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Hello to you and welcome to our November issue. It is a month that means different things to a lot of people.

But firstly a correction.

Last month, the Newman family put an obituary notice in *The Cresset* following the death of Tony Newman. It was not noticed until after publication that Tony's birth year had been inadvertently put in as 1944. By 1944 Tony was 20 years old as his birth year was in fact 1924. The family asked if this correction could be put in this month's magazine and I am pleased to do this now.

November now and it is a month of remembering. Firstly, "Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot etc". Most of all remember to celebrate safely. For children, it is an exciting time and they can get carried away with the excitement. Adult supervision is needed whenever fireworks are around. But also for adults, sensible planning and following directions are required. Every year we read about accidents which one thinks couldn't or shouldn't happen. Well think sensibly and it needn't.

The second event to remember in November is Armistice Day. The 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. Two minutes of silence to remember all those who gave their lives for us in the two great wars and conflicts since.

You will read in the British Legion notice elsewhere in the magazine, that Bottisham & District will remember, this year, in two ways. Firstly, on the nearest Sunday, the 8th Nov, there will be a service in Quy Parish Church, to which everybody is invited. There will be Standards of various local organisations and the attendance of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.

Then on Wed 11th November itself, leading up to 11 o'clock there will be a short ceremony at the village sign in the High St. outside the vicarage opposite the Church.

In addition, at the village sign, there will be a small garden of remembrance where personal wooden poppy crosses can be laid by individuals. These crosses are available from Poppy sellers or The Royal British Legion Club.

Importantly I think this is an opportunity for all of us to think of a family member who was taken in one of those conflicts or affected by it. There are very few of us who were exempt from that bit of family history. You may not think of it applying to you, but we could all with some thought, find some part of our ancestry which was affected by these events directly or indirectly.

My experience is a thankful one, where my very existence depended on a pure chance and a faulty fuse. My father was a squadron leader navigator in bomber command who survived against the odds, not only the 50+% casualty rate of crews, but by a miracle, which still makes my hair stand on end and for which I like to give thanks.

Flying over Germany one night, my dad was at his navigator's table in his Halifax bomber when an ack-ack shell, which detonates by a set altitude fuse, came up through the bottom of the fuselage, smashed through his table failing to explode and went out through the top of the plane, then exploding above and outside the aircraft. Oh how things might have been different!

For a separate event, he was awarded, amongst others, the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) of which I am now the proud guardian.

Given thought, we all have thanks to give for those who went before, and we should remember them and recognise them, if only on this one event in the year. Give it some thought.

Now a note about our magazine cover this month. This is a photograph of a wreath which was created by the children at Bottisham primary school last year, on the Centenary of the outbreak



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of WW1. Each leaf was written by a pupil, noting their thoughts about the impact of the Great War on the soldiers and their families. It makes delightful and informative reading. Very moving, being such young children. I understand that a similar exercise is taking place at the primary school again this year.

Other items from our regular contributors also make interesting reading, so enjoy all the articles and also some of the reports from the various organisations which make their events sound well worth a visit. Contact details for most of the organisations in Bottisham are either in the articles, or in the useful information section at the back.

Enjoy this 'thoughtful' month and you will then start to count the days to Christmas! Mind you Tesco and others have been doing that since September! PW

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Holy Trinity Bells

The Bells - a last word

In truth the bells themselves have had the last word. I suspect that all in the well-filled church must have been stirred when the moment came in the service of Rededication when the bells had been blessed and rededicated and the Bell Hanger, Andrew Nicholson, and the Tower Captain, Derek Latchford, bearing a symbolic bell-rope, marched off to the belfry to join the waiting ringers for a celebratory peal. A great moment and the culmination of a project that seems to have stretched back to time out of mind. However, all that has to be remembered is where we started and where we have finished; compared with that the tortuous pathway between the two, filled with forms, official bodies/boards/trusts and waiting for decisions, is of little interest. Having said that, the non-bell part of the project is not quite finished. There is still work to do in the ringing chamber to fit emergency lighting and to bring the electrics up to modern standards. 'Community' aspects, an important part of the grant awarded to us by the Heritage Lottery Fund, have to be completed and to bring that to a conclusion we are planning, as we promised HLF, to have another Open Day at which aspects of the history of the Bottisham bells and their ringers will be presented and there will be an opportunity to watch the bells being rung. If we can fit it in, there will be a talk on Patterns and Peals.

