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# REMEMBER THE GREAT VILLAGE FETE IN JUNE LAST YEAR?

Following the success of last year's Community Fete, a similar event is being planned for **Saturday 8th June 2019** on the Primary School Field.

All organisations from the village and surrounding villages are welcome to take part in the event. It is intended to be a fund raising/showcase event for the benefit of your organisation. There are no pitch fees and any funds raised are to be kept by your organisation.

If you would like to have a stall or pitch, to share your ideas or if you would like to volunteer some time and be involved in the planning of the Fete, please email [heathermaclay@googlemail.com](mailto:heathermaclay@googlemail.com)

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## **“WITHOUT VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY WOULD BE... WELL, JANUARY...”** ANON.



By the time February comes along, the days are getting noticeably longer and one hopes there is a hint of an end to winter. We can still get caught out though with some nasty weather but let's be optimistic. The snowdrops and crocuses are everywhere and the Daffs are all but out. Saying that, some of the worst weather Britain has ever had has been in February. If you remember or read about 1953 or 63, you will know what I mean.

It was with some sadness that I got the news just before New Year of the passing of Hugh Rogers at the age of 94. The Rogers moved away some time ago to be near family in Bath. Hugh and his wife Maureen were well known to Bottisham. Maureen died a few years ago.

Hugh had a great interest in the history of Bottisham and wrote several books on the subject. 'The Forbidden Path' and 'Bottisham, the Second Millennium' give a very interesting history of the village over the centuries. While not involved in the church he also did do a lot of work with Mike Young on its history. A founder member of The Staine Hundred history society, Hugh was a very knowledgeable and personable guy, a gentleman.

The village college are getting close to completing their development work and it is beginning to look fit for purpose. The new library is open and seems to be flourishing. I am sure news of a potential Lego club will be of great interest to many young folk (and older!).

If you cast your mind back to last summer, you will remember the village fete which the WI ran to celebrate their centenary year. Those who attended will remember what a great success it was and what a great day out it was for all who were there.

Well, a year on and a new team are taking on the lead role of organising a similar event this coming June. However these events only succeed if people make it succeed. They don't happen themselves. You will see in this month's magazine a notice of intent to start the planning process from the new team. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to showcase your club, organisation, hobby or even business, then let them know and book your space. It will cost you nothing but your time and is sure to be another enjoyable event. Just ask anybody who was involved last year.

Those who have read my editorials over the years will know that one of my 'things' is about dog mess in the village (or anywhere). Whether highlighting the issue in the past has helped or we are all more aware of it, but the problem seems to have been less over recent years from what it used to be. Legislation has also helped. You are open to prosecution not just if you are in charge of a dog which fouls, but also if you go out with a dog without the means to deal with its mess.

However recently the problem has got worse again and it seems to be certain individuals judging by the locality and confines of the problem. You will know who you are. How somebody

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can stand with their dog on a lead while it does its business quite literally on somebody's doorstep and then walk on just beggars belief. That is totally irresponsible ownership.

You will see a letter on the subject in this month's magazine from a young mum highlighting the issue. If you are guilty or know someone who is, then perhaps taking the minor steps to deal with the problem will again make this village a pleasant place to walk and for kids to play. Don't think that simply taking your dog out after dark so you can say you can't see it do it, solves the problem or lessens your responsibility.

Let's to go at in this month's magazine and some interesting updates and reports from village organisations and on village activities. Not least of these is the letter from the Archery Club. Talk about light under bushels. Enjoy the read and see you next month.

*Peter Walker*

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## ***Your New Community Library***

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We are settling in to our new library and have noticed an increase in users. Thank you.

There will be an altered route into the library for a while as new pathways need to be laid. It will be well signposted and lit. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We are waiting for storage cupboards to be installed in the foyer entrance area as our office space is limited.

The good news is that we hope to start a Lego Club for primary age children after Easter either on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons or perhaps Saturday mornings. If anyone is interested in helping run this please let us know. We are hoping to involve some older college pupils.


Just a few newspaper items I have collected over the past few months showing how important it is to support us.

