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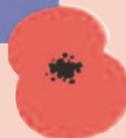
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# Remembrance Sunday

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## CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018 at 3.00pm at Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Church

The Bottisham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding its CENTENARY Remembrance Day Parade and Service this year at Swaffham Bulbeck. The parade will assemble at 2.20pm and form up at the memorial on the triangle opposite The Black Horse. Following the laying of wreaths, the parade will then march to the church for the Remembrance Service to commence at approx 3.00pm. Taking part will be contingents from the Bottisham Royal British Legion, Bottisham Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Guides and Beavers, primary schools together with members of the Burwell detachment of the Cambridgeshire ACF. We shall also be joined on this occasion by Mrs. Penny Walkinshaw DL, Deputy Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, the Queen's representative. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this occasion. Following the service refreshments will be available and the Crocheted Poppy installation will be on display.

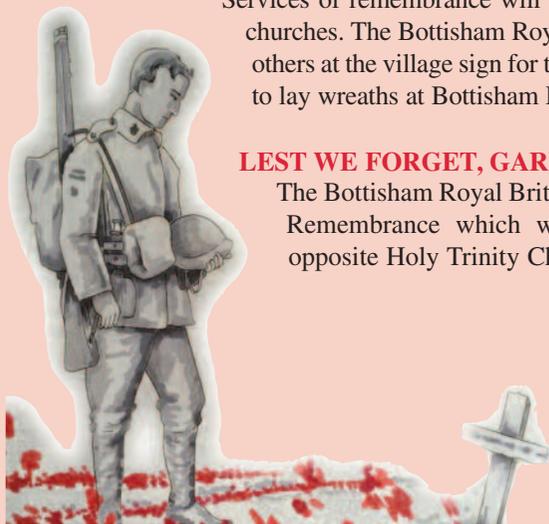
### THE 11TH HOUR of the 11TH DAY of the 11TH MONTH

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

Services of remembrance will be held in each of the Anglesey group churches. The Bottisham Royal British Legion Branch will join with others at the village sign for the two minutes silence service and after to lay wreaths at Bottisham Holy Trinity Church.

### 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. Anyone who may wish to do so is invited to place a Poppy Cross. The Garden will be in place from Saturday 3rd November until Monday 19th November. Poppy Crosses may be obtained from any Poppy Seller or from the Social Club in Bottisham.



# **WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER MAGAZINE**



**Remember, remember the 5th of November etc.**

I don't know about you, but fireworks on Bonfire night doesn't have the same cache for me as it used to do. It seems nowadays, fireworks are used for any and every celebration. New Year, May Balls in Cambridge, and birthday celebrations set off more fireworks than Guy Fawkes Night ever did. They are almost a permanent sale item in the supermarkets. Great fun anyway. But do stay safe and read the Cambridge fire and Rescue service page with the guide to an accident free night.

November also sees Armistice Day on Sunday 11th. A special centenary year this year as it is 100 years since the end of WW1. Do read the detail of the local events being organised. Not a celebration, as some misguided students in Cambridge thought, but a remembrance event for those who gave up their lives so that we (and those students) can live as a free nation today.

The other celebration for me this month is on the 30th. St. Andrew's day is to the Scots what St. George's day is to the English. Another good reason to get a haggis from the shop, with some neeps (swede) and tatties (potatoes). A warming meal on a cold autumn night, perhaps with a wee something to wash it down!

We are being told that we are getting better at recycling, but still need to do more. The more you read and see on TV about the world pollution of plastic, CO2 emissions and the erosion of the finite resources of the world, the more we see the mountain that we must climb in the next few decades to stop the rot. Therefore it seems erroneous at this time for the district council to remove the bottle bank in the village due to the cost. I know we all have kerbside recycling, but many people use the bottle bank and one feels this sort of decision just sends the wrong kind of message.

On the same theme of pollution, I would draw your attention to the recent and growing trend for supermarkets to fill their shelves with totally useless and wasteful items ostensibly to celebrate seasonal events, like Halloween. Why oh why do we need to buy plastic pumpkins, brooms, axes?? et al. Containers full of this rubbish are shipped into this country from the other side of the world, - for what. To be thrown out again after single use. I could go on but I won't. Get the kids to use their imagination and make things. At least carve a real pumpkin and use the inside.

Thank you to those who responded to my thought about the title of our village magazine. I phrased it deliberately so as not to have it seen as a proposal, just a thought for discussion. One would think I was suggesting we sell the crown jewels! One comment did come back suggesting it 'might be a more meaningful name if changed', but it was only one, and I as custodian of this long standing and well known publication would not, I shall now admit, want to see it changed. So Alf, panic not, there will be no change from me.

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I would particularly like to draw your attention to Paddy James's Public transport matters. It may slip past most of us, but for anybody using public transport hereabouts should give her a vote of thanks. She is tireless in making sure that we are up to date with all the relevant information and that even the notices at the bus stops are managed properly. As the public library in Newmarket have commented, we get more information than they do. Do have a read this month.

