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News, views and what's on, in and around Bottisham



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2023		
Bottisham Village College (<i>sports centre car park end</i>)	23 rd	September
Queens Court Care Home	21 st	October
Bottisham Community, Sports & Social	25 th	November
2024		
Bottisham Village College (<i>sports centre car park end</i>)	13 th	January
Queens Court Care Home	10 th	February
Bottisham Community, Sports & Social	16 th	March
Bottisham Village College (<i>sports centre car park end</i>)	20 th	April

Further Information: All events, once a month on a Saturday, starting at 10:00am for approx. 1.5 hours, refreshments 11:15am (donations welcome!)

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 - ✓ Visit the Bottisham Events Facebook Page
 - ✓ Visit the Bottisham Community Group Facebook Page
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Welcome Dear reader, to your October Edition of The Cresset, your village magazine.



You will see this month a repeat inclusion of the neighbourhood plan questionnaire. This is to allow you a second chance to complete it before the 15th of October closing date. The more people who complete it, the better and more accurate will be the outcome.

Some of you, if you were doing it on-line, found that the shortened link <https://tinyurl.com/bdcwn35a> resulted in a 'blocked' notice coming up. For some reason this happened to some, but not all of you, using the 'Chrome' browser. Not a problem on 'Edge' or 'Safari'.

For that reason, I have included the longer full website address which will work ok, but require a bit more typing. www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/bottisham_neighbourhoodplan Or try this one <https://tinyurl.com/bottishamplan> which I have tested on Chrome without a problem.

The outcome of the controversial planning appeal for the retirement development in the High St will be decided this month when it goes to the Secretary of State on appeal. You can read more on this in Jon Ogborn's parish council report.

Our cover this month is another view of Bottisham from the collection of old photographs I have. Interesting to see what has changed over the years and what still exists. The house in the centre used to be 'The Anchor' pub which I am assured was very popular. It closed as a pub not long before we moved into Bottisham in 1985.

I read from Mike Petty that the brewery Tolly Cobbold took the closure decision to avoid having to spend money on improving the pub's toilets. They had two pubs in the village with fairly deficient toilets and decided to improve those at The White Swan instead.

The landlord, Jim Torpey, said at the time "The Anchor's customers are very disappointed; it has a crib, pool and darts team and raises money for the Addenbrooke's cancer scanner appeal".

I would have loved to have been able to have a pint in what was obviously a very friendly pub, with a landlord who apparently was not averse to the odd late 'lock in'!

Lot of updates in the PC report this month covering the Planning application for the retirement homes, the neighbourhood plan, the bus route issues, and the community safety forum, plus more.

Bird Brain writes about that ubiquitous garden bird, the starling. Gawky, squawky noisy birds who always look as if they are in a rush to get on and go somewhere else. Another good read.

Sorry to see the retirement of Pete Rayment from the role of Scout Leader. Let's hope somebody is there who will take up the reins and 'fill his boots'. Hiking boots I expect!

As if to confirm my thought that time seems to be going past quicker, the older I get, I would remind you that the clocks go back an hour on Sunday 29th October at 2.00am. (Saturday night.) This then makes October, as it does every year, the longest month of the year. Good quiz question that!

Lots more to keep you updated and to enjoy in this edition of your magazine. Enjoy the month and what might remain of any decent weather.

Speak again next month.

Your Editor

News From Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

The good news this month is that we have been given a grant of nearly £1,000 from the Pride of Place Community Fund given by the East Cambridgeshire District Council, to purchase summer flower and rattle seeds, more spring bulbs and an additional bench for the churchyard. This will help us towards obtaining the Bronze award for the Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation Award. More details are posted on the church noticeboard. If anyone would like to help with tasks in the churchyard from time to time (you do not have to be a churchgoer, just someone who cares for our environment) then please contact me. (Details at the back of the Cresset)

Another advertisement for a new vicar appeared in the Church Times in mid-September. Shortlisting and interview dates have been penciled in. We are hopeful that we will make an appointment this time. In the meantime I have written to a number of clergy and now managed to cover the Holy Communion services for the early part of 2024.

Do you enjoy hearing the church bells ringing? Janet Garnett's intrepid team of ringers will be ringing here on Wednesday 4th October during the morning between around 10am and noon. The idea is two quarter peal attempts (45 minutes ringing each) with a tea-break in between.

How would you like to be a member of the flower arranging team? Those of you who visited the church during the Coronation Celebrations or special services such as Harvest Festival or Easter will have admired the splendid flower displays in the church. Carolyn Bangs, who leads the flower arranging team, is looking for new members to help her. If you are interested, please ring her on 01223 81159.

Redundant pine pews are still available to purchase at £100 each. They can be viewed at the back of the church nave and along the north aisle wall.

I managed to find three organists who were able to help us out on a single service each basis, during the holiday of our regular organist. However, I am sure there must be more out there who could help us out in the future. If you play the organ or piano (we have a keyboard in the church) and are willing to help from time to time playing the hymns at our services, again, please contact me. A small honorarium would be available.