It may also be possible to organise trips up to the belfry to see the reborn bells, but definitely not while they are being rung! The **Open Day**, more a Rounding-off Day for the whole project, will be on **Saturday 28 November from 2 pm**. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Our hope is that at the end of this phase we shall have at least two or three recruits to ringing. Come and join the band!

This will be the last 'update'. We are very grateful for the interest that has been shown throughout the project and, of course, for the donations that closed the funding gap and made it all possible. I shall quite miss (I think) being stopped in the street and asked about the bells or, indeed, when the clock is going to be working again. Quite remarkable in this digital age how many still look to the church clock to see what the time is.

Mike Young

Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in November

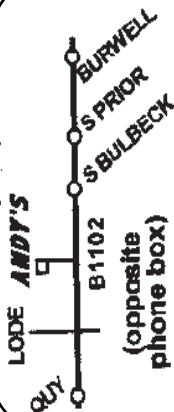
Sunday 1st	<i>All Saints</i>
	11am Morning Prayer <i>Mike Proctor</i>
Wednesday 4th	8pm Compline by Candlelight <i>Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 8th	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
	10.50am Act of Remembrance (see below)
Sunday 15th	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Lawrie Marsh</i>
	11am Holy Communion <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
Sunday 22nd	9.30am Benefice Communion <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
	11am Benefice All-Age service in Lode
Sunday 29th	<i>Advent Sunday</i>
	11am Family Service with Baptism <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>

The main Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service for Bottisham, Lode and Quy will be held this year in Quy (10.50 am). For those who cannot get to Quy, there will be a short Act of Remembrance in Bottisham for the reading of the names. Please note the varying times of the services this month; Benefice Communion services will now start at 9.30 am and the family-friendly All-Age Benefice services at 11 am. Details of other services in the Anglesey Group of Churches (The Benefice) are on the notice board in the church.



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In 1922 the British Legion was formed to help and support all of those who were in need. Now the Royal British Legion, they continue this work to the present day by helping those who have suffered in the many conflicts since.

The Annual Poppy Appeal is their main source of income to enable them to do this. They need all the support the general public can give.

The National Day of Remembrance is on Sunday 8th November this year and the Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding its own Remembrance Day Parade and Service at Quy. Whilst there will be no march up the busy road at the church, the parade will assemble at 10.20am on the green beside the Church and progress into the church for the Remembrance Service to commence at 11.00am. Taking part will be contingents from the Bottisham Royal British Legion, Bottisham Scouts, Cub Scouts Girl Guides and Brownies and members of the Burwell detachment of the Cambridgeshire ACF who are now affiliated to the Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Everyone is most welcome to join us at this time, particularly Legion Club members.

THE 11TH HOUR of the 11TH DAY of the 11TH MONTH

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday 11th November the Nation will pause for the Annual TWO MINUTES SILENCE to remember the War Dead, including those from recent conflicts.

The Bottisham Royal British Legion will assemble by the VILLAGE SIGN in Bottisham -opposite Holy Trinity Church at this time to remember and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the Service of our Country.

Again everyone is most welcome to join us at this time. Indeed we should all be there.

LEST WE FORGET, GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The Bottisham Royal British Legion will erect a small Garden of Remembrance which will be situated by the Village Sign opposite Holy Trinity Church in Bottisham.

Anyone who may wish to do so is invited to place a Poppy Cross therein to the memory of someone who gave their life in the defence of or in the Service of our Country. The Garden will be in place from Sunday 1st November until Sunday 15th November. Poppy Crosses may be obtained from any Poppy Seller or from the RBL Club in Bottisham.

Ken York, Branch President

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I have received several calls/emails regarding litter/dog waste this month. Following on from Mr Hughes' letter in the Cresset last month and communications I have had with him, East Cambs District Council are looking into putting a litter bin by the bus shelter on the A1303 (Hilton Park end). Several people have also complained about dog mess which seems to be becoming a problem again. Please, if you have a dog, clear up after it when you take it for a walk and when you have cleared up please take the bag with you instead of leaving it insitu. It is an offence to not clear up after dogs on the footpath but wouldn't it be nice if people could get in the habit of clearing up after their dogs wherever they are. I have received a complaint from a resident about litter and dog waste on the right of way across farmland from Thomas Christian Way through to the Arber Close and Jenyns Close footpath. This is used by a lot of people including school children and it would be lovely to be able to walk this way without treading in dog poo, please be considerate to other people.

