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October 2019

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## **WELL I WAS RIGHT. A BIT OF AN INDIAN SUMMER AFTER ALL.**



While the heat was still in the ground, I managed to sow a new area of grass seed. But I had to water it well in because we have had so little rain (at the time of writing anyway!)

That also brings to mind an observation. The ground at the golf club where I play (badly) has suffered from two dry summers and poor growth of grass. Watering a golf course is a bit more of a problem, not only because of the area to cover, but also because of the restriction on the amount they are licenced to take from the ground water table.

With the grass weakened there has also been a greater ingress of fungal diseases etc. and invasion of pests. Add to that the damage done by crows and magpies looking for insect larvae in the ground which can no longer be controlled by spraying and we end up with a bit of a mess and parts of the course unplayable.

However, it is not all bad. We have been able to enjoy more of the outside and the BBQ has been working overtime.

Having said that, I took the good advice to have the chimney receive its annual sweep before the cold weather sets in. We also stocked up on logs for the woodburner. It may be like summer just now, but we know the colder weather will come and they say this winter could be a cold one.

Your Cresset this month has the usual articles of interest and information on everything to do with Bottisham.

Sports Nut tells us of the achievements of the local Cricket teams, some of whom could show the Ashes test side a few things. Too late for Gerry to report but if you wanted to see some exciting golf, I hope you watched the last day of the Solheim Cup played out at Gleneagles. An hour from the end it looked as if it was all lost to the Americans then some courageous play led up to a win with the last putt of the day on the 18th green. It was as good as watching Stokes and Leach in the 3rd test.

Parish Council notes gives you an update on current issues affecting Bottisham, together with the invite to attend any of the Council's meetings, to hear what is being discussed.

Before I go, I would like to air an observation I made when watching the last night of the BBC proms.

I have always regarded the BBC as biased in many things, but this seemed to be at another level. The last night of the proms has always in my view been a very English celebration with Land of Hope and Glory and other classics being sung together with a sea of St Georges flags of all shapes and sizes together with National flags from all over the world obviously brought by members of the audience showing from where they came.

This year like Chinese school children lining a street, there was nothing but a sea of standard issued and sized EU blue starred flags and identical blue starred berets. That to the

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exclusion of any other flags. This confirmed to me that the organisers had more on their agenda than simply entertaining with music. Sad day indeed in my view.

I hope you have a good month and enjoy what good weather we still get. More from me next month.

*Your Editor, Peter Walker*

## ***Bottisham Library***

We have had a good take up for the Summer Reading Scheme this year and medals and certificates will be awarded this month. Readers will each be told the chosen date.

See the advert within the magazine for Mark Wells visit on 12th October to help youngsters 8-12 years tackle the Riddle of the White Sphinx (a Cambridge Museum treasure hunt).

The story and Rhyme time for our younger readers will be held as usual on this date.

It is fortunate that the new library is large enough to cater for both groups

On Friday 15th November we shall be holding a book signing with wine and nibbles with Clare Wilkes, a Bottisham library user who has written a biography of a respected Chemistry Professor from Nottingham University "Framed by a Smoking Gun: the explosive life of Colonel B D Shaw"

The Lego Club next dates are Saturdays 5th and 18th October starting at 10.30 in the Library.

We shall be having a book stall at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club at their Craft Fair so will be pleased to have any good quality books that you may wish to donate. The more the merrier as we now have additional storage space for them.

*Sylvia Overton*

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## The Cambridgeshire Choral Society Needs You!

Whether you are an experienced singer interested in performing some of the choral classics or someone who last sang years ago and now limits performance to singing in the bath or shower, then the Cambridgeshire Choral Society would welcome you. The unique make-up of the society means that you can choose to join one of the village choirs – the Bottisham Singers or the Comberton Choir – or sing as an Associate. Village choirs meet weekly and learn the music in detail ready for joint rehearsals held at Meridian Primary School in Comberton on some Saturdays. More experienced singers who can sight read and can pass a short audition are welcome to join as Associates and these singers attend just the joint rehearsals.

**The next concert includes Carl Orff's Carmina Burana and Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and we'll be performing these at the West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge, on April 18th 2020.**

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Their first rehearsal of the season is September 24th.

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## *Services in the Anglesey Benefice in October*

<b>Wednesday 2</b>	8pm	<b>“C by C”</b> (Short candlelit meditative service), Bottisham
<b>Sunday 6</b>	8am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> , Swaffham Bulbeck
	9.30am	<b>Village Worship</b> , Quy Village Hall
	11am	<b>Harvest Holy Communion (CW1)</b> , Bottisham
		<b>Harvest Festival</b> , Swaffham Bulbeck Followed by bring and share lunch
	5.30am	<b>Village Praise (Ecumenical Service)</b> , Lode
<b>Sunday 13</b>	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion (VC)</b> , Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	<b>Family Holy Communion</b> , Lode
	2.30pm	<b>Baptisms</b> , Bottisham
<b>Sunday 20</b>	8am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> , Bottisham
	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion (CW1)</b> , Quy
	11am	<b>Family Service</b> , Swaffham Prior
<b>Sunday 27</b>	9.30am	<b>Children’s Church</b> , Lode
		<b>Morning Worship</b> , Quy
	11am	<b>Holy Communion (CW1T)</b> , Swaffham Prior

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- Our Vicar is Rev’d Sue Giles; Tel: 01223 812726; suethevic@btinternet.com
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- For funerals please contact the vicar directly.