Finally I would draw your attention to the note from Helen Cole reminding us of the facility we have in this village that is 'Meeting Point' Don't sit at home on your own having a coffee on a Wednesday morning. Get out and meet some fellow Botsamites! Then there is the Red to Green café as well on a Tuesday and Thursday. Boy are we well served!

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## **Red2Green** *Community Café*

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Red2Green's Community Café (in Lode Road, next to Bottisham Village College) is now open for drinks, cakes, scones, sausage rolls, soups and baked potatoes from 9am to 3pm every Tuesday and Thursday, just drop in and join us. We cater for all with vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options - sit in or takeaway. Get in touch [www.red2green.org](http://www.red2green.org), email [info@red2green.org](mailto:info@red2green.org) or call 01223 813650.

### **NOVEMBER**

**Thurs 1 Scrabble and other board games**

**Tues 6 Plant & seed swap, with homemade soup** – bring along any spare plants & seeds to swap for other plants & seeds or to donate to Red2Green's community garden. Seasonal homemade soup will be served.

**Tues 13 Book swap** – bring along a book you have finished reading and swap it for another

**Thurs 15 Scrabble and other board games**

**Tues 20 Afternoon tea** – available 11am-3pm pre-booked only including mini sausage rolls, sandwiches with smoked salmon, strawberry and cream scones etc £10 per person

**Thurs 22 Carers at the Café** (in partnership with Bottisham Surgery Patient Participation Group) Carers Information and advice afternoon 2-4pm with representatives including local GP, Carers Trust, Rethink Carer Support

**Tues 27 Knit and natter** - everyone welcome even if you have never knitted before.

### **DECEMBER**

**Tues 4 Scrabble and other board games**

**Thurs 6 Christmas crafts**

**Tues 11 we are closed for a private party**

**Thurs 13 Scrabble and other board games**

**Tues 18 Afternoon tea** – available 11am-3pm prebooked only including mini sausage rolls, Sandwiches with smoked salmon, strawberry and cream scones etc £10 per person

**Thurs 20 Christmas crafts**

We have are planning some exciting new groups for the New Year, such as community voices choir (yes everyone really can sing) and a book group.

*Julia Rutherford, Marketing Manager*

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## On the Buses

Just had my first experience of going into Cambridge on the **"new" 11**.

I fear that the works on the A1303 once again demonstrate that our planners never use public transport.

Going into Cambridge the bus turns right into Albert Road beside the Missing Sock. Before the works that meant it could hold up traffic going towards Cambridge - however it also meant that traffic coming out of Cambridge, seeing any hold up would often slow down and encourage the bus to turn - now there is no hold up for cars going into Cambridge and so much less incentive for vehicles coming out of Cambridge to give way. Once again the private car gets priority over public transport whatever the "official policy" is of supporting it.

Looking at the village as it is now, the bus stops on the A1303 would make far more sense if they were at the end of Bell Road as they would then be nearer the centre of population, "especially since there is a connection between the High Street and Ox Meadow thereby cutting off a corner for people from the eastern end of Beechwood Avenue".

*Richard Moseley*

## *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in November*

Sunday 4th	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday 7th	8pm	<b>“C by C”</b> (Short candlelit meditative service)
Sunday 11th	9am	Holy Communion
	10.50am	<b>Short remembrance service with 2 mins. silence</b> at village sign.
	3.00pm	<b>TRBL Centenary remembrance service</b> at Swaffham Bulbeck
Sunday 18th	8am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)
	11am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
Sunday 25th		No service in Bottisham
	9.30am	<b>Children’s Church</b> in Lode
	10am	<b>Benefice Morning Worship</b> at Swaffham Bulbeck

*Benefice services are shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Details of these services can also be found on the Anglesey website ([www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](http://www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there.*

## *Village Praise*

*Sunday: 2nd December.  
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If transport is required call:

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Join together with believers from our villages (Bottisham, Lode, The Swaffhams, Quy, The Wilbrahams). You may worship elsewhere on a Sunday morning, why not join us for **Village Praise - no strings attached.**

Maybe you don't attend worship regularly but would watch Songs of Praise ...

**try Village Praise.**

We look forward to seeing you.



## **VILLAGE PRAISE AT LODGE CHAPEL**

It was simply amazing to see so many people gather together in Lodge Chapel for our first Village Praise in September, more than 70 people of all ages! The singing was wonderful and it was fantastic to see people from our villages participating in various ways, including sharing poetry, singing a solo, preparing and serving refreshments and explaining why a hymn means so much.

If you have a favourite hymn or song, do feel free to get in touch and we will try to include it in a future Village Praise. You may have a favourite reading or a gift you can share in the service - we'd love to hear from you.