The church was splendidly decorated with flowers for our traditional Harvest Festival service led by Sarah Maxwell. Donated food was given to the local food bank where it is distributed to needy families in Bottisham and Swaffham Bulbeck. Once again Ely is helping us out on Sunday October 1st when the Very Rev. Mark Bonner, the Dean of Ely Cathedral, will be taking our Sunday service. No one can remember the last time (if ever) we had the Dean taking a service in Bottisham and so I hope you will make every effort to attend even if you are not a regular churchgoer. On November 5th one of our regular 'stand ins', Rev Liz Caswell will be taking the service for us. It is always a joy when Liz takes our services because she knows so many parishioners and also gives an interesting and stimulating sermon.

Our toddler group has started to meet up again on a Tuesday morning starting around 9.00am in term time. All are very welcome to attend. A small team continues to take a service monthly at Hilton Park and Oaklands on the second Wednesday of the month. We are planning a Carol Service for them on Wednesday 13th December and if you would like to join us and sing, please let me know. The increasing number of residents attending at Hilton Park has meant that the services now need to be held in a larger room.

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our services.

Stuart Field - Churchwarden

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The Royal British Legion, Bottisham & District Branch

For over 100 years, the Bottisham Branch has been the focal point for remembrance of those locally who fought and died in the two world wars.

It was also the social focus for many local ex-service men and women, as for many others in our village.

That social aspect is now carried on in the same vein with the Sports and Social Club which evolved in its place.

At the same time, the dwindling number of active members of the Branch has meant that the activities of The Legion Branch have had to come to an end. An appeal for somebody to carry on the organisation of the poppy appeal locally has not been taken up.

Therefore, going forward the remembrance element of 11th November which was held each year at the village sign, will now be incorporated into the Sunday service held on the closest Sunday to that date. There is also of course the main event held at the cenotaph in London, which continues.

It is a sad move, but one which reflects the changing view of the world we now live in.

*Peter Walker - Past Secretary and now Point of Contact (POC) for
The Royal British Legion, Bottisham & District Branch*

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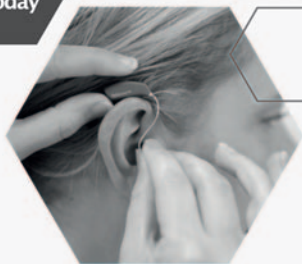
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Services in the Anglesey Benefice

Sun Oct 1st	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Bottisham
	4pm	Village Worship - Quy Village Hall
Wed Oct 4th	8pm	C by C (a short contemplative service) – online via Zoom
Sun Oct 8th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Holy Communion - Quy
	10.30am	Family Worship - Swaffham Prior
Sun Oct 15th	9am	Online service on Zoom
		Morning Prayer - Quy
	10.30am	Holy Communion - Swaffham Bulbeck
		Morning Prayer – Bottisham
Sun Oct 22nd	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Swaffham Prior
Sun Oct 29th	9am	Online service on Zoom
	10.30am	Holy Communion – Lode
Every Thur	10.30am	Holy Communion - Lode

Please check the Church notice board for any changes to these details; or email admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk, which is also the address to request the Zoom link.

You are very welcome to attend any of these services.



Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

Donations gratefully received at our Summer Afternoon Tea Party, raised £88 for the Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Appeal. This appeal provides help to parents and children who need support.

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Autumn Meeting will take place on Saturday 14th October in Waterbeach Church Hall at 10am. Revd. Matthew Bradbury will be speaking on the topic of 'Modern Slavery'.

Our branch meetings usually take place on the third Thursday afternoon of each month in Passage Hall, Lode at 2.30pm. We will be holding our Autumn Social and Bring and Buy Stall on the 19th October. You are most welcome to come and join us.

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Parish Council Report

This has been a busy last month with much to report on. But, before I commence, can I please remind us all about the following key event taking place this month:

Community Safety Forum - 7pm 17th October - Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club - Many residents attended the very successful Safety Forum in March. You now have an opportunity to hear back from the panelists on progress in implementing the outcomes from the meeting. Please could I ask you to consider attending this important feed-back event, at which there will be further opportunity to dialogue with many of the authorities that influence community safety in our village. Do put it in your diary and join us if you can.

Now on to other matters.

Bottisham Retirement Village

I attended the ECDC Planning Committee on 6th September to make the Parish Council's case for refusing consent for the renewed application for the the Retirement Village. We were very grateful also for the strong submissions by Cllr Cane (District Council), Cllr Daunton (County Council - adjoining ward) and Dr.Shackleton (Bottisham Surgery). The ECDC Planning Officer also recommended refusal and we were delighted to see a unanimous vote by the Committee in favour of refusal.

The matter has already been taken to appeal by Axis Land Management, but this decision by the Planning Committee means that the District Council will now actively contest the appeal - with the services of a specialist barrister. The District Council's case will be strengthened by it's own recently commissioned "Alternative Site Assessment" (which demonstrates clearly that there are potential sites in the District outside of Bottisham suitable for a retirement village). It is hoped to also have another change to the Local Plan in place by the time of the appeal, that will give it more "weight" in the decision.

The Parish Council, Cllr Cane and Dr.Shackleton will be speaking again at the Appeal which will take place w/c 16th October.