### **MEL WALDEN**

Barbara, Kim and Ian Walden would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Melville on the 19th of August 2019 and also those who kindly sent messages of condolence.



## **“IT’S NOT EXPLANATIONS BUT EXPERIENCES THAT ARE NEEDED”**

In a conversation with someone recently who was feeling drawn to faith in Jesus but who had a list of questions they wished to be answered before they took the step of faith, I felt inspired to contribute the phrase in the title above to the dialogue.

Please don’t misunderstand me, I do not mean we are not to seek understanding, I do believe there is a REASONable case for faith, we do not disengage our brains when we accept Jesus, but it is also true that we will never fully understand and will always have questions. There is an equally unbalanced problem with both knowing a lot but not experiencing the difference Jesus can make in daily life, and seeking the next experience but not pursuing increased knowledge.

The story of my life is that through the experiences I have had, my understanding and my faith has developed. I have spent years in theological education and have greatly benefitted from it, but equally, if not more important in my formation, has been the experiences of life and faith that I have had. Some of those experiences are so deeply personal that no one else knows about them, and other experiences have involved another, a small group, even thousands of people. Maybe I’ll share more about some of those experiences in future months.

One of the best things you can do, if you are not sure of the existence of God or the difference faith in Jesus can make in your life is: try this, try praying this simple prayer, what have you got to lose? I believe, if prayed by someone who is genuinely open and listening for God’s voice, looking to see him moving, God will answer.

“God, I’m not even sure I believe that you are real, but if you are, reveal yourself to me in an undeniable way.”

I’d love to hear your stories, feel free to share them with me. If you are interested in joining with a community of people who are trying to live this out, and who share stories every week of how they are experiencing the difference Jesus makes in our lives, then you are welcome at RENEW Church, Bottisham Primary School, 10.30am, every Sunday.

*Rev’d Alan*

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### **RENEW SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2019**

**Sunday Morning worship is held at Bottisham Primary School**

**The services begin at 10.30am**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The Harvest Village Praise will be in St. James’ Church, Lode on Sunday 6th October from 5.30-6.30pm. Please join us!

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:

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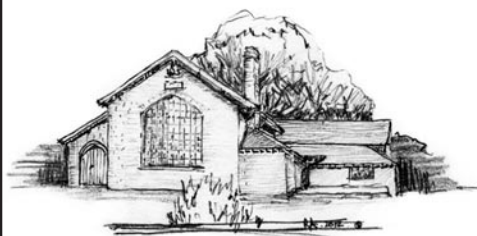
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**COTON COUNTRYSIDE WALK: Coton Reserve–Madingley Rise–American Cemetery**  
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**APPLE DAY! Saturday 5 October: 1pm-4pm** Guided walks around the park, bring your own apples for juicing (don't forget the containers!), learn more about cooking with apples, try your hand at archery, and browse the various activities and stalls. Free, Wandlebury Country Park.

**HINXTON WATERMILL OPEN DAY Sunday 6 October: 2.30pm-5.30pm** See the mill in action, riverside walk and 'Where's Ratty' game for children. NB: CambridgePPF members can visit for free. For non-members entry is £3 for adults, £1 for children. No need to book. Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD

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**THEATRE AT THE LEPER CHAPEL: HAMLET Saturday 12 October: 8pm** Enjoy Hamlet, as never seen before! For ages 14 plus. Tickets £15 available in advance at [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) and at the venue from 7.30pm. The Leper Chapel, CB5 8JJ - opposite Cambridge United. No parking on site.

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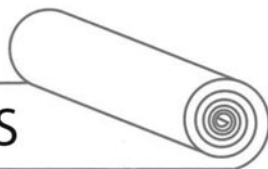


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Parish Council met after their summer break at the beginning of September. I was away on holiday myself, so many thanks to Ros Hall for stepping into my shoes and taking the minutes as summarised below.

We welcomed two new councillors at our September meeting. They are Laurie Van Someren (who lives on the High Street) and Bill Sunner, who many will know as the manager of Bottisham Village Stores. A reminder that our meetings are the first Monday of the month (Tuesday if a bank holiday), and now start at the slightly later time of 7.45pm. All residents are welcome to come to a meeting.

The new bus shelter has now been erected on the A1303 and further safety work is to be completed on the road. This is likely to require the removal of some trees, which will be replaced with a suitable planting in a safer location.

For some time we have been asking the County Council if they could place posts on the grass verge around the ‘triangle’ area at the shops, to prevent cars parking there. We have been assured that these have now been ordered and should be available in a few weeks time.

