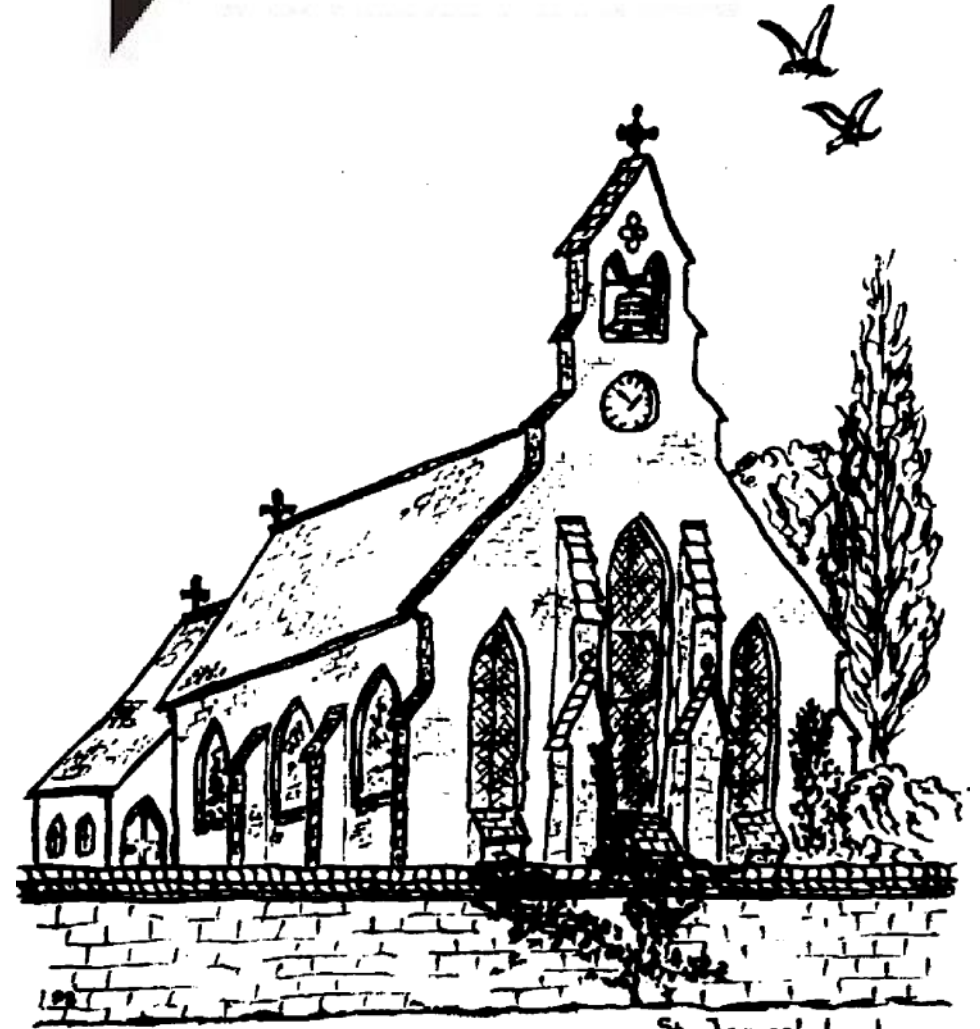


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St. James' Lode

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Cycling event at Fassage Hall (p5)
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May

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- 10 Tennis Coaching starts (p8)
- 16 Gardening Club Plant Stall (p16)

June

- 7 Cycling event at Fassage Hall (p5)
- 10-13 The Gondoliers (p8)
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Thursday Anglesey Abbey Health Walks **10.00am**

Photographic Club each Tuesday 7.30pm LC
Wednesday Coffee Mornings 10.30am LC

Red2Green PopUp—last Wednesday of the month, The Pavilion, SB

R2Greenhouse, BVC—Tues & Wed 11am

Do you have a local event you would like to see advertised here? Please contact the Editors

BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

Tunbridge Lane, Bottisham, Cambridge CB25 9DU
www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

MONDAY to FRIDAY 8.30am-6.00pm
Dispensary 9.00am-6.00pm
(Telephone Dispensary from 1.00pm only)
SATURDAY CLOSED

Appointments/Enquiries: 01223 810030
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Brilliant news about the cycle path from Lode to Quy. Funding is secured through a combination of being the right project for the right time when there was a big national policy push on cycling infrastructure projects – AND all the local hard work which was commended by the County Council Economy and Environment Committee at which Fran Platten spoke eloquently (see p5). So congratulations to everyone who donated time and energy and money to jumble sales (see p24), stalls at Reach Fair, the Fete, Lodestar Festival and the very memorable yarn bombing at Anglesey Abbey and the *In Stitches* creation of Ring Your Bell for the cycle path pompoms. We can't entirely relax because there is land to purchase and then work with Quy to ensure the best path possible is built and used for the benefit of all the local villages.

Doreen Robinson has put in a plea not so much to cyclists but to motorists heading down the Fen. Look out for

the fledgling moorhens who seem determined to cross the road near Willow Farm. There has been something of a massacre this year.

We are always asking local people to send in articles that reflect their interests and experience. I am so pleased Katheryn Scholan took up the challenge (see p14). Her article on Richard III arrived too late for the last issue but is more topical now given the huge interest in the reinterment at Leicester Cathedral this week. But Katheryn was interested long before the media hype..

I was recalling an Easter Sunday in Cherry Hinton in 1983 when the children had fun searching for eggs in three inches of snow. I checked and it was 3 April - only two days earlier than it is this year. Here's hoping for no repeat of that experience! Wishing everyone a Happy Easter with lots of spring sunshine.

Elizabeth Mitchell

The purpose of LODE STAR is to serve the WHOLE parish by circulating information free to every household in LODE and LONGMEADOW eleven times a year

Please could all items for inclusion in the MARCH edition of *Lode Star* reach Elizabeth Mitchell (elizabeth-mitchell@hotmail.co.uk) and Susan Swannell (address below or lodestar.lode@btinternet.com) by **TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015 (earlier if possible)**

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Lode Parish Council News

Street lighting

The March meeting was a little noisier than the norm. This resulted from a heated discussion about the removal of some street lights under the ongoing improvement programme. The following is taken from the draft minutes to show what action the PC is taking in the matter:

'Being aware that a member of the public had raised concerns about the handling of the street lighting project, Cllr Rickard reported that:-

The lighting policy has been decided by the County Council (CC) as the responsible authority. The plan is being implemented by *Balfour Beatty* on behalf of the CC. As part of the rationalisation process, the number of street lights across the county is being reduced by 10% (the new lamps give

an improved level of illumination). The percentage is greater in rural areas. The number of lamps to be lost in Lode has been determined at 13. The PC does not have the resources to get lights reinstated but, if there is a strong case for any particular lamp to be retained, the PC would present the case to the CC.

A representative from *Balfour Beatty* had attended an earlier PC meeting and listened to the concerns expressed by members of the public. Some changes to the proposed plans were suggested at this meeting. However, unless it can be demonstrated that the loss of 13 lamps in Lode is excessive, the reinstatement of a lamp in one location would necessarily involve the loss of a lamp elsewhere in the village.