**Our next Village Praise is on Sunday 2nd December, 5.30-6.30pm at Lodge Chapel.**

Just to remind you, Village Praise is for you! If you worship elsewhere regularly, but would value the opportunity to occasionally worship with other Christians in your village, get involved - no strings attached. It was great to see several different churches represented at the service in September. If you don't regularly attend church, but you have faith and would like an opportunity to reflect on life and faith without committing to a particular church at this stage - come and see if Village Praise could be for you. If you would not consider yourself a believer, but are curious as to what all the fuss is about - you are so welcome to join us. Come and see for yourself.

Do get in touch with Rev. Alan or Rev. Sue if you'd like to know more or you'd like to offer to share something during the service. We still have posters and fliers available if you can display them or would like to invite someone personally (contact Rev. Alan).

I am very excited about what Village Praise could become and welcome you to join us on the journey.

*Rev'd Alan Brand.*

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### **RENEW Services for November 2018**

We have activities for children and young people at all our RENEW morning services. Everyone is welcome.

Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10 am.

<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>Morning Worship.</b> 10.30am <b>With Holy Communion.</b> (Bottisham Primary School)
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>Morning Worship.</b> 10.30am (at the School) Followed by shared lunch
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>Morning Worship.</b> 10.30am (at the School)
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>Morning Worship.</b> 10.30am (at the School)

*For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:  
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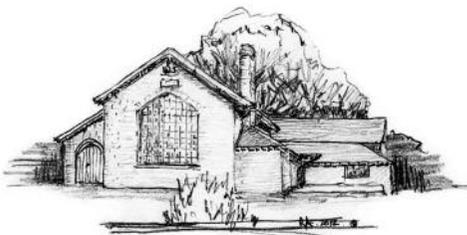
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## *Anglesey Group Mothers' Union Report*

Due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker was not able to join us at our September meeting. Members enjoyed a social afternoon of catching up on current projects and events within Mothers' Union and the community. Ann Langran spoke about her visit to Norwich to see the GoGoHares Sculpture Trail, which took place June to September. This was presented by Norfolk young people's charity Break (celebrating their 50th Anniversary year) in partnership with Wild in Art. Fifty over six foot tall beautifully decorated hares were on display throughout the city. Alongside this young people from schools, community groups and sports clubs across Norfolk crafted over 160 leverets. These could be found in shop windows, and public places. All money raised through sponsorship, merchandise, competitions and the auction of hares, when the trail is over, goes to Break. It made a fun day out with her granddaughter, and the city was full of buzz about the hares despite the rain. Children and adults alike were fascinated by the wonderful designs and became excited when another hare was found. Unfortunately, it was only possible to find 17 hares and a good number of leverets in one day, but it was a most pleasurable day, despite the rain. You can still see the colourful hares on the website <https://www.gogohares.co.uk>



A similar event will be held in Ipswich next year 'Elmer's Big Parade Suffolk'. This event coincides with Elmer's (the patch work elephant) 30th Anniversary. All funds raised during the event will go to St. Elizabeth Hospice. If you wish to find out more visit the website [www.elmersbigparadesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.elmersbigparadesuffolk.co.uk)

Our meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Lode Chapel. In November Reverend Sue Giles will be our guest speaker. You are most welcome to come and join us.

## *Two Stories* With thanks to *Debie Thomas, USA* for the story outlines.

Once upon a time, there lived a young prince. When his father died, he assumed his divinely appointed throne, married a beautiful princess from a neighbouring kingdom, and settled down to govern his people. Soon afterwards, God appeared to him in a dream, and promised to grant the young royal whatever his heart desired.

Being a humble man, the new king refused to ask for wealth, power, or long life, and instead replied, "I am only a child. Therefore, give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, and to discern between good and evil." God was so pleased with the king's request, he promised not only to grant it — to make the king the wisest human being in history — but to grant him every other measure of greatness as well. Untold wealth, matchless honour, and long life.

In time, the king's reputation for brilliance spread across the land. Nobles travelled from distant shores to hear his pithy sayings and witness his wise judgments. In accordance with his wisdom and God's blessing, the king's wealth and power grew beyond measure. He made strategic political and economic alliances; maintained fleets of ships; built gorgeous temples and palaces; traded in luxuries such as gold, silver, and ivory; penned the greatest wisdom literature of his time; presided over the Golden Age of his kingdom; and finally handed his throne to his son after a peaceable reign of forty years.

Once upon a time, there lived a young prince. When his father died, he ordered the murder of his older brother — the rightful heir to the throne - and took over the kingdom by stealth and bloodshed. After spending the early days of his reign carrying out the vengeance killings his father had requested, he set out to build the kingdom of his dreams - a kingdom of wealth, prestige, and power.

The king's appetites were great. To support his extravagant lifestyle, he levied taxes his subjects couldn't bear. To police knowledge, he gathered the surrounding world's wisdom traditions to himself. To complete his lavish building projects, he drafted thousands of people into forced labour. To satisfy his lusts, he assembled a harem of seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. To quell his spiritual restlessness, he constructed pagan shrines and offered worship to gods who demanded child sacrifice.

