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February now and well into 2022

Firstly, before I forget again, I must give Credit for the cover picture in our January magazine. I will as ever put it down to the old 'Senior moment'. At the time I needed to remember it, (ie. when I was writing my editorial), could I remember? Could I heck! But after it went to print, of course it came back to me. So now I must record my thanks to Rosemary Jolley for that lovely frosty scene at Lode Mill.

At the same time, I must say another thank you. This time, at the right time, to Anna Dearden for this month's sunny day view of our church, taken from the path surrounding the old moat.

Two very different scenes highlighting the variety of weather we can have only a few weeks apart.

If you have taken any pictures of our village or surrounding area, then do share them with us and if suitable they too could be our cover pic.

While on the subject of compiling 'The Cresset', timing is often an issue. For me there will never be a good time to declare the deadline for copy to be included. It will always just miss some meeting that needs reporting, but is to be held after the copy date, or some event that is a few days later, so its information is then delayed for another month. Given that, I must declare a date that allows me time to pull together all the content, then send it off to the compositors to create the print file which then goes to the printer. They then print the thousand copies of the magazine. We then get them back (or pick them up), to then be divided up by the distribution team who then deliver them to the team of 30 or so, who put them through your letter box. All by the beginning of the next or relevant month.

That said, if you have something that you feel is important and is going to miss the date (usually the 14th.) then do let me know in advance and I will see what I can do. The thing is, I get a proof copy back from the compositors to sign off before it goes to the printers, usually two or three days after copy date. If I know in advance that there may be a late arrival, I can often revise the copy and include things at 'proof' stage. There is no guarantee that there will be space to add in, and I wouldn't delete something that arrived in time unless it was really important, but it is worth a try. Better if I know in advance that there is something that is going to be two or three days late. I can then try to allow for it.

One thing will be missed and will have happened by the time you read this. That is the appeal decision over the planned retirement village off the High Street. By all that is right in the world and is the wish of everyone including the Planning authority themselves but apart from the developers, this appeal should be rejected. But then we know that that in itself is not sometimes enough and it comes down to lawyers and barristers in a court arguing the case. But what case? None of the people applying for the site, live in the village and the unsubtle move to create 'Bottisham Farming Ltd'. as the developer when its head office is in the Cambridge Business Park, shows their nature. Let's hope it is the right decision.

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Then the next one to be decided by the planners, is the doubling in size of the wood working factory buildings on the other side of the road. The main issue locally is the constant background noise from machinery that is now superseding the A14 for nuisance value and come the summer will make outside living impossible.

Enough of my moans, (of which I have loads in reserve by the way, but then haven't we all.) Covid is, we hope, coming to its peak and 2022 should see an improvement in its impact. What we all must do now is work towards getting back to the way we used to be. Not the insular isolated fearful people that some currently are, but the outgoing sociable humans that we are once again capable of being.

In the meantime, stay safe and keep smiling.

Stop press. Congratulations to our own Neil Robertson for winning the Master's snooker championship in such emphatic style. Well done Neil!

Services in the Anglesey Benefice

Wed 2 Feb	8pm	C by C (a short contemplative service) - Online service on Zoom		
Sun 6 Feb	9am	Online service on Zoom		
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Bottisham		
	4pm	Village Worship, Village Hall, Quy		
Sun 13 Feb	9am	Holy Communion, Quy		
	10.30am	Family Worship, Swaffham Prior – also on Zoom		
Sun 20 Feb	9am	Online service on Zoom		
		Morning Prayer, Quy		
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck		
		Morning Prayer, Bottisham		
Sun 27 Feb	9am	Online service, on Zoom		
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Prior		
Each Thursday 10.30am		Holy Communion, Lode		

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Zoë would like to thank everyone for their support and affection on the sad death of her Mum. The phone calls, letters, cards, flowers and chocolates. For attendance at her funeral and wake, and for donations to the Stroke Association. Also, to Deacon John Morrill and Richard Ayres (organist) for making Mum's funeral so perfect.

The kind words and happy memories that you shared are of great comfort.

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Our Partnership with THE DIOCESE OF MARA, TANZANIA

In September last year the Bishop asked us if we could help the village of Mto put a roof on their newly-built church. They've done all the work themselves, making the bricks and cutting the roof beams. The one thing they have to buy is corrugated iron for the roof, and they asked for our help.



This request was passed round our villages, and you raised £3,250, which we sent in November. Here is the result:

Bishop George has written to thank you:

Warm, loving greetings in Christ to you all. May I take this opportunity to pass on to you our deep gratitude for the great generosity you have shown us in Mara Diocese. As you can see from the picture, your generous help has borne fruit. Here is the roof, in place at last!

On behalf of the whole Diocese and especially of the Christians of Mto village, we thank you most sincerely. We trust that God's work will prosper among us and that this church will grow and bear witness to Christ - and to your partnership with us. We hold you in our prayers.





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District Councillors' Report

Congratulations to the Bottisham Cresset on its 500th edition. And congratulations to all the magazine teams for keeping your magazines going year in year out – with interesting articles and keeping everyone informed and delivering them to every local household.

We hope that Green Waste Collections re-started from 28 January, with two new HGV drivers joining the team. We have been questioned about our statement in last month's article that 'Councillor Julia Huffer, as Chair of the Committee, decided that it was acceptable for the green waste to be cancelled for this period.' We said this because Schedule 4, Section 3 of the agreement between ECDC and ECSS provides:

'The scope of services to be delivered is set out in the Service Specifications for waste and street cleansing and these can only be amended with the endorsement of the Chair of Regulatory Services (or equivalent) for general operational matters and the Regulatory Services Committee for matters of policy relating to the delivery of services.'