C/Cllr Shuter agreed that this was an accurate summation and commented further:-

- The lighting policy had been developed over a five year period by the CC to improve street lighting throughout the county and to save money. The contract for the work has been let as a Private Finance Initiative (PFI).
- There is a statutory requirement to provide lighting along transport routes but not in rural areas.
- Some counties have a policy of switching off lights after a certain time (e.g. midnight) but CC did not favour this policy at present.
- However, the new lights will dim after 10pm, reducing the energy use by 40%.

After discussion it was agreed that:-

1. When the project is complete the

allocation of lighting within the village will be reviewed and if a meaningful case for any alteration can be made an approach will be made to the County Council.

2. The Clerk should write to Sanctuary Housing asking if they can install security lighting in the garage area in Fairhaven Close.

Shortly after the meeting a petition signed by 14 residents from Fairhaven Close and one from Station Road was received by the Clerk. This has been distributed to Councillors and will be discussed at the April meeting.

Electrical Equipment Recycling

It is pleasing to report that the weight of electrical materials collected in January was 3.5 tonnes (3500kg) which gives a total of nearly 8.5 tonnes (8424kg) for the year. A very large portion of the equipment collected was Small Domestic Appliances (SDA). Cambs County Council has advised that only 40% of SDA is recovered from the Household Waste Recycling Centres, meaning 60% still goes to landfill, which certainly indicates that the aim of diverting material from landfill is being achieved through these collections.

After discussion it was agreed it had been such a success that a further collection will take place later in the year.

Lode/Quy Cycleway

Cllr Platten continues to work towards the vision of having a cycleway between Lode and Quy.

Together with C/Cllr Matthew Shuter she attended a meeting of the Economy and Environment Committee of the County Council to press the case for the cycle path. As a result the committee voted in favour of allocating over £300,000 of recently acquired

central government funds to the project. Furthermore, the committee commended the Parish Council for their efforts to get this project underway.

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The Newmarket Cycling & Triathlon Club



Calling young cyclists

Come along to the regular sessions of the Indoor Cycling System.

It's a great way for learners to gain confidence and more experienced young cyclists to practise time trials.

Please bring your own bike

Saturday 4 April
Sundays 3 May and 7 June
10am to 12.30pm
at the Fassage Hall, Lode

Contact David Peck on
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for more details



Lode Social Club Trophies

The Social Club committee has a number of cups, shields and trophies which need a permanent home. We are exploring the possibility of having them displayed either at the new pub restaurant or British Legion in Bottisham but some were awarded to individuals and others have not been engraved. If you have a personal interest in any of those listed, or know anyone to whom they could be returned please contact Coral Hatley on C.811457 to discuss.

1. Jim Campbell Memorial Cup
2. Fen Ditton Cricket Club – Don Dawson Memorial Cup 1983
3. G Ingram Charity Cup (Cribb)
4. G Ingram Charity Cup (Snooker)
5. G Ingram Charity Cup (Pool) (Base missing)
6. Lode FC Bottisham Sports Centre Five a side Winners 2003
7. Cambs Umpire Association
8. Eileen Price Memorial Trophy (Darts)
9. Bulbeck Plate Winners 1990
10. Armstrong Mead League Div. 4 Winner Lode Labour Club 89/90 (Bowls)
11. Div. 3 Runner up. Lode Labour Club 90/91
12. Mead Construction League Div. 2 Winners 1994/95 Lode LC (Bowls)
13. B&D W L Stewards R/U 87/88 (Darts)
14. Shield. Lode Labour Club. Carpet bowls singles. B Potter
15. LLC 'B' Hose KO (Darts)
16. G Ingram Charity Shield (Darts) (Quantity two)
17. Mick McNeil Alliance League Club of the Year 1989/90
18. Brass plaque 'In memory of Jim Campbell 1949-2005 Away with the fairies'

LODE VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 28 JUNE
11.00am - 5.00pm



12 Village Gardens to visit

Music and Art Display in the Church
Plant Stalls
Children's Activities
Teddy Treasure Trail
Tea and Homemade Cakes



Adults £6

accompanied children
free (no dogs)



Free car parking available

Proceeds to village church
& Lode/Quy cycle path

Lode Village Fete Sunday 14 June 2015

**CALLING
ALL DOGS !!**

**Don't miss
the Fun
Dog Show
at the Fete.
More details next month
but put a note in your
basket to mark
the date.**



Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club



Tuesday 14 April sees our last major guest speaker for the year. John Hooton of Southern Ireland will be giving a print talk entitled 'Landscapes & Seascapes'.

The year ends with our final competition on Tuesday 21 April, The Hanson Trophy Projected Digital Image Competition.

In February 2014 the club entered the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF) Projected Digital Image Club Championship annual competition. A total of 34 clubs entered from around the region and Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club were placed ninth.

The winning clubs were first: Beyond Group, from Ipswich, Norfolk Photographic Group came second with Ipswich & District Photographic Society coming third.

Date for your diary:

'Welcome Back' First meeting of the 2015/2016 year will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2015, when

members are asked to bring photographs (prints or images), which have been taken over the summer break. Members' winning prints from last year will also be on display. New members would be very welcome and can bring any pictures that they have taken during the summer.

The club welcomes guests and new members to any of our weekly meetings at Lode Chapel just off the High Street, from 7:30 – 9:30pm every Tuesday (please check website for details) Fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00 pa, refreshments 50p.

For further details contact:

Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB

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The Lode Social Club Committee met this week to start discussions on activities and events that we might support in the coming months as a new charity is set up. Various ideas have been put forward including music gigs, quizzes, discos, beer festivals and outdoor picnics, walks and cycle rides.

We are keen to hear from residents of the parish if there are ideas that you wish to see happening or to organise, so don't hesitate to get in touch through lodeclub@gmail.com.

Please feel you can contribute to the community in this way - no pressure no problem

LODE TENNIS CLUB



Spring! - and lots of news so, without further delay -

Membership renewals are now due again, with the annual membership rates remaining unchanged from last year. These are Adult £15, Couple £30, Family £35, Junior £5. Guests are £2 per session per guest or a blanket annual charge of £15. Lost/replacement keys £3.

Please get your subscriptions to Sally Jaggard as soon as possible, together with your annual application form, which you should have received by now in your membership renewal pack, or you can download one from our website. You need to make sure that you have a player username and can log on to the website because you can only book a court using the online system.

We are running another eight-week course of tennis coaching with David Nation this year. It will be on Sunday afternoons and starts on 10 May in a series of one hour sessions between 2pm and 6pm. If any days are rained off we will try to add extra weeks at the end to complete the course. The cost per session for juniors is just £4, and for adults £7.50. To reserve your place (first come basis - but member juniors take precedent over non member juniors) contact Jeff Kempster on C.812194 by 7 April please. Payment of the course fee will be required to confirm reservation.