On the theme of Mr Hughes' comments, Parish Council would encourage any resident walking through the village to pick up any litter they see lying about and dispose of it. Although it would be great for people not to litter in the first place and to take their rubbish home with them, if you are walking through the village and see litter please pick it up and put it in the bin rather than ignoring it. All those dog walkers could use one of their spare dog litter sacks to pick up rubbish on their daily walks. What a lovely clean village we would have if everyone thought like this. Along with our 2 litter pickers who go out at the weekend we know that there are now several residents in the village who go out litter picking regularly as well as someone who is working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award and is doing village litter picking as their voluntary aspect. I realise that many of you do this on an ad-hoc basis but wondered if it may be an idea to co-ordinate efforts and get a rota going. Please contact me if you would be interested in this idea. Next March sees a nationwide initiative to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday 'Clean for the Queen', in which the whole country will be encouraged to pick up litter and keep the country tidy. It would be nice if we could get this going and be ahead of the game before March.

The grass cutting season will be coming to an end shortly and we have asked CGM, our contractors to make sure all footpaths in the village are well tended before winter. We have also arranged for the 8 lime trees in the cemetery to be cut back as they have grown quite large and over shadow some of the bungalows in Downing Close.

There is a new Highways Officer at the County Council and he has arranged for the drains to once again be flushed out on Lode Road, at the bottom of Bradfords Close which regularly floods in a downpour. Although this may help, it will not completely alleviate the problem as we have been told before that the Victorian drains are just too small. He has also been looking through the village at areas that may need resurfacing, although he has only a small budget for this we have made requests for parts of Beechwood Avenue, Pound Close and the area outside of the shops to be considered.

Claire Fullwood, Bottisham Parish Clerk

PLANNING NOTES

- 5/00840/FUL, 83 Ox Meadow, Erection of a small single storey extension, NEW APPLICATION
- 15/01041/FUL, Land to rear of no. 69 High Street, Erection of 2 no. dwellings following demolition of existing outbuildings, NEW APPLICATION
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To the Editor

Dear Editor,

I felt I must respond to J.Hughes letter in the October issue, as I am also a "litter picking - up person". Whenever I get off the bus on the A1303 or go for a short walk, I always have a bag with me for picking up the litter.

I was brought up never to drop anything- always take it home (even a sweet wrapper!) I agree that if everyone picks up something while out walking it would make a difference - so come on everyone "do your bit". I know we shouldn't have to, but unfortunately it seems that is to-day's society.

W.A.Bullock

Dear Editor,

Welcome back to the church bells! Great credit is due to Mr. Young, the church warden for the vision, persistence and time he devoted to bring this restoration to its successful conclusion. We now have renewed links with significant events in the past and continuity for the future. Congratulations to all.

R. Venning

Bottisham Community Library Association

Presentations were made to the 13 young readers who completed The National Library Service Summer Reading Scheme entitled "**Record Breakers**". Congratulations to them and we hope they will continue to be borrowers.

We will be having a stall at Bottisham Village College Christmas Market on Sunday 22nd November and **should be pleased to receive donations of any good quality books and DVD's you may have.**

Please note your diaries for Saturday 30th January 2016. We shall be holding another Quiz. More details will follow.

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Sylvia Overton

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Richard Revel our September speaker is a most accomplished photographer. His initial interest was in butterflies and in the last 40 years he has moved on to bugs and birds, snakes and mammals and wild flowers especially orchids. His talk was entitled Wild in Bedfordshire or alternatively Wildlife Hunting with a Camera. He mentioned Maulden Woods with the wild daffodils and lily of the valley, the Chiltern Hills with the Chiltern gentian, Chicksands Wood which is good for butterflies and Royston with its thousands of pasque flowers. He was promoting a beautiful book featuring where in Bedfordshire one can see wild orchids for which he had provided many photographs. He is a dedicated photographer with endless patience to wait for the bird with a berry in its mouth or a butterfly in perfect position. Just google his name and you will see what we all enjoyed.

He judged the Members Rose Competition for the Don Bedford Cup – quite a few lovely entries so late in the season. The cup was awarded to Joan Berry with Ann Webb as a close second.

Andrew Sankey (the WEA tutor last year and highly recommended as a speaker) will be showing Funny Garden Features on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm in the Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion.