In line with this, Councillor Huffer was briefed and endorsed the cancellation of green waste collections for the period. She could have held ECSS to delivering the service, she could have asked them to bring forward alternative proposals, she could have held a special meeting of Operational Services Committee to discuss the options, but she endorsed the amendment to suspend the Green Waste collection. In answer to our questions, Cllr Huffer explained that she accepted this reduction in service to protect the health of the workforce; that to demand a reduction in costs would be petty in the extreme, because other local Councils had also suspended the service; and that she decided green waste was the best collection to cancel because it was non statutory. We support actions to protect the health of the workforce but remain concerned that this decision was taken with such limited member input. The suspension of the service is an inconvenience to residents and potentially sets back our efforts to reduce waste going to landfill – the officers considered it was likely that the level of food in black bags would increase following the suspension.

The East Cambs Community Fund grant application window will be open between Monday 17 January and Monday 21 February. Grants are intended to support the development of new or existing community services and initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents of East Cambridgeshire. Details including eligibility criteria are at

www.eastcambs.gov.uk/finance/east-cambridgeshire-community-fund

If you have any questions or for more information please contact stephanie.jones@eastcambs.gov.uk or call Stephanie Jones on 01353 665555.

The government's unwillingness to permit all Councils to meet on-line is causing difficulties for Parish Councillors and District alike. Some Parish Councils have reduced their discussions to immediate items only and others have tried to run full meetings but found themselves inquorate. We wrote to Lucy Frazer MP, but she did not support reintroducing on-line meetings and said that even if it was to be proposed parliamentary time would be needed to approve it.

Charlotte had the bizarre experience of an Audit Committee meeting where neither the external nor internal auditors were present due to Covid, so they could not be questioned

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about the £4m errors they found in the 2020/21 accounts or the £4m errors they found in the 2019/20 accounts which had to be corrected through a prior year adjustment. Although these errors cancelled each other out so that the results didn't change, they were material and it's unfortunate that we have to wait until our next meeting in July to question the auditors in Committee.

Our next 'meet your Councillors' and Surgery will be on Thursday 17 February at 6.30. Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.

Parish Council Report

By the time you read this article, the appeal against the refusal of outline planning permission by East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) for the Retirement Village, which was scheduled to commence on 25 January, may well have finished. As you will be aware from my previous notes, this development is strongly opposed by the Parish Council. Cllr John Wilson (who is the lead on planning for the Parish Council) and I have registered with the Inquiry in order to be able to add our verbal comments to the written submissions we have already made. Bottisham Medical Practice will also be presenting to the appeal and ECDC will be represented by a barrister.

The upsurge in Covid-19 cases arising from the Omicron variant has affected the work of the Parish Council. We had planned a consultation with residents of Ancient Meadows in January concerning plans for a play area. This included the opportunity for residents to meet with members of the Council at the Social Club. However, it was felt inadvisable to have a live meeting when many residents might also feel unsure about coming out. A Zoom meeting was considered, but this might exclude residents not comfortable with online meetings. So, a decision was taken to postpone the consultation. The government's recent guidance has been that employees should work from home where possible, so it was a cause of disappointment for councils that the government has not reinstated (unlike with the earlier lockdowns) provision for Council meetings to take place online. In common with some other councils, we instead adopted a very limited agenda for our January meeting, covering only matters essential to be discussed then. This enabled us to have a much reduced time together in an enclosed space. We will resume operating normally as soon as it is reasonable to do so and will reschedule the Play Area consultation at that time.

I am sorry to report that we have recently had further incidents of vandalism to the brick bus shelter in the High Street. We all need to work together to stop this, or any other criminal behaviour happening. Can I please ask that, if you see any evidence of crime, you personally report it immediately? If a crime is taking place, someone is in danger, or the suspect is nearby, call 999. If it's not an emergency, you can call the police on 101 or go to your local police station. If you want to report a crime anonymously, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or give them information online.

I want to draw attention to the Housing & Community Advice Service Bus recently launched by ECDC. Recognising that it can be difficult to travel to Council Offices for advice, this service brings the services to villages in the Council's area. The bus stops in the

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car park of the Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club in Downing Close for a couple of hours on the following dates:

Wednesday 16 Feb, 16 Mar, and 13 April from 1.30 pm. Information and future dates can be found by following this link: The Community Hubs | East Cambridgeshire District Council (eastcambs.gov.uk)

Finally, we have three vacancies on Parish Council, meaning we are running at only 3/4 strength and are spread very thin. We need your support if we are to continue to sustain and grow a community that we all want to live in. So do consider whether serving as a councillor could be or you. If you would like to know more, please contact our clerk Jonathan Giles on 07789 012761 or email him at clerk@bottisham-pc.gov.uk.

Jon Ogborn, Chair of Parish Council

Planning Notes

New Applications

21/01679/FUL – 2 Arber Close, Bottisham, New front porch and single storey rear extension

21/01816/FUL – 11 Bradfords Close, Extension and alteration to existing domestic property

 $21/01846/TRE-125\ High\ Street,\ T1\ Ash\ leaf\ Maple-Re-pollard\ to\ previous\ reduction\ points$

Planning Applications Approved by ECDC

21/01498/TCON, 17 Stocks Close, To comply with Condition 3 (Tree topping, lopping and felling) of Decision Notice 86/01020/RMA

21/01393/CLP- 25 Willow Way, Change roof of single storey rear addition from flat to mono pitched roof with tiled finish to match existing main house.

Planning Appeal

21/00033/REFAPP – Land to rear of 163-187 High Street, Proposed Retirement Village – Planning Inspector's Inquiry commences on 25 January 2022

Bottisham & District Gardening Club

Our Christmas meeting held in December was a social event with mulled wine, refreshments, quizzes and a competition for a Christmas table decoration. That is what I wrote in the last monthly report in anticipation as we did not meet until after the submission date for the magazines. All the previous sentence was true unfortunately less than half the membership attended. This was a shame as the committee had worked hard in preparing and arranging the evening. There were only 3 entries for the Christmas table decoration and it was agreed that the Grenfell Medal on behalf of the RHS was not awarded this year.

