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Closing date for applications is 12/10/22, with interviews on the evening of 18/10/22.

### Phew What a Scorcher!



As you will see from the letter to the Editor on Page xx from the Parish Council, I may have mistakenly underplayed the role that the PC took in the organising of the activities of the Jubilee weekend and I owe an apology. In particular to recognise the part that Cllr.Cundell played. Nadene and her team were indeed very busy.

It was a case of me responding to people saying to me “But what are the PC organising”, when in fact they were busy supporting others and busy doing things in the background. It’s a case of not blowing your own trumpet!

Having been a councillor myself in the past I recognise that they are often unsung heroes and do work away on our behalf with little thanks.

The PC however can take no credit or blame for the weather recently! At the time of writing the ground is scorched, we have had grass fires and more, very close to our houses. The conflagration immediately behind our house was frighteningly fierce. Fortunately, a North wind and the quick response from three fire engines got it under control very quickly. Thank goodness for our fire brigade. Another unsung group of heroes.

The rainfall has been virtually nil over July and August and I can only hope that by the time you read this, we have had something to dampen down the fire threat and to bring the ground back to life, to say nothing of the need to refill our empty reservoirs threatening the supply of water to our houses.

The problem is further exacerbated by the fact that when it does rain the ground will be unable to soak it up and so we will have flash floods.

This summer has really brought to mind the things that we just take for granted. Like turning on the tap in the kitchen and getting pure clear water. To date we are not yet in the situation of having standpipes in the street, but unless we get a lot of rain over this winter, not only for immediate supply, but to refill those reservoirs, we may be in a worse situation next summer.

The reality is that we take things for granted so much. There are many parts of the world where drought and lack of what we regard as basic necessities is the norm. We immediately think of Africa, but parts of every continent from Asia to South America and Australia can go for months without a single drop of rain and many without the power of electricity to pump water out of the ground. Yet they survive. It is just that we have not yet come to accept any lowering of our ‘standards’. We, or more realistically, the future generations that follow will one day need to.

If that situation had been mooted 300 years ago, it would have had the same response as if it was 3,000, or 30,000 years ago. “What’s the problem?”. It is only since the industrial revolution in that brief history of man, have we brought about what may surely one day be our downfall.

UNLESS, and this is the positive note I end on like so many others, WE ACT NOW. Not only reduce our carbon footprint, but eliminate it, and it can be done, but it will need ‘painful’ changes.

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Enough of my preaching when your September Cresset has so much to offer with a positive air. Lots going on in Bottisham and hereabouts and many of our organisations starting to think about getting set for the next few months. Plus a few special articles of interest. The Bottisham Players give a delightful review of their history, with more to read next month. All the summer's sports are also featured in Sports Nuts update.

Finally, two things. Can I draw your attention to an important page where the PC and indeed the whole village needs a new Parish Clerk, with Jonathan Giles standing down, earning huge thanks.

And I would also like to thank Ann Aberini for this month's cover picture of almost Stonehenge-like straw bales awaiting collection at sunset over Bell Rd.

## Dorothy York

The family would like to thank everyone who came to Dorothy York's funeral at Lode Church on 9th August and who came afterwards to Bottisham Sports and Social club. We were all very touched to see so many people there and by the many lovely messages of condolence that we have received. I would also like to thank Mum and Dad's friends and neighbours for the friendship and help that they have given to me, especially over the last couple of years.

Mum was born in Worthing and moved to Portsmouth when she was 4. She met my father, Ken, at a New Year's Eve dance and married him 7 months later, in August 1948. However, in their case it wasn't a case of "marry in haste, repent at leisure" as they went on to have 71 happy years together until my father died in April 2020. They celebrated milestone anniversaries with at least one party or lunch, the most recent of which was their 70th anniversary in 2018 which was celebrated with an afternoon tea for 70 people in Bottisham Sports and Social club.

When our family moved to Bottisham in 1964 Mum and Dad found life in a village was rather different from the one that they had left behind in Portsmouth. Over the years Mum took part in classes at Bottisham Village College including flower arranging, basket making and needlework. Mum continued with her needlework classes until she was well into her 80s and she was very proud to tell people that she had made most of the clothes in her wardrobe.

In their later years the Bottisham Gardening Club was an important part of Mum and Dad's social life. Not only the meetings, shows and day trips but also the many happy holidays that they spent with their friends from Bottisham, Lode and the surrounding area. The annual garden show was quite an event and even into old age both Mum and Dad would try to enter as many categories as possible.

Mum spent the last couple of years of her life in Queens Court in Bottisham and the COVID restrictions made this a particularly difficult time. However, we were able to take her out to some village activities – the last of these was to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in June. She is now at rest and is buried with Dad in Bottisham churchyard as she wished.

*Vivienne Ottaway*

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## *Services in the Anglesey Benefice*

<b>Sun Sep 4th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b> on Zoom
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> - Bottisham
	<b>4 pm</b>	<b>Village Worship</b> - Quy Village Hall
<b>Wed Sep 7th</b>	<b>8 pm</b>	<b>C by C</b> (a short contemplative service) - online via Zoom
<b>Sun Sep 11th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> - Quy
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship for Harvest</b> - Swaffham Prior; also on Zoom
<b>Sun Sep 18th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b> on Zoom
		<b>Morning Prayer</b> - Quy
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> , Swaffham Bulbeck
		<b>Morning Prayer</b> - Bottisham
<b>Sun Sep 25th</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Online service</b> on Zoom
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> - Swaffham Prior
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## *Parish Council Report*

I trust you will have managed to find some enjoyment in the warm and desert like conditions that are currently prevailing as I write these notes in early August. Our family holiday end of July in Northumberland and Scotland was wonderful. However, the weather was rather mixed and the temperature rarely went above 20 degrees Centigrade!! So we watched with some delight as the temperature steadily climbed on the drive back south - albeit we arrived home to a very brown lawn. It may be that we have had a hose-pipe ban imposed by the time you read this.

We are informed that these unusual weather conditions are very likely a consequence of human activities. Trees play a vital role in combating climate change and, in recognition of this, the Council is supporting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy initiative <https://queensgreencanopy.org> - which encourages the planting of trees across the nation. To that end we have made enquiry of Highways as to whether we may plant a flowering cherry on the public green space in front of 76-78 High St in celebration of the Jubilee. Anglesey Abbey is appreciated and visited by many residents and we are also in discussion about sponsoring the planting of a tree on the estate there.