Buses

At this time there is a lot of activity on buses - with the B1102 group (www.atob1102.org) co-ordinating with our County/District Councils and the Mayor. The aim is to find the the best way forwards in our region when the current 2 year bus contracts come up for renewal end March.

As a No.12 user myself, I have appreciated the fast and efficient connection into Cambridge. Also the faster and more direct No.11 route has proved popular with many, with passenger numbers increasing we are informed. But there remains the vexed issue of the connection between Bottisham and the B1102 villages. The Parish Council has been in dialogue with our MP, Lucy Frazer, on the matter. We were pleased that she made it a priority, immediately after the summer recess, to visit the village on 1st September to hear the concerns of residents. It did mean that we had very short notice to get the word out.

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However a good number of residents met Lucy at the village triangle, including representatives from the school, the surgery Patients Group, B1102 group and previous users of the No.11. Lucy is in contact with the Mayor on the matter and reassured us that he is fully aware of the need to find a resolution - with many potential solutions “on the table” for discussion. To assist in the discussion she asked the Parish Council to obtain input from the various bodies (e.g. schools, surgery, care homes) to try and understand the benefit it might bring to them to have a reconnection with the B1102 villages.

However, we also need to hear from individual residents as to where they want to travel, and when, to find a solution that will meet the needs of the greatest number of people. To that end the B1102 group is instituting a resident’s survey across the B1102 villages. This will commence with a trial in Bottisham and then be rolled out to other villages. By the time you read this I am expecting that the online survey will already be up and running, with a paper version likely to be included in the November Cresset. This is your chance to have a say in making sure we have the best possible service to serve us into the future - so please fill it in.

You will note an advert in this Cresset for what looks an interesting volunteering role with the B1102 group, which will include assisting with the survey. If you think you can help, then please apply.

Bottisham & Swaffhams Greenways

The Parish Council recently met with the GCP project team to review revisions they had made following their initial consultations with the us and the College. We were grateful that a number of our suggestions had been taken on board. However there were some further alterations discussed and we await a further revised plan. Once the plan has been agreed, we will be discussing with the GCP how these can be communicated to residents.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan working group have been successful in securing grant funding to take the project forward and a specialist consultant from Cambridge Acre has been appointed to support us - most importantly in analysing the results of our resident’s survey. If you have not already done so, please fill in the Neighbourhood Plan survey in the middle of this Cresset - or you can fill it in online. Having a good representation from residents is vital to producing a good Neighbourhood Plan.

Notice Board

While we communicate all Parish Council business online, we know that many still value having it in print format on a notice board. To that end a new provision has been ordered for the triangle opposite the shops, as the current board is damaged beyond repair. It is hoped the bespoke slightly larger board will be installed within the next couple of months. The board will be exclusively for the display of Parish Council information and relevant information posters. Anyone wishing for information to be displayed in this cabinet should contact the clerk for approval.

Check out our website for the latest news, minutes, agendas, and reporting features at www.bottisham-pc.gov.uk

Jon Ogborn, Chair of Council



BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY OPEN FORUM

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2023 at 7pm

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING – GOING FORWARD – HAVE YOUR SAY

Many of you joined us in March to express your concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, road safety, speeding and the need for better community engagement in our village. This meeting is to give you an update on the actions taken away from that inaugural meeting, run through plans in progress and what has been implemented so far. It is also an opportunity for YOU to discuss things further with the panel.

We want to make this a really productive meeting. For that we need everyone with concerns to attend and help us bring these matters to the relevant authorities' attention. So, save the date and please spread the word.

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2023

SUPPORTING RESIDENTS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Location:

Bottisham Sports & Social Club

Date & Time:

Tuesday 17th October 2023
Doors open 6.30pm - 7pm start

Meet Representatives From:

Cambridgeshire Police
Constabulary

ECDC Community Safety &
Projects Officer

Bottisham Village College &
Community Primary School

County & District Councillor

Youth & Community Workers

District Councillors' Report

August was a quiet month on the District Council, but the regular meeting cycle has started up again.

We continue to receive complaints about how Sanctuary Housing are managing their properties – serious problems with damp and mould, long delays in completing repairs, properties remaining empty for months or even years, anti-social behaviour by and towards tenants. We take these up individually but have also asked for a meeting with the local manager to discuss the issues more generally.

After John had arranged meetings with the GCP Greenways project managers and consultants to discuss local concerns with the Greenway projects in Swaffham Bubeck and Bottisham, meetings were also held in Swaffham Prior and Lode. The Greenways schemes aim to deliver safe cycle routes through to Cambridge, but the initial local consultation was carried out before the Covid lockdowns.

Charlotte was joined by Jonathan Cook from the AtoB1102 group when she met with the Mayor and his transport team in mid-August to discuss the number 11 bus route, and other local bus issues. It was a very positive meeting, and discussions are continuing. The Combined Authority is reviewing the subsidised bus network to ensure that it is getting value for money from the £7.5m which it spends on buses each year. The review has recommended that the 11 between Newmarket, Burwell and Cambridge and the 904 between Newmarket, Dullingham and Brinkley be continued with no further review, along with many other services. They will also be looking to trial a demand responsive bus service in East Cambridgeshire.