- Time to turn over a new leaf as infants "swipe left" on books
- You will live longer if your High Street has a library
- Novel reading teenagers "six months ahead of their peers"
- Books boost our brain power even if we don't open them

Food for thought

*Sylvia Overton*

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## BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

# *Night*

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## *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in February*

Sunday 3rd	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday 6th	8pm	<b>"C by C"</b> (Short candlelit meditative service)
Sunday 10th	10am	<b>Benefice Communion</b> at Swaffham Prior
Sunday 17th	8am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)
Sunday 24th	10am	<b>Benefice Morning Worship</b>

Benefice services are shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quay, 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.

## *Letter to the Editor*

*Ed; (A letter received by the editor, who thought it deserved a wider audience and now will get further updates on their activities and successes.)*

Dear Editor,

Please could you pass these comments to Gerry Daish.

It's always interesting to read your sports comments but I wonder...

Did you know that Bottisham hosts the largest club in this sport in the County and one of the larger clubs in the UK (the club is only 3 years old in February 19) We meet 3 times a week at Bottisham Sports Centre It is one of only 8 nationally recognised performance specialism clubs in the UK.

Currently members include: Indoor & Outdoor county champions, Indoor national bronze medal holder, an international athlete and juniors on the talent ID programme.

The club currently has 9 coaches including 1 senior coach (one of only 31 in the UK), 2 county coaches (of only 135) plus 3 x level 2 and 3 x level 1 coaches.

Bottisham hosts the Cambridgeshire Training centre once a month with athletes attending from other counties who do not offer such an excellent facility. The club runs 2 competitions a year, an indoor one in January for up to 108 people at Bottisham Sports Centre (3 sessions during the day), a 2 day outdoor Competition in June for 128 people per day (to be run at Girton College, Cambridge in 2019). These attract Olympic and Para-Olympic athletes.

**So what is this sport I hear you ask... Archery!**

We look forward to keeping you updated on our activities and If you would be interested in writing about this very local sport please do get in touch,

*Very best regards,  
Mary Watson, Treasurer & County Coach, Peacock Archers*



**WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE?** This is how a group of children responded to the question:

- “When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend down and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.”
- **“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.”**
- “Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.”
- **“Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mummy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss”**
- “Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.”
- **“If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.”**
- “Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.”
- **“During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.”**
- “Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.”
- **“You really shouldn't say, 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.”**

I love the depth of insight evident in these children's comments on 'love'. I believe the deepest longing of the human heart is to be loved. If you love someone, let them know, today, don't assume they know. But, God didn't just tell us He loves us, He demonstrated His love, in giving His Son Jesus. “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.**” John 3.16-17

The Bible says love looks like this: Love is patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud. Love does not dishonour others, is not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. Love always protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13.4-8)

If you want to know and experience more of the life and love from God for you, it would be great to welcome you at RENEW.

*Rev. Alan Brand*

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## **RENEW SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2019**

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.

**Sunday 3rd.** 10.30am **Morning Worship.** Holy Communion. (Bottisham Primary School)  
**Sunday 10th** 10.30am **Morning Worship.** (at the School) Followed by shared lunch  
**Sunday 10th Feb.** 5.30-6-30pm **Village Praise 3** (at Lode Chapel)  
**Sunday 17th Feb.** 10.30am **Morning Worship.** (at the School)  
**Sunday 24th Feb.** 10.30am **Morning Worship.** (at the School)

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

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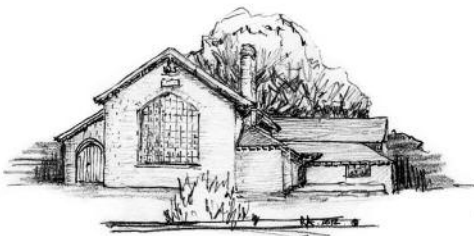
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## *Dear Editor and Fellow Villagers*

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On recent walks around our lovely village of Bottisham, I haven't been able to help but notice the amount of dog poo on our pavements. It seems to be on the increase.

Please can I plea to all dog owners to please pick up their dog's poo? It is so very unpleasant for everyone to have to avoid and worse, to not manage to avoid but step in it. Particularly parents walking with children who always cover more ground than adults.

Surely those who think it's okay to leave it behind find themselves walking the same routes and having to avoid their own dog's mess?

There are dog poo bins at the end of Downing Close, just next to The Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club, on Tunbridge Lane near the doctor's surgery and on the High street just beyond the Scout Hut, and there may be more that I'm not aware of. And if there isn't a bin on your dog walk then please pick it up and take it home rather than leaving it or leaving it behind in the bag.

Thank you, I know that it will be much appreciated by all of us who walk in the village to not have to poo dodge.