Let us hope that we are back to normal for our 2022 celebrations.

Hoping that more members came in January when Paul Robinson (Waterland Organics) from Lode spoke about organic gardening.

Please come on February 22nd when Ray Nunnington will tell us about Clematis. We meet in the Poppy Room at the Sociall Club at 7.30.

Sylvia Overton





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Bottisham Community Events



Welcome to Bottisham

RECENTLY ENJOYED

- 4th Dec Litter Pick Thank you to all those who braved the cold to keep our village tidy and special thanks to those who brought sweet treats for the troops. Next Litter pick will be in Spring 2022
- 11th Dec Winter Lights Weekend £250 (and potentially more!) was raised for Red2Green, thank you to those who came along for the carols, crafts, cakes, coffee, mulled wine and festive storytelling! If you'd like to help organise a similar event for Christmas 2022 email bottishamcommunityevents@gmail.com
- 21st Dec Cats Protection Facebook Fundraiser £154 generously raised by the people of Bottisham, who donated to support the important work of this charity. Local resident Fay Childs, released a video each day on Facebook, singing carols, to entertain and inspire during the festive season. Many thank to all who supported this.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Every Wednesday 10:30 Meeting Point in the Poppy Room, Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club
- Every Wednesday 19:15 Carpet Bowls at Bottisham Village College
- Every (first) Wednesday of the month,
 19:30 Bottisham Book Club at The Bell
- Every (third) Wednesday of the month,
 19:30 Wool & Wine Wednesdays at The Bell
- Every (last) Friday of the month 09:30 Bottisham Men's Walking Group
- Every (first) Saturday of the month 10:30 Storytelling at the Library

THINGS IN THE MAKING

 Jubilee Street Party This year marks the Queen's 70th anniversary on the throne, and she will be the first ever British monarch to

- mark a Platinum Jubilee! Nadene is looking for a handful of volunteers who can give up some of their time and energy to organise a street party to celebrate this landmark anniversary. Contact 07733 102 859
- Community Meal if you're interested in supporting this fabulous idea sometime in the new year, and joining the organising committee, please email bottishamcommunityevents@gmail.com
- Bottisham Village College are looking for volunteers to provide a cafe facility to support village events, if interested email enquiries@bottishamvc.org
- Play Reading for those who fancy meeting up for some script reading fun, in a cosy corner, on a regular basis, email rosemary@anthonyjolley.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FEBRUARY

Saturday 19 th February Legionnaires 77
 At the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club, for further details email bottishamcsasc@gmail.com or alternatively visit their website

www.bottishamsocialclub.co.uk

 Friday 25th February Men's Walking Group For further details contact Ian Cole on 01223 812573

If you have a village group, club, society, or event you would like to advertise please email bottishamcommunityevents@gmail.com for inclusion online or join the Bottisham Events Facebook Group Or send your poster direct to The Cresset Magazine via bottishamcresset@gmail.com If you would like these details adding to The Cresset 'What's On' page, please observe the print deadline for inclusion.

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COMMUNITY HERB BED PROJECT UPDATE by Sarah Brown

After a Winter rest, bulbs are now appearing and Jan, Bernadette and myself will be checking the beds very soon, giving them a tidy up before further planting in the Spring. We look forward to adding herbs to the beds this year and hope that you will take a snip once they have established. We have had a generous offer to make a sign, many thanks for this! We look forward to updating you all on the this.

If you have any unwanted excess small herb plants that you can spare, we would love to include them, please contact me at brownsjc46@gmail.com

HERB OF THE MONTH by Sarah Brown

Rosemary hails from the Mediterranean coastlands. Its name comes from the Latin Ros and Maris, meaning dew of the sea. Rosemary is an evergreen herb and is often

associated with memory and remembrance.

Here is a simple idea to make Rosemary Salt, which can be used to flavour different meats for grilling or for the barbecue; added to roasted or grilled vegetables and also be sprinkled on roasted potatoes.

This homemade condiment would also make a lovely gift and will keep in an airtight jar for several months

RECIPE

3 tbs finely chopped rosemary leaves 1/2 cup of coarse sea salt or kosher salt 1/2 tsp of lemon zest (optional)

METHOD

Combine the rosemary and salt in a food processor, pulse until blended.

Add the lemon zest if using, pulse once or twice more to mix. Spread the mixture on a clean baking tray, leaving it to air dry for approx. 3 hours. Store the salt in a clean jar with a tight fitting lid. *Enjoy!*

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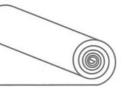


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Cambridgeshire County Council Update

The Children & Young People Committee continues to consider the budget outcome for schools for next year. The Committee will receive the final budget settlement at its meeting in early January and I will update with more detail next month. However, the settlement is looking, as in previous years to be tight.

Highways & Transport Committee approved the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) undertaking the consultation on the future of the traffic along Mill Road and over Mill Road bridge.

I have attended a webinar about the Eastern Access into Cambridge and am still concerned over the proposals for the Eastern Access into Cambridge. The current consultation is only considering access along Newmarket Road, with various options for the Barnwell Road roundabout, Elizabeth Way roundabout, in addition to moving the Park & Ride site close to the A14 roundabout on Green Belt land. There would be more bus lanes along Newmarket Road and narrower lanes for vehicles.

I have received agreement from the GCP's Director of Transport that any consultation of the Eastern Access will consider all roads into Cambridge from the east, including Cherry Hinton Road and Mill Road.

However, this comes at a cost, which the GCP are stating is £40m per year, and will be paid for by congestion charges, increased parking charges and a levy on parking spaces at businesses in Cambridge. I have no detail on the calculations behind those charges and the assumptions made to arrive at that figure, as if we get more bus passengers, fare income goes up, but equally that means lower vehicle charges.