Another Jubilee Green Canopy project we are supporting is "Copse-in-a-Box". You may have seen a letter from Cllr van Someren in the July/August Cresset (P.23) describing how he will be receiving a box of tree seedlings that he will initially 'foster-parent' in his garden. He will then be asking residents to come and collect them to plant in their own gardens and around the village where appropriate. Please contact Cllr van Someren [laurie.vansomeren@bottisham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:laurie.vansomeren@bottisham-pc.gov.uk) if you are interested in learning more.

Sadly, I have to report that, having passed a certain birthday this year entitling him to a government pension, we will be losing Jonathan Giles as our Clerk at the end of this year. In the time he has been with us Jonathan has made a tremendous contribution and we will be very sorry to lose him - although we fully understand his desire to finally "hang up his boots". We are commencing seeking a replacement and you will see an advert in this magazine. Please would you consider if you, or someone you know, might be a suitable candidate. It is a very diverse and interesting role and, being part-time, many Clerks are able to fit it in with other part-time posts, including acting as Clerk for other parishes. Please contact me or the Clerk if you would like to find out more about the role.

You may be aware that we have also been seeking to fill three vacancies on the Parish Council. I am pleased to be able to report that Mark Overton joined the Council in July and I hope that by the time you read this we may have filled another vacancy. However, that still leaves us with one more vacancy to be filled. If you are reading this, please do consider if you might be able to support your community by joining the Council. We need the support of residents if we are to continue growing a great village to live in.

*Jon Ogborn - Chair-Bottisham Parish Council*

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### **New Applications**

22/00835/FUL – Northfield Farm, Lode Rd, internal replanning of the existing office building

22/00703/FUM – Land north west of Village College, Lode Rd, Bottisham. Change of use of agricultural land to cemetery, reprofiling of the land to create a burial platform, creation of pedestrian and vehicular access, car park, access paths, maintenance yard, storage area, hand pump and associated infrastructure. Additional information received 11 July 2022

22/00858/FUL – 14 Beechwood Avenue, Single storey extension and alterations

22/00890/FUL – 3 Lysander Close Loft conversion including two front-facing dormers and rooflights to front and rear elevations.

22/00897/FUL – Poplar Lodge, 14 High Street. Install seven solar panels to roof

22/00907/FUL – 20 beechwood Avenue, Two storey side extension with new pitched roof to garage

### **Planning Applications Approved by ECDC**

22/00229/FUL – 9 Arber Close, Demolish garage and rear canopy, construction of single and two storey side extension

22/00579/TRE – Orchard House, 179 HighT1 Sycamore – reduce height and crown spread by 2-2.5m, raise canopy clear wall by 2.5m and car port by 2m, prune to clear phone line by 1m. T2 Sycamore – reduce height and crown spread by 2-2.5m, raise canopy clear wall by 2.5m and car port by 2m, prune to clear phone line by 1m.

22/00757/TPO – 11 Beechwood, T1 Ash – Reduce height and spread by approx. 2m and shape all-round

### **Planning Application Refused by ECDC**

22/00672/FUL – 18 Lode Road, Construction of two masts and antenna for amateur radio (retrospective)

## *District Councillors' Report*

The Council's new Growth & Infrastructure Fund opened for bids in July. Proposed projects will be considered with regard to the following criteria:

- Evidence that the project is necessary to support local growth
- The benefits provided by the project
- Evidence of local resident and stakeholder involvement in and support for the project
- Alignment with the Council's infrastructure priorities
- The level of match funding that the project has secured
- Commitment to Net Zero Carbon and a green approach, demonstrating the highest possible quality standards in terms of design, materials, workmanship and environment in its delivery in order to achieve sustainability. The ability of the applicant to deliver the expected

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benefits on time and within budget will also be considered. Further information will be found on [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/business/east-cambridgeshire-growth-and-infrastructure-fund](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/business/east-cambridgeshire-growth-and-infrastructure-fund)

We continue to receive complaints about missed bin collections. The Chief Executive has recently updated Councillors about the bin collections. The service still remains vulnerable to short term absence of key operational staff. Work is now beginning to identify a pool of external capacity for now and in the future. More fundamentally, the team is assessing the requirement for permanent in-house additional resources.

External management consultancy is now in place, to review the reconfiguration and stabilise back-office systems, as well as long term changes to terms and conditions of staff and working arrangements.

We have made considerable progress on engaging with staff and their trade union representatives. Work will now begin on a fundamental review of the terms and conditions of staff and working arrangements, together with the appropriate consultation. It is expected that this will be concluded by autumn this year.

Waste service disruption information is available online at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/east-cambs-street-scene/waste-service-disruptions](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/east-cambs-street-scene/waste-service-disruptions)

A report prepared in October 2021 for local planning authorities in Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk says that from 2020 to 2040, 215 more East Cambridgeshire households each year will need affordable housing to rent. Of these homes, 75% should be social rent and 25% affordable rent. This compares to a need for 39 additional properties for affordable home ownership each year.

Over the last ten years, East Cambridgeshire has seen an increase in median house prices of 55.4% compared to 27.6% nationally, and 42.5% regionally. Median rental prices in the private rented sector across East Cambridgeshire were £795 per calendar month at the time of the report. This was higher than the national equivalent of £695 and the same as the regional equivalent.

The median house price in East Cambridgeshire was £290,998. This was 27% above the national average and 3% above the regional average.

The report noted that there was a current (282) and projected (697) need for about 979 wheelchair user dwellings to 2040 across East Cambridgeshire.

The Council underspent its £14.3M budget by £2.4M in 2021/22. A large proportion of the underspend was due to receipt of COVID-related government grants.

The Council spent only around 10% of its capital budget—just £480,750 which is an underspend of £4,279,694. Some of the key components of this underspend are

- Waste vehicles—delayed while we await Government’s Waste Strategy.
- Depot—refurbishment delayed to re-assess proposals.
- Disability Facilities Grant— reduced spending due to COVID restrictions.

Our next Councillors’ Surgery will be at Brinkley Memorial Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 22 September for one hour, and thereafter at the Red Lion at Brinkley.

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## *Letter to the Editor*

Dear Peter,

Thank you for all you do each month in editing and publishing The Cresset - it is so appreciated by residents and the Parish Council.

I am writing, though, because the Council were a little surprised by the comment in your last month's editorial that implied there was "no involvement" by the Parish Council in the organisation of the Platinum Jubilee events - which I recognise could be simply a misunderstanding. While it is not the direct responsibility of the Council to run events like these, we did in fact make a not insignificant contribution to the celebrations and am writing to clarify these.