Club Nights will start again from 6pm to 8pm each Thursday evening from 7 May. You can just turn up to play with whoever else is there. We are encouraging people to use the Message Board on the website. That way people from farther away can tell if

there will be anyone to play with! Don't forget you can get all the latest news, contact Tennis Club members, and get other information about the club, by visiting our website at <http://www.lodetennis.net>

Jeff Kempster (Chairman)

Swaffham Bulbeck
Summer Theatre is
proud to present:

Gilbert & Sullivan's The Gondoliers

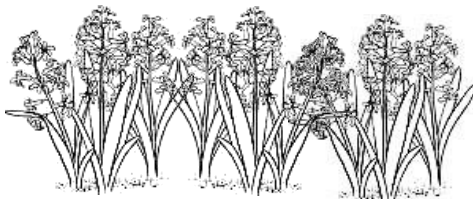


At the 'Theatre in a Barn',
Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck

Wednesday 10 June 7.30pm - £9
Thursday 11 June 7.30pm - £9
Friday 12 June 7.30pm - £10
Saturday 13 June 2.30pm - £6
and 7.30pm - £10

Tickets and further information are
available via our website,
www.sbsummertheatre.com or Caille
Peri via email sbst.tickets@gmail.com
or telephone 07451 554845.

*Please book the dates in your
diaries. Although the dates are
different to last year, the prices are
still the same!*



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LODE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Jean Coxall welcomed members to the March meeting of the WI with the news that Her Majesty the Queen had designated a special day for a Centenary Garden Party in the presence of the Duchess of Cornwall (who is a member of the WI) and every WI in the country could have a representative. Names were taken of those who wished to be considered so watch this space!

Our speaker Margaret Rogers then spoke on her subject of 'A Nice Cup of Tea'. She told of how A P Herbert had a poem published in *Home and Garden* entitled the same.

Tea was first drunk by accident in 750 BC in China when the emperor stopped to have a cup of boiled water and some leaves fell in into the water. He was so impressed with the taste that he declared it had given him "the elixir of life".

In 1610 the Dutch India Company brought the leaves back and sold them in its coffee shops. The tea was so popular that the Government eventually taxed it at 119% and tea was kept in a locked tin with the mistress of the house keeping the key. The servants were allowed to use the leaves afterwards.

Margaret spoke about smugglers bringing in tea and the war fought with the Americas because they objected to paying tax to Britain for the tea which eventually led to the Boston Tea Party incident in which a tea clipper was sunk.

From the 1860's tea was being grown all over the world as it grows from sea level to 6,000 feet above sea level. She talked about tea ceremonies around the world and showed all the various items that were used. She

spoke about famous people including Gladstone who

used to take tea to bed in a stone hot water bottle to sustain him during the night, and the Queen who when she is at home apparently makes tea for herself and the family.

Margaret concluded by inviting members to come and smell the various types of tea available today.

Jean Coxall gave the vote of thanks thanking Margaret for an interesting and amusing talk.

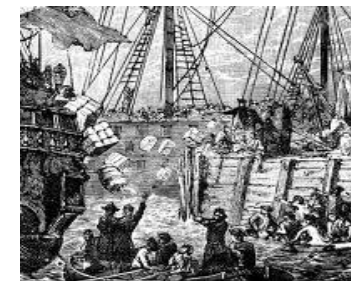
After refreshments the Secretary informed the members of invitation from Pampisford and Cherry Hinton WIs' and the forthcoming events were read.

The competition of an unusual teapot was won by Hazel Cox.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL MEETING

Bob Jones – *Laughter in the Village*
Followed by the Annual Meeting

We welcome visitors and prospective members. **Try our meetings free of charge!** Phone Angela Standley on C.812994 for details or just drop into Lode Chapel on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm



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News from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School



As spring begins, our school life continues on at its usual rapid pace. Mothers' Day was celebrated with handmade cards and pots of sown flower seeds. Amazingly my seeds actually appeared above the soil for the first time right on cue, though that still meant disappointment from the small sower who had expected full-blown flowers for Mummy...

The younger half of the school (ages 3-7) had a very well-attended Sharing Assembly (standing room only!) showing off the wide range of work they had covered so far this year. We are so lucky in our school to have such strong support from our parents – it makes all the difference to the children!

Wrens and Robins (age 3-5) demonstrated their knowledge of the planets, rocket ships and "light and dark", illustrated with an enthusiastic rendition of *Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer*.

Doves class (age 5-7) showed their weather stations, home-grown mustard and cress gardens, and read their World War II stories. They made a storm with their bodies, from whooshing wind to light raindrops to thundering raindrops and back again, and also retold the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* along with actions for all the punctuation marks. Just make sure you avoid their punches if you get them to recite a sentence ending in an exclamation mark!

World Book Day was celebrated with children and staff dressed in World War II clothes or in book characters from children's books popular at the time. This meant lots of evacuees, Land Army ladies, Winnie the Pooh

characters, Pippi Longstockings, and Alices in Wonderland.

Red Nose Day followed just the next week, with a theme of *Funny Faces* raising nearly £60 for Comic Relief (£1 for every Funny Face).

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CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY

Saturday 11 April

Claudia Hirshfeld

Concerts are open to the public and held on the second Saturday of each month, with the exception of July and August, at Quy Village Hall and commence at 7.30pm.

Tickets £6.00 available on the door.
For information C.881049 or C.880522

LOST PROPERTY

at The Shop in Lode C. 811927

- **RING**, mainly silver, found in the road along the High Street on Sun 25 January
- **WATCH**: Thin strap, round face found along Mill Road on approx Thurs 19 February.
- **GLOVES**: Black with design on the back of the hand. Found Tuesday 17 March.

News from the Bottisham Patients' Group

Don't miss the
Patients' Group AGM
Thursday 23 April at 7.00pm
Lecture Hall,
Bottisham Village College
Dr Ahmed Rashid will talk about
THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET
Could it help you to live longer?

Dr Rashid started his medical life wanting to be a cardiologist but, after completing junior hospital posts at a busy London teaching hospital, soon found that cardiologists were dealing with patients with established heart disease, whereas he was more interested in preventing it in the first place. So he studied for an MSc in Preventive Cardiology at Imperial College London and has since pursued a career that combines clinical work in general practice and research work about preventing heart disease.

He is currently working at the department of Public Health and Primary Care at the University of Cambridge and this year is on secondment to the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

In his research work, he has been amazed by the growing evidence that suggests Mediterranean diets can prevent heart attacks and strokes, as well as lots of other diseases affecting all age groups, from children to the elderly. He is keen to ensure that as many doctors and patients as possible are aware of the potential benefits of the diet and looks forward to sharing some of the key messages with Bottisham patients. **Integrated Health Service for Older People**

From 1st April health services for

people aged over 65 will be the responsibility of Uniting Care Partnership (UCP). This is a new, joint partnership between two NHS organisations:

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT): a local provider of integrated community, mental health, learning disability and social care services.
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH): a regional hospital delivering care through Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals.

All older people's healthcare and adult community services will transfer to UCP for the next five years. Their aim is to provide services that are more joined-up and co-ordinated around the needs of the patient. **Find out more at our AGM!**

Bottisham Patients' Group Committee

Bottisham Patients' Group



Walking Group

There will be two PG walks in April led by Steve Gilson, our accredited walk leader, on Wednesday 15 and Friday 24 starting from the surgery car park at 11.00am. Anglesey Abbey walks continue weekly on Thursdays from the Visitors' Centre starting at 10.00am. All patients are welcome on all these walks.