*Name and address supplied*

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## *Red2Green review of 2018 & exciting news for 2019*

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2018 was an exciting year for us, not least because it meant we celebrated 20 years of providing fun, learning and independent living skills for people with a learning disability, on the autistic spectrum or living with mental ill health.

In May we bid for, and were successfully awarded, a contract under Suffolk County Council's 'Day, Evening and Weekend Opportunities' Framework. Jackie our CEO says, "We are delighted to be in a position to work with Suffolk County Council and other referrers in Suffolk especially as our Centre in Swaffham Bulbeck, and our community café & garden at Bottisham Village College, are both very close to the county border. We can also offer learners the opportunity to travel to Red2Green on our minibus service".

Both Options for people with a learning disability, and Aspirations for anyone on the autistic spectrum, now run 50 weeks a year. We also offer holiday clubs during all the school/college breaks. These are open to any existing learners who still choose to attend mainly term times but also to anyone 16 yrs plus who might like to join us for a day or two for some fun, life skills and friendship or for a little respite care.

In 2018 we also opened our new Community Café and Garden on the Bottisham Village College site which is currently open on Tues and Thurs 9am-3pm and runs regular events such as Knit and natter, and book swoops. In the Café, our learners and volunteers have really enjoyed learning new skills in the kitchen, serving customers and handling money. In the autumn they celebrated as they were awarded their certificates of achievement. We were delighted when the Council awarded us a 5 star hygiene award. Aaron says "I really enjoyed my time at the café and it really helped me with the confidence to get my job" Aaron still feels part of the café community

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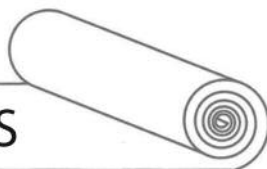


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and visits weekly on his day off just to touch base, and tells us about his work. In the garden and greenhouse, our learners had a very busy summer sowing, growing, weeding and planting hanging baskets to sell to the public.

Out in the community it was great to welcome children from Granta School to our community art session. At the Café we are now hosting a monthly carers group with the Patient Participation Group from Bottisham Surgery. Our recent information event went very well, one carer said “I would like to congratulate you... so many people in the same room with a wealth of such pertinent knowledge and experience. I arrived with a very real problem and left with many avenues to follow to solve it. And it was comforting, in a sad way, to hear that I'm not alone in my experience. I absolutely loved the craft session I haven't had such a productive and enjoyable time for many, many months.”

Back at Harvey's Barn we have continued with our daytime sessions for people with learning disabilities or on the autistic spectrum, as well as our popular programme of evening events such as bingo and themed discos.

We are always sad when members of staff move on to new challenges but it is also nice to welcome new people to join our team – Alison joined Aspirations as a new tutor/job coach and Liz came on board as our new Chief Operating Officer.

## **2019**

And as we start 2019 we are looking forward to taking delivery of a newer minibus which will be used for the collection and drop off of our learners at the beginning and end of the day, as well as our regular trips out. We are always on the lookout for volunteers who can help us with minor mechanical work such as changing light bulbs etc, or anyone who might like to drive a minibus or people carrier for us occasionally.

**From January** parents and carers can take advantage of our 9 week “Mindfulness for stress reduction” evening class. This will be at the reduced rate of £10/session. Please get in touch to register your interest. At the moment we plan to run it on Wednesdays from 7-9pm but if we have particular interest for a different day or time we may be able to move it, or run additional sessions. This is open to the local community too so please get in touch if it is of interest to you.

### **February events the Community Café in Lode Road, Bottisham include:**

**Tuesday 5** Book swap 11am-3pm - Bring along a book you have finished reading and swap it for another. Café open as usual 9am-3pm for drinks, snacks and lunches.

**Thurs 14 Feb** Chocolate and strawberries afternoon tea £10 per person 11am-3pm prebooked only. Café open as usual 9am-3pm for drinks, snacks and lunches.

**Tuesday 19** Informal knit and natter hour 11am(or any other craft you are working on). Café open as usual 9am-3pm for drinks, snacks and lunches.

**Thursday 21** Scrabble and other board games 11am-3pm. Boards games on offer to those that wish to take part. Café open as usual 9am-3pm for drinks, snacks and lunches.