If we take a step back just for clarity. When the question of the Jubilee came up, we were short of three councillors and were facing two major projects this spring i.e., the retirement village appeal and the run-up to the planning application for the new cemetery. We discussed and agreed that, given it was not specifically within our direct remit to organise the Jubilee events, the best way to use our stretched resources was to encourage and support residents' own initiatives. In January 2022 we reached out to all residents, inviting them to help organise/support the running of street parties etc. Posters were placed in the CO-OP, Pharmacy and the Doctors Surgery and also on the Bottisham Community Facebook page. We were grateful that the Parochial Church Council "took up the baton" to organise a community event and Cllr Cundell met with their organising committee on behalf of the Council. She was able to support the day with publicity, including encouraging residents to bake a cake and bring village-life photographs for the exhibition. Her time was also given up gathering raffle donations from the likes of the CO-OP and Classic Spice and from other residents.

The bunting which residents would have seen around the triangle, along the shop fronts, and on all entrances into Bottisham was purchased by the Parish Council and Cllr Cundell, along with a couple of other volunteers, put it all up. The Parish Council also purchased banners promoting the Jubilee Celebrations that you may have seen on the triangle and outside the Church and my wife contributed hand-made bunting to the garden party. It was great to see, on social media, all the pictures from the weekend but, just as importantly, the comments on how lovely Bottisham looked.

The Council also investigated various options around tree planting in support of the Platinum Jubilee Queens Green Canopy initiative (<https://queensgreencanopy.org>). We agreed to purchase a Royal Burgundy (flowering cherry) tree and are awaiting consent from Highways to plant it this autumn on the green space in front of 76-78 High Street. We felt this was a good way to mark this very special once-in-a-lifetime event and have a plaque to commemorate the occasion. It would be good, when planting happens, to promote it in The Cresset and generate some interest for people to come along and see.

The Council is also in touch with Anglesey Abbey, with a view to sponsoring the planting of a tree there and a few locations are in discussion along with the type of tree. Cllr van Someren is also pursuing the "Copse-in a Box" initiative in support of the Platinum Jubilee appeal that he advertised in last month's Cresset.

You will see me commenting on these "tree" initiatives in my Cresset Notes for this next edition.

Given the above, I would be grateful if you could correct the perhaps rather negative impression you gave of the Parish Council when writing this next month's editorial.

Regards, Jon, Chair - Bottisham Parish Council

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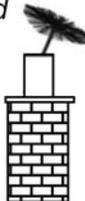
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In June, on a hot afternoon in the cool of Lode Church members enjoyed a social afternoon of flower arranging with summer flowers. Members brought along flowers and foliage from their gardens and everyone used their artistic skill to make up their arrangement. Some stories were exchanged of where their flower container/vase had originated from: purchased at a holiday destination: passed down from a relative: a favourite container of sentimental value.

At our July meeting two new members, Carol Kitson and Marion Jackaman were enrolled by Jo Wibberly, MU Archdeaconry Vice President, Cambridge.

Our guest speaker Stuart Field gave us a very interesting presentation 'From a mining village to Buckingham Palace – A medical journey'. Stuart, a Consultant Radiologist, retired in 2004, thinking he would be taking things easy, but soon became Chairperson for the League of Friends Kent & Canterbury Hospital. Having moved to Bottisham in 2020 he has recently taken on the busy role of Church Warden at Holy Trinity Church.

Stuart led us through his journey from place of birth in the small village or Ashby de la Zouch to Buckingham Palace with accompanying powerpoint presentation. His birthplace being in the centre of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire coal mines. In 1947 the family moved to Bushy with his father's job, but Stuart continued to visit relatives in Moira only 2.5 miles from his birthplace. His mother was one of 11 children, all boys were miners and girls married miners except of Stuart's mother who married an RAF serviceman. Stuart had recently visited his 92-year-old Aunt in Moira, and showed us photographs to compare the Canal and Furnace as it was in 1947 and how it looks today restored to a museum. Having worked hard at school he progressed to Gramma School and becoming an accomplished violin player. Stuart was awarded a Royal Academy of Music Junior exhibition, and travelling by cycle, bus and train each Saturday to the Academy. In 1956 the family moved to Watford which made it easier for his journey to school and the Academy. Stuart attended Gonville & Caius College Cambridge, and went on to study medicine at Kings College Hospital Medical School qualifying in 1969. Here he met his wife, Maggie and they married in his final year. Stuart decided to specialise in Radiotherapy, and was appointed Consultant Radiologist at Canterbury and Thanet Health District in 1974. Having completed special studies on Plain Abdominal X-ray, Stuart was asked to write chapters on the subject in various medical books. By this time Stuart had become well

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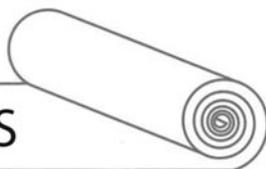


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known in the field of Radiology, and was presented with the President's medal. In 2013 he was awarded an MBE for services to the NHS attending Buckingham Palace to receive the award. In addition to this, he and Maggie have attended garden parties at the palace in 1980, 1998 and 2015 in recognition of their services to charity and community.

At the time of writing members are looking forward to afternoon tea in the garden at Station Farm, Lode on the 18th August. If the weather should be inclement, we will be sipping tea in St. James' Church.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month, at 2.30pm in Lode Church. In September, our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Caswell – 'Seeing is believing'. Copies of our programme for the remainder of this year are available in all five churches of the Anglesey Group. You are most welcome to join us.

*Ann Landgren*

## *Anglesey Abbey*

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The House is open, and the Constable object trails is available for visitors to see and learn more about the small yet significant collection at Anglesey Abbey. Enjoy some of Constable's more unusual works and learn how we look after them for future generations to enjoy.

Our annual fundraising event Winter Lights is on its way! This is a magical celebration of the natural world and offers an alternative to traditional Christmas experiences. 'Nature by Night, Nature by Light' is a sensory after-dark journey that bring the gardens to life in all their wonder with the help of artists, performers, lights, sound, and projection. Tickets go on sale soon, keep an eye on our website and social media pages, and save the date, 9-21 December 2022. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill)

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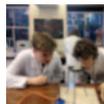
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## *News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group*

**Appointments:** Patients can now choose between face to face or telephone consultations. For non-urgent issues please ask for a pre-bookable appointment. Whilst patients will still need to queue for the dispensary there will be now be more seating allowed in the waiting area.

**Flu' Clinics:** These are planned for 24 September and 1 October and invitation letters will go out at the end of the month initially to the over 65's.

**Masks:** We ask that you please continue to wear a mask when visiting the surgery for your protection and the safety of the staff.