Our next meet your Councillors will be on Tuesday 24 October 6.30-7.30pm in Reach Village Hall. You are always welcome to contact both of us directly – john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk, charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk

Planning Notes

Applications

23/00796/FUL; 20 Pound Close, Bottisham. Demolition of existing single storey side extension and porch and the erection of single storey rear and side extension, internal alterations and associated works.

23/00887/FUL & 23/00888/LBC; Spring Hall, Newmarket Road. Change of use of barn to events venue.

Approvals

23/00739/LBC; 1 Bradford Cottages, Lode Road, Bottisham. Replacement doors and windows to rear elevation and internal ground floor alterations.

Tree Approvals

23/00703/TCON; Dunkeld, 70 Tunbridge Lane, Bottisham. To comply with condition 6 (tree topping, lopping & felling) of decision notice 98/00604/FUL.

23/00842/TRE; The Vicarage, 86 High Street, Bottisham. Various tree works.



Local Residents Open Evening Thursday 12th October – 6:30pm Redwoods Restaurant, Anglesey Abbey

Exciting times are ahead for Anglesey Abbey, come along to find out what's happening at your local National Trust site.

We would like to invite residents of Lode and Bottisham for an evening of talks and information on what's happening at Anglesey Abbey and our future plans.

The evening will start at 6:30pm with tea and coffee in Redwoods Restaurant and an introduction and Q&A session from Martin Beaver, General Manager. Afterwards, we will have information tables for our house, gardens and retail teams for you to browse and possibly some tasty treats to try too!

If you would like to attend, please get in touch at angleseyabbeyevents@nationaltrust.org.uk

CAN YOU HELP US?

A TO B 1102



We are a voluntary group of Parish Councillors and residents representing the travel needs of the citizens of Fordham, Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck, Commercial End, Lode, Bottisham and Stow cum Quy, campaigning for better transport now and in the future.

We are now working to progress some exciting ideas and need people with the following skills to get involved to help our communities. Can you help or do you know someone who could volunteer some time? This is a great opportunity to give something back to your community!

Skills Required:

- Actual experience designing surveys, ideally travel surveys
- Actual experience conducting data analysis and writing reports to communicate the findings (does not have to be in a transport / travel environment)
- Experience designing / working with GIS Mapping tools (we need to digitally map the travel needs of our communities)
- Demonstrable experience building websites and / or Apps (we want to create a website survey tool to enable our communities to share their travel requirements and travel destinations).

Time wise, the work will vary, but probably a couple of hours per week depending on the work undertaken. If you can help, please contact us through our Contact Page on our website <https://atob1102.org/contact/> or through our Facebook page (A to B1102).

Jonathan Cook; Chairman, August 2023

Lucy Frazer MP for South East Cambridgeshire writes

Bottisham has been one of the worst-affected villages by last year's bus cuts. I know that for many residents without a car, travelling to and from villages like Stow cum Quy, the Swaffhams, Reach, Burwell has become a lot more difficult, especially since the removal of Bottisham from the No.11 bus route.

On Friday, 1st September, I came to Bottisham to discuss the way forward with parish councillors and residents who feel particularly strongly about the issue.

It was decided that our first step will be to conduct an online survey so that residents can express their transport needs and preferences. That way, we can ensure that a solution brings maximum benefit to the whole community.

I am currently working with members of the parish council and the B1102 group to swiftly establish this survey so we can launch a targeted campaign as soon as possible, and I will inform residents when it goes live.

In addition, I continue to call on the Mayor to identify how he will use the extra £2.3 million the government provided this summer to improve Cambridgeshire's bus network. It is important that villages like Bottisham, which have lost connectivity over the last twelve months, are not overlooked by the Combined Authority.

I look forward to bringing you further updates soon. If you have any updates for me, please do not hesitate to contact me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

With very best wishes, - Lucy Frazer, MP for South East Cambridgeshire

Bottisham WI

Next meeting is on Tuesday 17th October when Lucy Lewis will tell us about life as the Marshall of Cambridge University. She came to us last year when she told us about her military career as the first female bomb disposer. She is a good speaker.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Poppy Room at the Social Club.

Sylvia Overton

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The Adventure of a Lifetime

Eighteen years ago, I answered an advert in the Cresset for somebody to become an adult leader with 1st Bottisham Scout Troop. The adventure began. Three years later I received my “wood beads” to signify that I had completed all of my training successfully. It is now time for me to hang up my woggle and retire from frontline Scouting. It is without doubt the hardest decision I have had to make in my social life. Even harder than giving up Football or Darts if you can believe that.

During my eighteen years I have night-hiked, dawn-hiked, day-hiked, climbed, shot, arched, made bull roarers (like Crocodile Dundee), camped under canvas, camped under stars, camped with 5000 people on an international camp, camped in snow (minus 7 degrees), rain, wind and sun, slept bad, not slept at all, slept over, stayed awake, swam, just to name some of my favourite activities. We laughed, sang, shouted, cried, whistled, clapped, dad jokes, bad jokes, scout jokes, no jokes, almost met Queen Camilla, never met the Bear.