Report of the National Trust/Lode liaison meeting on 23 March 2015

Allotments are not being taken up, so Lois Baker mowed them last year. Janet Jephcott will return in May so contact meantime needs to be with Laura Booty.

Parking in the Paddocks

Mark Bradshaw will have to apply for the 28 days permitted development rights to be reinstated, not just for the use of the NT but also for all the community use such as the fete, funerals, weddings, runs etc. The Paddocks has not been required for National Trust purposes over the past 12 months.

Cycle Path There have been big advances on this. A county council bid to Central Government was successful and £317,000 has been set aside for the cycle path. We will probably need about 1 acre of land. Brian Camps says that land costs about £12,000 per acre so rather more than we have in our Sustrans account! Fran Platten is in contact with the agents for the Garrow Estate and together with Charlie Rickard will work with Patrick Joyce (Cams CC) to further land purchase negotiations. Thereafter we will hand the project over as soon as possible to the County Council.

Trees overhanging the B1102

The trees are apparently on land belonging to the County Council, so we need to contact them. They are very close to the road and could force cyclists further into the road, and there is inadequate verge to allow evasive action. Perhaps Lode PC could report it to the county council?

Wicken Vision [Lois Baker]

Tree planting and maintenance went well at White Fen, but no new faces

were there. The trees are growing well and it was a nice day!

The Gutterbridge woodland at Swaffham Bulbeck is up and running and well supported by local volunteers.

A long new hedge has been planted along the front of the land at Reach.

Burwell fen is now being grazed by both Highland cattle and Konig ponies. There is planning permission for a little bridge which will connect 2 fields. Peter Wells who is a keen bird watcher says it is brilliant for birds now. He has seen golden plover and various waders.

The winter flooding is now stopping so the land will dry out over the summer.

There have been repairs to the fencing on Tubney Fen so tenant cattle will be reintroduced from May to November.

Finally there is to be new signage at Wicken. It was looking a bit dated.

National Trust [Mark Bradshaw]

Helen Ghosh is the new Director General of the NT. She has just highlighted the changing aims of the NT. In the early days, its purpose was to provide open spaces for urban areas. Then it took on the country houses that were being demolished. In the 60's Project Neptune rescued over 700 miles of coastline and today its aim is to realise the duty of care to the land that they own. Man has had a devastating impact on the countryside and the focus is on land, outdoors and nature

Anglesey Abbey Last year (to March 2015) there was a 10% increase in visitor numbers to 316,000. These numbers were helped by the snowdrops, summer gardens and the dahlia festival. The numbers did not

include the 14,000 who came to see the winter lights. This means there is more money for conservation work. Last year they restored the domestic wing, and this year they are doing the Newmarket Corridor which included Lord Fairhaven's bedroom. The rooms were drab and in need of redecoration. They are being restored to the 1950s period which is how it was when he was alive. They have sourced all the carpets, curtains and even the braiding round the pelmets from the UK, using information from the archives. It is due to be opened after Easter.

Magna Carta Lord Fairhaven saved the park in which the Magna Carta was signed (Runnymede) by buying it in 1926 as it was going to be sold off. Anglesey Abbey has two copies of the Magna Carta, one of which is on loan elsewhere. MB says the one at the Abbey is beautifully illuminated and is on display. Also they have just launched a Magna Carta trail at the Abbey.

New Garden There is to be a new lilac garden which is near the end of the winter walk.

Himalayan Birches A new plantation has been planted because in a few years the old ones will need to be cut down. As they age they lose their white bark.

Lode Mill This will have new interpretation signs later this year to tell the story of the Mill.

Three Year Plan Mark Bradshaw is producing a new plan for coping with the growth of visitors to AA, Wicken and Houghton Mill. They are getting many more visitors who come multiple times each year. The average frequency of visits is 4 times/year. Some neighbouring postcode areas have much higher visit frequency and

increase in housing in these areas will directly add to increase visits to Anglesey Abbey..

Biomass Boiler They are doing a feasibility study for installing one for heating the cottage and the main house. Should these plans go ahead, then they will apply for planning permission. There is talk of a new source of the pellets at Ely.

Replacing the mill stones at Lode Mill This is to be done sometime in May/June and will take half a day. It will involve a crane going down Mill Road, so the residents will need to be informed.

Litter Lode PC extends their thanks to MB and his 4 volunteers who not only cleared the verge outside the Abbey but continued right down to Quy on both sides of the road. It is now just perfect!

Finally, Mark Bradshaw will be working with Amanda Crack for 2 weeks in May when she returns from maternity leave. This is his last meeting with us and we are very grateful for all the work he has done and for the huge support he has given us over the cycle path. We wish him well when he returns to the Midlands. Thank you.

Fran Platten for Lode Parish Council

Remnants of Richard Plantagenet

Consider for a moment how complex you are. All the tiny moments – the awkward puns and the smiles at beautiful sunsets. Finding these relatable human moments in the distant past is what makes history magical to me.

Richard III is an argument of stories. He was robed in legend long before Shakespeare cut his cloth. In 1461 a parhelion – the meteorological illusion of three suns - was seen at the battle of Mortimer's Cross (victorious for the soon-to-be Edward IV, one of Richard's two brothers). Such clear divine sponsorship gave Richard his first role in 'the Three Sons of York' legend, God's chosen dynasty.

Following the terrifying Tudor creation, he has been batted from symbol to caricature to symbol – a helpless victim, a fop, a medieval Neanderthal and after five centuries, the triumph of modern archaeology.

Perhaps this is what piqued my interest, that somewhere under a car park of myth lies a real human life is fascinating and compelling.

Approaching his reburial, I wonder if we remember the stories or the man. It's important, I think, to recall the person he was, as far as we can; if I have any obligation as a budding historian, it is to share some of those borrowed memories with you.

Perhaps the best place to start looking for someone's personality is in their books. Richard owned eleven (at least eleven have been found in which he helpfully wrote his name), which pales slightly next to the forty or so surviving from his brother. But the nature of these books is interesting. Whereas many of Edward's were expensively

illuminated and bespoke, a collector's compilation if not simply status symbols, Richard's set included second-hand copies, printed books (the cheap option, perhaps the e-books of the 15th Century) and relatively undecorated pieces. There may be a myriad of ways to take this, but I like to think it means he kept and cared about them for their content rather than their panache.

It's tremendously exciting that he's the only English king to have owned the *History of the Kings of Britain*, a chronicle then over three hundred years old. Call me biased, but little to me drives home humanity's constancy through time more than spotting someone else looking back.

My favourite remnant of Richard is scribbled in the margins of one of these books. In *Ipomedon* – a chivalric story about the bravest knight in the world

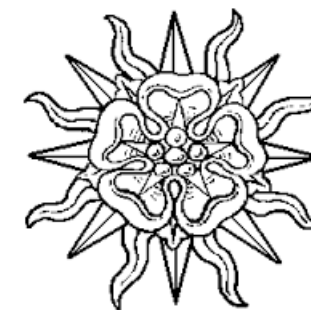


Richard III by Andrew Jamieson,
© Richard III Society.

killing a Turkish warlord (and the king of Scotland) to get the girl – he has written 'tant le desiree': 'I have desired it so much'. The Richard III Society asserts this was penned in the 1460s, before he was eighteen. Later, the similar 'illa treztant desyre' ('he has desired it so much') appears amongst sketches for Ricardian heraldry. At the least I think this shows Richard took inspiration from characters he knew as a teenager, and I'm fond of the idea that when he first wrote those words he was dreaming of his own chivalric adventures and musing out a motto to match.