I will be sharing some of our many photographs entitled WATER for our Christmas meeting on 15th December.

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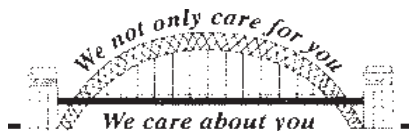
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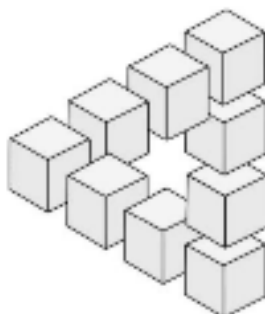
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Firstly, may I just thank our esteemed editor for his kind words of encouragement in the October Cresset. I am happy to know there is some interest in my rantings, even though – as I am the first to admit – there is precious little local content.

By the time you read this, of course, the Rugby World Cup will be over and the trophy will be destined to reside in one of the southern hemisphere nations for the next four years. England were perhaps a little unlucky to find themselves in such a tough group – battling with Australia and Wales for the two top spots. However, we are told that their embarrassing early exit from the competition, precipitated by the loss to Wales in the second match, can be laid firmly at the door of Captain Chris Robshaw who declined a potential 3 point penalty in favour of running for a more lucrative try?! What nonsense! It was an 80 minute game in which 53 points were scored and there were any number of decisive moments which could have turned out differently. Robshaw couldn't know the attack would fail and he couldn't know that a penalty kick would succeed. (Imagine the outcry if he had elected to kick and then Farrell missed!) These are the fortunes of any sport and part of the essence of what makes it so compelling.

But I fear that we are now beginning to emulate the soccer media by building up the national team with such fervent expectation that the players allow the arch-enemy, Fear, to seep into their game, with the result that a below par performance can be pilloried relentlessly in the papers and on the airwaves until the next match – the next opportunity to become world-beaters again. Sigh!

Having said all that though, we were never going to beat Australia, were we? As they ruthlessly exploited England's many weaknesses, one couldn't help wondering why, oh why does the RFU insist on this insane, self-destructive rule that blocks the inclusion of English players who play their club rugby abroad. Surely, the fielding of current European player of the year Nick Abendanon of Clermont and Steffon Armitage of Toulon would have strengthened the home fifteen, wouldn't it? There were no such shackles in the Aussie camp, you notice, and the results are there for all to see. "Criminal" was the word used by Abendanon!

Talking of criminals, October finally saw the suspension of the top three bodies in that crooked cartel known as FIFA, as President Sepp Blatter, Michel Platini and Jérôme Valcke were all handed 90 day suspensions by their own ethics committee following the opening of Swiss criminal proceedings against Blatter. Even then the crafty old snake is clinging on with his last breath, having lodged an appeal against the decision. I can only hope his last breath is eventually taken in a locked cell in some faceless central European prison when his time comes. Surely, please... real change is imminent this time, now that FIFA's sponsors have lined up against them and the IOC has also declared "enough is enough". You can't help smiling ruefully, though, at the predicament now facing our own FA Chairman Greg Dyke, who has publicly reiterated England's support for Platini as Blatter's successor! How on earth is he going to save face if Platini's suspension scuppers his candidacy? Perhaps the casualties won't be confined to Zurich!

And whilst we're on the subject, can anyone explain to me what a 'disloyal payment' is? (This is the official description of the two million Swiss francs – £1.35 million – that Blatter handed to Platini in 2011.) Do these jokers make it up as they go along?

On the home football front, England completed their 'perfect' 10/10 qualifying campaign for Euro 2016 with victories over Estonia at Wembley and Lithuania in Vilnius; and it was a proud moment in the Legion bar seeing the Bottisham flag adorning the LFF Stadium during the final match, courtesy of Messrs Lewis & Pilgrim! We are left with mixed feelings, however, over the style of England's play of late – it has not been exactly entertaining! Should we not be dispatching these teams with more of a swagger, a more expansive, pacy game, instead of repeatedly and ponderously trying to thread a needle through the centre of packed defences? Here's a thought:

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do we need a different manager with a more adventurous style for tournament finals now that the routine work is done? Or will Roy learn from the Brazilian debacle and adapt?