The results of his choices were dire. By the end of his reign, his people could no longer bear the crushing burdens of taxation and slavery he had placed upon them. The king soon found himself confronted by enemies. After his untimely death, his son tried to force the disgruntled masses back into servitude, but when they resisted, a civil war that would last for decades broke out across the land. The kingdom split in two, and the famed king's once-golden dreams dissolved into chaos.

I wonder what you know about King Solomon, the king in these two stories? Many people know he had a reputation for being very wise and that the Queen of Sheba came to visit him but much of the rest of his story is unknown. Even for those who may have read some of his writings in scripture and know some of his story the other part of the story is often not discussed. What is the truth? Well, as with most people, the two stories come together in one individual. We are all people of several characters. We have a good, kind and thoughtful side and we have a selfish, unkind and hurtful side. Most of us try to keep the one side buried and to make the other more

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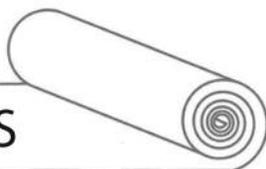


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prominent, presenting it as our public face. We may decry the work of spin doctors but in a more everyday setting we often act as our own spin doctors.

One of the wonderful things about being a Christian, (and there are many) is that we have a God who knows us through and through. He knows the best of us and wants to help us develop and grow all that is good in our lives and in our personalities. He also knows the worst of us. God is the one we can never hide from. God knows every thought, every motivation and impulse. We can only be completely open and honest with him even if we try to hide things from ourselves and those around us. In our relationship with God there is no spin, no public face, no hidden corners of our hearts. God's desire is to help us change what needs changing, he forgives the mistakes that we make and the deliberate harm that we do to others and most importantly he loves us exactly as we are. God never says to any of us, change and then I'll love you. Act differently and then I will be with you. He loves us and is with us. He is beside us to help us change, pouring out his healing and grace and giving us a wealth of new beginnings. This is how we should perhaps hear the story of Solomon.

Once upon a time there lived a king. He had big dreams, as most of us do. He had great faults, as most of us do. He yearned at times for the best of things - wisdom, discernment, and a sound mind - and lusted at other times for the worst. He lived a life marked by success and failure, nobility and disgrace. He loved God and he didn't. He pleased God and he didn't. He left a legacy that was neither perfect nor wretched, as most of us will. But he was loved by God throughout - even when his foolish wisdom shattered God's heart. So are we.

*Rev. Sue Giles*

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## *Parish Notes*

Emma Grima from East Cambs District Council came to our October meeting to explain how the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) worked. The CIL is a payment made by developers of £90 per square metre of development floor space. 15% of this payment is paid to the relevant Parish Council for them to spend on infrastructure improvements with the other 85% being retained by the District Council for district wide infrastructure improvements. Emma confirmed that Bottisham has so far received approximately £18,800 in payments There is a very broad remit for what Parish Councils can spend the money on and Emma confirmed we would be able to spend it on a new cemetery and playground.

The roadworks on the A1303 are largely complete now. We are concerned about the bus stop box position on the A1303 (Hilton Park end). The situation of the bus stop on the other side of the A1303 (heading to Cambridge) is more of a problem as the stop is right by the landowners access gate and the County Council cannot impose any improvements as the gate is in use. Parish Councillors are interested to see how many of the improvements shown to us at a presentation by Highways have actually been implemented as we do feel that Bottisham has lost out to the Wilbraham's as both those junctions and the one at the Missing Sock had had a lot of work done to them whereas the 2 Bottisham ones had not and there had been accidents at the Bottisham junction in the past.

The 4 new speed indicating devices (SID's) are now in place and seem to be very effective. The older speed display by the scout hut is intermittent and does not always work especially in wet weather. We have therefore decided to replace this with another one of the new SID's using remaining S.106 monies as it was felt that this slowed the traffic down near to the primary school.

Work has finally been taking place in Bell Road to put in a kerb and repair the grass verge. This area, as the entrance to the village always looked messy in the wet winter weather as rainwater from the road made the grass and path beside it muddy. With no kerb it also encouraged vans to park up on the verge worsening the situation. Hopefully this will rectify the problem and enable people to use the path without getting muddy and also improve the look of our village.

Once again can I ask that everyone check their trees and hedges are not encroaching onto the public footpath. I have had several complaints regarding this recently. Thank you for your support.

The first meeting of the Pre-school play area working group to involve residents took place recently. Several residents when filling out last years questionnaire about play areas said they would be interested in getting more involved. We hope, as a group to be able to come together and provide a play area in the village. We see this very much as a community group and not a parish council one and to this end it can only be achieved with help from the community so thank you to those that attended.