There is a darker side to this through modern eyes – part of chivalry translates to religious fundamentalism and military zeal. Hearing crusading tales from a traveller, Richard once wished vehemently that England was such a frontier, so he and his people could dominate the Turkish single-handedly. A favourite gift he received was the cutting edge in massive artillery. These are also important and human facets of him that should not be forgotten.

Richard's heraldry itself can be tantalisingly poignant. His king's seal is festooned with 'Yorkist sunbursts' (a white rose and blazing sun combined), originally used by Edward to commemorate the Mortimer's Cross parhelion. A driving reason Richard adopted the symbol was likely to stress the legitimacy of his succession, but I find it hard to believe something so heavy with brotherly meaning used so soon after Edward's death, especially so abundantly, does not also betray a very human sense of loss.



I apologise for the elephant in the castle. Judging Richard's personality on the princes' disappearance and his strange accession is building a house on the sand, in the fog, by the light of a will o' the wisp. It's too changeable a debate, too full of speculation. I hope that even so, I've given you a glimpse of him as a human being.

On 26 March Richard III will be reinterred. The arguments and symbols and stories will continue, but I hope at least for one day a few of you remember the fellow person that Richard Plantagenet was. His life was full of awkward puns and beautiful sunsets too.

Katheryn Scholan

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BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Steve Elstub has been the Head Gardener at Clare College for 12 years and is responsible with his team of 5 for maintaining 8/9 acres including the Fellows Garden which was badly neglected in the 1920s and '30s.

He has been fortunate to have extensive archive material available and the sunken garden area and the blue/gold herbaceous border have been faithfully restored. The College is fortunate that it has a grant to take water from the River Cam to provide the necessary irrigation - surely done by someone with great foresight!

The Old Court buildings rebuilt in the late 16th century are in urgent need of extensive repair and the recent archaeological survey of the 1300s original buildings has resulted in large areas of the gardens being spoiled. The beds bordering the buildings have once again been planted with shrubs of bay laurel, santolina, rosemary and lavender which give a sweet smelling aroma in summer. There are plans to put in a knot garden and parterre.

The May Balls have over the years with dodgems, helter-skelters and even a small herd of camels who enjoyed eating the lower branches of the lime trees, caused the gardeners a massive amount of work in that Graduation ceremonies take place shortly afterwards and everywhere must be looking at its best. He was a good speaker with many slides and we look forward as a club in visiting these gardens in 2016 – after the graduation event of course.

Some diary dates for you

- ◆ Our meeting on Tuesday 28 April will be 'A Packet of Parsley' by David White.
- ◆ Sunday 12 April. The Spring Lunch for members at the Newmarket Golf Club
- ◆ Saturday 16 May Plant Stall on the Triangle
- ◆ Saturday 12 September. Annual Show Suggestions for anything to be included in the Show would be welcomed.

New members are welcome, subscription is only £12 a year and we have a good programme arranged for 2015.

Sylvia Overton C.811792

BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB
An RHS Affiliated Society
ANNUAL SHOW 2015

This year's Annual Show will take place in the Royal British Legion on

Saturday, 12 September

Categories include Fruit and Vegetables; Flowers; Baking & Preserves; Crafts; Painting and Drawing; Photography; and Children (age groups)

Something for everyone give it a go!

www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk



Public Transport Matters

Our usual straightforward rail journey to Lowestoft proved rather more difficult recently as the train from Newmarket to Ipswich was 20 mins. late and so this meant our connection in Ipswich would be missed. The ticket collector was efficient and pointed out the problem. He did wonder whether the Lowestoft train could be delayed for a few minutes but that was not possible so he advised us on the procedure to claim compensation for the hour-long wait at Ipswich. We were referred to the station office and collected a claim form for each of us and were also given vouchers for a free tea or coffee at the station café! Our claim is now being processed by *Abellio Greater Anglia* at Norwich.

The discussions regarding improving the frequency of trains between Cambridge and Ipswich and upgrading the facilities at Newmarket station continue – a further article in the Newmarket Journal yesterday (12/3/15).

Another discussion topic is what to call the new Cambridge station – Stephen Hawking station, Cambridge Science Park station? – it now seems the station might be called Cambridge North to help visitors not familiar with the area.

Simon Norton of the Cambs. Campaign for *Better Transport* has several ideas for improving rail travel in the area. New bus links from a new Addenbrooke's station to Cambourne via Comberton, also direct to Fulbourn and on to Haverhill; a *Park and Ride* site at Audley End to the west with direct access to the M11 and B1039 and buses to the station, Saffron Walden and Tesco; at Cambridge

station there should be more buses to all parts of the city and they should be nearer to the station itself as used to be the case. Just a few of his many suggestions for local towns.

The payment situation at the Cambridge *Park and Ride* sites continues to be an annoying problem to many – even politicians are being involved now!

A letter in the CN suggests that the commuter buses on the guided busway should have breakfast and the papers! Another suggestion is to have the P&R buses going to the Abbey football stadium as there is so much traffic congestion and also the parking problem.

Because of the traffic congestion in the city generally, there is pollution and *Stagecoach's* managing director, Andy Campbell, has been looking into a range of high-tech solutions to make its fleet more environmentally friendly. He addressed the Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly and told of their discussion with two different groups, one offering all electric buses that charge at the terminal and another with the Williams formula 1 team regarding double-deckers. They have also experimented with bio-fuel, which can cause problems – one trial even used chip fat! In response to a query he replied that they had been working for two years on the idea of talking buses and to finalise a scheme on the guided busway. They are also working with the university to produce a phone app. to give you a warning when you are approaching your stop. Blind and disabled people would appreciate such a service – we see this on the trains with their regular announcements.

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Regarding fares, he said they had to pay reasonable wages to their staff and to cover their costs but they had introduced 5-day tickets to help regular commuters.

We just wish our buses had a smoother ride – and don't mention speed humps!

National Express continues to offer a good service but there are still no mentions at the bus shelter of the services that call at Newmarket High Street opposite and outside *Hughes* despite my several e-mails – I shall try again!

Mark Carne, the chief executive of *Network Rail*, has himself criticised the state of his empire – the bonus scheme (he gave up his bonus after the Christmas rail fiasco) and unsafe working practices. Passenger numbers have doubled over the past two decades and some £25 billion is being spent to upgrade the network in the next five years.

In a letter in *The Times*, in response to a criticism by Boris Johnson of the Stansted service, he says that there is an updated business case regarding 4-tracking the Stansted line as there are 19,000 new homes planned for the Lea Valley.