We lit fires for cooking, fires for campfire sing songs, fires because we could. We ate all sorts, barbequed, fried, boiled, toasted marshmallows, burnt food, raw food, scabby eggs cooked on a Muurikka. We always ate well on camps and events. Just remembering the glut of rice on one particular camp, or the most cucumbers seen outside of the supermarket, both caused by a glitch in a spreadsheet. On one camp, one our scouts left his Trangia unattended and alight while he was eating his breakfast. The result was the blackest most welded-on frying pan ever seen. It took him about an hour to clean it. Two of our Scouts made us a cup of coffee whilst we were packing up one camp. Not the best cuppa ever as they had laced it with orange juice and washing up liquid (A Scout is to be trusted!!). I was lucky enough to visit Brownsea Island, where Scouting began in 1907. I've been stuck upside down on a zip wire above a beach in Cornwall. The adventures have been endless. I have been lucky enough to Scout alongside some amazing people. The people who most influenced and inspired my Scouting career are:-

Pete Terry, John Lince, Jackie Lince, Mark Chamberlain, Daryl (Dunny Digger), Mary Watson, Linda Jones, my beloved wife Kat.

But most of all, my sincerest thanks must go to the absolute total legend, Skip (Philip Watson). For those of you who don't know Philip, if he doesn't know it, he's probably got an App for it. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Would I do it all again. NO. I would start twenty years earlier. Enough about me, let's not forget what Scouts is. It for the young people who come through our ranks. Without the Scouts, us olds would look silly doing all the activities on our own. Every child has the right to adventure as Bear Grylls once said. There has been nothing greater than seeing the young people develop their skills and emotions, all while taking part in the adventure. Your local Scout group needs volunteers. Don't leave it to others, stand up and be counted, make a difference, have some fun.

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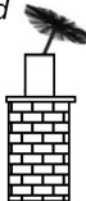
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The Parish Council Report in this issue of the Cresset refers to the recent site visit of our MP, Lucy Frazer, to the Triangle to hear about the lack of a bus linking Bottisham to Anglesey Abbey, Lode, the Swaffhams and Burwell. It is great that, as a follow-on from that visit, the AtoB1102 Group is organising a survey about people's local travel needs. I'd urge all our readers to complete it (see the Parish Council Report for details).

Turning to a wider, Cambridge-area issue, the Greater Cambridge Partnership voted in the summer to modify the Congestion Charge scheme in the light of opposition to the original proposals. But indications now, reported on the BBC News website in early September, are that the proposals could be dropped completely. However, congestion in Cambridge and its approaches will only get worse, so new workable and supported proposals must be developed to address it, and better public transport must surely be a key part of that.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's Executive Board was due to meet on 28 September, to discuss the implications of not progressing with the Congestion Charge and to investigate further funding options; so keep an eye on <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/> to see the latest news on this.

Earlier articles in the Cresset have mentioned electric buses. Double-deck electric buses now run the Cambridge Park & Ride routes, including the Newmarket Road one; but during the summer a new fleet of single-deck electric buses was also introduced on the 'Universal' bus route in Cambridge that links Eddington to Addenbrookes via the west Cambridge University research area, Queens' College and the main railway station.

However, more electric buses are planned to be introduced across England in the next couple of years, in a development that supports the government's national bus strategy for England, published in 2021. The strategy sets out a roadmap to transition towards a fully zero emission bus (ZEBs fleet).

An earlier 'Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas' scheme (ZEBRA 1) provided funding for 1,300 ZEBs and demonstrated the importance of local transport authorities (LTAs) having the right knowledge and experience to deliver large ZEB projects and the importance of partnership working between LTAs and bus operators.

The government has now launched ZEBRA 2, in mid-September, and this will provide £129 million to support the introduction of ZEBs in financial years 2023/24 and 2024/2025. £25 million will be initially reserved for proposals to introduce ZEBs in rural areas, recognising the additional challenges this may bring. Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority won funds under ZEBRA 1. So perhaps there might be some zero-emission buses in parts of rural Suffolk in the next few years under ZEBRA 2? We shall see.

Happy travelling!

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News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

News: Sadly this month we have had to say goodbye to Dr McGrath after 16 years as our GP and Rowena Pilsworth as Practice Manager. We are so sorry to see them leave. A new GP Dr White will be joining the Practice later in September and Victoria Hodges has taken over from Rowena.

Flu Vaccinations: There are still spare appointments for these. Please book yours. Flu is a nasty illness, much worse than a cold so best prevented.

Covid Vaccinations: Patients will be invited for these when they are available and information will be posted on the Practice website.

NAFFI Break: Next get together is on 4 October 10am at Anglesey Abbey cafe as usual. Gary will be wearing a new green Help the Heroes shirt.

Keep Well this Winter - What is the advice?

Keep warm – keep windows closed to keep the cold air out, eat hot meals and hot drinks.

Wearing layers keeps you warmer than one thick jumper. Get exercise but ensure warm clothing is worn when outside. Hypothermia is a real risk in cold weather.

Help with heating costs – look into the cold weather payment <https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment>

Vaccinations – keep up to date on flu vaccine, COVID boosters, shingles vaccine and pneumococcal vaccination – prevention is better than cure.

Buy some “self help remedies” – paracetamol, disinfectant cream, rehydration salts/sachets, throat sweets, Lemsip can really help to have available for when you need it.