The GCP is proposing many more buses both in frequency and routes. That is to be welcomed, but this service needs to be in place before residents will be persuaded to leave their cars at home and use it. There is the other matter of the not inconsiderable cost of these proposals and where that funding is coming from.

We need to change people's current ways of doing things, but we need viable and sustainable alternatives, which I do not believe the current proposals offer. I would welcome any comments around this issue, as I want to understand the opinion of residents on this issue.

By the time that you read this report we will have had an extraordinary Full County Council meeting, together with Children & Young People and Highways & Transport Committee meetings. I will update you on these and any other issues next month.

If you aware of an issue that concerns you, please let me know. If I am not aware of it, I cannot fix it

I look forward to updating residents further next month and continue to work on your behalf.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Woodditton Division

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TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF BOTTISHAM

I write regarding **The Neighbourhood Watch scheme**. The reason being that Bottisham has only 5 roads covered and is just a "2 star" village in a list of East Cambs. villages.

We are lower than the general average with some achieving 5 stars.

The roads covered in Bottisham are only – Beechwood Ave,
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Recently, Burwell had a big push as a village and now is a 5 star example to us all with all areas covered.

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Tim the Vinophile Writes

BLACK OR BLUE?

I don't know about you, but I was amazed and impressed that the Cresset recently issued its 500th edition. Somebody worked out that this meant the first edition was published sometime in 1976 (Phew! What a scorcher). That set me thinking about what wine was available in the UK at that time.

As the title suggests, white wine was available in two colours: Black (Tower) or Blue (Nun), our first introduction to German Liebfraumilch. Although some people get a bit snooty about them, they were some of the first mass market wines introduced to the UK.

Red wine tended to be either Piat D'Or or Hirondelle and if you wanted a bottle of the pink stuff that could also be used as a table lamp holder then it had to be Mateus Rose.

If you want to lose yourself down a rabbit hole of nostalgia or enlightenment, then type these wines into YouTube and enjoy the TV adverts, different times.

The 1980s saw the arrival of Jacobs Creek from Australia and the quality started to improve. Who remembers Robert Mondavi? We also had the madness that was Beaujolais Nouveau. The third Thursday in November became a red-letter day and wine bars (remember them?) across the country would run special evenings "le Nouveau est arrive!". It tasted nothing like decent Beaujolais but it was great fun and the Friday mornings were bearable.

In fact, wine bars played a significant part in educating many of us about wine. We grew more adventurous with grape and nation. Cambridge Wine Merchants has its own modern-day version where you can sit down and taste their wares before returning back from a shopping expedition, a day in the office, before going on to eat or just because you fancy a glass of something different. Highly recommended.

These days, we know so much more about wine. What it should taste like, where it comes from, which food matches it best and so many more things. A very different knowledge base to when The Cresset first appeared!

I'd love to hear what you enjoy drinking. I've now met a few readers and am reassured that you find them interesting. Suggestions always welcome! Do drop me an email vinophile?@gmail.com

Mateus Rose Tesco £5.50 - A Youthful and fresh wine with a touch of sparkle ad lovely hints of red fruit.

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Reasons to be Cheerful...

In this mad crazy world in which we live, there are many things which upset or disappoint us. I have a silly sense of humour, and there are many things which make me smile as I go about my life. Road signs, TV adverts, clothing labels, people, animals, food packets, and all sorts of other stuff. Here are a few things which made me giggle this month.

- Why have actresses now become actors?
- Is it wrong to watch live events on catch up tv?
- The New Zealand basketball team is called "The Tall Blacks".
- Barry Manilow did not write his song called "I write the songs".
- The world's largest Mince pie factory is in Barnsley.
- Are Blue bins recyclable?
- Chopin's 2nd Piano concerto was composed before his 1st Piano concerto (Radio 2).
- Why do we always touch the plate when we are told that it is hot?
- A Duck-billed platypus can hold up to 600 worms in its cheek pouches (Steve Wright factoids).
- The can opener was invented 48 years after the tin can. The manufacturers recommended way to open a can was with a hammer and chisel.
- I'm thinking of going to the moon, it can't be that difficult. After all its not rocket science.
- If we only have cold turkey after Christmas, do we go cold turkey for the rest of the year?
- Osmosis. What a great word.

Keep smiling - Peter Rayment

Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

The new term has started very well with an excellent first lecture by Julian Sedgwick. The course entitled "Beyond the Cliché" – an introduction to the culture and history of Japan runs until February half term.

Lectures take place at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club starting at 10.00.

Unfortunately, the speaker we had booked for the second half of the Spring term is no longer available. However, we are working hard to engage a new speaker for that time. Existing members will be contacted with details by email or phone. Anyone else who may be interested in adult learning next half term please contact bottishambala@btinternet.com.

New members are always welcome.

Helen Cole



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I am sorry that we have found it necessary to postpone our Annual Quiz originally planned for 15th January. It will now take place on Saturday 12th March and there is a separate advert for this elsewhere in the magazine.

We were pleased to provide book tokens as prizes to Bottisham Community Primary School. The older children had taken part in a short story competition just before Christmas and this was judged by us. Congratulations to the winners and we hope that we will be able to have the winning entries on display in the library at a later date. We had pre Covid times built up a good relationship with the school with regular visits by them and we hope these can happen again soon.

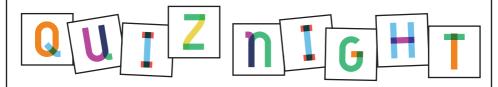
We are still hoping to find a leader (or 2 people sharing) for our Lego Club to start up again on Saturday mornings. Please contact me or any library volunteer if you can help.