Our District Councillors have been keen for Stagecoach to meet with representatives from East Cambs villages. This was to discuss how the bus service can be improved, as it was clear we were not receiving as good a service as many other areas of Cambridge. A meeting took place and Stagecoach have taken on board many of the comments and ideas put forward and have gone away to think how they can improve. They are planning a public survey to establish what would encourage people to use the buses and also intend to issue a 16-25 ticket. I hope that many of you were able to attend the “Consultation on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Local Transport Plan” at BVC on 10th September. We are grateful to our District Councillors requesting this, as initially there were no plans for a display in the south of the District. If you were not able to attend, details of the plans will still be on-line. Although the consultation ended on September 27th.

Many people will be aware that developers held a consultation during the summer for a proposal for a retirement village of 250 homes in land off of the High Street. They are reviewing the comments received and we expect there to be another village consultation before a formal planning application is received. Several councillors also attended a presentation given by the developers to East Cambs. As we made clear in the previous Parish Notes, Parish Council has always, over many years, opposed any development in this area. The area is categorised as green belt and Parish Council are committed to ensuring appropriate development within the village’s setting. We have also been previously assured by the District Council that they wished to protect our green belt – the only green belt in East Cambs.



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## *District Councillors' Report September*

August was a quiet month for formal Council business. Only the Planning Committee and the Licensing Sub Committee meet, both to consider applications. So this is a short report.

We arranged a meeting in the Ward with Ross Barton, the Operations Director for Stagecoach. The meeting was attended by Parish Councillors and other people closely interested in our bus services. There was a wide-ranging discussion of existing services and possible new services, notably late night and Sunday buses. Mr Barton explained that he was keen to develop the services, but Stagecoach could only run buses if they were profitable. He did have some scope to experiment with different services and would be very interested in local views. He proposed to do this through a survey. Stagecoach would prefer to do this through an on-line survey, as that is more cost effective to manage. However, people at the meeting felt that there should also be the option to respond by paper, and agreed to encourage their Parish Councils and Village Magazines to assist with distributing a paper survey and encouraging people to complete it. We are now working with Mr Barton on drafting this survey. Whether or not you use buses, please look out for the survey and share your views – it would be great if we can convince Mr Barton that there's potential here for him to run more buses in our area. Charlotte will be joining a regular coffee morning in Bottisham to discuss local bus services and we are both happy to come to any similar groups if you get in touch with us to let us know when and where you are meeting.

Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Monday 28 October at 6.30pm in the Cricket Pavilion, Swaffham Bulbeck, followed by 'Meet your Councillors' from 8.00pm at the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck. Following that we have a surgery on Friday 29 November in the Village Centre, Reach, after a 'Meet your Councillors' at the Dykes End, Reach.

*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp, September 2019*

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**SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2019  
at 10.45am at Stow-cum-Quy Parish Church**

The Bottisham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding its Remembrance Day Service this year at Quy. The parade will assemble at 10.20am and form up beside the Church and then process to the church for the Remembrance Service to commence at 10.45am. Taking part will be contingents from the Bottisham Royal British Legion, Bottisham Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Guides and Beavers together with members of the Burwell detachment of the Cambridgeshire ACF. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this occasion.

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

At 11 o'clock on Monday the 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 branch will hold a service of remembrance at the village sign and garden of remembrance, opposite the church.

### **LEST WE FORGET, GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Bottisham Royal British Legion Branch 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 for personal remembrance. The Garden will be in place from Tuesday 29th October until Tuesday 12th November. Poppy Crosses may be obtained from any Poppy Seller or from the Community Social Club in Bottisham.



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**When?** TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER, 7pm for 7.30pm &  
THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 12noon for 12.30  
**Who?** FOR PEOPLE IN OUR VILLAGES (Lode, Bottisham, The Swaffhams, Quy) who would like to share a festive meal with other villagers.  
**How Much?** 2 courses: £19.95    3 courses £23.95

We would love you to join us. If you would like to come, please get in touch asap to show your interest. Places are limited so please book early. A £10pp deposit will be required upon booking. Numbers and menu choices need to be finalised by Tuesday 12th November.

Please contact either Beth or Alan with any questions / comments, or to book your place.

Beth Marsh C. 813373    bethmarsh8@btinternet.com.

Alan Brand. C. 812558    alanbrand77@icloud.com

*(Please note that the Tuesday Evening meal requires walking up the stairs to the mezzanine floor in the Shed. The Thursday Lunch will be seated downstairs. Please indicate whether it is the Tuesday evening meal or the Thursday lunch you are interested in).*

## MENU

### Starters

- Spiced Butternut Squash Soup with warm crusty roll (V) (GF)  
Brie & Cranberry Parcels with mango sauce (V)  
Farmhouse Paté and Melba Toast with onion chutney  
Smoked Salmon & North Atlantic Prawn Cocktail with brown bread  
Pan Fried Pigeon Breast with a blackcurrant sauce (GF)

### Mains

- Roasted Crown of Norfolk Turkey with all the trimmings  
Roasted Rib-eye of Beef with all the trimmings  
Baked Salmon Fillet with sautéed potatoes & pink peppercorn champagne sauce  
Wild Mushroom & Truffle Risotto (V) (GF)  
Cranberry Nut-roast served with sweet port and red wine sauce (V)

### Desserts

- Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce  
Poached Pears in Mulled Wine with Cinnamon Ice-cream (GF)  
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Ice-cream  
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## ***Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club***

### **CAMRA Cambridge and District Club of the year**

**NEW WEBSITE-** The club has launched it's new website [www.bottishamsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.bottishamsocialclub.co.uk)  
Massive thanks to member Tony Kohlman who has voluntarily set up the site.