**Thursday 28** Carers at the Café (in partnership with Bottisham Surgery Patient Participation Group)

Informal drop in for anyone who cares for anyone. The next dates for this will be: **28 March, 25 April and 23 May**

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We had a quiet January meeting with some parish councillors missing and not a lot happening over the festive period. Parking outside the shops continues to be a problem. Many people have reported vehicles parking here long-term and a lot of taxis using the parking areas. We will be writing to shop owners and residents in this particular area concerning this. With regards to the proposed bus stop on the A1303 we are waiting to hear from the County Council if funds are still available from money that David Wilson Homes gave as Section.106 money towards transport when they built the houses off of Bell Road. If so, this may well pay for a new bus shelter which would be good news.

### **JOHN SALISBURY CHARITY – TRUSTEE REQUIRED**

The John Salisbury Charity was set up in the 1880's and was for the benefit of children's education in Bottisham and Lode. Funds are raised from the leases of trust held land beyond the station in Lode and are presently spent by Bottisham and Swaffham Bulbeck Primary Schools.

The governing documents state that Bottisham and Lode Parish Councils should each nominate two people as trustees every 4 years. There have been no trustee's from Bottisham for some time and we have been contacted by Lode Parish Council who are keen to revitalise the charity to bring more benefits to children in the two villages. The charity comprises of 2 trustees from Lode, the Vicar and should have 2 trustees from Bottisham. Bottisham Parish Council has appointed one trustee and is looking for a volunteer who would be interested in becoming involved with the charity. No previous experience required. If anyone is interested or wants more information please get in contact with me.

A reminder that the full minutes of PC meetings are available online [www.bottishampc.co.uk](http://www.bottishampc.co.uk) and on the village noticeboard.

*Claire Fullwood - clerk@bottishampc.co.uk*

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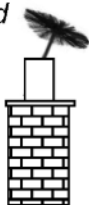
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- 18/01631/FUL, 85 High Street, Re-submission of withdrawn application 18/01174/FUL – change of use of part ground floor from restaurant into residential forming one dwelling including associated works to car park/amenity areas. NEW APPLICATION
- 18/01441/CLP, 19 Peacock Drive, Single storey rear and side extensions. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
- 18/01456/VAR, 1 Beechwood Avenue, To vary condition 1 (plans) and 3 (materials) of decision previously approved 17/01400/FUL for construction of a detached garage following demolition of existing outbuilding, extend roof over existing porch, new roof light in dining room and garage conversion. APPROVED
- 18/01361/FUL, Elston Furnishings, 76-78 High Street, Change of use from part residential/ part upholstery/soft furnishings business to full residential only, APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

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## *Public Transport Matters*

I was a bit puzzled as I read the Parish council notes in the Cresset as it all seemed familiar and then I remembered that it had already appeared in Village Voice in the Newmarket Journal. It contained important and hopefully positive information about the removal of the muddy bus stop by the gate on the A1303. The Highways Dept. chap from CCC has reviewed the site and has agreed that a new bus stop position could be placed nearer to the Wilbraham junction. The grass verge here is wider and could accommodate a hard standing area now and possibly a bus shelter in the future to be paid for by Bottisham Parish council. A kerb would be put in to make it easier for getting on and off the bus. Final decisions and action is now awaited. Could I be reporting its installation when I next write?! The new Ely ring road means that the stop for the railway station is further away than previously. I have done the route on the 12 and verified this. Simon Norton of the Campaign for Better Transport has also mentioned it in his recent newsletter. He also mentions that the Whippet X3 between Cambridge and Huntingdon – Papworth's main service – has now been restored but at a depleted level after support from the Combined Authority and South Cambs. D.C. Landbeach is losing its off peak services and fewer buses between Ely and Chatteris. One service that has improved is the Universal route U service operated by Whippet, as the University is supporting evening and Sunday buses to help people living at Eddington, the new little village. There are suggestions that the Campaign for Better Transport might be wound up or linked to other organisations e.g. Cambridge Area Bus Users (CABU) and Smarter Cambridge Transport (SCT). These don't cover the wide area that Simon has covered in his newsletters e.g. the recent changes to the bus services at John o'Groats! Minicabs could be used to provide public transport in rural areas with no bus service and the internet could be used to help people share taxis suggests the national Campaign for Better Transport.