The volunteers have been working hard to weed shelves of books not recently borrowed and filled the shelves again from the many books donated to us in the last few months. There are also several "new" books to buy on the sales shelves. Please come and have a look either to borrow or buy. We have recently purchased another storage cupboard for the foyer so, if you do have books to donate we are ready to receive them. Thankyou for your support.

It has been great to see more users coming to the library. Please continue to come.

Sylvia Overton

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News from Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

A New Year closer to nature

Blow away the cobwebs and enjoy the great outdoors this New Year by heading out into the nature reserve for a restorative walk. As well as the much-loved boardwalk for a short stroll behind the Visitor Centre, there are routes towards Upware, Burwell Fen, White Fen and beyond. If you want to discover somewhere new to stretch your legs or find a peaceful spot in nature, just call into the Visitor Centre for a chat with our friendly team.

'Footprints' Community Engagement Project: thank you

We finished the year with a flurry of activities including community archaeology and tree planting. The weather was cold and windy for both weekends, but this didn't dent the enthusiasm of participants from our local communities. A big thank you to everyone who came out to support the activities – everyone seemed to have a great time despite the wintry weather.

We'll be able to see the trees flourish at White Fen over the coming years as the planting is close to the National Cycle Network route 11 which is regularly used by walkers and cyclists. If you haven't been to this part of the reserve, it's well worth a visit. We'll be doing some follow up maintenance work to keep the young trees healthy next year—more information will follow.

Winter Wildlife

Some 72 whooper swans were recorded roosting on Burwell Fen recently and a couple of short-eared owls have also been seen regularly. Other winter highlights to look out for include hundreds of lapwings and swirling groups of starlings. We've also had a pair of cranes present on the Fen throughout the winter. Taking a walk later in the afternoon is often a great way so see bird activity at this time of year. Birds are often trying to find safe places to roost for the night away from predators as dusk falls. There's nothing quite like the swishing of wings and different bird calls overhead as the skies change colour before sunset. One of nature's magic moments!

'Footprints' Community Engagement Project: volunteer opportunities

We're starting to think about the warmer days ahead of us and planning new activities, including visits to local spring and summer fairs. We're currently recruiting fairs, feasts and festivals volunteers to join the team. This new role will involve manning the Wicken Fen stall and chatting to people about Wicken Fen, the Wicken Fen Vision and the Footprints project (training will be given). To find out more and apply, go to www.nationaltrust.org.uk/volunteer click on 'Find an opportunity now' and search for Wicken Fen. If you'd like to have an informal chat about the role, please email Julia with your contact details and she will be in touch: julia.hammond@nationaltrust.org.uk.

February half term activities including a new Feathery Friends trail will be available, so if you have family adventures in mind, keep an eye on our website and social media for more details.

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This will seem a little out of date when you get this magazine – copy has to be sent to the editor early in the month and well before we have our meeting.

Our Christmas meeting on 15th Dec was enjoyable with refreshments and a quiz. Unfortunately, numbers were well down as members were being careful and choosing not to meet before their planned family Christmas arrangements because of the Omicron Covid virus problem. Members had brought food to share but the committee had worked hard in preparing the Main Hall and arranging the raffle and Quizzes. I enjoyed it anyway.

I hope there were more members at the meeting on 19th January when Kate Kirk told us about her amazing aunt – Cicely Saunders and the Modern Hospice Movement.

Make a note in your diary for Wednesday 16th February when Carol Pook will tell us about the Life of Coco Chanel.

We meet at 7.30pm in our new venue (at least until Easter) the Poppy Room. Hope to see you there.

Sylvia Overton



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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

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Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Service: Members of the public are being asked to share their views on proposed changes to neuro-rehabilitation services provided in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

As part of a joint proposal between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust (CCS), the consultation relates to the existing service provided by the Oliver Zangwill Centre for Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, and proposed changes to it arising from the clinically led pathway review of neuro-rehabilitation services in 2019.

The consultation is being led by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) and will run from Tuesday 11 January until 22 February. Members of the public can view the consultation document and survey on https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/consultationsengagement/neuro-psychological-rehabilitation-consultation-2022/

The number of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents referred to the Oliver Zangwill Centre for NHS-funded rehabilitation, particularly for its unique 18-week rehabilitation programme, has decreased in recent years indicating the service is no longer receiving sufficient referrals to remain viable.

Our Patient Participation Group is a member of the National Association of Patient Participation, whose aim is to enable patients and their medical practice to achieve high quality and responsive care. The Association's aims are as follows:-

To act as 'critical friend' to provide a patients' perspective ensuring services, plans and activities respond to patients needs and priorities.

To foster communication with the wider patient population building stronger patient-doctor relationships.

To provide practical support to practice teams e.g. conducting and analysing patient surveys, organizing health awareness events etc.

To encourage those with long term and/or multiple health conditions to gain confidence in managing and taking control of their health and care.

To help other patients take more responsibility for their health and make informed decisions.

As our current committee is such a tiny representation of the wider patient group we are not able to fully achieve all these aims. We need more patients to join us, so do get in touch with our chairman at the email below and he can give more details.

Next meeting: If you would like to join one of our Zoom meetings please email our chairman at s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will send you a meeting invite. Next regular meeting March 23rd 2022 at 2pm. Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group



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Public Transport Matters

After Christmas and New Year there did seem to be more people on the buses but we have been asked once more to work from home if possible and I recently was initially the only passenger. National Express has agreed an all share deal to buy its rival Stagecoach and this has sparked an overhaul of the long distance coach travel market. Sir Brian Souter and his sister Dame Ann Gloag who founded Stagecoach have a 25 per cent stake and their shares will be worth about 118 million pounds. Stagecoach is selling Megabus and other services. These have been taken over by ComfortDelGro which runs services in London.