In response to congestion on the roads, some lines closed during the Marples/Beeching era are being reopened – 5,000 miles of track and 2,363 stations were closed according to the report of 1963. The car was king, it was proclaimed – well, we know how that has turned out! Lines to be revived include near Newcastle, Bristol, Oxford and Plymouth and possibly to reintroduce services into parts of Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Fife and Mid-Wales that have no train service. But perhaps not to get the

bunting out in Quay and Lode just yet!

Britain has sold its stake in *Eurostar* getting twice the expected price - £750 million. Critics question the sale of an increasing asset. *SNCF* is now the largest shareholder. *Keolis* (70% *SNCF*) and *Eurostar* will join the battle for the West coast mainline – they came second in the East Coast competition.

Peacock Travel offers interesting trips C.811481. *Nenta Train Travel's* new brochure is to hand and there are tempting trips and short breaks from Cambridge or Ely – 01692 406152. *Megabus* (ukmegabus.com) – for cheap travel to Europe also in UK. *IDBUS* (idbus.com) – is a French equivalent.

We have just had National Ferry Fortnight, 75 plus ferry routes – to Europe or to our own Islands – *Isle of Man Steam Packet Co.* – 08722 992 992, *Wightlink* 0333 999 7333 or *Condor Ferries* (Channel Islands) - www.condorferries.co.uk. 39 million passengers last year – good food, entertainment and shopping – plus bracing air – enjoy!

Plans are afoot to build a dockside hub in Greenwich for cruise ships – the first passenger terminal on the Thames for at least 35 years.

Happy travelling! Paddy James

Rail info: 08457 48 49 50
Traveline: 0871 200 22 33

Easter is more than a chocolate egg!

The events of the first Easter are at the heart of what it means to be a Christian.

Jesus died on a cross ... he was certified dead by his Roman executioners ... he was wrapped in grave clothes and his body sealed in rock-cut tomb according to Jewish custom ... three days later he came back from the dead! He appeared to his disciples in a locked room, he ate and drank with them and taught them what had happened and what they must do next.

Unbelievable! Or is it? I certainly used to think so. But ... like many other people, I have had cause to revise my opinions in the light of studying the evidence. Have you ever seriously considered that it might be true?

Why do so many people believe it?

A number of people, including some legal experts, have set out to write books disproving the Resurrection and, on studying the evidence, have come



to the conclusion that it actually happened. There is enough historical evidence to convince those who are willing to put it to the test. The New Testament is painfully honest about the Resurrection. The Apostle Paul wrote to the young church in Corinth: *'If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.'*

This letter was written only about 25 years after the event. Most of us would have little difficulty in remembering a significant event which may have happened in our lives in 1990. Paul writes that at various times, after his resurrection Jesus appeared to his disciples, and on one occasion he appeared to more than five hundred people, most of whom were

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RE:NEW Services in April

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services, and a crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

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| 5 April | 10.30am – Come and celebrate ~Easter with us! RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School) with Holy Communion |
| 12 April | 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School) 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel) |
| 19 April | 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School) |
| 26 April | 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School) 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel) |

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact Rev. Keith Morrison on C.813055 or Peter Wells on C.812388. Email: pandawells@cheerful.com Or visit our website www.re-new.me.uk

still living at the time of his letter. It is as though Paul is saying, 'There are plenty of eyewitnesses. You can ask them, if you don't believe me!' Other New Testament writers, including the four gospel writers, also testify to Jesus having risen from the dead.

The followers of Jesus were transformed from cowering in locked rooms for fear of the authorities to openly proclaiming on the streets that they had seen the risen Jesus. Why? They carried the message out, suffering all kinds of hardship and persecution, until it had reached the furthest outposts of the Roman Empire. Why? Most of those first disciples died proclaiming that Jesus had conquered death, and many thousands more were to die for that belief, and many still continue to suffer and die for that belief today. Why?

The fundamental belief of Christians is that because Jesus conquered death

those who believe in him and put their faith and trust in him will also rise again. Perhaps the best known verse in the Bible is John 3:16, which tells us that *'whoever believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.'* This is the promise, hope and expectation for the future which Christians have – that this present world is not all there is. The best is still to come!

This Easter ask yourself the questions:

- Why did it happen?
- Why does it matter?
- What might it mean for me if it's true?
- Why not join us at RE:NEW to find out?

Peter Wells

PUZZLE 104

The object of the puzzle is to fill in the remaining squares with the numbers from 1 to 9 so that:

Each row contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Each column contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Each 3 x 3 box contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Note that each of the numbers from 1 to 9 must appear just once in each row, once in each column and once in each 3 x 3 box.

Contributed by Frank Sillitoe

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LODE 20 STAR

Village Freecycle

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (C.813362), drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow) or e-mail (jun.thompson@tiscali.co.uk).

Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues. Everything is free and nothing is expected in return. Please can you contact the offers after the 1st of the month to make it a little fairer.

Offered

- Camping Stove (2 burners, grill)
Marian, C.812020
- Empty egg boxes (for 6 eggs) – roughly 10 of them. Jun C.813362
- Assorted hanging baskets, one bracket, length of black worktop, bread machine, toilet roll holder.
Clare & Steve C.811693
- One new roll (110cm wide) of 170mm loft insulation.
Steve C.812683

Offered

CALLING ALL LODGE GARDENERS
Would you like to join our friendly group? *You would be very welcome*
Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners

21 April, 7.30pm Barry Gayton
'The Scented Garden & Glasshouse'
8pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall
Membership £15 per person
New members and Visitors always welcome, £3 per evening
Peter Hart 01638 741681

- Philips Magic2Vox desk top machine comprising Phone + Fax + Email, with detachable scanner. Comes with handset, instruction books and spare ink roll. Teresa C.811517

Wanted

- A spare Laptop. Capacity not important, but must have Windows 8 or above. Nicole, C.812363
- Any 35mm/120 film cameras for photography enthusiast/collector anything appreciated
Mark, C.813919
- Paving slabs Mark, C.813919
- Old-fashioned cider/beer bottles with internal coarse screw thread, and jam jars with non-screw tops.
John C.812120
- Your old light fittings, brown Bakelite switches, iron conduit and switches, bulb holders and holders. Sheets and bits of Bakelite. Postcard rack (carousel if possible).
George 07895 064 727

Allotments available in Lode beside the Fassage Hall

If you wish to have an allotment, there are some available just near the Fassage Hall. There is water at the tap in the cemetery. They are owned by the National Trust.

If you are considering working one please contact Laura Booty at laura.booty@nationaltrust.org.uk



LODE 21 STAR



Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen News and Events — April 2015



Spring is well and truly here with spring flowers bursting into life throughout the gardens – a real highlight is the sight and scent of thousands of thousands of hyacinths in the Formal Garden at Anglesey.



The House has also re-opened after vital conservation work undertaken during the winter months. The House is open for general viewing Wednesdays – Sunday, and for guided tours about Lord Fairhaven on Tuesdays. Tickets for guided tours are available from Visitor Reception, when you arrive.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta by King John at Runnymede. A copy of the Magna Carta, produced in 1816 will be on display in the House until June. The copy (printed in gold leaf) was part of Lord Fairhaven's collection which he bequeathed to the National Trust. There is a strong link between the Fairhaven family and Runnymede, as the land where the Treaty was sealed was donated by the Fairhaven's to the National Trust in 1931.