**Health Pod:** This has now been installed in the waiting room to enable patients to take their blood pressure, weight and complete health questionnaires which will automatically upload to their GP record. Screening will be provided for privacy.

**Red Bucket Funds and other Donations:** Thank you to all those who have donated. The current total is £388.90 after our contribution to the purchase of the new ECG machine. We are planning to purchase a mobile screen to have available in the waiting room in case of need.

**The Practice Manager** wishes to extend thanks to patients for their help and support over the last difficult few months.

**The Patient Participation Group:** We are looking for new members to join the committee, all patients of this Practice are eligible. Please contact our chairman to find out more, and how you can be involved

**Regular Meetings:** Next meeting is Wednesday 28 September at 2pm. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting please email our chairman at [s.j.gilson@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.gilson@btinternet.com) who will send you a meeting invite.

## *Hilton Park's Summer Fete*

Staff, residents, relatives and the local community came together at Hilton Park Bottisham to enjoy a Summer Fete that was held in the home's grounds on 9th July.

Hilton Park hosted a variety of activities throughout the day, including Circus Show a BBQ, tombola stall, live entertainment, games and sunshine, which were enjoyed by everyone who came to the event.

Staff at Hilton Park made everyone feel welcome and were delighted to see different generations having fun together. Visitors enjoyed plenty of refreshments, and cooling fruit salads prepared by the catering team, who were hard at work making sure that a great time was had by all – it really was a team effort!

Resident John Shave said, "I thoroughly enjoyed it. I was surrounded by lots of great people, and the refreshments kept flowing. The weather held out until we finished. Staff did a great job, not just on the day, but organising the event and getting everyone together."



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We had a lovely lunch in June in the Poppy Room to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There were flags, memorabilia from 1953, union jack napkins, red, white and blue flower arrangements, and we all dressed accordingly. We toasted the Queen with Prosecco and stood for the national anthem before enjoying Coronation chicken or ham served with salad and bread followed by lovely individual Lemon Swiss roll and Amaretti trifles made by Sandra Clark. I have been asked to mention that Jenn White's husband Michael was called on at the last moment to help with the Coronation chicken as she had hurt her wrist. One of the many supportive WI husbands. Coffee and mints rounded off an excellent occasion after a jubilee quiz. The committee had all worked very hard to make it memorable. We know that we will never again experience a royal platinum jubilee.

In July we had an interesting talk on the history of salt by Helen Green. She had lived in Northwich for most of her life and had been a volunteer with the salt museum there. She explained that there had been an inland sea over Cheshire which had evaporated leaving a very thick layer of rock salt. The industry grew originally from salt being extracted from the underground springs, the brine was boiled and left to dry and the crystals were then used for the preservation of food, tanning of hides and glaze for pottery. There were many family businesses, but with coal being used for the fires and the industry expanding, the brine pits were exhausted and collapsed into the ground taking the houses with them. Because of this there is very little archeological evidence left. Fortunately, there is an extremely thick layer of rock salt underground which is extensively mined and has resulted in the many chemical industries in the North West around Runcorn.

Salt is used for textile dyes, ceramics, caustic soda and in the pharmaceutical industry and during cold snaps (do you remember them!) for de-icing our roads.

We shall be holding our AGM meeting with nibbles on 21st September.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Poppy Room. Hope to see you there.

*Sylvia Overton*

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you read this, we may have received some much needed rain. I hope that you will look to see what we have growing by the village sign and take a snip for your meals if you would like to.

### OUR HERB OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER IS BASIL.

Basil is another member of the mint family and is a tender herb, native to tropical regions from central Africa to southeast. In temperate countries, it is treated as an annual.

**Growing** - Basil is easy to grow from seed, indoors in spring. you can also grow it from young plants bought in supermarkets. This will give you harvests through the summer months. There are various varieties of Basil, including a rather lovely purple basil. We have been gifted some seedlings by a local resident, so when they are ready, we will add some to the herb beds.

**Storage** - Once picked, use the leaves straight away, alternatively try placing a bunch into a small jar or vase of water that will fit into the fridge. Cover the top of the basil with a plastic bag and keep it up to a week, by freshening the water. Otherwise try treating the leaves like salad greens. Pick them and dry them on layers of kitchen towel.

Roll up the paper towel and put it into a plastic bag, which should keep the basil fresh, but won't wet it.

Lastly, you could try freezing basil, by laying clean, dry leaves on a baking tray. Freeze them until frozen, then transfer the frozen leaves into a freezer bag or tub.

Recipe. Jan recommends this delicious sounding soup, that I intend to try.

### GREEN PEA, BASIL AND COCONUT SOUP

a bunch of spring onions	1 teaspoon coconut oil
1kg frozen peas	1 x 400ml tin coconut milk
1/2 vegetable stock cube	a bunch of basil
1 lemon	

1. Chop the spring onions finely and put into a pan which has a lid, along with the coconut oil. Cook for 2 mins until softened.
2. Add the peas to the pan with the coconut milk, stock cube and 750ml of boiling water. Put the lid on and bring to the boil. Simmer for 2-3 mins.
3. Take off the heat and add the basil, stalks and all and the juice of the lemon.
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## *Public Transport Matters*

Stagecoach have now put a very basic version of the local timetable at the bus stops. It just gives departure times and the final destination but as most people probably use it to go to Newmarket not Bury it is not so useful. Stagecoach just say that it is all on the web and at least it has departure times. The many local government plans for various schemes are still ongoing as I said last month. Again, it is all on the web - the Local plan.

Developments at the local Marshalls site are raising concerns. It is not thought that the local transport can cope with the increased pressure. There are various plans but nothing positive. These things seem to take so long as various people have to be consulted and agree.

There are plans for an extended bus service to go out of the city and perhaps towards Newmarket as do the 11 and 12. The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership has plans as I have mentioned over the past months. The Mill Road bridge closure has also gone back for discussion again.

Stagecoach report increased numbers on the buses as hopefully Covid has lessened.

There is also now the LTCP - The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.

Cambridge is lagging behind on electric buses.

There are objections to the proposed Cambourne and Bourn busway plan particularly from local farmers. The guided busway is being reviewed after a tragic death on the section between the Cambridge railway station and Long Road.

Cambridge has missed out on some national funding for bus transport, but it is hoped local transport can be improved.

The railway workers strikes made things difficult for people trying to get to work. The various rail links are all still under review. Train line is back on track as bookings and tourism surge.

A call has been made to reopen the rail line between Cambridge and Haverhill which was closed in the Beeching times. Our local MPs are supporting it.