Stagecoach East has introduced a new zone structure to simplify fares. 92 per cent of customers should pay the same or less. There are no longer return tickets and tickets valid in Cambridge are no longer valid in Peterborough and vice versa. There are 3 zones - Town, Plus and East. You must have a Dayrider instead of a return. There are also small group tickets which helps families. Visit the Stagecoach East website for full details.

The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership also has a link as the discussions are still ongoing about bus services in the east which will affect us on the No.11 bus route. Newmarket Road Park and Ride might be moved. Cycle paths could also be added. There is the Smarter Cambridge Action Group which considers climate change. Go Ahead group has signed the biggest passenger transport green hydrogen supply contract in Europe and is to take delivery of 20 hydrogen single deckers built by Wrightbus in Northern Ireland.

20 mph zones in Cambridgeshire are being discussed by councillors to reduce collisions.

There is going to be a memorial in London to transport workers who have lost their lives due to the pandemic.

The Foxton travel hub is still being discussed. There is much local opposition.

The Stagecoach bus strike was cancelled as a pay rise was agreed but in some parts of the country there have been strikes and driver shortages due to the pandemic. Engineering works have also affected train services.

Train tickets in Britain cost up to 7 times as much as in similar journeys in Europe and are due to rise in March by 3.8 per cent.

HS2 trains will be powered by zero carbon electricity from day one. They will travel at 225 mph. The final route still doesn't seem to be fixed. People have houses they can't sell. It concerns the Eastern Leg.

Cambridge South station could be built next to the Cambridge Bio-Medical campus and it is hoped it would ease congestion. Soham now has its own station.

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Happy travelling! Keep safe and well.

Paddy James

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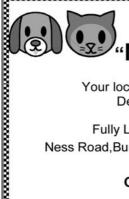
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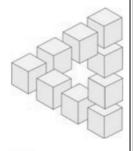
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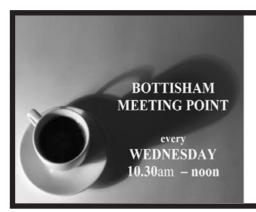


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Our meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Lode Church. At our next meeting, on 17th February, Mike Procter will be speaking to us about the Christian charity organisation 'Reach Beyond'. All are welcome to come and join us, and copies of our programme for the first six months of this year are available in all of the five parish churches.

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Well, I am happy to recognise that the England cricket team put up much more spirited and gritty resistance in the Fourth Ashes Test after being completely humiliated in the first three matches. As Stuart Broad said, after finally being selected to play, and taking a five-fer, "It doesn't matter which bowlers you play if you're being bowled out for 140"! So, credit is due to Messrs Bairstow, Crawley and Stokes for batting obdurately, and to Jack Leach who, perhaps, is staking a claim as an all-rounder, by taking four Aussie wickets and occupying the crease for an hour and a quarter as England batted through the final day to escape with a draw – thus avoiding the possibility of a series whitewash (with one to play).

Make no mistake though, this is scant cause for celebration. England never gave themselves a chance of winning this series with so little preparation and such muddled thinking in team selection and tactics. The truth is that the Australian batsmen have been able to cope comfortably with our attack, whilst the England batsmen have failed to pass the 300 mark in any innings out of eight, at the time of writing. Poor Chris Silverwood's tenure as head coach has been catastrophic so far and, if there were any viable alternatives to Joe Root, I am sure he would be asked to relinquish the captaincy to concentrate on his batting, which is undoubtedly beginning to suffer under the current weight of responsibility. This is ironic indeed considering he was averaging 66 in the 12 tests immediately prior to the Ashes.

One has to feel sorry for the players though. It is unequivocally the structure of the English domestic game which requires an overhaul if this decline is to be halted. It is no coincidence that, while the ECB work ever-harder to seduce the paying public with the quick thrash-and-crash versions of the game, the Australians play far less limited-overs cricket than we do. Clearly The Hundred has been brilliant in raising the profile of women's cricket, but is there really room for both T20 and The Hundred in the men's game, with the county championship languishing on the shelf like an old maid?

Isn't it also time to have a look at the obscene sums of money sloshing around in football? And I don't just mean players' salaries! I gather the talented Baroness Brady, vice-chairman of West Ham United, enjoyed a 30% increase in her remuneration last year to £1.3 million and the lesser-known Marina Granovskaia, a director of Chelsea, pocketed a handsome £2.2 million for her (presumably outstanding) expertise in the business of football. And those finance magicians in the Glazer family doled out £11.5 million in dividends to shareholders (mainly themselves, of course) in January, despite Manchester United posting a loss of £92 million last year! Not only that, but the red side of Manchester, currently experiencing a degree of uncertainty on the pitch, can boast the Premier League's highest annual wage bill at £226 million. This compares with the relatively modest totals of Chelsea and Manchester City, at £162 million and £143 million respectively, and dwarfs that of Brentford at the other end of the scale at just under £13 million.

Does anyone else feel uncomfortable with these eye-watering figures, especially in the light of so many lower league clubs struggling to stay afloat? e.g. Bury (gone), Oldham (bottom of League 2), Southend (relegated to National League). One wonders if the proposed 'independent regulator' will genuinely be able to level the playing field, as it were, or is there now so much power invested in the juggernaut called the Premier League, that – like UEFA and FIFA – they will remain a law unto themselves?

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While we're on the subject of football people doing as they please, what is it with footballers and vaccinations? Currently some 16% of Premier League players and 25% of EFL players are unvaccinated and appear to be continuing their lives and careers without a care in the world... that is until they catch Covid en masse and have their matches postponed! How they can be so stupid and selfish is completely beyond me. And what a load of vacuous old tripe from the lips of PFA Chairman, Maheta Molango! Cautioning the public against 'over-simplistic assessments of situations' relating to non-vaccinated footballers, he described players as being on a "vaccination journey". And in the next breath, he's criticising the footballing authorities for not caring enough about player welfare...! Had you ever heard of this character before? I hadn't, so I looked him up. His footballing career seems to have climaxed with 10 appearances for Lincoln City in 2005-6 so, clearly, he speaks for the profession with considerable authority.