A word on the Autumn cycling: can there ever have been two more popular winners of the World Road Race Championships as there were in September? Two former 'bridesmaids' finally had their day. First, our own Lizzie Armitstead dug deeper than ever in a thrilling sprint to the line to win the women's race, and then Slovakian Peter Sagan reduced Europe to tears as he courageously blasted up the final two climbs after a gruelling 261 kilometres in Richmond, Virginia to lay all his ghosts to rest and take a glorious victory in the men's race. Before donning the coveted rainbow jersey he found time to enthrall everyone with a passionate clinch with his girlfriend, then pop a trademark one-handed wheelie, and also dedicate his ride to the victims of the current turmoil in the Middle East & Europe. Surely we are witnessing the emergence, at the age of a mere 25, of a sporting 'great' who will transcend team and national affiliations for many years to come.

TTFN

Gerry Daish

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- Before you light a bonfire put all pets indoors. But also check that no children or other animals are hiding inside the fire and are a safe distance away.

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Michael White

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Is our village too ‘Snobbish’?

But first let me apologise for sending The Cresset ‘The Wrong Trousers’! To my horror I found that in my haste to meet the October deadline the version I’d submitted didn’t acknowledge a couple of sources I had used and that there were some grammatical mistakes. I contacted the Editor but alas it was too late...

You may recall in September’s issue that I was praising those who responded to the questionnaire about a Community Forum or Society. On the basis of this enthusiasm I was encouraged to ask for volunteers to respond to ‘the call’. Well, I’m really disappointed to report that only two people made contact with me which really isn’t sufficient to go to the next phase which was to create an independent working group. So, I’ve decided to copy the results of the survey to Parish Council in the hope that possibly the ‘Community Working Party’ may be able to pick up on some of the points you raise. In case you’re interested herewith follows an insight into some of the ideas put forward:

Quite a few respondents felt more could be done to provide day time meeting places for groups with common interests, for example a mother and toddlers group and a drop in forum with possibly daily newspapers and internet access for those normally on their own during the day. I know that The Legion does a Wednesday coffee morning often attended by our more ‘mellowed’ residents but there could be some scope here to expand, even possibly an idea The Bell could take up. One or two suggested a central point for couriers to drop off parcels that could be collected later in the day, say on the way home from work. Something that a number of you put forward was events that ‘mix people with different interests’ and suggested Quiz nights. Again I know that The Bell does a very good pub quiz fortnightly and that occasionally the Library Association and Bowling Club do one. But is there scope for even more? What came over as very popular was events that involve the community at large; Village Fete, Village Fun Day, St George’s Day - children could make appropriate items and or costumes depicting St George and the Dragon and parade down the High Street for a best fancy dress award. Possibly club activities for children during school holidays was also popular. One idea I particularly liked was a monthly village cinema. I’ve been to two of these and they seem very popular. All you need is a room able to take around fifty people and space to put the hired projector and screen. The last village film show I saw was in Cornwall earlier this year presenting ‘The Imitation Game’ – the following month it was ‘The Theory of Everything’. Matinee performances were showing a series of old Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly musicals much enjoyed by those in their advancing years. May be we could build on this idea and offer a young people’s cinema evening... A more contentious suggestion (and it wasn’t mine, honest!) was a medium to debate village issues, gather information, review options and implement some plans.

One person suggested that they’d not found a good forum for meeting people, like dog walking groups, cycling club, tennis club etc. Well, if you’re interested in cycling might I suggest you contact Brian Lewis at The Anchor on the High Street (The Anchor was one of the many village pubs in Bottisham). I know the ‘lads’ and occasionally ‘lasses’ go out at least twice midweek and at weekends. I’m not sure what’s happened with the Tennis Club – I remember them having an issue with the Village College but whether this was ever resolved I’m not sure. Someone else commented that they do attend village events but those willing to take the lead are becoming fewer and fewer. Yes, I do agree and this was one of the aims of a Village Society - to find leaders. Hey Ho! I had to smile when I saw this one;

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“I’ve found certain clubs and places in the village too snobbish”. But seriously, is this true; are our clubs, societies, et al, elitist and unwelcoming?? Perhaps this perception should not be dismissed lightly... Several suggestions included a ‘Welcome Pack’ for new residents. More is needed to stimulate teenage engagement is the cry from a few. Again this is something a Village Society could take on board – it’s not too late so do get in contact if you’re interested.