As the evenings start to draw in, we have quite a lot going on at the club. The children's Halloween disco is always popular. Dress up and you could win a prize. Last time Five Ska played at the club it was a sell-out, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. For the football fans we show most games on the big screen and there are also two England games in October. Come along and watch the games with like-minded people.

Membership renewal is now due, so if you have not done so already, please renew promptly. New members are always very welcome. The benefits of membership are many. A comfortable, welcoming meeting point for a drink with friends and family at very reasonable bar prices.

### **WHAT'S ON**

**OCTOBER 19th - CHARITY POOL** event in memory of 'Mogs' Morgan Wright in aid of The UK Sepsis trust. BBQ, background disco-Pre registration necessary- Contact the club for information.

**OCTOBER 26th - CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN DISCO.**

Fancy dress starting at 16.00. Get it in your diary.

**NOVEMBER 2nd – QUIZ NIGHT**, in aid of Bottisham British Legion branch poppy appeal.

**NOVEMBER 11th - THE RETURN OF FIVESKA.**

**NOVEMBER 24th - CRAFT FAYRE.** Starting at 12.00

**NOVEMBER 27th - CYBER CRIME PRESENTATION**

**DECEMBER 16TH - CAROLS WITH NEWMARKET TOWN BAND**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE - SEE THE NEW YEAR IN WITH ALL GLAMED UP.**

### **FRIDAY NIGHTS**

Support the club on a Friday evening and take part in our draws. Every Friday quality meat is available in our meat draw and the Play Your Cards Right prize fund is approaching £1,800 as we go to press. Our members draw is drawn between 9.00 pm and 10.30 every Friday. You must be in the club to win it so come and enjoy an end of week drink. You could be a winner!

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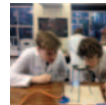
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## *News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group*

**PATIENTS' CAR SERVICE** We are still looking for people to join a rota of volunteers to drive patients with no other means of transport from the villages of Bottisham, Lode and Quy to and from Bottisham surgery for their appointments. The service runs daily to cover the 9.10 to 9.40 appointment slots. We also hold a list of volunteers who are available to cover on-the-day appointments during morning surgery only. Drivers must be medically fit and hold a full clean driving licence.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help those in your local community please telephone the surgery on 01223 810030 and leave your name, address and a contact telephone number and the Service Administrator, Mrs. Janet Aves, will contact you with further information as to how you can get involved.

**FOR PATIENTS 16-21 YEARS OLD:** Please ensure you check your contacted details with the practice as some patients are still registered under their parents contact details.

**CERVICAL SMEARS:** Unfortunately there has been a fall in the uptake of screening so if you are offered one do please take it. Early detection of cancerous cells could prove lifesaving.

**MEASLES:** Cases of this very infectious disease are on the rise due to low take up of the vaccinations. Measles can lead to serious complications and vaccination is available.

**FLU VACCINATION CLINICS:** Dates for these are 19 October and 16 November. Early morning appointments will also be made available on Mondays and Tuesdays through the autumn. There will be a cake bake at the 19 October session to raise funds for Hospice at Home who are raising funds to provide an additional 200 nights of care.

**NATIONAL DEAF CAMHs (Child Mental Health & Adolescent Services) Cambridge –based next to Bottisham Medical Practice – Who We Are**

This team was originally set up 9 years ago and was created as an outreach service to provide mental health support to deaf young people and their families as well as hearing children with deaf parents.

We are employed by South West London and St Georges Mental Health Trust and work closely alongside colleagues in the South East Region and the Sussex/Surrey team. The team is part of the wider National Deaf CAMH services who provide support additionally in the North, Central region, South West England whereby we meet several times each year to review/set clinical standards, create national audits, support additional training in order to improve service user experience and the complex service we provide for our families at a national level.

Working within the East of England we cover 7 counties including Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Parts of Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Peterborough and have had our base right at the centre, in Cambridgeshire. As we are a small team we like to work jointly with local mental health, educational and social services and can provide deaf awareness to families, schools and other professionals. We have also been strengthening our ties with audiology and cochlear implant teams, opening up dialogues around mental health and Deaf culture.

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The was originally based in the Ida Darwin Hospital Fulbourn, but relocated last year to Bottisham, and have just celebrated our 1st year. During the last 12 months the service has settled well into our new location, have met some of the friendly local residents as well as enjoying the local amenities.