Getting help if you are unwell – pharmacists and 111 can provide help and advice as well as the GP surgery.

What helps the GP? It can be really helpful to have your own thermometer, blood pressure machine and oxygen saturation probe as if you are unwell a more rapid assessment can be provided and you can monitor your improvement or deterioration on advice from the GP.

Look in on elderly neighbours – do they need extra help? Call Age UK helpline on 0800 678 1602

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

Regular Meetings: Next meeting is Wednesday 27 December 2023 at 6.30pm in the Surgery waiting room. If you wish to join our meeting, please email our chairman s.j.gilson@btinternet.com.

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group

Copy deadline for the next issue is 14 October.

Please send material to the editor at BottishamCresset@gmail.com



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We have had our 19th AGM and heard reports of our enjoyable Birthday celebrations in July, that we have had several new volunteers and that financially we are in a very good state. Donations have increased in 2023, partly due to the generous donation given when the Saplings group ceased to run, our Quiz night raised over £500, and printing and copying charges have shown a marked increase mainly due to users using our computers to find their ancestors.

Our speaker was Louise Aldridge who is the Public Library Development Officer for Fenland and East Cambridgeshire and is also the Children and Young Persons Officer. She has vast experience having worked for the public library service for 24 years. She explained the problems the service had to surmount following the pandemic and that by joining Bottisham Library we have access to the Cambridgeshire Collection, e-books and the library can offer digital office from home, give advice re setting up a new business and access many newspapers and magazines in many languages.

She apologized that the public library service closed our branch in 1993 but we should consider how well we have done in the last 20 years and what excellent premises we share with the College. Our volunteers are welcoming and knowledgeable and we must stress to the public that we have WIFI, and will be acting as a warm hub in the coming colder months. She impressed on us that we must ensure that we very much welcome young children into the library. This is very true as statistics show that only 70% of boys and 76% girls achieve the government set standard on leaving primary school.

42 youngsters signed up to the Summer Reading Challenge entitled "Ready, Set, Read" and certificates and medals will be presented on Saturday morning 16th September.

We are very pleased that Laura Overton has taken over in running our Lago Club.

The **Lego Club** dates and topics are as follows

Saturday 14th October - *All things Autumn*

Saturday 18th November - *Space*

Saturday 9th December - *Christmas*

Please make a note in your diary and bring your youngsters along to these sessions.

Details of opening times are towards the back of the magazine.

Remember we have WIFI, we welcome new members especially children and we are a Warm Hub

Sylvia Overton

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

Sorry but nothing to report as we have had no meetings since the last issue. We have however been busy in our gardens or sitting and enjoying the sunshine probably with a glass of wine.

Next meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 24th October.

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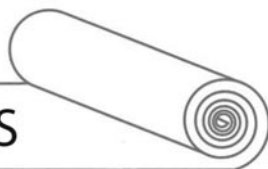


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Please tear this out of your Cresset and drop in the Co-Op (box marked Neighbourhood Plan). Copies of this questionnaire can be found there too.

Once the answers are collated, a Bottisham parish-wide event will be held at the Sports & Social Club to present the findings.

All answers will be confidential.

Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan

Q1. What age group are you?

<18		18-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-75		>75	
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Q2. What is your ethnic group?

Q3. How many people are in your household?

1	2	3-5	6+
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Q4. How many adults (over 18) in your household?

1	2	3+
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Q5. What do you like most about living in Bottisham? Please rank 1-10 with “1” being your most important choice

Sense of community		Peace & quiet	
Attractive/varied countryside		Mix of buildings (old & new)	
Play/sporting facilities		Local medical services/hospitals	
Ease of access to Cambridge/Newmarket		Local educational provision	
Green spaces in the village		Range of community activities	

Q6. What other things do you like about Bottisham?

Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan

Q7. What do you least like about living in Bottisham? Please rank 1-8 with “1” being your greatest dislike?

Too remote		Poor infrastructure / transport	
Too much car traffic		Poor local services	
Few community activities for young people		Limited employment opportunities	
Not enough / unaffordable housing		Too large an education provision	

Q8. What other things do you dislike about Bottisham?

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Q9. What features/facilities in Bottisham would you like to retain ie historical areas/sites, community assets, Village sign location, educational facilities, shops etc

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Q10. Bearing in mind that (i) the village population has grown from 2,100 in 2011 to 2,400 in 2021, and (ii) the Bell Road/Ox Meadow development will yield 50 more houses for rent/sale do you feel that more houses are required in Bottisham?

Yes	No
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Q11. Which areas and “views” in and around Bottisham should be protected from development?

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Bottisham Neighbourhood Plan

Q12. What do you consider the main transport issues within the local area? Please rank 1-5, with "1" being the biggest issue

Frequency of bus service		Parking	
Volume of traffic		Provision of footpaths	
Provision of safe cycle routes			

Q13. Do you consider that Bottisham needs more employment opportunities within it?

Yes		No	
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If "Yes", please explain why you think this and what kind?

Q14. How often do you use these community facilities within the parish?

