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BVC Bottisham Village College

Too many of the events that are usually advertised in Lode Star have been cancelled. Let us hope that at least some are only postponed and will be rescheduled when the current crisis has passed.



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The Dispensary is now only open on weekdays 2pm to 6pm

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Rickard's Ramblings

There have to be some advantages of self-isolation, although I cannot think of many.

It does, however, offer the opportunity to get loads of jobs done that you have been putting off for years (I have drawn up a list). You could also learn to play the guitar or some similar activity that you have always wanted to do but never got around to (I could not even learn to play the recorder!) For me, though, the greatest opportunity is to be found in the garden.

Even if you only have a small plot there is always lots you can do, especially at this time of year. And being outside brings fresh air, bird song, scents, and all the magical sights that come with spring and summer.

When you have had enough of the outdoors, you can always relax inside

and peruse garden catalogues and websites with the aim of getting plants, seeds, compost, etc, and maybe a project (e.g. pergola), delivered to your door.

Another possibility is a local plant swap with friends and neighbours, with no need for physical contact. With mutual agreement, a plant (preferably in a pot and reasonably well-established) could be placed outside the front door of your intended recipient. They in return put a plant outside your front door. They could be mystery plants (I have several in pots, one of which I am pretty sure is a weed!) or known specimens (suitably labelled).

The fight against Coronavirus is not a war, but there are battles to be won, and one way to cope with the situation is to dig – **dig for victory!**

Charlie

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

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Lode Parish Council News

Trees

The County Council have agreed to plant a semi-mature whitebeam tree to replace the silver maple tree removed in error in Lode Road. They have also offered three new trees to replace dead rowan trees in the Cemetery, and two new trees to replace ones removed in recent years in Fairhaven Close. They have also agreed to reduce the height of the willow on Swan Corner, whilst still trying to establish the ownership of the land. Could it be old railway land?

They have also proposed fifteen trees in this parish to make up for ones removed on the A1303. These will need to be at least fifteen feet from the centre of any road and be planted next autumn, giving time to work out the best places for them. Current suggestions are to celebrate young children and commemorate the departed.

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A Conservation Area application has been made to the District Council by the National Trust to remove four thuja trees, a spruce, a holm oak and a chestnut from the overgrown rear garden of 1 High Street. Also to crown lift the sycamore in the front garden. We will be requesting that the sycamore and chestnut be protected with Tree Preservation Orders

Electronic Speed Sign

We expect to be awarded a second electronic speed sign, with us contributing a fifth of the cost. This will allow one to be used on alternate sides of Quy Road and the other on Lode Road and Station Road. Other locations may be possible in future, but they have to be at least 100 metres within 30mph zones, clear of bends, and not near traffic lights or facing junctions.

Footpath Across the Recreation Ground

A new public footpath way marking post has been installed on the opposite side of the recreation ground in line with the footpath from Fassage Close. This is in accordance with the legal line of the path. It would be appreciated if walkers and cyclists do not take the diagonal short cut by the cricket pitches to the Longmeadow path as it creates a worn and muddy strip. The official route is only about twelve steps longer, although it looks much more.

Community Consultation Event

Many residents came to the Fassage Hall on 7th March to suggest things they would like to see in the parish and get involved with. There were tables devoted to

the Parish and District Councils, the National Trust, the Fassage Green etc.

Suggestions included: two litter picks a year; better access for those with mobility difficulties around the Recreation Ground and Fassage Green and to the Fassage Hall; problem parking in Lode Road and Station Road; and more social and physical recreational events in the Fassage Hall and on the Recreation Ground.

The comments are being considered by the Parish Council, its Fassage Green Working Group and the Village Trust.

One comment was about better signage for the Lode-Quy path. It is not signed from the National Cycle Route 51 by Quy Church or at the Missing Sock, or off the Lodes Way at Lode Crossroads. Many cyclists still come and go via Bottisham. Getting through Quy on the road is a problem, but so too is between The Bell and past the shops and school in Bottisham. The new path is not publicised by the County Council or *Sustrans*, but this will now be done.

Fassage Green

The Fassage Green Working Group, consisting currently of members from the Parish Council and Village Trust Committee, has agreed a five-year maintenance and outline development plan for the Green with the Parish Council. The next Working Parties will be on June 20th, September 19th and November 21st. Residents will be most welcome to help. Apart from mowing and bramble clearance, a wild meadow area is to be established and a picnic area with a table.

Lode Road

The County Council has agreed to improve the white-lining on the bends in Lode Road and elsewhere this year. Residents who find it difficult to get in and out of their drives on account of parked cars can apply to the County Council for white Access Protection ('H') Markings, which cover the sloping parts of the kerb as well as the dropped part. These cost £120 each (free for Blue Badge holders). The lines would also provide more reliable passing places for drivers along the road, especially where there are sections of kerb that are too short for cars to be parked on without overlapping the ends of the dropped sections.

Robert Stevens, Chairman

New Licence Application for Events in Lode Fen

This Licence, if granted, could cover subsequent years if the event this year is cancelled.

ECDC has received a Premises Licence Application from S&C Productions for events on the site where Lodestar Festivals have previously been held. The events would be for two weekends over three days after 1st June each year with alcohol sales, music etc. The licence would be up to 15,000 persons on-site at any time and the events would take place between 12 noon and 11pm. The majority of visitors would arrive by contract buses with a small minority being able to come by car and park by the main arena.