There are some anti HS2 protesters living in a tunnel near the Bluebell woods by Swynnerton in Staffordshire.

The Ely junction is under consideration for improvement but that there are worries that the plan could be scrapped by the Government. It links 5 lines - Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge, Peterborough and King's Lynn. Waterbeach residents do not want their station to be moved because of the proposed new development.

Channel tunnel traffic is nearly back to pre-pandemic levels.

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- Did you know that SIM stands for Subscriber Identity Module? (Factoids).
- Alibi means “elsewhere” in Latin. (Factoids).
- Glossop. What a lovely place name.
- On a can of fizzy drink. It says 5kJ. Why is it not mpg?
- Aren’t you lucky that you’re not Australian? You’d be wearing thongs on your feet!
- and why aren’t flip flops called flap flaps?
- Ken Dodd’s dad’s dogs died. Say it a few times quickly. (Roy and Janet in the Bell).
- There is a factory in Manchester that produces 700,000 toilets rolls a day. (Inside the factory).
- There is a factory in Yorkshire that produces 625,000 sausages a day. (Inside the factory).
- When Dr John Cooke Bennet added tomatoes to the original Ketchup, he claimed it would cure Diarrhoea, Indigestion, Rheumatism and Jaundice. (Donna in the Bell).
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
- Vacuum cleaners were originally horse drawn.
- An actual research study commissioned by Guinness, found that almost 163000 pints of Guinness are wasted in facial hair each year.
- $111111111 \times 111111111 = 12345678987654321$ . Go on, try it.
- Baked beans are not actually baked. They are steamed in the tin. On average there are 465 beans in each tin. (Inside the factory).
- At any point in time, 0.7% of the world’s population is drunk. That’s about 50 million people.
- Sudan has approximately twice as many pyramids as Egypt.
- 27000 trees are cut down each day for the world’s toilet paper.
- A pound of houseflies contains more protein than a pound of steak.
- I’ve just looked at a recipe as I’m on a health trip at the moment. It stated, “one medium chicken”. Just imagine that. A chicken that can see into the future!!
- The inventor of Pringles (Frederick Baur) is buried in a giant Pringles can. (Bestlifeonline.co).
- In 1990 Ian Brackenbury was appointed as New Zealand’s official Wizard. (Beat the parents).
- Its very difficult to point when you are wearing an oven glove.
- A positive thought for the month: - Overcome the reluctance to try.
- June 24th - Now I’m struggling, the bulb has just blown in our fridge. How will I know when the door is open?
- My Satnav keeps warning me about Bears!
- How about this one. Chris Wright declined the opportunity to answer. (One night in the Bell).
- We wait all year for the hot weather, then we have to stay indoors because it’s too hot!
- If you make a Pattie out of meat, it’s called a Burger. If you make a Pattie out of fish, it’s called a cake.
- Not everybody was Kung Fu fighting.

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Our AGM in July was once again back on library premises. We seem to be getting back to normal and members are slowly returning to borrow books and jigsaws. The committee were returned en bloc, our finances are in a healthy position and we are looking forward to celebrating our 20th anniversary in 2023. We are hoping to involve other local community libraries. There were ten groups who decided to run as voluntary groups when the Cambridgeshire Public Library Service decided to close the amenity. **And we all continue to provide a valuable service.**

The summer reading challenge GADGETEERS has had several youngsters joining and we hope those participating are enjoying their books.

We are grateful to the Saplings Playgroup, who recently closed and have kindly donated many children's books to the library in excellent condition and will also be making a donation to our funds to purchase a suitable storage box. Thank you.

We have just received information about ENERGY SUPPORT from the Library service. Please visit us to obtain a copy or alternatively search online.

*Sylvia Overton*

## Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

Bottisham Adult Learning Association is a friendly group of lifelong learners who meet at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club during term time.

This Autumn we are adventuring into subjects which are new to BALA. - Psychology and Philosophy. Ges Hartley is leading a ten week course called 'Eye of the Beholder' which is an opportunity to look at examples of beauty from a variety of sources and investigate how the idea of beauty has changed over the centuries. We will explore examples from art, the natural landscape and life to consider what standards we employ in deciding what is beautiful.

Our first session begins at 10.30 on Thursday 6th October for ten weeks with a half term break on 27th October. The fee for the course is £40 plus £5 registration fee for new members.

Our email address is [bottishambala@btinternet.com](mailto:bottishambala@btinternet.com) for any further enquiries.

Looking forward to meeting for a new term.

*Helen Cole*

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

## **Tuesday 28 June, Annual Summer Social and Don Bedford Rose Competition**

We started the evening with a short talk by Laurie Van Someren on the scheme, part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, to get trees planted throughout the country. He will shortly be receiving a box of tree seedlings which he would like to distribute around local villages, including Lode and Swaffham Bulbeck. He will be growing them on in the short term but would welcome help with this and in the longer term anyone who would like to 'plant a tree' is encouraged to contact him for further information. This is a project which hopefully will benefit future generations in the area. He can be contacted at [laurie@aleph1.co.uk](mailto:laurie@aleph1.co.uk).

The committee really did us proud for our Jubilee social night, and when we entered the Poppy Room it had had a complete makeover. Tables were set out diagonally with tablecloths and vases of fragrant sweet peas, napkins and cutlery. There was much excited chatter while we waited for the strawberries and cream and a Pimms (large!), to be served to us by the committee. Many thanks to all of them for a most memorable evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all our members.

### **Don Bedford Rose Competition**

It was also the night of our annual competition for the Don Bedford Rose Cup. Roses were in short supply in our gardens, the first flush had passed, and the second flush hadn't arrived. But somehow members had found an amazing selection and the competition table had a good show. Congratulations to Frank Wright, who received this year's Don Bedford Cup.

### **Jubilee Quiz**

We then moved on to the Jubilee Quiz, compiled by Cindy King. Seventeen questions relating mostly to the Queen but with a couple of gardening questions as well. The quiz was won by Angela Humphries who correctly answered 13 of the 17 questions.

### **Wednesday 20 July – Outing to RHS Hyde Hall**

The outing took place in the week we had 40C temperatures and sadly this, and illness, had an impact on the numbers who had booked a place on the coach. The temperature had thankfully dropped and those who made the journey found much to enjoy in the Hyde Hall acres. Using water from their own reservoirs they had managed to keep the lawns green (unlike ours) and the flower borders were excellent. A point for us in the future – plants in the dry garden are watered only when they are first planted and they then survive without any further watering. Thanks go to Peter and Wanda Bullock for all the work they put into organising the day – hopefully next year the weather will be kinder to us.