**WALKS FOR HEALTH:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 4 October, 8 and 20 November, 6 December 2019. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Walks from Anglesey Abbey continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**NEXT PATIENT GROUP MEETING:** Next meeting will be Thursday 28 November 2019 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

*Bottisham Patients' Group*



## ***Bottisham Village College***

On returning to college after the summer break, students will have noticed that all building work has been completed, in readiness for the first 10 form entry taking place in year 7. Graced with a cutting-edge performance hall, new ICT suites, a stunning dining hall and a refurbished library, the college is certainly in a great position to welcome the increased numbers in the coming years. New classrooms in English, maths and music are modern learning spaces, giving our students a wonderful environment within which to embrace their 5 years.

Our sports centre, a facility which serves the school and local community, has also had much work and investment completed recently. Our newly equipped gymnasium, re-lined swimming pool and full-size 3G floodlit all-weather surface are proving to be tremendously popular. If you are interested in using these, please do see details on our website.

These are exciting times at the college.

Additionally, students will have noticed an adjustment to their curriculum, as well as the facilities, as the college emphasises its focus on building knowledge and how we support students in securing and mastering key components of each subject through active recall activities. Our mantra for the year is this: Making the Learning Stick. Using Knowledge Organisers, a resource where all integral aspects of knowledge are stored, and by interleaving, ensuring that teachers frequently return to these over a given period, our hope is that all students will benefit.

We are really clear: knowing stuff makes a difference.

As ever, the college continues its ground-breaking work in dealing with mental health, a subject with is so prevalent in the life of the modern secondary-school pupil. With our recent accreditation, we firmly believe that the mental health and wellbeing of our students and staff is 'everybody's business' with all members of our school community, including governors, students, parents, teaching, admin and support staff having a role to play in its promotion.

On Thursday 3rd October from 5.30pm, we shall be holding our Open Evening, opening our doors to the wider community and beyond, demonstrating all that Bottisham can offer, both as a college, a place of adult education or even just to see our community facilities, the library and the sports centre. Given we shall be admitting more students than ever before in September 2020, we are expecting visitors and parents from further afield than in years gone by.

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Too soon to think about buying your 2019 Christmas cards? Of course not. Then why not come along to an ‘open day’ on Wednesday 16th October – 10am to 6pm - at 11 West Walk, Bottisham (garden gate entrance) where East Anglian Air Ambulance cards and diaries will be available – AND teas, coffees and home-made cakes! (subject to availability) All proceeds from the £2 entrance and card sales will, of course, go to the charity, so please make a date in your diary.

Once again, a huge THANK YOU from EAAA.

*Michael White*

## *Take a Break From the Remote*

The television remote is a marvellous beast. It seems to move of its own accord from where it was last seen. It can mysteriously disappear down the side of the sofa just when you want to use it. It can divide family members: everybody wants to use it at the same time, and everybody thinks that somebody else has it tucked away for their own use.

Once there were so few channels that a remote was entirely unnecessary. No day-time television and not much in the evening either before the National Anthem told us all it was time to go to bed. But now the remote can be a real and true friend to those people who cannot get out much or perhaps not even leave the house at all. It is their gate-way to the outside world which informs and entertains. However, there are others for whom it is an excuse to sit on the sofa and watch the football, F1, hours of golf one after the other or channel-hop between them all, and don't even get me started on box-sets!

**Could this just be you?** If so, what about getting out and trying something different? Something for the mind? Something for the body? Something that challenges mind and body and gives you the chance to work with others in a team atmosphere and enjoy new company?

The Devil's Dyke Morris Men have been dancing in this area for some 40 years and you may have seen them at your village pub or near-by during the Spring and Summer. We are now offering the chance to try something new this autumn: if you want to break old habits, join us at a drop-in session:

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We spent time in the beautiful house lived in by the Russell family for over 500 years. It has been opened to the public since 1955 and there are 22 rooms to explore with knowledgeable guides to explain the outstanding works of art, furniture and silver, gold and porcelain held there. We saw the large collection of Canalettos, the famous Armada portrait of Queen Elizabeth, and work by artists such as Gainsborough, Rembrandt and Van Dyck.

After lunch we wandered the gardens originally designed by Humphrey Repton and in the process of restoration. Not a lot of colour about and the kitchen garden was not at its best but several interesting features - the Chinese Dairy, Aviary and the Rockery and Pavilion.

A good day out. Well worth a visit but not for a while yet. The house and gardens are closing on 1st September for 21 months while a lift is installed, rooms redecorated, and routes within the house changed following the opening of more rooms with more treasures being available to the public.

At our next meeting on 15th October Trevor Chapman will tell us about the Better Health through better hearing.

We meet at Queens Court at 7.30 pm and visitors and new members are most welcome.

*Sylvia Overton*

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## **CALLING NOTICE FOR THE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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Any branch members wishing to add items for discussion to the agenda should email the branch secretary at [PNTW@live.com](mailto:PNTW@live.com) by 7th November

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It's been a busy end to the month (August) with crews attending multi-appliance incidents across the County. 15 appliances attended a building fire in Sawtry whilst a large turnout was required to tackle the 50 lorry trailers on fire in Peterborough.