Train service problems have been very much in the news as people return to work after the Christmas break. There have been protests across the county. The annual season ticket from Cambridge to King's Cross rose to more than £5,000 - from £4,952 to £5,108. This is on top of all the delays, overcrowding and cancellations. Comparison rates with the lower fares in other European countries are quoted. Train operators are paying out 15,000 compensation claims every day for delayed services, it has emerged. This was during last summer's timetable chaos. Research suggests that only 4 in 10 eligible passengers make a claim citing the small sums involved and the failure of companies to alert them to a possible pay out. However, new railcards for teenagers and under 30s will cut fares for a generation. The scheme will be launched in September ready for the next academic year but the new national railcard for those between 26 and 30 is now available and offers a third discount on many rail journeys. Rail companies have been criticised for paying out £184m to Shareholders but they say that they pay a large amount to the govt. and £13.8 billion was being invested in 7,000 new carriages over the next three years.

The HS2 project has been placed under review and there is criticism that affected homes and land on the route are being deliberately undervalued in an attempt to cut costs. The Crossrail project has been handed a £2.2bn bailout amid fears of a 2-year delay. It was planned to open in 2017 but it could now be the end of this year. It is a reminder that rail infrastructure is problematic to build and deliver. There are problems with signalling systems and the completion of stations. It will be known as the Elizabeth Line. The delay will affect the

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delivery of Crossrail 2 from Shenfield to Reading via Heathrow and Abbey Wood. The 2-year dispute over the role of train guards is still causing problems in the northern railway network system. Anglia is to ditch First Class on suburban lines and new trains will increase seating by 20%. Virgin trains is to have special carriages for possibly rowdy football fans. Rail info: 03457 48 49 50 Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

*Happy travelling! - Paddy James*

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## ***Cancer Charities Fund Raising Event***

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When I was first diagnosed with bowel cancer in May 2017 I was relieved to know that the tumour was small. I concluded that once I had the operation I would be given the all clear and six weeks later life would continue as normal. I knew that family and friends would give me fantastic support and I remain grateful for their love and support.

Little did I know that my cancer journey would take much longer. The results of the biopsy following the operation proved that I had stage 3 cancer and that chemotherapy was required. It was at this point that I decided that I needed to talk to people beyond my immediate family and I found that support through Macmillan and Cambridge Cancer Care Centre based at the David Rayner Building, Scotsdales in Great Shelford.

Macmillan is a well known charity with an amazing fund of information and support including online community forums for each type of cancer as well as access to Macmillan specialist nurse support over the phone. Macmillan also run courses locally including Take Control and The Hope Course which help to inform and support people living with cancer.

Perhaps less well known is the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre, which is a welcome place away from the hospital which offers practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends. The centre is a calm, friendly and informal space and everyone is welcome to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat or to learn more about how they can help. The centre is open as follows:-

**Monday** (10.00am-1.00pm), **Tuesday** (10.00am-4.00pm), **Wednesday** (10.00am-4pm)

Please contact them on 01223 840105 or email [contact@cambridgecancerhelp.org](mailto:contact@cambridgecancerhelp.org)

I am pleased to say that I am now recovering well and concentrating on regaining my strength and fitness. Now it is time for me to repay some of the expertise and kindness by fundraising for these two excellent charities. I know that there are people in the village whose lives have been touched by cancer and I hope that you will help me by supporting a Cancer Charities Fundraising Evening to be held at Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club. If you are not able to come along on the evening you might want to make a donation instead.

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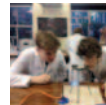
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## *News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group*

**Health Care Assistant:** Bottisham Medical Practice has recently recruited a new Health Care Assistant (HCA) Clarissa Fordham who starts work at the Surgery in mid-January and we are all very much looking forward to her joining the practice. She will be supporting the nursing team by providing a wide range of general clinical procedures for patients while working within our new clinical treatment facility.

**Antibiotic Use:** Antibiotics are a vital tool used to manage bacterial infections. A Public Health England report highlights how more than 3 million common procedures such as caesarean sections and hip replacements could become life-threatening without them. This campaign returns to alert the public to the risks of antibiotic resistance, urging them to always take their doctor, nurse or healthcare professional's advice on antibiotics. Antibiotics do not work on virus infections.