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
Bus service					
Co-Op/Post Office					
The Bell pub					
Cycle routes					
Existing playgrounds					
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Sunday 19th November - The Annual Craft Fair - 12-4pm - Free Entrance

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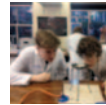
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On 8th August 2023 history was made by the first aircraft movements at Bottisham Airfield (what remains of it) since 1946.

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An outside company, Adventure001.com, operate the aircraft, equipment and staff all of which are CAA approved with all permissions in place. We do understand that noise will be heard in the local area, but it will be kept to a minimum with no flying directly over Bottisham.

This provides a useful income for the museum and will help to pay the costs of maintaining the Museum buildings and grounds, operating expenses, and staging events.

Talking of events on Sunday 15th October from 10.30am the museum will be holding a classic car, motorcycle and military vehicles show.

The car show held in August was successful but clashed with other shows, and some owners couldn't attend due to previous commitments. So, before the dark days of winter we will hold another show. Admission will be £7.50 for the public (children under 16 are free), classic vehicle owners and one passenger are free, all including entry to museum. We hope to have hot food available and a band playing in the hanger. More details are available on the Museum's website.

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to Take Charge and Be Safe by keeping in mind some simple steps when using electrical devices, especially those with Lithium-Ion batteries. By following a few simple safety measures, like adding fire safety to your bedtime routine and being awake when using and charging some devices or appliances, people can keep themselves and their families safe in their homes.

Lithium-Ion batteries can be found in many electronic devices that are used every day. Things like mobile phones, laptops and tablets, vape cigarettes and games console controllers, as well as e-scooters and e-bikes.

E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming a popular mode of transport and when bought from a reputable seller, with the correct battery and charger, and maintained well, they can be used safely.

Simple tips can help reduce the risk of overheating a battery:

- Use the correct charger for your battery, and make sure to buy from a reputable seller
- Make sure your battery and charger meet UK safety standards – look for the CE mark
- deally, don't charge your e-bike or e-scooter overnight or while you are sleeping. If you must charge overnight, charge the bike/scooter in a room away from escape routes, close the door to the room and ensure the room has a smoke detector in it
- Keep an eye out for warning signs that your battery might be failing and becoming a fire risk - if the battery is getting very hot, making a noise, smoking, leaking or bulging or the charger cable is frayed, stop using it and get a replacement. It is normal for batteries to feel warm when charging but if it is extremely hot to touch it is a sign it may be defective and could start a fire
- Let your battery cool after use before charging it
- Unplug your charger once the battery has charged.

BEDTIME ROUTINE

Many fires in the home start at night while people are asleep. This can be down to a number of different causes, but can be easily avoided by following a few simple tips, as well as having working smoke alarms on each floor of your home.

A bedtime routine is a great way to help you and your family stay fire safe in your home. By following a few simple tips before heading to bed for the night, you can prevent a fire from happening or, if one does break out, stop it from spreading.

Tip 1 Switch off plugs and electrical appliances before heading to bed, as well as blowing out candles. Things like fridges, freezers and smart devices (e.g. Alexa)

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are designed to be kept on, but TVs, microwaves, washing machines and tumble dryers should all be turned off, as should wax melters.

- Tip 2** Closing internal doors will help prevent a fire from spreading, if one does break out. Take the time to close any doors around your home, especially the kitchen door.
- Tip 3** Work out the quickest way to escape your home should a fire break out and make sure it's clear before heading to bed. Keep stairs, hallways and corridors clear of clutter to ensure you and your family can get out quickly if needed.
- Tip 4** Before going to bed, make sure you have quick access to your keys so you can easily leave the house if needed.

BATTERIES

When buying lithium-ion batteries, there are a couple of things you can look for to decrease the chances of buying a dodgy battery.

The battery should have a CE mark to signify it meets UK standard.

There are a few steps you can follow to increase your safety in your home when charging lithium-ion batteries. Where possible, buy from recognised manufacturers for example.

Lithium-ion batteries can't be disposed of in your regular household recycling. Doing so can cause fires. Many local shops have a battery bank where you can dispose of them and recycling centres can also take them.

If you're unsure you can check with your local council.

Residents can also use our online home safety check to carry out their own fire risk assessment of their home. This simple to use tool goes through each area of a property and generates a safety plan for the occupants to follow. The check can be carried out on behalf of a vulnerable family member. Find out more on the fire service's website: www.cambsfire.gov.uk.



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The autumn colours of the Fen are starting to show, as the purples and red of berries and golden hues of reeds emerge. Migrant birds will be arriving over the next few weeks, so look out for fieldfare and redwing, and wildfowl such as wigeon on the areas of open water.

Community ceramics workshops - We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who participated our recent ceramics workshops. This activity is part of an Arts Council research and development project to help us put together an application for a creative programme for our 125th anniversary next year. Keep an eye out for the next magazine when we will have details of the exhibition of the ceramic artefacts created as part of the project, and collection of the fired pieces.

Wicken Fen's 125th Anniversary 2024 - We're going to be celebrating our 125th anniversary next year, and we're looking for old photos of the Fen or of people enjoying a visit to/walk at the reserve. If you have any that we could use, please contact Isabel Sedgwick email isabel.sedgwick@nationaltrust.org.uk

Archaeology at Reach 24 Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October - There will be excavation of some test pits at Reach 24 in October as part of Footprints; our NLHF project. We'd like to invite people from the surrounding communities to come along to see what we're doing and try excavating using a trowel and sieving soil at our community test pit. Come along between 1 and 3pm on Saturday 14 October, or 10am and 12pm on Sunday 15 October. See the events section of our website for more details (URL below).