*Claire Fullwood, Parish Clerk - [clerk@bottishampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bottishampc.co.uk)*

## *Planning Notes*

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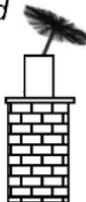
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## *1st Bottisham Scout Group*

Did you know that the 1st Bottisham Scout Group has just raised over £20,000 for new windows! Quite an achievement for a small committee of local volunteers, known as the Scout Executive. It has, of course, taken several years of fund raising with parental support, a very generous £7,000 donation from an anonymous donor (thank you again) plus careful managing of the group's fees by the executive committee. But as a result, in the late October half term week, Fyntons Windows will be replacing our 8 very large (very rotten) windows with brand new timber ones. A quick thank you is needed here to Pete Rayment for project managing this enormous task, Adam Paul for helping us sort access to all sides of the Scout hut, and of course all who helped us to raise this amazing amount.

So, with depleted funds, we want to tell you about our next challenges to support our continued wish list of upgrades for the Scout hut (Electrics, Kitchen, all the other windows....!!!). We have come up with a couple of ideas that we hope the Bottisham community will get behind.

Firstly, we plan to hold a decorated window/door 'Advent calendar' throughout December. 24 of our Scout Families and friends will decorate a window or door of their house on a set day. Each night in December, at a pre-arranged time, we hope to see as many of you as possible crowding round for that night's 'reveal'. From Mid-November we will be selling programs locally for a small fee which will list where and when each evening 'reveal' is and hope that some of you will be able to attend to make this special for the families involved. We plan to display pictures of each house in a special advent calendar outside the scout hut.

Our second fund raising activity will be a 'carol singing nativity' around the village – a bit Vicar of Dibley-ish (although for those of you who remember the episode, we hope not to have a similar ending!). We will meet at a set location in the village where we will sing the first of our Carols and then some of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will entertain us with a simple scene from the nativity. We will then move 'en masse' to our second, third and final fourth location in the village for more carols and more scenes, ending up with the opportunity to purchase hot dogs/burgers and drinks at the final location (to help us raise money for the group). Once again, we will be selling programs locally which will list timings (no longer than an hour for the singing and scenes) and the Christmas Carol 'words' so we can all join in.

Details of these events will appear in the village nearer to the date, but if you would like more information from mid-November onwards you can contact me directly on [lindaklinglouis@aol.com](mailto:lindaklinglouis@aol.com) or ring after 6pm on the number in the back of this magazine.

Please do come and support your local Scout group, and of course our Scout Executive committee is always looking for anyone in Bottisham to come and join – you don't have to have a child in Scouting and no experience necessary.

*Linda Jones, Chair - 1st Bottisham Scout Group Executive Committee*

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## *Public Transport Matters*

The 'info to go' Stagecoach van duly turned up and I now have a box of timetables for the latest 29th July 2018 ones. I am again assured that no new ones are planned although the chap did mention January! Newmarket Library staff want to know why we are thus honoured as their appeals for timetables so far have only resulted in 10 in an envelope! The Stagecoach chap also redid the bus signs at the stops as they were very difficult to read before due to the dirty covering. Signage ref. it now being a 11 not 10 bus through the villages has also been put on the bus shelter. I am still in touch with Highways regarding the improvements needed to the A1303 stop by the farm gate entrance.

Local bus and train problems are often mentioned now in the Cambridge News – the accidents at the busway near Addenbrookes are a problem needing solving. The busway speed limit should be reduced it is stated. Pedestrians and cyclists are being involved in accidents. Building a new railway station at Soham could cost taxpayers more than £21.8 million. There is already £1 million of funding available. Commuters could connect to Ely and Bury St. Edmunds but not to Newmarket. Mayor James Palmer said it could be completed by 2021 with good project management and government lobbying. James Palmer still backs a Cambourne to Cambridge busway link but is meeting opposition. There is money for the scheme and some has already been spent but there are ongoing discussions for and against the transport hub and metro scheme. Could the busway be built and then linked to any new scheme – this is being asked. New housing is proposed for the Cambourne and Bourn areas and transport will be needed to avoid even more cars on already overcrowded roads. Radio Cambridgeshire reports on the traffic situation every half hour and I listen before setting off to the bus stop. As I write the buses are all very late due to an accident at the Teversham/Newmarket Road junction and the road was blocked and then partially opened after some hours. Cambridge City Council has plans to build 14,000 new houses in existing growth sites on the edge of Cambridge – the southern fringe and places like Darwin Green and Eddington and also north of Cherry Hinton and west of Teversham. They hope to avoid incursions into the green belt. Adequate infrastructure including transport must be provided.

Greater Anglia has unveiled its new trains which it is hoped will replace all existing ones by 2020. They will have carpeted carriages (good idea?!) with more seats and inbuilt USB charging sockets. They are bi-mode and can switch between diesel and electric power and have been built by the Swiss manufacturer Stadler. Each seat has access to a plug and USB point. The large picture windows are fitted with a mesh that should help maximise mobile phone signals. There will be space for six bicycles. A low level-floor and retractable step will make them more accessible for wheelchairs, pushchairs and luggage. They will run from Cambridge to Norwich and Peterborough as well as between Ipswich, Lowestoft, Felixstowe and Sudbury. They are having safety, reliability and performance testing abroad and in the UK. Staff are all having to undertake training. They call it progress but as someone who doesn't like being bombarded by wifi for mobile phone signals I am not so sure!