**New Guide for stroke survivors:** Around 80,000 people a year are admitted to hospital with a stroke, and there are more than one million stroke survivors in England. The recently updated My Stroke Guide from the Stroke Association – **Helpline 0303 3033 100** - gives people free access to trusted information about stroke and risk factors, alongside advice on prevention. It includes personal stories from stroke survivors, case studies from healthcare professionals who have used the guide and explains how it can support staff working with people affected by stroke. It also includes information on locally commissioned support services.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00am from the surgery car park on 15 and 27 February, 15 and 27 March, 17 April 2019. 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.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Thursday 28 March 2019 at 6.30pm at the surgery.



### **RETIREMENT – CLOSING DOWN SALE**

We would like to let everyone know that, after nearly 15 years running our showroom and workroom in Bottisham, we are retiring in the Spring. We have enjoyed our time at Stocks and thank all our clients who have supported us over the years.

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*Michael White*

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Apart from raising funds from the generous people of our villages, and elsewhere across the region, EAAA also benefits from donations – both individual and corporate and our Weekly Lottery, bequests, quiz proceeds and other events. This year we are fortunate to be involved in a number of events, all physically and/or mentally challenging, each of which offers the opportunity to participate whilst raising much needed revenue for our cause. For those young and fit enough to 'do something amazing' please contact us to register your interest and willingness to support us in any of these events. Book early to avoid disappointment.

At Elveden, IP24 3TQ, on Sunday 7th April – Only the Brave 2019. A combination of running, crawling, climbing and scrambling over 6 or 10 miles over obstacles and through MUD ! Registration £35. A 'T shirt', medal and 'goody bag' await all at the finishing line.

Or why not join our Team for the City of Norwich Half Marathon on Sunday 7th April from Norwich Showground, NR5 0TT – free registration – minimum sponsorship £250.

If you have the energy, why not enter the ballot for this year's Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday 28th April – no fee for the ballot.

The Big Leaaap 2019 (yes, you guessed – a tandem parachute jump) on Saturday 18th May at Beccles Airfield, NR34 7XD. We are looking for 50 daredevils to come together for this exhilarating challenge for EAAA. By participating you will be funding even more lifesaving missions, thereby ensuring that our helicopters stay in the sky – unlike you ! Registration £50 and minimum sponsorship £300.

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*Michael White*



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### **LOOKING BACK TO WHAT WE DID IN DECEMBER IS SO LAST YEAR.**

Our Christmas party held at the Primary School on a Wednesday resulted in a lower turnout than usual as there were many conflicting events. The majority of us there enjoyed a lovely meal provided by committee members – delicious casserole and baked potatoes followed by a choice of 3 scrumptious creamy deserts. The committee presented a play where the Angel Gabriel had been misdirected to the Bell in Bottisham instead of a stable in Bethlehem! This was well received and then Fay Childs - one of the Primary School teachers - sang Christmas songs for us. The evening ended with a Christmas Quiz and our traditional carol singing.

The Christmas Dinner at Newmarket Golf Club was attended by 51 members, husbands, partners and friends and was very enjoyable. Excellent food served most efficiently in a good atmosphere.

### **And now we move into our 101st year.**

The February speaker is **Mr Wreghitt** telling us about “**Making a Stand for Chelsea**” - **flower show not football club!!**

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

*Sylvia Overton*

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## ***Bottisham & District Gardening Club***

The talk and PowerPoint presentation at the December meeting provided by John and Sylvia Overton was entitled “More of the Same” and an alphabetical quiz on various places visited by them over the years. Do you know where the statue of Laurel and Hardy is? Valerie and John Leake had seen it and they were the winners with 23 points. The more of the same title reflected the subjects they have presented over the years. Pictures of gardens visited since 2008 and especially the Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse near Amsterdam which are wonderful. If you haven’t been there, I suggest you put it on your bucket list. It is only open for 8 weeks of the year and you will truly be amazed by the vast array daffodils, tulips and orchids.

They showed many more weird and interesting sculptures and instead of colourful and interesting houses showed photographs of the trompe d’oeuil buildings in Lyon and then the Son et Lumiere experience in Cambridge last January - the Senate House as you have never seen it before. A donation was received for the Community Library Association.

The evening finished with mulled wine and mince pies.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th February when Pippa Temple will tell us about the Mill Garden – a Labour of love. It will be in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome.

