentation, or workshop from Red2Green, we'd love to hear from you. We've previously visited Women's Institutes, gardening clubs, primary schools, Girl Guides, and more. Please get in touch - email us at info@red2green.org or call us on 01223811662.

Ways you can get involved:

There are lots of ways you can help support Red2Green:

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For more information about the wonderful work we do at Red2Green, please visit our website red2green.org or if you want to get in touch, feel free to email us at info@red2green.org or call us on 01223811662.



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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

Blood tests - Due to demand for blood tests we have to advise patients to attend alternative venues in order to manage demand versus appointment availability. Bloods tests are available at:

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- Location: Newmarket Road Park and Ride Cambridge

Newmarket hospital: Book a timed appointment via the website

https://swiftqueue.co.uk/pre_timescreen.php?id=12827 Or phone: 01638 558442

Bottisham Medical Practice

Blood test appointments for those not medically able to attend the above locations due to disability or having no available transport

How to contact us? - Do you know about the “contact us” portal on our website? This is for non-urgent clinical queries, sick note requests, and questions about investigation results and can be found on our usual website if you click on menu and then contact us <https://www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk> Phone 01223 810030

Patient participation group (PPG): We have rejuvenated our patient participation group and at each of the four meetings a year one of the team will give a clinical talk. These have been well attended. Our PPG is also organising a resuscitation course with East Anglia Air Ambulance and helps with the organisation of the weekend flu vaccination clinics. We are always looking for volunteers to join this committee or help at these events. Would you like to help the surgery and help your local community? Are you a sixth form student wanting to go to medical school looking for ways of volunteering with community / health engagement for your UCAS form? Please contact our PPG for more information.

Appointments Missed: Between the 1st April and 31st May we had a total of 83 appointments which we had to record as Did Not Attend. This equates to 23.75 hours over a 9-week period which is approx. 2.5 hrs per week. We appreciate that circumstances and situations may change once an appointment has been booked but if you are unable to attend please let the Reception team know so we can make your appointment available for someone else.

The Pod and Blood Pressure: As more regular blood pressure testing in over 45 year olds is now required, it would be helpful for you to use The Pod. The Pod is behind the screens in the surgery waiting room and does not require an appointment to use. Should you need help in using this then the receptionist can advise. The reading is recorded and if it is adverse then an appointment for consultation can be made.

Next meeting: Thursday 3rd July 6.30pm at the surgery when Dr Keith will be talking about “Dementia: what might make you worry someone is developing dementia and what to do about it” If you wish to join our meetings or consider joining the committee please email our chairman s.j.gilson@btinternet.com. Or speak to reception.

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Hello and welcome to another busy museum Newsletter.

On May 29th our Tiger Moth arrived by lorry, and on Sunday 1st June it was on show without the wings fitted. Monday 2nd saw the museum maintenance team, consisting of Chris Wilshire, Barrie Crick, Peter Mephram, led by Mark Easey, put the wings back on.

The plane is now on display in the hanger. An official unveiling will take place on July 5th at the Bottisham at War / Forties weekend when it will be on display outside for a limited time. At this event there will be lot to see and do with Forties singing, dancing and a fashion show. The event will open each day with a flypast by aircraft of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Advance tickets are available via eventbrite.com at a discount, or on the gate in the day.

Be advised there will be battle reenactments on each day, with some loud bangs and gun fire.

Wednesday 4th brought another new exhibit this time a 1939 WW2 Matchless despatch rider's motorcycle, also on display in the hanger. On August 2nd the Falconry experience returns, a three-hour hands-on event featuring birds of prey. Two sessions available at £25 per person. Online Booking available at www.adventure001.com website. This is followed by the second Classic cars and motor bike show of the season on Sunday 17th August, featuring our band Back in Time, hot and cold food, and up to 200 cars to see. £7.50 is the entrance fee for adults, under 16s are free.

As the museum becomes more popular, we do need more volunteers to help with many jobs in the cafe or looking after our visitors, especially at our events.

Please contact the museum via our website Bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk

Or pop over and see us on a Sunday or Wednesday.

Charles Cook - Museum volunteer

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

With lighter evenings and good weather we were full of anticipation for our evening excursion to a private garden at the end of May. However, the long-awaited rain came on the day of our visit but stopped in time to let us enjoy the garden. Janet and her husband had bought a farmhouse surrounded by an exposed field and turned it into a beautiful garden with majestic trees providing shelter for lawns and herbaceous beds. Although the ground was a little damp, the rain had given everything a lift and we were all thankful that thirsty plants were being revived. After our tour Janet gave us an insight into the hard work they had done, with before and after pictures, while we chatted over coffee and biscuits on the terrace.

In July we will hold our Summer Party and the Don Bedford Rose Competition. There will be no meeting in August and due to a change of schedule our September meeting will be a talk on Histon Manor.

We meet at 7.30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club. Non-members are welcome for a charge of £3.00.

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In May, Kevin Boardman spoke to us about the Underground Railroad. It was neither underground nor a railroad but a system which helped many people escape slavery in the United States. At a time when many could not read or write, quilts often provide vital messages in their patterns. A coded language was developed amongst those involved in order to maintain secrecy. Penalties for those escaping, and those who helped them, were severe. It was not until 1863 that Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring all to be free.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm when Chip Colquhoun will be talking about How Cambridge Made England. Do come and join us if you'd like to hear this talk.