I guess you could describe Novak Djokovic as being on a 'non-vaccination' journey, eh? At the time of writing, we are still waiting to see if he will be allowed to take part in the Australian Open, or whether he will be deported, or whether some publicity-seeking Aussie judge will actually give him a rest behind bars! Clearly the Australian authorities could and should have joined up their thinking before allowing Djokovic to enter the country, but the arrogant, foolish and possibly deceitful way in which the World No.1 has gone about his business does him and his sport no credit at all, sadly. A potential role model for millions, and rightly lauded for his charitable efforts, Djokovic's eccentric views on medicine, healing and science cast enormous doubt on the example he sets.

May I return to cricket for a minute to share a few thoughts on a man who graced his sport with all the qualities you would expect from a top professional. Ray Illingworth CBE, the Yorkshire, Leicestershire and England all-rounder, who succumbed to cancer at Christmas, was simply a giant of the game. His CV includes seven County Championship wins with Yorkshire, one with Leicestershire (as captain), and an epic victory in the Ashes series in Australia in 1969-70, captaining England at the age of 39. In fact, his England team remained unbeaten for three years until the legendary West Indies side proved too hot to handle in 1973. Illingworth subsequently captained England in their first ODI at age 50, captained Yorkshire to the Sunday League title two years after that, and went on to become chairman of England selectors for a three-year spell in the 1990s. Speaking for myself, I will always remember him in an England jersey, bowling tightly when the pressure was on, batting with gritty skill in the middle order when early wickets had tumbled, getting the best out of everyone around him and refusing to give up. Suffice it to say he was always first on my team sheet when playing 'Owzthat' with my friends during the school holidays! RIP 'Illy'... we will not see his like again.

May I also pay tribute to Illingworth for his stance on assisted dying – a subject close to my heart ever since watching my dear mother suffer a horrible, lingering demise a few years ago. Calling for a referendum on the issue, Illingworth was convinced that a public vote would go in favour of assisted dying after seeing his wife Shirley suffer intolerably in the final stages of cancer. Interestingly, it is reported that three out of four people in the UK, but only one in three MPs, support assisted dying. It's about time our representatives got into line to change this grotesque law once and for all!

TTFN Gerry Daish

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'WHERE ARE THE ADULTS IN THE ROOM?'

"If it bleeds, it leads" is the proverb often used by our beloved tabloids. They love nothing better than to kick a man when he's down which is all well and good up to a point. But it is also all rather misleading. This occurred to me as the lacerations inflicted on No 10 due to employees 'partying' seem to be ceaseless - with the wounds now weeping blood. Let's be honest with one another. We all know of people, may be even ourselves, who held 'parties' or who entertained visitors during lockdown against the rules. So let's drop the 'holier than thou' attitude or 'taking the moral high ground'. We should also remind ourselves that the country elected this Government by a sizeable margin, like it or not, to oversee the detaching of this nation from the 'one size fits all' regulations of the EU. Instead the Covid19 pandemic has 'knee capped' many of the Government's aspirations. Would I want to be part of any government dealing with the worst crisis since WW2 and being constantly briefed against by those playing politics? No way. So let us just for a moment use a time honoured British value of supporting the underdog whilst trying to see if there is any rational context to this internecine bloodletting – surely there are far more important matters that should be occupying Parliamentary attention.

According to a You Gov. survey taken three years ago over 70% of people outside of the metropolitan areas in Britain were proud of the United Kingdom and of its traditional values. And so, regardless of personal politics, it is reasonable to assume I feel that no fair minded person would wish any administration to wantonly shoot itself in the foot quite so often causing both national and international embarrassment. Yet, as we all know, the Government, along with the Prime Minister, has had a torrid time of late with, on the face of it, too many own goals being scored. Normally one learns from mistakes but that doesn't seem to be the case here. Why? Is there something more sinister going on or is it a circumstance of inept guidance? Or maybe it is simply a coincidence that these stories and pictures just keep oozing out – appearing as if the media is being deliberately drip fed?

It wasn't that long ago that you couldn't vote before you were 21 and Members of Parliament (MPs) were what one would call 'Elder Statesmen' – personified by an eminent senior member of a group or organisation, probably retired, who had the fullness of maturity to responsibly represent constituencies as an MP and to become a Minister of State. It was a vocation rather than a career with minimal reward - where one's wisdom and life experiences could be applied to the benefit of Parliament and to local and parochial administrations. But if one takes a closer look at politics today MPs are in the main career politicians many of whom seem to lack the appropriate life skills and insight into the established business-like world of politics.

Going back over the past year or two I have sought to pinpoint events that have brought Parliament into disrepute in the eyes of the media. But I would qualify this by saying that the media is not always truly representative of the opinions of the voter and often has its own



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(political) agenda. I was surprised to find that the occurrences noticeably coming to the fore are so called Government 'Leaks' rather than the behaviours of Ministers and MPs themselves. So, if it is not MPs then who is responsible for the 'leaks' in the houses of Westminster?

In all but a very few cases the source of the leak has been traced back to an anonymous employee; an Aide, Adviser or Special Adviser or 'Spad'. But unlike MPs these people are not elected. To be clear; a leak occurs when a government insider shares secret information with the media about the Government. It is also worthy of note that the average age of an (junior) Adviser is now around 25 - 30 as their role over the past two decades has become more 'political' and less 'expert'.