Now to matters that have an impact on us here in Bottisham. No doubt we all know about the worrying situation at Addenbrookes Hospital being in ‘special measures’. And so it was interesting to listen to the Home Secretary talk about whether our ‘strategic infrastructure’ comprising; transport, utilities and of course public services including the NHS, can cope with the additional demands that immigration is placing upon it. Of course, she was lambasted in the media for saying what the evidence clearly suggests and yes, it was a political speech that deliberately chose words that pandered to the gathered assembly. But when you look past the syntax and set aside the absurd vitriol posted on social media what was she actually saying? The message she was advancing was that a ‘non-selective’ open borders policy has the capacity to overwhelm a country’s ‘strategic infrastructure’ in an instant whereas an instant fix to the country’s ‘services dependant’ infrastructure is not something that can be remedied overnight. And please, this is not anti-immigrant talk; it’s simply stating the blatantly obvious. Despite the benefits of economic growth the stark reality is that our country cannot sustain the level of population growth currently being inflicted upon it. The greater the number of people that come here to work the greater the demand placed on the country’s ‘services dependant’ infrastructure and round and round we go. A line surely has to be drawn! But what measure is to be used to determine where we position this line? Could it be where our ‘strategic infrastructure’ can no longer cope with the pressures of demand? So, returning to Addenbrookes; is what has happened there an unmistakable indicator that the demands being made have expanded beyond what is pragmatically sustainable? And if so, what is the warning from this to public services in general and to us; ‘Joe public’? Well, with Addenbrookes we already have one very real and unambiguous example and I would suggest we can all point to many more! TJ

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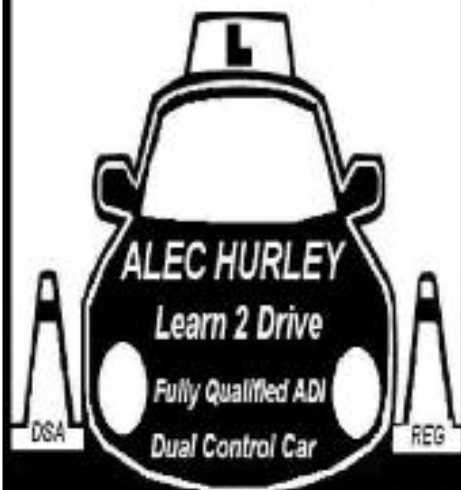
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Saplings Preschool Playgroup

An Urgent Plea from Saplings Preschool Playgroup

I have just returned home from the Saplings Preschool AGM and feel I must write to the people of Bottisham to ask for help.

This evening the current committee of volunteers waited anxiously for new committee members and people within the village to turn up at the Playhut to see how they could get involved with this community provision.

How many people do you think turned up? **Zero!**

Our current chairperson had prepared for this meeting for several days. Our volunteers had spread the word on Facebook, with posters, by email and tried to persuade friends and family to get involved. Some of our committee members, who have been involved in Saplings for a few years now, remain on the committee in order to keep Saplings going.

And it really is that simple; without a committee, Saplings can no longer operate and would have to close.

So if anyone in the village can spare a few hours here and there to get involved, then please get in touch. The commitment is not huge – we hold a meeting every half term, plus a few hours of tasks in your own time. You do not need to have children at Saplings, just have a few hours per half term spare to help out. We're all busy – most of us are working parents - but surely some of you can find a bit of time for something so important to our village.

If nothing else, think of the social side of this - a chat with new friends, and maybe the odd social evening here and there. As someone new to the village, joining the Saplings committee gave me a great opportunity to make new friends, whilst doing something to help the community in which I choose to live.

We will now hold an Emergency General Meeting on Wednesday 4th November, 8pm at the Playhut. If there are no new committee members following this meeting, then the future of Saplings will be uncertain.

If you are interested in helping please call Claire at the Playhut on 01223 813226, or email saplingspreschool@hotmail.co.uk. Or you can find us on Facebook – Bottisham Saplings Pre-School Playgroup.

Thank you.

Forthcoming events

Come along to our **Christmas Craft Workshop on Saturday 5th December!!!** Join us at the Playhut from 10am – 12 noon. Bring your budding artists for some festive fun! There will be several crafts to have a go at and plenty of glitter to go around! Entry £2.50 per child. Drinks and snacks will be available, as will our lucky dip! This event is for kids under 6, not just those attending Saplings, so come along!

You might also want to buy a couple of tickets for our **Christmas Raffle – only £1 per ticket**, available from the Playhut. 1st Prize is a fantastic hamper!