October half term – family fun - Join our family trail to find out what animals do in the winter, make a bird box or create a street of wooden houses at our workshops – find out more on our website including booking details.

Mother and Father Christmas at the Fen - Mother and Father Christmas will be visiting Fen Cottage again this year. Tickets are now available on our website for our popular festive event and are selling fast. Check our website for information.

Christmas Wreath Making Saturday 25 November - Come along to the Fen and make your own wreath, using natural materials collected locally. We'll provide everything you need and some handy tips to get you started. Booking essential via our website.

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Bottisham Bird Brain

As Autumn rapidly approaches, what could be a more interesting bird to consider than the beautiful, quirky, energetic Starling? Often considered an ordinary, rather plain bird due to its familiar presence in our parks and gardens, the Starling reveals, on closer inspection, a subtle sheen of iridescent purples, greens, and light-coloured flecks within its mainly black plumage. Whilst the bill of an adult is yellow, it is possible to distinguish male from female in the spring and summer by the colour of the base of the bill: grey on the male, pink on the female.



But it's the behavioural habits of *Sturnus Vulgaris* that make it so fascinating and endearing. Starlings are busy, energetic, sociable birds and always appear quite bold and adaptable. They'll eat anything from insects, spiders and worms to fruit and berries, as well as anything you can put on your garden feeders such as fat balls. And they'll nest in holes almost anywhere, including under the tiles of your roof. They'll descend on your garden in family or social groups, chattering and squabbling between themselves as well as with other species, and the variety of sounds in their vocabulary is quite remarkable. As relatives of the mynah birds of southern Asia, starlings are clever mimics, producing an array of warbles, whistles, trills, clicks and rattles, sometimes copying larks, hawks, corvids, or even electronic sounds like phone ringtones!

And of course, there are the murmurations. I was asked recently whether a 'murmuration' was something that referred only to starlings in flight. I think it does, because the word is believed to derive from the sound of thousands of pairs of wings fluttering simultaneously. A 'flock' would normally describe starlings perched – typically roosting – in a large group, or a 'chattering' might be appropriate when they're active.

So, what is a murmuration all about? Murmurations begin to occur in late summer and autumn as large numbers of starlings gather in the evening before roosting. Numbers vary from a few hundred to several thousand... even 100,000 has been known. They twist, turn, wheel, swoop, swirl, dive all together as one body, similar to a shoal of fish in the ocean, forming a synchronised cloud of birds above the horizon, constantly changing shape until they decide on a resting place. It can be a spectacular, breathtaking sight, to which it's difficult to do justice with words! But if you want to see a murmuration, then the reedbeds at Lackford Lakes nature reserve are fairly reliable, locally (never guaranteed though!). Alternatively, the www.starlingsintheuk.co.uk website is a fine source of murmuration mapping!

Why and how? There is little definitive authority in this area but there is general agreement on the two main reasons. (i.) Safety in numbers: a predator – e.g. sparrowhawk or peregrine falcon – will find it difficult to isolate a single bird in a fast-moving flock and, of course, each bird's chance of being the unlucky one reduces as the flock size increases. (ii.) Warmth: like many species, starlings huddle together to use their combined body heat

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in the roost throughout the night, so a murmuration will attract all the starlings in an area to join the common cause. There is also a theory that flocks of starlings may form an 'information centre' in which sharing of survival information, such as food sources, might be shared. This seems a bit far-fetched to me, but – if bees can do it...!

Scientists in the University of Washington, USA, have researched starlings' ability to maintain cohesion in a murmuration and concluded that each bird in the group responds to the movements of a fixed number of near neighbours. The optimum number of neighbours appears to be six or seven, depending on the shape and thickness of the flock and external conditions. I confess, I struggled to follow some of the findings in the scientific paper, but I was interested to note that this research was not driven by ornithological enquiry but by the study of 'uncertainty management' in social and technological networks! The National Academy of Sciences in the UK has also looked at the nature of movement – the apparent magnetism – within murmurations and have noticed a correlation between the birds' motion and the movement of electrons when nearby particles are magnetized. More research required, methinks!

The RSPB is keen to remind us that, when we talk of birds taking to the sky in their thousands, it is easy to overlook the fact that the starling is now on the UK Conservation 'Red List' due to a 66% decline in numbers since the mid-1970s (currently 1.8 million UK birds). Whilst the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has monitored the starling population closely, they have not been able to pinpoint the reason for the decline so far, but it is known that the pattern is affecting Europe too. The probability is that it's related to food supply... changes of land-use and agricultural practices may be having an effect, and it's possible that dry summers and hard grounds have rendered soil invertebrates less plentiful, or at least, less accessible.

So, keep feeding the birds, people! And don't worry about starlings appearing to bully smaller birds out of their place at the feeding table. They all understand their place in the 'pecking order' and our beautiful starlings need looking after just as much as other species.

TTFN - Gerry Daish

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