A chemical incident at Addenbrookes Hospital was also dealt with. Crews and officers have been kept on their toes, whilst Control staff have been ensuring fire cover has been maintained.

The fire at the Hotpoint site in Peterborough required significant resource overnight and the following morning. Area Commander Simon Newton praised all staff involved for their hard work in the Workplace.

Registration is now open to join TeamCambsFire as a whole-time Firefighter. The Service's social media channels will be full of information about the role and the application process so, if you are interested in embarking upon a hugely rewarding and worthwhile career, please do get in touch.

There are several events taking place in the coming weeks at stations around the County, including charity car washes and a coffee morning, as well as on-call recruitment taster sessions. Check out the events list on Facebook.

Watch Commander Jon-Paul Jones shared a story recently about how, after suffering a cardiac arrest, his sister's life was saved. Before an ambulance arrived Jon-Paul's brother-in-law, on-call firefighter Bob Smith, administered CPR for 17 minutes which saved her life.

Inspired by this story, on Wednesday October 16, which is Restart a Heart Day, there will be a chance for all CFRS staff to learn how to administer CPR on adults and children. Head of ICT John Fagg, who is himself a community first responder, will be leading the session.

A very busy emergency service I think you'll agree. Please be mindful of their need to have free and unhindered access to properties - lives and property may be at risk. Please park considerately and - **Keep testing your smoke alarms!**

*Michael White*

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It is good to be able to report progress in ongoing transport matters. The bus shelter and new hard standing have been installed on the A1303 near the A1303/Bottisham High St. junction. Initially there was no bus stop sign or timetable holders installed but recently I have spied the Info to Go white van and Nigel standing by the Newmarket bus station. He told me that he had just delivered the long awaited box of timetables to Newmarket library and also installed a bus stop sign on the pole on the new stop on the A1303. He had also installed timetable holders in the shelters both sides of the A1303 and filled them with timetables. It would be useful if there could be a run-off layby just before the new stop as it is a busy road and is causing holdups to the traffic. Buses could pull off onto the muddy patch by the farmer's gate which was the earlier place for the buses to stop. There is a situation like this at Lode crossroads. I was recently invited to join a meeting of parish council chairmen by Charlotte Cane to meet 2 new members of Stagecoach staff, who are keen to find out what is good and not so good as regards local public transport. The question of the 11 bus connection to Anglesey Abbey was raised as people get off at Lode crossroads and then don't know where to go as the sign is on the far side of the main road and not always visible while the bus stays there. There was a suggestion that the timetable listing should be changed to Anglesey Abbey not Lode crossroads but I felt that might confuse people locally who want to come up Bottisham High St. from the A1303 not go from Quy past Anglesey Abbey. I have approached Anglesey Abbey about a new sign but as always it seems it would be a Highways decision. In my experience bus drivers and local people point Anglesey Abbey visitors in the right direction. There have been 2 new public meetings about what is needed to make more people use the local buses. James Palmer, the partnership Mayor, has all sorts of ideas – some are controversial. He does want to have a discussion on reforming the bus services locally including franchising. He is hoping to have new rail stations at Soham, Cambridge South and Wisbech. He talks of a CAM metro service for Greater Cambridgeshire. He finds it frustrating that it takes so long to negotiate plans for upgrading public transport.

Greater Anglia's new trains are now in passenger service on the Norwich to Cambridge line. These are Stadler bi-mode trains which can switch between diesel and electric power. All the carriages have air conditioning and are longer than before. They have more seats, plug and USB points. The manager says it is the largest wholesale replacement of trains in any train company in the UK. There are 38 of these trains provided by Swiss firm, Stadler. They are replacing trains many of which are 40 years old. There are 3 and 4 carriage trains which will be in service over the next few months. They say this is a very busy route for commuters, business travellers and leisure travellers and feedback has been very positive. Also they believe that the new trains will transform rail travel across the region and bring wider economic, social, business, tourism and environmental benefits. The secretary of state for transport has been urged to build a new station at Cambourne as part of the East/West rail route through Cambridgeshire. This would be the northern route not the southern route at Bassingbourn. There are worries by Cambourne and other Cambridge



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residents by the proposed route of the Cambridge busway. Should the off road route go down the rifle range track or Adams road. Off road could cost £200 million and need a new motorway bridge. Perhaps it should follow a dedicated lane along the M11 with a slip road for Addenbrooke's. There is to be a meeting for local residents to put their views.

Road works continue to cause problems for bus users as the routes have to be diverted. This would affect the Milton P and R bus, the CGB A and D and the diverted B and Citi 8 and the 9 from Ely. The Citi 1 and Citi 2 diversions mean people can't access Addenbrooke's due to the remodelling of Fendon Road roundabout.