But before I venture further you may recall a head teacher of an all Girls' school in Kent condemning the older generation for not conceding to the ideology of beliefs and injustices as recognised by today's younger generation. You may also recall a group of freshers at Cambridge University who complained that they felt threatened and unsafe when a photographer offered to help some of the teenage ladies down from a platform after a photo shoot - and most recently the jury's acquittal of the 'Colston Four' from causing criminal damage to a statue. These occurrences have led to 'educational specialists' debating whether we have a generation who are the byproduct of an 'ultra-liberalist' higher education system; a system that lectures on rights and injustices before civic obligations and context; personal freedom devoid of any sense of selflessness or loyalty before commitment and lawfulness and the intolerance of opposing narratives.

Leaks involving information about Government policy undermine trust within government and when they occur they can have debilitating implications for the conduct of good and effective government. A dislike of personalities, whether personal or media driven, that has the potential to destabilise a Government of any political persuasion - cannot possibly be in the public interest. This crass behaviour is deficient of moral fibre and maturity causing experts in this field to suggest that non-elected government employees should, as a minimum, be subject to the Official Secrets Act.

In pulling this article to a close I would suggest that we are now seeing the ideology alluded to above playing out at the centre of Government. We have Advisers, hardly out of the 'nappies' of higher education that are deficient of practical experience and wisdom. This is all too obviously exampled by an absence of high quality guidance to Ministers in favour of one's own narcissistic insight of what is in the public interest. Having now looked for rational context and found none it is clear that much of the breakdown of trust in Government can be directed at those who advise and communicate. However the Government has brought much of this upon itself by the appointment of seemingly immature and inept individuals into positions of political responsibility. It's shameful, it's embarrassing and it discredits the nation. What No 10 urgently needs now is a few more clued-up "Adults in the Room" with the professionalism and maturity to ADVISE...

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Michael White

IN MEMORY OF DAVID FROST

The family would like to thank everyone who wrote, rang, attended the funeral, or stood along the route from his house to the Church as we processed on 21st December. We were very touched by everyone's kindness and were so proud of all he had meant to many in the village, at BVC, and the wider community.

Thank you also for the generous donations given in his memory, shared between Holy Trinity, Bottisham, and Children with Cancer.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Litter Pick on the 4th Dec and the Winter Lights on the 11th Dec.

LITTER PICKS - There was a surprising number of you who braved the cold to keep our village tidy this December. The collection of litter has really helped our local wildlife and the contribution of cakes was much appreciated by all! The next one will be March 2022, do keep your eye out for further information. In total we have completed 3 organised litter picks this year (don't forget others also do this individually which is excellent!) and we have had support from many neighbours as well as village organisations such as the Bottisham Airfield Museum and Parish Council.

I have given feedback to Bottisham Village College about the litter we found there and they are working hard too, to not only keep it litter free with litter picks done by students, but also educate the students and visitors to the site.

I will also be contacting our council about the blue bin collections, as one of you lovely people pointed out that after our last efforts, there was soon litter again due to bin collections. I'm not sure what can be done about this, but I will write to them anyway to encourage them to pick up after themselves when they empty our rubbish as part of their rounds. Thanks for the suggestion! If anyone else wishes to also write, please do (East Cambridgeshire District Council, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4EE).

WINTER LIGHTS WEEKEND - May not have gone exactly to plan, but it certainly met the objective, to raise funds for a local charity. £250 so far and counting! If anyone would like to donate to Red2Green further, you can do so here: www.justgiving.com/red2green If you shop online at Amazon, you can also make 'turning the red lights green' your chosen charity on 'amazon smile' – just go to your settings. Red2Green is a vital local charity for people 16yrs+ who live with autism or learning disabilities, to find out more or get involved, visit their website Red2Green - www.red2green.org #abilitynotdisability

Anyone who wants to be involved in planning next year's Winter Lights Weekend 2022, do get in touch, the more the merrier!

What we have achieved in 2021 - Thank you so much for your support for this group, (and to Olinda in particular for starting it all) for joining in on all the Litter Picks, supporting the Community Yard sale, which in turn raised funds for our local Scout troop (well done Alice for organising!) and for spreading the word in general about village events. That is very important work, as there are so many ways to advertise.

FOR THOSE OF YOU ONLINE, there is a new Facebook Group, where we hope to see more future events and village activities advertised. Bottisham Events Facebook Group This is not instead of our usual Bottisham Community Facebook Page, where there is a wealth of information. The Group is an addition to and will focus on events — it's public and open to all, simply join and you can organise and promote your own events, clubs, groups, activities too! If anyone wishes to be an 'admin' for this Group, let me know and I'll add you. You need to have a registered Facebook account.



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FOR THOSE OF YOU NOT ONLINE (or both!) please see The Cresset for the 'what's on' page, over the past few editions, we've been aiming to pull together as many events, clubs, groups, activities and happenings as possible, to provide an overview of 'dates for your diary'. Still a work in progress, more than happy if someone wishes to help with this too. Just stick your hand up and wave.

It's been lovely to see new ideas and connectivity, not least the new Book Club (which meets at the pub once a month) — this too has its own Facebook Group Bottisham Book Club but don't worry I'm sure there will be posters up in the village in the New Year and for anyone interested in meetings you can email helenlslone@gmail.com to find out more.

THINGS IN THE MAKING FOR 2022 - In the New Year there will hopefully be opportunities to work with Sarah around her Community Herb Bed project (brownsjc46@gmail.com), opportunities to volunteer at Bottisham Village College and/or the Library (enquiries@bottishamvc.org), perhaps even the creation of a play reading group (rosemary@anthonyjolley.com) and a community meal to organise - which a few of you have already emailed about, wanting to support, which is fab! I shall link these people together so that they can discuss. I'm also thinking of starting a 'Wool & Wine' meeting once a month, but I'll keep you posted on that.

While restrictions have indeed come back and we find ourselves once again in the middle of winter pressures and yet more uncertainty, there will no doubt be much to look forward to in 2022, because you all make it possible.

Jody (and everyone else!)

Dear Editor

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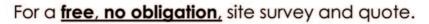






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