During the Summer we are planning to hold an Afternoon Tea for our August Members' Meeting.

We usually meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club in the Poppy Room at 7.30pm. Talks are followed by refreshments offering the opportunity to meet and chat to others. We also have a number of smaller groups which meet at other times during the month to pursue a variety of cultural activities and support local charities.

Jennifer Clark

Bottisham Community Library Association

July – It's nearly the summer holidays and the Library is gearing up for the start of the Summer Reading Challenge which begins this month. This is a national challenge promoted by the public library service and the theme this year is Story Garden – the magical connection between nature and stories. The challenge is aimed at children between the ages of 4-12 and you can sign up online or in the library. Children can set their own reading goal over the holidays. When they have finished a book they can take it back to the library to receive a sticker. Certificates and medals are awarded in September for those who achieve their goal. 0-5 year-olds can also take part in a special challenge.

Our Book of the Month is 'Gabriel's Moon' by William Boyd, a literary spy novel and well **worth reading**.

Lego Club and StoryTime will be on Saturday July 12th at 10.30. Younger children will enjoy our collection of Duplo.

The date for the **Mobile Library** visit to Bottisham, is Thursday morning, July 24th.

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- A colourful month of activities



Miniature Bourn Windmill Restored Thanks to Cambourne Men's Shed

An 80-year-old replica of the historic Bourn Windmill has been lovingly restored by dedicated volunteers of Cambourne Men's Shed. The charming replica is now proudly on display at the windmill in time for the summer season of Open Days.

The model has been brought back to its former glory, thanks to the meticulous craftsmanship and shared sense of purpose of the Cambourne Men's Shed a community group that supports men's mental health and wellbeing through hands-on projects and social connection. Led by Greg Thompson, who runs the group, Andrew Young, Tung Hau, Chris Smith, John Panrucker and Robert Thompson applied their skills and dedication to lovingly restore the miniature windmill, which was originally built in the 1940s by enthusiast Michael Dunn.

Greg Thompson is delighted that they were able to complete restoration work in time for the National Mills Weekend Open Day in May, "restoration of the replica has been a challenging but enjoyable project and many different Shedders have contributed over the past months after work began in October 2024. We hope that the replica can now be put to good use. Cambourne Men's Shed is part of a national network of "Sheds" across the UK providing inclusive, welcoming spaces where men can connect and contribute to local causes while supporting their own wellbeing."

Bourn Windmill is the oldest surviving windmill in the UK and is owned and cared for by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future, their Estate Manager, Allan Scott Davies is really pleased with the work of the volunteers "this working model is more than just a charming garden feature, it tells a story of craftsmanship, family legacy, and community spirit."

The replica suffered storm damage in the 1960s and spent years moving between family homes. By 2024, the model had again fallen into disrepair and the Cambourne Men's Shed were contacted for help. The Shed team carefully stripped paint, repaired sails, replaced damaged parts (even using original slats from Dunn's venetian blinds), and repainted every detail with care and precision. The result is a fully working miniature mill that now delights visitors of all ages.

The replica and Bourn Windmill can be visited on 15 June, 13 July, 17 August and 14 September. Full detail on www.cambridgeppf.org/events-list

Cambourne Men's Shed is part of a growing UK movement that provides a welcoming space for men to come together, share skills, and work on practical projects that benefit the wider community. It offers a friendly, inclusive environment where members can enjoy companionship while contributing their time and talents. The restoration of the Bourn Windmill replica is a perfect example of how "Shedders" combine craftsmanship with community spirit—supporting mental wellbeing through meaningful, hands-on activity.



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For many, the change will be simple. All you will have to do is plug your landline phone into a broadband router instead of a traditional phone socket. But for others, especially those who rely on their landline for care alarms, medical devices, or staying in touch, it's important to understand what the change means and what action they need to take in order to stay connected.

CONNECTING CAMBRIDGESHIRE is running the Get Ready, Go Digital, Stay Connected campaign to help local residents prepare for and feel confident about the change.

THE SWITCHOVER WILL MAINLY AFFECT

- People without an internet connection at home
- Those who rely on a traditional land line not already upgraded a digital phone service
- Users of telecare and personal alarm systems, eg fall monitors or lifelines.

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3. Use a personal or fall alarm? Contact your provider to ensure it will work with the new system.

LOOK OUT FOR SCAMS

The switchover doesn't require upfront payments. If you get a suspicious call, hang up and contact your phone provider using the official number from a recent bill.

SUPPORT EACH OTHER

Know someone who might need help? A quick conversation or offer to help them call their phone provider could make a big difference.

No one should be left behind. Whether it's you, a neighbour or a relative, now is the time to ask the question: *Is your landline ready?*

For more information, visit:

www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/digitalswitchover or scan the QR code.



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A hand-drawn poster for 'CAMBRIDGE OPEN studios' at St James' Church, Lode. The poster features a yellow background with a red swoosh. It includes text about the event dates (10am to 5pm, 12th, 13th & 19th, 20th of July), a list of activities (30 Wooden Animals + Paintings), a QR code for the COS app, and a drawing of a cup of tea. The poster also mentions that all profits go towards the upkeep of 5 churches in the Anglesey Benefice.

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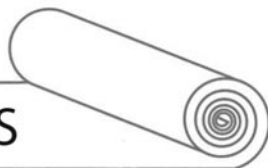


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