### **Forthcoming - Tuesday, 27 September, 7.30p.m. in the Poppy Room, BCSSC**

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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

Well, Football finally ‘came home’ on 31st July when the magnificent Lionesses, led by outstanding Dutch manager Sarina Wiegman, defeated Germany 2-1 in the Women’s Euro 2022 Championship Final. Or did it? I dare say the women players may be as fed up as I am over the continual media comparisons with men’s football! There is no doubt that, on this occasion, the England team was the most skillful, most cohesive, best prepared, and most determined in the Tournament and deserve all the accolades – not to mention financial rewards and the opening up of a world of opportunities for women and girls – that come their way. However, no-one has broken goalscoring records in men’s football and this victory, historic though it is, does NOT end the so-called ‘56 years of hurt’ that applies to men’s national team! This kind of comparative rivalry does not gain any traction in other sports, so please everyone, let us accept that Women’s football is a different sport that has arrived at the ‘big time’ and embrace it for its own special sake. And, yes, it would be great if football could be accessible to all girls in school in future, but let’s remember that football is not the only sport!

The other major sporting events and stories of the early summer seem so long ago, now, but I would like to share with you a few moments that stuck in my Nutty mind...

Fresh from a ripping 3-0 series win over New Zealand, the new-look England cricket team took on India on 1st July in the outstanding Test match that was postponed last year (when the Indians suddenly decided that they would be safer from Covid if they played in the Indian Premier League instead!). 2-1 up in the series, India expected their first innings lead of 132 to put the series safely beyond doubt, as they set England a nigh-on impossible fourth innings target of 378. Enter, Messrs Root and Bairstow, continuing their destructive form from the annihilation of the Kiwis... a truly amazing fourth wicket stand of 269 was all it took to give England a 7-wicket victory. The win was all the more satisfying for the pictures of ex-skipper Virat Kohli smiling through gritted teeth at the end, having waged a nasty war of words on the English players throughout the game. By contrast, the gracious attitude of the Kiwis had already reminded us that sport doesn’t have to be that way, and I think Kohli has probably played his last Test for India now, having failed to score a century for three years!

Joe Root, incidentally, has scored 12 hundreds in that time, and he gave a lovely self-effacing interview after the match, in which he declared, “We were ruthless... something that we might have lacked in recent times, especially under my leadership. Now we’ve got someone who knows what they’re doing it’s way better innit?” And Ben Stokes – now with four wins out of four under his leadership – underlined his take on things: “Sometimes teams will be better than us, but no-one will be braver than us.”

I have to admit to finding this year’s Wimbledon somewhat overshadowed by some irritations... Semi-finalist Simona Halep’s grunting on every stroke became ultra-tedious and Rafa Nadal’s fidgeting before every serve was so distracting, I actually switched channel to watch the test card! (Joke – obviously – but who remembers that?!) Then there was the disgraceful behaviour of men’s finalist Nick Kyrgios, described by former champion Pat Cash: “He’s brought tennis to the lowest level I can see as far as gamesmanship, cheating, manipulation, abuse, aggressive behaviour... something’s got to be done.” I’m no fan of Djokovic, but thank goodness he put the Australian in his place in the final. The

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tournament's highlight, of course, was Cameron Norrie, now World No.10, progressing to the semi-final, but our delight is matched by the disappointment of another early (second round) exit by Emma Raducanu, who currently seems a shadow of the player who won the US Open last year. 'Too much too young', perhaps..?

Unsurprisingly there were plenty of highlights for the 'home' nations in the Commonwealth Games, not least Laura Kenny's unexpected gold medal in the Scratch Race after a difficult year on and off the bike. But THE moment, has to be Eilish McColgan emulating her mother by taking the 10,000 metres title after overtaking Kenyan Irine Cheptai on sheer will power in the final straight. Please find it online if you haven't seen it. Watch in awe and think of Rudyard Kipling's words below!

I must admit another, unexpected, highlight for me was the diving competition. Even though I am baffled by the scoring system, I'm sure we can all happily observe the size of the splash, which seems to have the major bearing on the points awarded. And the jubilant England team rounded off my new favourite event nicely when they all belly-flopped into the pool to celebrate their 15 medals (including six gold)! And watch out for double gold medalist Andrea Spendolini-Sirieix (daughter of the famous Fred) in future... a certainty for stardom with a name like that!

While we were awaiting the Games, there was a lovely moment in British athletics in June (also involving a proud, famous father) when 29-year-old Elliot Thompson, son of Francis Morgan Ayodélé Thompson CBE, won the National Decathlon title in his last competition as a professional before taking a new job in IT. He laughed off any suggestion of a coaching relationship with his father though, in his words, "...an awful coach because everything came naturally to him"!

There were other touching moments in the Tour de France this year. Slovenian Tadej Pogačar came into the race as reigning champion and hot favourite to retain his yellow jersey, but the Dane, Jonas Vingegaard, who finished second in 2021, nicked a couple of minutes when Pogačar had a bad day in the mountains on Stage 11 and used his Jumbo Visma team - including the super-strong-man Wout Van Aert - to protect his lead all the way to Paris. Vingegaard was undoubtedly the best rider, overall, and he won two mountain stages himself to cement his overall lead; but what stood out in sporting terms was the enormous respect between the top two in three weeks of epic competition. When Pogačar crashed on a tricky descent on Stage 18, Vingegaard even sat up and waited so they could have a 'fair' race to the finish (which the Dane won). And Pogačar was 'graciousness' personified at the end of each day's racing as he congratulated his opponent with smiles and man-hugs. Shouldn't all sport be like this?

2022 was a notable year for the Tour de France Femme, too... an eight-day stage race for the first time. 39-year-old Dutch veteran, Annemiek van Vleuten, proved herself the strongest in this historic Tour to crown a glittering career on the road, including numerous National and World Road Race and Time Trial championships, three Giro d'Italia Donne titles, and several of the one-day 'Monuments'. I wonder what she will add to her palmarès before her farewell next year? Good luck to a great champion.

*TTFN - Gerry Daish*

"If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew to serve your turn long after they are gone, and so hold on when there is nothing in you except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'" - Rudyard Kipling, from 'If'



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## Final Curtain!

Bottisham Players has officially been wound down after a considerable period of inactivity, and a Final Curtain party was held on 16th July in the Poppy Room. A number of past members attended and shared memories, photos and programmes, as well as refreshments and cake.

Sadly, several key Players have died in the past 10 years or so and were fondly remembered by those who were able to be at the Final Curtain party.