The delays at Crossrail have led to the standing down of the chairman of this £15 billion scheme. It was due to open in December linking east and west London and easing congestion on the tube network but will now not start operating until well into next year. They wasted £16,000 on Oyster card wallets saying 'opening December 2018'. Train operators are facing big

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finer over the summer fiasco of timetable failures. The rail regulator is looking into Northern Railway and Govia Thameslink which run Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern trains – have they breached their operating licences? Go Ahead chief executive referred to the problems of trying to update lines to cope with increasing numbers at the same time as running the trains as normal. Could the future of trains be Hydroflex – the country's first hydrogen train designed by Birmingham University in conjunction with Porterbrook, a privatised train leasing co. Angel, a rival train leasing company, is on the same journey working with Chiltern Railways and is aiming to convert its diesel class to a hybrid drive called Hydrive. Chris Grayling, transport secretary, is backing the projects as he wants to remove diesel trains by 2040.

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*Paddy James*

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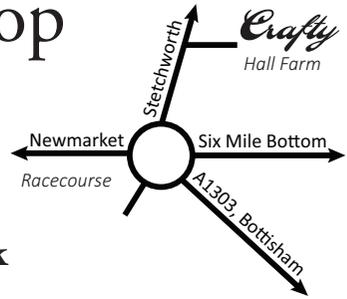


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## **Staffing:**

There are two GP registrars working alongside our GPs and there will be medical students also at the surgery learning about general practice. If you do not wish to have a student present at your appointment then please let the receptionist know. In addition we have two new receptionists.

## **Red Bucket Appeal:**

Thank you to all who have donated to this, current total £830.99. Cake Stall: At the flu clinic on 3 November we plan to run a cake stall so any contributions for this would be gratefully received at the surgery on Friday afternoon 2 November.

## **Home Visits:**

The doctors prefer to see patients at the surgery where they have all the necessary means for tests and examinations. One home visit can take up what time could have been given for several surgery appointments. The car service is looking at trying to arrange more availability of transport to get patients to the surgery where possible.

## **Bottisham Patients' Group:**

The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice website for further information. We would welcome help with running the group.

## **Walks for Health:**

The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 7 and 23 November and 12 December 2018. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

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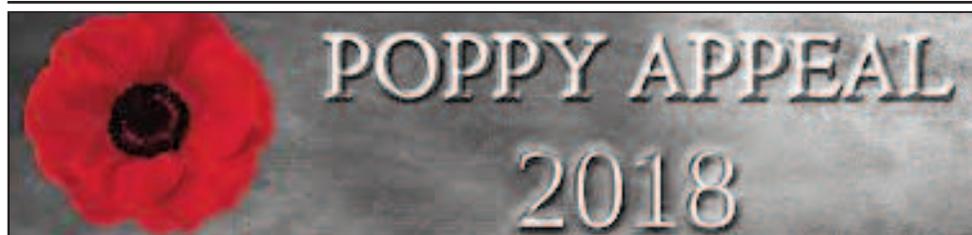
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In her talk called Trends of a Decade she explained that fashion is on a rotational basis and comes around again after 20/30 years. From Tudor times with heavily wired corsets, to cages for crinolines, to back pads to cover the curvature of the spine for empire styled dresses and then several layers of petticoats, or even bust flatteners for 1920’s dresses she explained that the underpinnings made all the difference. She had brought many vintage clothes with the relevant accessories especially hats to explain the different trends, but her most interesting item was her wedding dress made by her with 30 metres of gold satin for the skirt. This cost her in total about £200 and it was based on a designer dress costing £7,500. It was truly wonderful and she brought her wedding photograph so that we could see how well it looked on the day. An excellent speaker.

We shall be having afternoon tea, following a short talk, at Scotsdales at Horningsea on Wednesday 14th November - another centenary celebration. Members please contact Jenn White on 811600 if you want to come.

Members please note that our Christmas party date has changed to Wednesday 12th December at the Primary School

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*Sylvia Overton*



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## *Bottisham and District Gardening Club*

Unfortunately our September speaker couldn't join us because of illness and Margaret Nimmo-Smith very kindly stepped in at short notice to replace him. Her talk was entitled 'How to grow hardy ferns in East Anglia' and included a demonstration of spore sowing and she also brought with her a variety of plants for sale. Ferns are a prehistoric plant, existing over 300 million years ago, and they reproduce not from seeds but from the tiny spores on the back of their leaves. While they prefer a shady, moist site, they will grow almost anywhere. We saw slides of the many different types of fern in their different habitats, some, like the Royal Fern, able to grow up to 2 metres in height and some tiny ferns attached to walls and steps in cities and towns. Little pots of spores at various stages of growth were passed around, some just a mossy mound, others tiny heart-shaped seedlings.