*Sylvia Overton*



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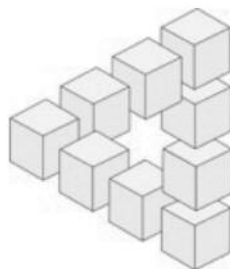
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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

If I may start with some local news, I was delighted to hear of Mary Watson's "Peacock Archers" club now operating from Bottisham Sports Centre. I won't repeat all the details, which appear elsewhere in this Cresset, but it's good to know that there is such an opportunity for people – especially youngsters – to try a new sport in a safe, established environment. I wonder if there are other sports in Bottisham, similarly 'flying under the radar,' that would pique local interest? If so, our esteemed Editor or I would be delighted to hear from you.

Back in professional circles, did you notice an extraordinary 'jobs merry-go-round' over the last few weeks? José Mourinho's departure from Old Trafford is old news now but I must share my nutty thoughts on the topic. The messages coming from the club were that they now wanted a manager that would adopt the values and playing style that were a Manchester United tradition. This is, of course, coded language meaning 'attacking football' for the ears of their fans, but – honestly – what did they think they would get from Mourinho?! The owners gladly sacrificed the 'Man Utd way' for the holy grail of 'winning' but, alas, it was not to be. I believe that the likes of Guardiola, Klopp, Pochettino, Emery and, yes, even Southgate, are representative of a new breed of world class football manager who cannot only coach but also nurture and develop players, forging bonds and creating something superior to the sum of the parts. José no longer belongs in this company. I wonder if Ole Gunnar Solskjær does?

In the meantime, The FA are preparing to recruit yet another Chief Executive following Martin "not a football expert" Glenn's resignation due to take effect at the end of the current season. What do people make of his four-year tenure? A bit of a 'curate's egg' in my opinion: good in parts. Yes, he leaves with the various England teams looking forward to better things, due in no small part to the outstanding training facilities available at St George's Park; and he has presided over a 40% uplift in FA revenues. But grass roots adult football is hemorrhaging clubs currently (Bottisham/Lode anybody?) so I am sceptical about the investment of those funds for the good of The Game. Glenn has also had to sack two England managers – Allardyce for corruption and Sampson for inappropriate behavior towards women; he's had to apologise twice for ill-judged comments in the media and he suffered the embarrassment of the failure to sell Wembley Stadium (against the wishes of the majority of the football public) last year. Back on the plus side though, he's also transformed safeguarding procedures following the child abuse scandal and he has secured a winter break for Premier League next season (er, is this a plus?).

Which brings me nicely to the Premier League leadership debacle. No sooner had Richard Scudamore announced his retirement from his £2.5m per annum Executive Chairmanship, than the Premier League petitioned the 20 member clubs to reach down the back of the sofa and come up with £250K each in loose change so Scudamore could retreat with a £5m parting gift! Nice work eh? This was quickly followed by the naming of his

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successor as Susanna Dinnage, a Discovery Channel VP, who was so “excited by this fantastic role”, that she changed her mind four weeks later, clearly more excited by Discovery’s inducements to stay put! Given that Scudamore has effectively been bossing English football for 25 years, and Glenn has negotiated the winter break for him, perhaps the FA and the Premier League should combine the two roles henceforward?!

It’s all-change in cricket too. This month Ashley Giles takes over as Managing Director of England Men’s Cricket, in time for England’s tour of the Caribbean, following Andrew Strauss’s departure due to his wife’s illness (she sadly passed away just after Christmas). Giles complemented an outstanding career with transformational coaching roles with Warwickshire, Lancashire and England and looks a good fit to build upon Strauss’s legacy. A sound appointment methinks.

Staying with cricket: readers may know that I am not the greatest admirer of T20 but I watched a few matches in the Mzansi Super League in November and December on the Free Sport TV channel and I will admit to finding certain aspects both enjoyable and thought provoking. The skill and bravery of batsmen scoring quick runs off very fast bowling is, at times, breathtaking, but that’s more or less a given in this version of the game. The main thing that caught my eye was the fielding and catching. Players were throwing themselves around like gymnasts, not only to save precious runs, but also clinging onto the most improbable catches, often travelling at frightening speeds, and I realised that T20 has probably made a big contribution to Test cricket in raising the bar on fielding standards.