There is a considerable history of local entertainment taking place in Bottisham. The earliest I am aware of is the Village College Dramatic Society which began in the 1940s performing Gilbert and Sullivan musicals with members of the College and local community, and I have photos of some of these productions handed on to me by the late Sylvia Bedford. Amongst other productions, *Arms and the Man* was performed in March 1950, and the cast were mostly members of staff at the College. The Bottisham Operatic Group continued with musical productions and opera whilst the drama group subsequently became The Playmakers. I have a programme (priced 2/6d !) for *Doctor in the House* performed in 1961. Performances were done in the Main Hall, now our community Library.

In 1975 a new Drama Studio was added to the College, providing a different shape of performance space for theatre 'in the round', a balcony, and more modern lighting facilities.

Bottisham Players was formed in 1977 and performed a play or pantomime annually to start with. David Coles directed successful pantomimes attracting about 800 audience members across the several production nights, and there was demand to increase the activity of the group by adding another production later in the year. From 1988 the Players then continued from strength to strength, offering a diverse style of entertainment including period drama, comedy, farce, pantomimes, and revues of sketches and musical items. The most prolific period was between 1989 and 2013 when 3 or 4 productions a year were performed. The Drama Studio was more suited to intimate productions with a capacity of up to about 100 audience, whereas the pantomimes were performed using the Main Hall stage, and offered space for audiences of over 200.

In 1994 a youth section of Bottisham Players was started which later became an independent group called the Bike Sheds, led by Bob Newman. They performed mostly original material, often musical.

The backstage team, initially led by David Coles and subsequently Ted Southcombe, was crucial to all the productions, although they were rarely seen or heard. However, occasionally the excited cast waiting in the wings were warned to heed the Stage Manager's cry of "silence in the wings"! Magnificent sets were constructed, mainly during the weekend preceding the production week (due to the need to share school facilities). Lighting was positioned using the tower, for which certain people undertook training, and sound effects integrated to the running of the show.

Two wooden garage sized buildings were constructed and maintained by the Players on the Village College site to house the scenery, props, and costumes to avoid the necessity of hiring so much and for re-using materials. We hope the College will continue to use these as a resource for their drama activities.

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[photo above is the Bottisham Players' cast of Medley of Great Musicals (MGM) 2010]

Doris Walker, followed by Avis Coles, then Christine Newman were the Wardrobe Mistresses, and Chris Clarke was our magical make-up and wig artist, as well as a talented actress. Her late husband, Lawrie led the props team for many years. Many others contributed their skills, either on the management committee or by sewing costumes, making refreshments, selling programmes, sweeping floors etc. I and several others were involved for over 36 years and held all posts on the Committee at different times, as well as acting, producing and directing.

It is sad to see the demise of what such a thriving community activity had been. The Bottisham Players had provided many happy hours of entertainment from 1977 to 2015 for both its members and audiences of all ages.

Pantomimes always attracted the largest audiences, but a variety of straight plays, farces and revue shows were also performed. Many of the children who had been a pantomime junior fairy, rat or cat or villager are now adults who might even read this article! Casts varied from around 6 for a play to about 40 for musical revues and pantomimes, as well as a live band when needed. New talent was discovered and developed as people grew in confidence. For example, in 1994 a group of ladies learned to tap dance in order to stage *Stepping Out* with a finale based on the famous musical *42nd Street*, wearing top hats, sequined jackets & with canes! Special revue shows were compiled for the turn of the century in 2000, and the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Many lasting friendships were formed amongst the members – and even one marriage!

Perhaps another community drama group will develop in the village sometime in the future, but it needs people willing to commit to organise material, people, source talents, and practical/technical skills. Somehow we all did it as an enjoyable and rewarding hobby - on top of jobs, raising families and running a home!

In the meantime, there is now a 'playreading for fun' group for local adults who are interested, which meets most months. No previous experience or wish to perform required!

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We bowl in division 2 of the East Cambridge League and the first league match is on Thursday 29th September 2022.

New Members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining us on a Wednesday, 7.15 pm at the Village College (term times only, we meet in the Henry Morris Hall entry through the main reception. No equipment is required.

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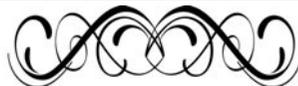
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## *Update on our Ukrainian Guests*

We thought we would share the wonderful news that Olena has given birth to a beautiful baby boy named Maxim (Max for short) a brother for Lev. This happened on the actual due date, 11th July, in the middle of the night whilst I was holidaying in Lake Garda so Ron took charge and made a quick dash to the Rosie where baby was born shortly afterwards. Luckily Olena's younger sister, who is currently living with a host family in Great Shelford, was able to be present at the birth and hold the phone to Olena's ear so Dad in Kyiv could talk to his wife throughout labour and hear his son's cry the moment he was born. Suffice to say I was told there was not a dry eye in the Delivery Unit. Mother and baby are doing well.

Further news about the family; Lev has been offered a place at Great Wilbraham Primary school after the first and second choice of Bottisham and Bulbeck were refused due to numbers. After the initial disappointment Lev has managed to attend for one week in Reception before coming down with a heavy cold and then breaking up for the holidays. He received a wonderfully warm welcome from the staff and we feel he will be very happy there. At the time of writing, he has attended the Premier sports Multi Activity club in Bottisham with my granddaughter (Isla) and, despite a wobbly bottom lip sometimes, has mostly enjoyed it.

I took the family to London before baby was born and a wonderful time was had on the 'Hop On Hop Off' Bus and River Cruise taking in all the main sights.

After acquiring a bicycle for Nika (grandmother) she has started working at Anglesey Abbey in the Redwoods Restaurant and her English is improving daily as her confidence grows. She can be found at all hours of the day in our garden listening to English stories, doing online English lessons and working with me on simple exercises in Grammar and Vocabulary. Phew, I never knew English was so complex until now!

Olena still hopes to find employment, working from home as baby so young, and has attended Job Fairs and circulated her CV and approached recruitment agencies.

We had a day on the Cam recently hiring two punts and ably assisted by a son and husband, we managed to negotiate the Backs with no bumps or falling in! We are looking forward to trips out in the holidays particularly a day for Lev at Legoland Windsor, Cadbury's World and more locallyi Shepreth Wildlife Park. All of these wonderful places have offered free entry for our guests.

Once again, we would like to say another big thank you for gifts and cards sent for baby, and all the kind messages of support. One recent generous gesture is from someone who won a photo session in a raffle and has donated it to Olena so she may have a sitting and a professional photo to send to her husband in Ukraine. This would be completely beyond her means as she has no income here except for Universal Credit which pays for food and nappies. We were all overwhelmed with this kind offer and for all the generosity of Bottisham residents and nearby villages. Thank you doesn't even begin to describe how we all feel.