I too have a shady side to the garden so I returned from the garden centre with a *Polystichum setiferum* and ideas to include ferns, hostas and hellebores. It's going to be very different out there.

My favourite television gardening programme is *The Beechgrove Garden* and it was there that I saw Chris Beardshaw's recipe for Snail Juice which I have been meaning to try for some time. It sounds simple – just take two whole bulbs of garlic, crush them and boil in two pints of water until mushy, sieve into a jug then dilute to double the quantity. Spray your plants with this and, fingers crossed, slugs and snails leave your plants alone.

### **DIARY DATES**

**27 November. We'll meet again:** Tales from a London evacuee on an East Anglian Farm.  
Brian Thurlow

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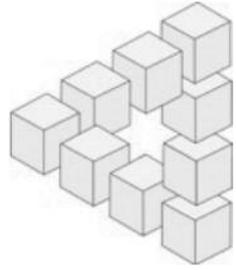
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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

“And that’s the end of that!” said the inimitable Peter Alliss as Phil Mickelson dunked his 16th tee shot into the water on the final afternoon of play at Le Golf National, Paris, to hand the decisive victory to Francesco Molinari, and the Ryder Cup back to Europe. The USA came to Paris with 11 of the top 17 golfers in the world rankings but, like many before them, were swept away by a European brotherhood brimming with desire and passion, epitomised by Ian “Postman” Poulter’s chest-thumping victory over world no.1 Dustin Johnson and Molinari’s outstanding 5-0 performance – the first perfect record by a European player. And who would have thought that both Mickelson and Tiger Woods would come up completely empty-handed? So how did Thomas Bjorn’s team do it? It appears that something remarkable happens this side of the Atlantic when the Ryder Cup opportunity knocks on the door of bread-and-butter pro golfers, and I’m not just talking about the imaginative use of social media, clever though that was. Prevailing opinion is that Bjorn managed to tap into the European propensity for camaraderie and teamwork to develop a wave of emotion and commitment to each other that proved irresistible. Seemingly, no such forces come into play for the Americans, whose sporting culture revolves around franchises, advertising and hype. There is no ‘glue’ of the type that brought together the duo of Francesco Molinari and Tommy Fleetwood in what Bjorn called a ‘bromance’ – now immortalised as Moliwood! In fact, the USA’s Patrick Reed – currently no.15 in the world – summed it up best by observing in the New York Times that Europe ‘left their egos at the door’ better than the Americans! Long may it continue.

Sorry to move from happy to sad, but another very special person passed away last month – a force of nature who should not be forgotten... “The best defensive player that this country has produced.” So said Sir Bobby Robson of his protégé, Kevin Beattie, the Ipswich Town ‘legend’, who sadly died on 16th September at the tender age of 64. Former England captain Terry Butcher effectively replaced Beattie in the great Ipswich team of the late 70s and early 80s. “He was my hero and my inspiration... the complete footballer.” Some accolade, eh!

When I was managing Bottisham Sports FC a few years ago, I used to wax lyrical to my players about the extraordinary talents of the great Kevin Beattie who, I believed, embodied everything I loved about football: power, grace, strength, speed, skill, bravery and he revelled in the sheer joy in playing. The Bottisham boys used to humour me with a smile, thinking I was exaggerating, but note what Alan Brazil (a world class player himself back in the day) had to say about his team mate: “What a player, just awesome, lightning fast, springs in his heels, a cannon of a left foot...” Indeed, from the back of the North Stand, I saw him crash a shot past stunned goalkeeper John Osborne (one of the 7-0 goals v. West Brom in 1976) and swear it would have taken my head off had the net not stopped it! (Still available on YouTube if you’re interested!)

But my favourite story of Beattie comes from his film ‘career’! He was Michael Caine’s body double in the 1981 movie “Escape to Victory” starring, among others, Sylvester Stallone. During some down time, he challenged tough-guy Stallone to an arm wrestle. Of course, he won! Stallone got the hump and never spoke to him again... priceless! RIP “The Beat” – the best player I ever saw.

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***(Sports Nut continued.)***

By contrast, it pains me greatly to see the current Ipswich Town side struggling at the bottom of the Championship with players and a manager who don't appear to be up to the job. I won't bore you with my agonies but let me observe that it's a salutary lesson in being careful what you wish for! The previous manager Mick McCarthy (he of a function-over-style philosophy) was hounded out of the club by supporters' vitriol, demanding a more entertaining style of play. Well, they have it now – goals galore, mainly at the wrong end! Now the calls are for club owner, media mogul Marcus Evans, to plough in more money... as if that, alone, is all it takes to guarantee success. I wonder if supporters really have the right to make such demands of an owner, given that Evans has around £100m of capital tied up in ITFC. I don't know. But football finance is a murky world and it should also be remembered that he receives c.£5m a year in interest on his loans to the club! That should keep him in champagne while Ipswich slides towards the third division!