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Another month's activities to report on. We had a lovely Afternoon Tea at Bottisham Hall to celebrate 100 years of the National Federation of WI's. Great food. Lovely venue. And good to meet with representatives from the County and neighbouring institutes.

Our craft group and other helpers has made 23 blankets and capes for the young female patients at Fulbourn Hospital

We had a History evening at Queens Court following the discovery of some of our earliest minute books in someone's loft when Janet Pearson and Keith Millard reminisced about several of the ladies mentioned. The funds raised from that event will cover the cost of dispatching 30 filled Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to those in need.

Our walking group called in for coffee at Manor Farm Court for the Swaffham Prior McMillan Coffee morning on their way back to Reach from the Devil's Dyke and won one of the raffle prizes! We have been invited for 2016.

We will have our Wandlebury Walk at the end of the month as part of the BBC Countryfile Children in Need Ramble.

Miriam Ogborn had attended Denman College with Carol Edge who won our Bursary last year. They attended a course on silk painting with beading and stitching and Miriam showed us her lovely completed picture – we were most impressed.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 17th November when a member of the Cambridge "Bobby" scheme will talk on crime prevention – 7.30 pm in the College Lecture Room.

Sylvia Overton

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Sometimes an article in a newspaper or magazine brings personal memories flooding back. This has happened recently due to the announcement by First Great Western, one of the most frequently criticised railway companies, that it was reverting to its old name of Great Western Railway originally given to it by Brunel in the 1830s. It was also known popularly as God's Wonderful Railway. Back in the 1940s I was a keen Girl Guide at Leigh-on-Sea in Essex and each week I took in 6d. to an account to enable me to go on the annual camping holiday. We had a keen Guide Captain and visited Scotland, Devon and Cornwall. My mother used to come as camp nurse. We used to travel on the Great Western Railway and one year we went to Par in Cornwall. As my mother's name was Gladys Winifred Read and mine was Patricia Ann Read, we felt it was a very personal trip! Very happy times - I nearly hunted for the old photo albums! As patrol leader, I wore a knife at my belt and we could cut back the turf for our camp fires before sitting down to supper on a circle of groundsheets - my mum once had to cope with a girl, who had sat on a fork!

There have been letters and articles ref. people's experience of the present railway compared with the old days of dining cars and punctuality. It has been christened Worst Late Western - new names suggested are Goes When Ready and Gone with Regret. The company hopes to revive the old glory days of this line with its stunning stations, viaducts and what was once the world's longest tunnel. Green livery on new trains, updated staff uniforms and ticket office improvements. The high fares and overcrowding need attention. We compare badly with other European countries on these, according to a report, but our trains are the safest.

First Western have also been awarded another franchise to run trains from Paddington to South Wales and the West Country until 2019. The latest-generation Super Express trains being built by Hitachi will replace the Intercity 125 diesels from 2017 cutting journey times and adding extra capacity but buffet cars are to be scrapped as they take up room. Postscript are advertising a new book, A History of the Great Western Railway - 01626 897100

Regarding matters local - they are here! The promised green Bio buses recycled to us rural travellers from the guided busway are now seen regularly from my kitchen window and we have also travelled on one - much more comfortable and a smoother ride.

I was at the Tesco bus stop on Newmarket Rd. at the same time as a Stagecoach member of staff, who was checking bus punctuality and talking to passengers. She told me that 10 buses were being shared round but that now has to include King's Lynn as well. It is annoying when buses are late particularly if you have an appt. to keep. The 10 a.m. and 12 midday are often affected. I am told by drivers that these are often busy services and it takes time to check people on board. Please have your passes or cash ready not deep in a bag or pocket! Also check that you have the latest timetables - March 2015 for both the 10 and 11/12 services. Having heard of a local experience, I repeat my warning from last month ref. the 2 service - it goes all round Mill Rd. to get to Addenbrooke's! The rail upgrade between Ely and Soham has been put on hold but local MP Lucy Frazer and Euro MP Vicky Ford have joined forces and written to Network Rail's chief executive, Mark Carne, and Transport Minister, Claire Perry, asking for their support in getting funding to complete the project. It is hoped it could ease congestion on the A14 and keep lorries off the roads. Future visions, according to Prof. Bob Miles of CUED, include bullet trains below and driverless pods with park and ride sites 10 miles away connecting to Marshall's, Addenbrooke's and the new West Cambridge site. The trains would zoom in at 120 m.p.h. taking less than 4 minutes rather than the present hour. The pods could zip between the three sites and drop you off on demand using your smartphone! But not until 2065! An earlier possibility is the offer by Astra Zeneca to pay for a bus service along the A428 to Addenbrooke's and a bus-only slip road at Trumpington and Madingley Rd. off *(Public Transport Matters continued next page.)*

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the M11. The council transport chief, Graham Hughes, cited the guided busway and A1307 as examples of how bus use had increased giving a quick, reliable service into Cambridge.