Both Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen will be running **Easter Egg Trails** sponsored by *Cadbury's* over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Trails cost £2 per child (normal admission applies) with a delicious *Cadbury* chocolate *Egghead* reward for each child that successfully completes the trail.

Additional Easter holiday events at Wicken include **Den Building** on

Wednesday 1 April, **Pond Dipping**, & **Painting the Fens** on Tuesday 7 April, **Bug Hunters** on Wednesday 8 April and **Sounds & Stories** (storytelling and music inspired by the fen) on Friday 10 April.

Tickets for all events can be booked online via our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen or by calling the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

Looking further ahead, we have a **Basket Making Workshop**, where you can learn how to make a traditional round basket on 25 April. The workshop runs from 9.45am–5pm. Tickets £65 (Incl. materials) are available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

Finally, if you fancy a quick break without having to travel too far, why not head over to our campsite at Houghton Mill on the banks of the River Ouse. The site caters for caravans, motorhomes and tents and is open until 2 November. Further information / bookings can be made online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/houghton-mill or by calling 01480 466716.

Howard Cooper
Communications Officer



LODE 22 STAR

Huge Spring JUMBLE SALE

Thanks to the help of 24 people [12 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon] we raised the most ever of **£814**. All of this has gone to *Sustrans* for the cycle path.

As you may now know, Cambridge County Council put in a bid to central Government in January and we now have £317,000 to fund the building of this path.

However we are hoping to use our pot of money raised, £3,561, to fund the purchase of land that we think we will need near Quy where the road narrows.

Thank you to all of you who sorted out your books, DVD's toys, clothes, furniture, bric-a-brac basically anything, to stock the tables, and the outside of the Passage Hall. It looked marvellous, and thanks to the Hall for allowing us to come in the day before to set up!

There is quite a lot of demand for tea and cakes to be served so maybe we will have to do that next time! So 'til then, thank you!

Fran Platten

PUZZLE No. 104 SOLUTION

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LODE 23 STAR

Thank You

to the kind person who found a pair of glasses on the footpath just north of Lode Mill.

I didn't miss them for some time so was very relieved when, on retracing our steps, daughter Jo saw them perched on a post at the Mill.

I need the glasses to read anything (and put together Lode Star!) and would have struggled without them.

Thank you again
Susan Swannell



*Wednesday
Coffee Mornings*

Each week from 10.30am to noon at the Lode Chapel just off the High Street

Please join us,
everyone is welcome

Transport required?
'phone Julie on
C.811222

Arwen Folkes came to speak to us in February about her visit to the Holy Land.

In July 2014 she flew to Israel for a visit of one month. During this time she took a total of 900 photographs and gave us a presentation of some of them featuring the important holy sites of the region. These included Church of the Nativity and Shepherds' field in Bethlehem, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Garden of Gethsemane and Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Arwen explained how many of the buildings are built over the caves in which events took place 2000 years ago, and how the churches are divided up and taken care of by multi-denominations under somewhat tense circumstances.

The group Arwen travelled with consisted of 29 members from around the world and different denominations. Eight days into the tour war broke out in Gaza and the group experienced the tension and difficulties of the area with tranquil situations suddenly being broken by happenings of war. Arwen gave us an example of such an experience by showing us a beautiful photograph of a sunset sky and telling how this scene was suddenly shattered by the noise and sight of helicopters taking injured to the hospital. This tense and restless environment being the same situation as Jesus was born into.

The most beautiful place of the visit for Arwen was the calm and beauty of the Sea of Galilee. A boat trip to the middle of the sea revealed this to be the most authentic place to have visited with views of the coast line being the same as those seen by Jesus 2000 years ago.

Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. All welcome. On 16 April we will be holding our Spring Social with Bring and Buy Stall.

Ann Langran C. 812797

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH
Gift Day
Saturday 4 April**

Donation envelopes may be taken to the church between 10.30am - 1.00pm, taken to *The Shop in Lode* or put through the door of any PCC member at any time.

Your generosity in the past has been an important contribution towards the cost of maintaining our village church.

Many thanks, Julie Sale

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH
LODE with LONGMEADOW**

**Annual Parochial
Church Council
Meeting**

this will be a benefice event
Tuesday 21 April 7.30pm
Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

The evening will start with a joint gathering in the main Hall.

Churches will then go to a separate room to discuss their own Annual Report and elect PCC members.

Copies of our Annual Report will be available at the back of the church.

All are welcome to the meeting. please contact Julie on C.811222 or Beth on C.813373 if you would like a lift.

New from Little Legs of Lode

What a busy term we have had! Since January lots of new children have joined our setting and have been busy and absorbed in their explorations and learning.

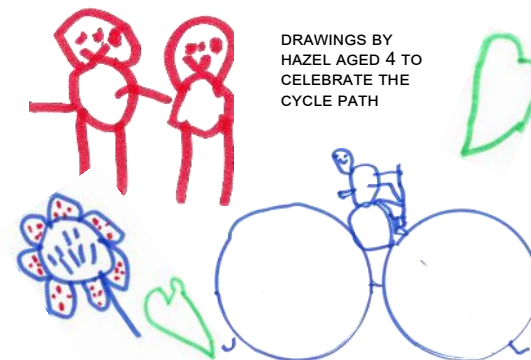
The Montessori environment focuses on 'following the child' and we aim to provide an environment where each child's interests and skills are enhanced and built upon. Some children prefer to learn outdoors and our free flow play enables them to move independently from the indoor classroom to the outdoor classroom.

This term we have been learning about bears. We have focused on polar bears, grizzly bears and panda bears. The children have been learning about the different continents the bears live in, hibernation, the food that they eat and how they live. We have been on a bear hunt around the recreation ground and have been matching up photographs of bears that have been hidden along the path! This was very popular!

To raise funds we held a book and cake sale. The older children were the shop keepers and sold the books and cakes to their families! With the money raised we have bought art and craft equipment and puzzles.

We will finish this term with an Easter egg hunt in the park along with a teddy bears picnic.

Sharon sharon.maskall@virgin.net



**Lode and Longmeadow
Neighbourhood Watch**

Reporting a crime in progress: **999**
(If using a mobile dial **112**)
Reporting a crime after the event:
101 (new number)

We strongly recommend you report crimes for two reasons:

- 1) You need a crime report number if you wish to claim on your insurance
- 2) Reporting a crime automatically places that crime on the statistics.

NHW encourages villagers with broadband access to join *Ecops* at <https://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/>

Martyn Lord
Village Co-ordinator
lodenhw@yahoo.co.uk

**Neighbourhood Watch
Street Co-ordinators**

- LONGMEADOW**
Lis Miles 811233
LODE ROAD & NORTHFIELDS
Pip Lane 811944
HIGH STREET, THE PASSAGE & ABBEY LANE
Tony Cassidy 812605
MILL ROAD
Mike Parrish 811356
FAIRHAVEN CLOSE, WILLOW GROVE & STATION ROAD
Ellis Weinberger
LODE FEN
Denis Moules 811918

ST. JAMES' CHURCH LODGE with LONGMEADOW

There are many people who have a strong sense that when they die they will have an existence beyond death. If you ask them about this they find it hard to put into words but it seems to involve the continuation of the person they are now. There are some common ways of talking about this continued existence. Some talk about people becoming stars that look down on the world or angels or spirits. For others the person who has gone is in a good place and will be there when friends and family die and join them. These people feel that memories will be retained and people will recognise each other. Where do these ideas come from? Is life beyond death just wishful thinking? Are these pictures of another life just ideas created to try and comfort those who are grieving? Do human beings have too high a belief in their own value that their existence cannot possibly end at death?