There has been a strike by South Western staff over the closure of train doors. This has been going on for over 3 years. It involves the role of guards on new trains. Should they become on-board supervisors who help travellers and sell tickets but do not open or close doors as this should become the responsibility of the train driver? Failure of power at King's Cross caused mayhem for passengers. LNER are planning to simplify train fares by making a single fare half the price of a return. This is on the East Coast mainline and would be for journeys between London and Leeds, Newcastle and Edinburgh. The cost could be cut by £73.

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Our visit to the Mill Garden, Impington was enjoyable as the temperature had dropped after the very hot Bank Holiday weekend.

We had had a talk earlier in the year about this garden and it is tempting to just repeat the article I wrote for the March issue.

Pippa and Steve Temple talked briefly about their 20year ambitious project in re-creating the garden from an absolute wilderness, restoring the windmill which had not been used for 70 years and extending the house whilst we enjoyed wine and nibbles. We then divided into 4 groups to wander the garden finding the bog garden, various seating quiet areas, admiring the extensive compost bays (12 of them turned over religiously each week) and the large display of fuchsia near the house. There has been a windmill here for 500 years. Tudor brickwork has been found at the base and it has been rebuilt 3 times, once after a devastating fire. The Garden is opened quite often under the Open Gardens scheme for the benefit of the British Red Cross and is well worth a visit.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 22nd October when we will be reviewing the year, have a quiz and refreshments

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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

Well, regardless of what happens in the Fifth Ashes Test, England have kissed goodbye to the Ashes again for at least another couple of years. Despite the heroics of Ben Stokes and Jack Leach in the Third Test, the batting and bowling frailties returned at Old Trafford, and the mad genius that is Steve Smith, aided and abetted by Cummins and Hazlewood, took The Urn out of England's reach. One couldn't help chuckling at Smith when he described his efforts to overcome insomnia during his epic innings... I'm not sure he realised the irony of listening to the recorded sound of rain falling whilst in Manchester! But, for all the crowing of the Aussies – and in particular Glenn McGrath's assertions that retaining the Ashes puts the controversy of the 'sandpapergate' scandal behind them – they would do well to remember that they only held the Ashes in the first place by virtue of the home series in which their bowlers swung the ball like a banana when our own Anderson & Broad couldn't find any movement to save their lives! Now I'm not saying the Australians were cheating then, but isn't it odd that the sandpaper trick was discovered in their very next series in South Africa – the very first time they had employed it?!

Closer to home, I am delighted to report that although Bottisham Lode CC fell, agonizingly, 3 points short of the Division 2 title, they clinched promotion to Cambs Junior 1 at the end of the season, their second successive promotion. Top scorer was Tim Sale with 361 runs, followed by Jordan Haynes (307), Callum Fullwood (261) and Joe Beardsmore (260). Of the bowlers, Martin Wilson finished top of the pile with 26 wickets ahead of Jordan Haynes (21), Will Allen (16) and Callum Fullwood (15). Best match figures were achieved by Jordan Haynes with 4 for 15 and a little bird told me that veteran bowler Martin Wilson technically led the batting averages, too, having been dismissed only once in the season for his 42 runs! Well done chaps on an excellent summer, keeping cricket alive in our beautiful village.

The Bottisham England football fans have already started on a busy Autumn, with home games versus Bulgaria at Wembley and Kosovo at St Mary's Southampton, to be followed by away fixtures in Czech Republic (Prague) and Bulgaria (Sofia) in October, and Kosovo (Pristina) in November. The 4-0 victory over Bulgaria was pretty much a formality over a weak side but the Kosovo match unexpectedly produced one of the most entertaining encounters of recent years, with England one down inside a minute, 5-1 up at half time, and hanging on desperately for a 5-3 win in the closing minutes with their defence in tatters! But the thing that 'made' the occasion was the fantastic turnout of the visiting supporters.

Sporting equal numbers of Albanian and Kosovan flags, they were only too pleased to talk about their journey as a young country. Essentially, Kosovo is dominated by ethnic Albanian people – to the extent that they will cheer both football teams when the countries play each other – and, if neither team is playing, they will support England just as enthusiastically! Their love of the English goes back to the end of the civil war in the 1990s when they saw British soldiers, as part of the UN force, showing extreme kindness to their people, especially children, who had survived the ethnic cleansing policies of certain

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*(Sports Nut continued.)*

elements of the former Yugoslavia. It took a teenage girl, now living in London, to sum up for us that “the Albanian flag represents the people and the Kosovan flag represents freedom”. Wonderful!

By the way, how have people been getting on with understanding the new handball law in football? In my humble opinion it's yet another example of the pin-striped lawmakers in the International Football Association Board (IFAB) tinkering unnecessarily with a rule and producing precisely the opposite effect of what was intended! In a theoretical attempt to be progressive and clear, under the spotlight of VAR (where every goal or penalty decision is reviewed on-screen), they have created a situation in which an accidental handball by an attacker in the creation of a goal is penalised, where an accidental handball by a defender is not. What a mess... even referees seem confused! We have already seen some very dubious decisions on both goals and penalties on the basis of what may have been accidental touches. Where does a goal begin to be created – how far back do you go? And spare a thought for the poor referees on park football where there is no VAR and everyone will have an interpretation which suits their individual interests! As I've said before: people don't want 'fair'; they want 'in my favour'! I'm beginning to wonder what IFAB's next master stroke will be... Reviews of corner kicks leading to goals? Reviews of free-kicks? Reviews of throw-ins? Chaos will be coming to a pitch near you... soon!