Then there was something I had never seen before in any sport. Former England bowler Dominic Cork was commentating and sharing his observations on a quickie bowling for the Jozi Stars (a Jo’burg based team) and someone was answering him. The camera panned to the Jozi captain in the outfield and I realised that he was the person in conversation with Cork. They were chatting lightheartedly (please note my avoidance of the dreaded ‘B’ word!) between deliveries, then Cork said “Tell him to bowl one at 90mph!” And he did! The bowler smiled and hurled down a poorly controlled ball which the batsman smacked for four through long leg! So it didn’t exactly help! But, anyway, I wondered if this was the future... perhaps in cricket, possibly in any sport? It brings a whole new dimension to the concept of coaching from the touchlines (whether or not it’s helpful!) and introduces the idea of direct interactivity between spectators and performers. How long will it be before all players will be wired for sound and not only commentate on their own actions but also invite armchair ‘coaches’ to suggest their next move? Could there even be a commercial opportunity for the spectator to pay a fee to have his/her suggestion implemented in real time? Heaven help us if there is..!

*TTFN - Gerry Daish*



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Many years ago I remember asking, whom I understood at the time to be, my Grandfather why he started the newspaper from the back. I have since construed his explanation to mean that you came across news that hadn't made it to the front few pages but, in its content, it showed a more balanced side of reporting that was more newsworthy and less sensationalised. Possibly wise old words from someone who had experienced two world wars, the 1929 'Crash' and the Suez debacle.

Since the advent of electronic media, events around the world have become living room viewing and reading, to such an extent that 'news' seems to be inundated with nothing but unpleasant and distressing stories. Closer to home we read and hear of people who use modern media outlets to anonymously bad mouth one another and to coordinate confrontation. These same 'social media' traits are now beginning to spill over onto our streets as exemplified by the recent verbal abuse and intimidation of MPs. But in putting forward this opinion I refuse to accept the 'politicking' insinuation from one MP that this is what British Society has become.

Thus in remembering my Grandfather's words I have searched for the stories that did not make the front few pages and well, believe it or not, there was a lot of good things happening in Britain during 2018. So with the help of The Week magazine I have compiled a selection of just a small few that should leave you with a warm feeling. I think this proves that most of what is presented by the media is exaggerated theatre that by no means reveals or appropriately represents this country, its values or the true character of its people.

So to start, how about waking up from a cat nap on a train to find £100 in your lap? Well this is precisely what happened to Ella from Leeds after a concerned passenger overheard Ella's emotional call to her mother about her financial worries. Ella got into financial trouble when she stopped her part time job to concentrate on revising for her exams. A gesture I think you would agree that confirms there is kindness and good in people.

And how about the teacher from Herefordshire who, despite having had two operations on brain tumours, became the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic, one of only seven women to do so. Yet Kiko Matthews had never picked up an oar in her life, until last year, and eight months previously was lying in hospital having her brain operated on. "I guess I'm a bit proud" she said.

Congratulations must go to the team of British soldiers who became the first all-female group to ski across Antarctica using muscle power alone. The 'Ice Maiden' expedition walked 27 miles a day in temperatures as low as -40 degrees C pulling 12-stone sledges to cover a distance of 1000 miles in 62 days. Wow!!

In Scotland came the first polar bear to be born in this country for 25 years. Hamish, as he is now called, was presented to the public in March and is the offspring of Victoria and

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Arktos. This happy event happened at the Highland Wildlife Park but Hamish was kept out of public view for some months as new born cubs are very vulnerable and weigh little more than a guinea pig. Visitors to the park have almost doubled since.

Arian Teleheal who arrived in this country as a 15 year old Afghan refugee and went on to study medicine at Cambridge University was told as a teenager he shouldn't aspire to being anything significant. But with his own agenda in mind and with the support of his teachers Arian is now Doctor Arain Teleheal. He has set up a charity that allows doctors in the west to share their healing expertise with medics in war zones using Teletech – is it just coincidence that his aspiration is in his surname!

Now have you heard of 'plogging'? Well, neither had I until I read the article about a growing number of Britons who are tackling the growing menace of litter. A fitness trend that has its origins in Sweden and simply involves going for a run with a sack and filling it with rubbish as you go.

Not only did we have a plethora of good news in the UK during 2018 but further afield a new 'subterranean Galapagos' was found lurking beneath the Earth's crust. The study suggests that the subterranean ecosystem is almost double the size of all the world's oceans and contains up to 23 billion tons of microorganisms that have never seen light of day. Yet news of this revelation was found 'buried deep' in some newspaper where preference was given to ghastly stories elsewhere.

Finally I would like to leave you with the thoughts of Cicely Berry who taught people how to use their voice and the value of the spoken word...

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