Many of these difficult to express ideas come from our Christian roots. At the heart of the Christian faith is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is what we will be celebrating at Easter. On that first Easter morning Jesus' friends came to complete the Jewish burial rites. They came to say goodbye to their friend. When they got to the tomb they found it empty and over the course of the coming weeks many of them met the risen Jesus. The stories of those meetings are the basis for many of the ideas we hold today. The resurrection gives people the hope that there is a life after death. It also gives them a sense that this new life will have some continuity with their old earthly life.

The resurrection stories indicate that Jesus recognised and knew his friends. His words continued what he had said and done in his earthly life. In return his friends recognised him but not always immediately. It was as if he appeared similar to his old self but not quite the same. He was certainly able to appear in locked rooms and in places where people took time to recognise him.

Easter is a time to consider what we really believe and feel about death, and any continued existence beyond it. If we want to enjoy that continued existence then maybe we have to take the living Jesus more seriously and respond to him. I know that I will not win the lottery because I don't buy any lottery tickets. What if the same principle operates in terms of heaven and our continued eternal life with God. What if we need to respond to God to attain this amazing existence? What if we need to affirm its truth and celebrate it if we want to participate in it? Easter gives all of us the opportunity to think again and to respond to the God who offers us more than we could ever imagine. You would be very welcome to come and celebrate with us this Easter Sunday. There is a service for everyone or a celebration designed for children. (Families@5 in Swaffham Bulbeck school.)

With best wishes for a joyful Easter full of hope.

The Revd Sue

ST. JAMES' CHURCH LODGE with LONGMEADOW

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CHURCH SERVICES

Services at Lodge in **BOLD**

Wednesday 1 April

7.00pm COMPLINE

Thursday 2 April

**7.30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY
BENEFICE SERVICE**

3 April GOOD FRIDAY

*10.30am Family Service &
activities @ Swaffham
Bulbeck*

*7.00pm Good Friday Reflections
@ Bottisham*

5 April EASTER SUNDAY

9.30am FAMILY COMMUNION

Sunday 12 April

**10.00am BENEFICE
COMMUNION**

Sunday 19 April

9.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 26 April

*10.00am Benefice Communion
at Quy*



READERS

APRIL

5 Dorothy York.....Ken York
 12 Ann Langran Beth Marsh
 19 *tba*
 26 *no service at Lodge*

SIDESMEN

APRIL

5 Ken York Dorothy York
 12 *no service at Lodge*
 19 Graham CoxJanice Cox
 26 *no service at Lodge*

BRASSES

3 or 10 April Julie Sale
 17 or 24 April Pat Arnold

FLOWERS

12 – 19 April Ann Langran
 26 April – 3 May Barbara Harper

St James' Church Spring Clean

**Saturday 18 April
9.00am – 11.00am**

Please bring dusters

Refreshments will be provided



**We will be cleaning
the brass chandelier
so there will be a
sitting down job!**

**For more details please contact
Julie Sale C.811222**

OUTSIDE INFORMATION

Cambridge code (01223)
unless otherwise indicated

BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE : 810030
Monday to Friday 8.30am-6.00pm (9.00am Dispensary) Saturday CLOSED
When Surgery is closed please ring CAMDOC0330 123 9131
BROUGHTON HALL In an emergency: Swannell 811584
CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE **Emergency 999**
Non-Emergency www.cambs.police.uk **NEW NUMBER..... 101**
PCSO Ian Hawkins **NEW NUMBER..... 101**
Email : - ecops.bottisham@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Crimestoppers0800 555 111
LODE PARISH COUNCIL Chairman: Philip Dean812493
Clerk: Arthur Tomlinson, 5 Mill Road, Lode811280
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LODE Churchwarden: Julie Sale811222
Churchwarden: Beth Marsh813373
LODE CHAPEL Peter Wells812388
ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, Cherry Hinton211235
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Co-ordinators *See inside*
LODE POST OFFICE811927
PASSAGE HALL Bookings - Alan Lamb813787
LODE SOCIAL CLUB lodesocialclub@hotmail.co.uk811797
1st Bottisham RAINBOWS/Bottisham BROWNIES 811055
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Shire Hall 0345 045 5200
CCC Education Transport0345 045 5208
County Councillor Mathew Shuter 01638 508729
EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL 01353 665555
www.eastcambs.gov.uk/waste/collection-calendars
District Councillor Kevin Ellis813034
District Councillor Robert Stevens811643
Ely Shopmobility 01353 666655
SANCTUARY HEReward HOUSING0845 850 5757
BOTTISHAM SCOUT HUT for hire adamspaul@btopenworld.com ..07841 930065
BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE811250
BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE Community Education811372
BOTTISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL811235
SWAFFHAM BULBECK PRIMARY SCHOOL811595
BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY812354
NATIONWIDE RAIL TIMES08457 48 49 50
TRAVELINE (Local transport information)0871 200 22 33
STAGECOACH CAMBUS CUSTOMER SERVICES423578

WASTE & RECYCLING DATES IN APRIL

VILLAGE - THURSDAYS

Border—Refuse & Blue lid
No border—Refuse & Green lid

2 **9** 16 **23** 30

FEN COLLECTION - TUESDAYS

Border—Refuse & Blue lid
No border—Green lid

7 14 **21** 28

Numbers in **BOLD**—changed days

EMERGENCY

Gas0800 111999
Anglian Water..... 08457 145145
Electricity..... 0800 316 3105
(Mobile . 0333 323 2105)

**national
drugs
helpline
0800 77 66 00**

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE Wednesday 8 April

Longmeadow 2.20 - 2.45 pm
Northfields 2.50 - 3.25 pm
Lode Post Office 3.30 - 4.00 pm
Renewals/Enq: 0345 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
CONSTABULARY
101 IN AN
EMERGENCY
ALWAYS
CALL 999

ChildLine
0800 1111

CALL
111
when it's less
urgent than 999

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
www.patient.co.uk

ROUTE 10 BUS SERVICE

SUNDAYS AND
BANK HOLIDAYS
NO SERVICE

^ = Monday to Friday only ° = Saturday only

+ = Serves Lode Church # = leaves Lode Church 4 mins earlier than time stated

From LODE x-roads to CAMBRIDGE

Monday to Saturday

0652[^], 0722[^], 0737[°], 0749[^], 0804[°],
0902, 1002⁺, 1102, 1202⁺, 1302, 1402⁺,
1502[°], 1512[^], 1602, 1702, 1802

From CAMBRIDGE to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday

0655[^], 0755, 0825⁺, 0925, 1025⁺,
1125, 1225⁺, 1325, 1425⁺, 1525,
1635⁺, 1735, 1845

LODE 28 STAR