I was very sad to see the news that Argentinian footballer Emiliano Sala had a possibly fatal dose of carbon monoxide in his body when he died in that plane crash in the English Channel in January. So not only was the pilot unauthorised to carry passengers, it would appear that the aircraft was not sky-worthy either! His agent Willie McKay – who apparently 'commissioned' the flight (whatever that means) – sure has a lot to answer for, despite his attempts to dump the blame on Cardiff City FC, who had just signed the player.

Let's finish on a lighter note. At the time of writing there were two major cycling events nearing their climax. The 8-Stage Tour of Britain saw the top ten riders all within 40 seconds of each other with two stages remaining, so a pulsating finish was expected in Manchester on Saturday 14th September. And in la Vuelta a España, Slovenian Primož Roglič held a two-minute lead over veteran Spaniard, Alejandro Valverde with three stages left before the finish in Madrid on the Sunday. But the story that caught my eye involved a 'secret' cannabis farm! Some enterprising drug dealers had set up a roof-top cannabis farm on a random street in the town of Igualada, near Barcelona. And it just so happened that, on Stage 8 of la Vuelta, the finish line was on that street, which meant exceedingly clear TV coverage from helicopters flying overhead! Imagine the inhabitants' surprise when, after a tip off, the police arrived to arrest them and confiscate their entire stockholding!

*TTFN - Gerry Daish*



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## **IT'S A MAD, MAD WORLD!**

A few of you have asked what the Cornish quotation was at the end of my last piece. In fact it was a closing salutation which literally means “until next time, good health” and you should have been able to translate the other vernacular or colloquial expressions without too much difficulty.

I read Maxwell Saxty’s piece on Play Areas with considerable empathy having discussed this topic over many meetings whilst on Parish Council. I will just say again that unlike most villages Bottisham has no land on which such projects can be built. Having given up our recreation ground to social housing long ago on the back of a (now broken) promise we are now very limited on what we can do on the Village College playing fields. It doesn’t come as a surprise to me at all that the Park Estate Residents are reluctant to reinstate play equipment. What was there was all removed decades ago because of H&E regulations on safety and liability. Then a small pre-school and primary play area, to which Parish Council contributes, was made available to the village via a licence with Cambs County Council.

The answer to this impasse is for Parish Council to own some land. This was all made possible three years ago when the Public Open Space (POS) on Ancient Meadows was offered by East Cambs. A POS is for use by the wider public and not just for those in the immediate locality. You may hear different stories as to why this didn’t happen but I can assure you that Parish Council was empowered both justly and legally to acquire the land for the purposes of a play area with play equipment for pre-school children. As far as I am aware this option – the only option - is still open and unless a generous land owner is prepared to offer land, such as a lovely meadow in parkland rather than build a ‘scourge’ on it, then that option should be pursued without further delay.

Like most I try to keep myself informed by listening to, watching and reading all forms of media. But after seeing this menacing and illusory protest in Downing Street orchestrated by a very left wing group I have to ask myself; “where our sense of morality, responsibility and ‘Common Sense’ has gone?” Then I remembered the late ‘Mr Common Sense’ - a beloved old friend who had been with us for many years?

He will be remembered as having cultivated many valuable lessons which over time have helped steer us through life. His parents were Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

Common Sense lived by simple yet sound financial policies and well founded proverbs such as; Don’t spend more than you can earn, Fortune favours the bold, Play your cards close to your chest, Don’t shoot yourself in the foot, Life isn’t always fair and Every action has a consequence.

The health of Common Sense began to deteriorate when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. When conversation and eye contact was replaced by a handheld flat screen and young lives were manipulated by nameless ogres; when people willingly gave away personal data to third parties then wondered why their individuality was used for theft and fraud.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when

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schools introduced gender studies for primary age children but could not inform parents when a student was pregnant or was referred for gender shift.

Common Sense took a sound beating when the historical right to innocent until proven guilty was abandoned (for some) and the protest actions of activists went contrary to the ideology they were defending; when the right to hold a different view on minority or ethnic behaviours was relabelled a phobia...

Common Sense knew that his time was nigh when the Government and Parliament handed sovereignty to the people but then in the name of democracy failed to implement the outcome. His days were truly numbered when an age old but unwritten constitution was manipulated by a minority of naysayers of the political class.

Common Sense rapidly lost the will to live as Christianity and The Ten Commandments - the bedrock of our morals and culture - became offensive to some and unfashionable to others; when schools became businesses and when criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up his life when a picture of the Queen was so offensive to one person that they were awarded compensation.

Common Sense has sadly been superseded by his cousins; I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim, I want a safe space and Only what I want counts...

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*JOW*

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