Finally, talking of champagne, British cycling is celebrating yet again, this time with Simon Yates winning La Vuelta d'Espana after bitter disappointments in the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France where he promised so much, only to have bad days at crucial times. Now all three Grand Tours are in British hands... how the French must hate that!! Not only is that a clean sweep for the Brits in 2018, it's also the first time the three titles have been held by three different riders from the same country; and it means British riders have won the last five Grand Tours since Dutch all-rounder Tom Dumoulin clinched the Giro d'Italia in May 2017. This is no coincidence though. Adam Yates himself summed it up: "Just goes to show – you work hard and stay dedicated and good things happen." (Reminds me of Gary Player's 1960s adage: "The harder I work, the luckier I get"!)

So, who are you backing for the Giro 2019... will it be Thomas, Froome or Yates? And don't forget Yates' twin brother Adam is also a top cyclist!

In the meantime, how is the FA getting on with the Wembley decision? Well, by the time you read this... a very important meeting will have taken place (on 24th October) in which all the FA's stakeholders' representatives – the FA Council – will have voted to either sanction or reject the Executive's recommendation to sell Wembley to American Shahid Khan for £600m. Bearing in mind that Wembley was rebuilt in the years 2002-2007 at a cost of nearly £800m (of mostly taxpayers' money!), it's hard to see how the proposed sale price is "the best possible deal they will get" – an assertion by FA CFO Mark Burrows! Is the value of London real estate really dropping? Let's hope the "elderly white men" of the governing body see sense for once!

*TTFN - Gerry Daish*

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## **WHO GIVES A JOT!**

Much is going on around us, internationally, nationally and parochially, that I've found it very difficult to know just where to start and in particular how to find a balance that doesn't suggest a bias one way or the other. After several attempts I've failed dismally to once again remain indifferent and wonder whether anyone gives a jot about the increasing absence of morality in humanity!

Once again there is a media driven clamour to delve into purported sexual abuse this time concerning Cristiano Ronaldo and Judge Bret Kavanaugh – the latter going way back to his High School days. Certain incidents of what modern day society now labels unwanted physical harassment and or 'abuse' were considered years ago to be part of the social order of 'growing up' and becoming 'street wise'. But now contemporary thinking is quick to accuse and to brand the accused because of its guilt ridden burden over perceived past failings. And isn't it interesting that one of the leading protagonists of #MeToo has herself now been reproached for apparent sexual misconduct! Planks, eyes and specks come to mind. After the fallout from the shameful Cliff Richard debacle isn't it best not to let paranoia set in and for us all to remain level headed and be very careful not to judge purely on melodramatic headlines. No, of course it doesn't make what allegedly happened honourable but surely a line has to be drawn beyond which we let sleeping dogs lie.

Closer to home we are all aware of the evils associated with illegal, dangerous and inconsiderate parking – we have it at the shops and at the schools. Once upon a time this problem was more or less under control and enforced by the police. Unfortunately village parking issues have now become a low priority for our Constabulary. So much so that those with no community conscience whatsoever or those who are just bone idle assume it's their basic right to park where they want. In some parts of the country this type of anti-social behaviour has been taken head on by villagers themselves by contracting with companies such as My Local Bobby to 'confront' anyone not towing the line. For a subscription of £50 a month a uniformed person wearing a 'bodycam' will point out the error. And, as with 'dashcam', footage may be submitted to the police for follow up. The trend is spreading fast and last year over 250,000 private 'Bobbies' are said to have been employed. But do we really want to become a country where basic enforcement is left to privatised vigilante groups. Perhaps Ministers and Crime Commissioners need to re think the basics of smarter 'neighbourhood policing' before it gets completely out of control.

Also in the news this week are the Head Teachers who are demanding more government cash for schools. And then you hear about Board Members of Academy Trusts getting in excess of £150K with one actually earning over £500K. So ask yourself where this money comes from, which, in a single Academy Trust, could easily top £1m. Is this then simply plain misappropriation that just piles even more pressure on financially squeezed school budgets? It's commented in one report that in excess of £21m was paid on just Trust Board

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Member salaries in one Local Authority's area – money that under the old LEA rules would have been spent on the education of children. If this is an example of how public money is being used what must the cumulative figure look like for the rest of the country? No wonder then that Head Teachers are looking for extra government cash. Perhaps along with parents they should instead look closer to home and reassess what they have (unwittingly?) been seduced into and whether they are getting value for money!!

Now has anybody come across or heard of the Undertakers' annual get together? No! Well it's called 'The Ideal Death Show'. This year it was held in Bournemouth, probably a very good location, and ended with the '2018 Good Funeral' awards, also known as the 'Death Oscars'. There is the coveted 'grave digger of the year' award and the 'Coffin supplier of the year' award. Also on show were ash-scattering rockets, which shoot your remains 2,500ft into the air, and a lovingly crafted Viking Ship, complete with sail, shields and an ash urn – I kid you not...

*JOW*

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