**More news next time.**

*Wendy and Ron Haynes*

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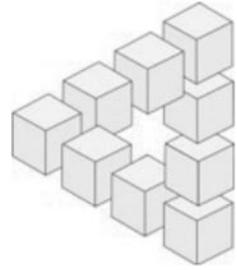
## *News From Holy Trinity Church*



I am delighted to report that we have arranged **three more of the highly popular coffee and cake concerts on Saturday mornings** for the next few months. **On Saturday 1st October** the well known professional songwriter/folksinger Jancis Harvey ([www.jancis-harvey.co.uk](http://www.jancis-harvey.co.uk)), formally a resident of Bottisham, has kindly agreed to come and entertain us. Jancis has performed for many years in a variety of BBC radio programmes and has given numerous concerts in a wide variety of venues throughout the world. She has made many recordings, and these will be available to purchase at the concert. Many of these can be heard by logging onto her website when the quality of her playing and singing can be really appreciated.

**On November 5th** a very well-known duo will be performing a programme of songs and words about England entitled "England, our England." Rex Freeman sang his first solo when he was four, entered and won his first competition when he was nine, and has sung as a soloist ever since - he is now 92 and still performs about twenty times a year. His main hobby has been directing over 100 musicals in the ADC and Arts Theatres in Cambridge. He will be accompanied by **Rosemary Wheeler** who commenced piano lessons at the age of five and has enjoyed a lifetime of making music, entertaining the troops stationed in the

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area where she lived. When she moved to Cambridge, she became involved with three operatic societies as their rehearsal accompanist. Rosemary (now 94 years old) is still in demand, accompanying various singers and occasionally playing solos as well as duets with another pianist. As the accompanist of the Cambridge Gilbert and Sullivan Society for many years she was also privileged to accompany many of the D'Oyly Carte principal singers when they performed in Cambridge.

**Finally on December 3rd** I will give a talk entitled '**The History of our Christmas Carols**', play my violin and will be joined by Sarah Maxwell (soprano) and Jonathan Giles (keyboard). Put the dates in your diary now. The concerts will start at 10.30am, last just over an hour and entry will be £5 (children free), to include coffee and cake. All are welcome. Money raised will go towards the church building fund.

Plans are now well in hand to make **the churchyard more eco-friendly** and following a meeting with Diana Cook from the Churchyard Conservation Awards scheme, and discussion with the Parish Council, we have made firm plans towards obtaining their Bronze award. This will mainly involve leaving large areas of grass unmown or only mowed once or twice a year to encourage a variety grasses and flowers to flourish, so encouraging songbirds, butterflies and insects. Further details are published on the church notice board.

Following the restoration work on the North Aisle following the dry rot infestation, we are still awaiting permission for the permanent removal of most of the pews that were formerly fixed to the floor in that area of the church.

As part of our diversification of church activities our toddler group, continued to meet over the summer and will continue into the autumn, on a Tuesday morning at 9am. New members are warmly welcome.

Like everyone we are having to review our heating/lighting management in view of the huge increase in electricity prices. To this end we have already reduced the outside floodlighting schedule for the church and will probably permanently turn off some of the spotlights.

Some of the speakers on our electric organ started to malfunction over the summer but these have now been repaired Our comprehensive guide to the church has been republished and copies (£3 please) are available in the church.

Our Sunday services continue, in all the churches in the Anglesey Group and also on Zoom. You will be very welcome at any of them. They are usually two per month in Bottisham at 10.30am. Please consult the Cresset or the church notice board for details.

*Stuart Field, Churchwarden*

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WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER THIS NEWSLETTER as a way of updating patients on the latest news relating to our Dispensary Service. The combination of Brexit and COVID-19 has had a direct impact on our Dispensary and how we deliver our services and we thought it would be useful to update our patients on the latest issues and how it may affect the services we provide and what improvements we are making as a result of feedback from patients.

### **TURNAROUND TIMES FOR REPEAT MEDICATION**

We are having ongoing problems with patients attending the Practice before 5 full working days to collect their repeat medication. Working days relate to days the Practice is open (Monday to Friday). The Practice non-working days are Saturday, Sunday and all Bank Holidays. This means if you drop your prescription off Friday afternoon you need to attend the practice the following week on Friday afternoon to pick up.

Subsequent to patient feedback, we are implementing a text message service which will confirm when your medication has been dispensed and is ready to pick up. This should resolve the frustrations of medication not being ready when attending the Practice.

### **MEDICATION DELIVERY SERVICE**

The Practice continues to run a delivery service 5 days per week (Monday to Friday) for the delivery of repeat medication. We deliver to over 600 patients and we have received extremely positive feedback about the service. This was introduced for the convenience of our patients and to reduce queues for collections at the Dispensary. If you would like to use this service, please do speak to one of the team in the Practice or complete an application form on our website. If you work during the day but you have a safe place to leave medication or it will fit through the letter box we can still deliver.

### **MEDICATION AND SUPPLY ISSUES**

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what drugs may be out of stock. The local Clinical Commissioning Group provide regular updates regarding stock issues and the dispensary team work closely with the GPs to source suitable alternatives to ensure patients always have their medications. These supply issues are nationwide.

Suppliers are also struggling with a shortage of delivery drivers so it does mean that there are sometimes delays to deliveries to the practice.

It is for these reasons patients will find that they may not always have all of their repeat order ready when collecting and is why we are still operating a 5 working day turnaround time. This ensures that in most cases when a patient comes to pick up their medication it is all there.

Due to patient feedback, we are looking at implementing a new system on how we dispense repeat prescriptions. We will Keep patients updated on improvements being made. We will keep patients updated by informing patients via text when medication in ready to collect.

### **DISPENSARY STAFF**

We have this month increased the number of staff in the Dispensary Team to help improve the service we

deliver to patients so you will see some new faces. They are all working very hard and we would ask that you are always polite and respectful to the Team.

### **VISITING THE DISPENSARY**

The Infection Prevention Control Guidelines were revised two months ago which means we can have more

people in the surgery. We have reviewed these guidelines in conjunction with local risk assessments and we have taken the decision to continue to ask patients to come into dispensary one at a time. We have taken this decision in order to protect our most vulnerable patients and staff. We ask that patients continue to wear a mask when visiting the practice. The dispensary is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12pm and 2pm to 6pm. We are working towards trying to open again throughout the day and will update patients when we are able to do this.

### **YOUR FEEDBACK**

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