Reports about the projected HS2 fast rail link rumble on and it is now forecast to be 7 years late and cost £250 million more due to a redesign to boost efficiency and reduce disruption to residents. Since privatisation of the railways the number of passenger journeys undertaken has more than doubled - 1.65 billion journeys were made last year up from 801 million in the 1990s when services were put in the hands of private operating companies but the new Labour policy is for renationalisation of the railways. Passenger income now covers the day-to-day operating costs of the railways with the govt. funds being invested in upgrades such as track renewal.

The well-known tube map designed by Harry Beck in 1933 is redesigned to show a more geographically accurate picture. It was originally produced to aid in engineering work but has now been added to Transport for London's website due to interest.

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Anglesey Abbey & Wicken Fen

The incredible news is that tickets for Winter Lights at Anglesey Abbey sold out at the beginning of October, highlighting just how popular the event has become. Sorry if you were hoping to get tickets, even we were surprised how quickly the 14000 tickets went.

We are still on the lookout for volunteers to help run the event. There's a variety of roles available from helping in the car park, to retail, catering, visitor reception to encounters volunteers along the route. It's great fun volunteering and there's always a great buzz around the property, and what's more you get a pair of free tickets for any night of your choice. If you would like to volunteer please e-mail Chris Read at angleseyabbeyevents@nationaltrust.org.uk

There's been a lot of speculation in the press that a long cold winter is on the way. At Wicken the first hen harrier was reported in early October (not normally seen until November) and redwings have arrived a good three weeks earlier than usual, so perhaps the speculation maybe right this year.

Preparations for Christmas are in full swing at Wicken Fen. Children can come and see **Father Christmas at the Fen** on Saturday & Sundays, 5 - 20 December, timed tickets from 10.30 – 2pm. We also have a **Christmas Elves Workshop** with Father Christmas for under 5s on 9, 10, 16 & 17 December, 10.15 -11.45am. Tickets for both events are £8.50 (including a present) are available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre on 01353 720274. **Please book early as both events will sell out in advance.**

If you fancy having a go at making your own decorations, local weaver, Nadine Anderson, will be leading **Christmas Decorations Workshops** on Friday & Saturday 27 - 28 November, at 10 -12.30 or 1.30 -4pm. Tickets £18 are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

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On September 17th Ruth Pym gave us a wonderful talk on 'Fine Cell Work.' Fine Cell Work was founded by Lady Anne Tree in 1997. Currently working in 29 British prisons with up to 450 prisoners.

Once a month Ruth visits a local prison and shows the prisoners how to do high-quality needlework. The kits are supplied by the Charity and Ruth teaches them how to make them. The work has to be perfect and they are finished on the back using blanket stitch which makes the cushions very long-lasting indeed.

Prisoners spend long hours in their cells often from 7 o'clock in the evening until 7 o'clock in the morning and the needlework is vital to their well-being; some sleep very little and spend their time doing this wonderful needlework. They are paid for this work and this fosters confidence, hope and self-discipline and also creates the opportunity for them to send some money to help family members or to save for their release. At the same time they become part of Fine Cell Work through their regular classes and gain a powerful experience of inclusion, connection and integration through the extensive network of volunteers, staff and customers. The aim is to enable them to acquire new skills, to earn and save money and to acquire the self belief to stop offending.

One prisoner said "Fine Cell Work has given me back my sense of pride in myself, my self esteem and my self-worth." There is a long waiting list for prisoners to join the class.

Ruth showed us some beautiful examples of the needlework. This handmade work is supported by designs from interior designers including Pentreath and Hall and Kit Kemp and is bought by organizations such as the V & A and English Heritage and the public. The e-mail address is info@finecellwork.co.uk. Ruth's enthusiasm for this work was infectious and she was asked a great many questions.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. On November 19th Mike Proctor will talk to us about "Christ to the World- by radio and more." You are most welcome to come along and join us. *Jill Jenyn*



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