In recent years, a 'Strawberries and Cream' pop concert has taken place at Haggis Farm, Barton, off the M11. According to the S&C website and their application, a one-day event is scheduled to be held in Lode instead on Saturday 20th June.

There would be very limited parking on-site next to the arena for visitors and

staff, who would need to pre-book. No pedestrian or bike entry will be allowed.

Apparently, the event organisers will employ contract buses running every ten minutes to and from the Newmarket Park and Ride site. These buses would run between 10.30am and 2pm and back again between 9.30pm and midnight.

Other buses will apparently run to and from Cambridge North and Newmarket Railway Stations, but with undeclared frequency.

Congestion in the village may occur and buses would have to pass one-another on roads 12 to 16 feet wide. After the event is over at 11pm, there may be difficulties leaving. It is not clear why a licence for up to 15,000 is required. The buses to and from the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site are unlikely to convey more than 1,500 visitors, even if double-deckers. Perhaps more buses from other parking sites are being contemplated, apart from this site and the two railway stations?

The Police and County Highways are already aware of the situation.

The application may be viewed on the ECDC website under **Public Licensing Register ref: 20/00208/LIQ_02**. Written or email responses to the application are required by **9th April** addressed to the ECDC Licensing Section. The key licensing issues are the prevention of crime, disorder and public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. The Parish Council will be considering the application and making a response whether or not its next meeting on the 6th April takes place.

It is imperative that clear and unobstructed access is maintained for emergency vehicles, as a matter of public safety, and for residents and businesses within the whole parish.

Robert Stevens (Parish Council) and Martyn Lord (Neighbourhood Watch)

LODE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The meeting was opened by the Vice-president Jean Coxall who welcomed thirty members and three guests. She informed members that Carole Faulkner our President is recovering from her recent operation. Denise Cook reminded us to add any odd pennies to the ACWW box which goes to fund women's projects abroad, as this would be taken to the Council Meeting.

Our speaker, Trevor Chapman, came to give a talk entitled Better Health Through Better Hearing.

Trevor is a qualified audiologist and has been working as an audiologist for 15 years. He began by explaining how sound passes through the ear canal into the brain and how it changes from a pressure wave through various stages of kinetic energy, fluid energy and electric energy into the brain. Several conditions can be associated with hearing loss, including depression, falls, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and dementia. NHS England wants to reduce the stigma around hearing loss, undertake more research into hearing loss, and encourage early awareness, diagnosis and management. He went on to say that

hearing loss affects 1 in 6 of the population and that by 2031 it is estimated that 1 in 5 will suffer from age-related deafness and that 71% of the over-70s will have a hearing loss. He was a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker with some fascinating pictures of our ears. He was warmly thanked by Margaret Lowe.

After refreshments Jean Coxall spoke about the Recycling talk she and Ann Round attended which was very informative. In particular they were told that if you are not sure put it in the recycling because it will finish up where it should.

Jean reminded members that the April meeting was the AGM and will be a craft evening. Members were asked to nominate names for Committee and these will be read out next month.

The raffle was won by Janet Aves and Judy Rayment.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm.



During these unprecedented times we sadly have to cancel all WI activities. There will be no meetings of Lode and Longmeadow WI for the foreseeable future and the group and annual county and national meetings have been cancelled. All trips have also been cancelled.

Keep safe and happy
Carole Faulkner

Sudoku! PUZZLE 158

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.

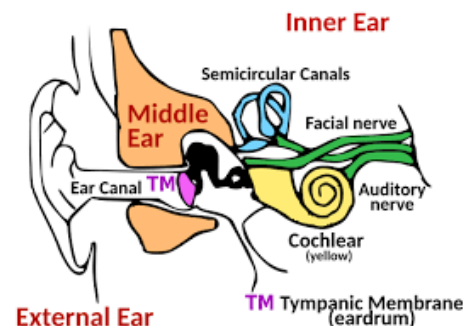
Note that each of the numbers from 1 to 9 must appear just once in each row, once in each column and once in each 3 x 3 box.

Contributed by
Frank Sillitoe

Solution on page 30

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Red2Green News

Unfortunately, we have had to put our projects on hold, due to the current situation of Covid-19. However, we are still running sessions for our learners through the wonders of the internet.

Cog2Computers

At **Red2Green**, we have been busy working on our image as a message to send into space as well as creating binary code beaded bracelets which will be the start of our "Communication" segment of the project.

When the project starts again we will be undertaking the following activities:

- * Centre for Computing History Museum visit
- * Gaming Day at **Red2Green**
- * Community Learning Day

We are still currently looking for older members of the communities.

Please get in contact with us to join in when the project restarts!

Red2Green Community Café and Garden

At the time of writing we have had to shut the café. When we reopen we are pleased to say that we **will be taking cards** for both the café and garden.

We are now growing our summer plants, which this year will include a large selection of herbs as well as bedding plants and other plants. Keep an eye out for when they are for sale.

We still have the questionnaire open and would love to know what you

think, and whether we can serve you. If you don't still have a copy of the questionnaire you can fill it in online at: <http://bit.ly/red2greencafegarden>. (Or refer to *March's Lode Star*)

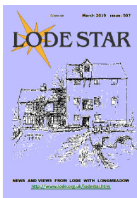
We have the paint; do you have the power?

We have begun a big decorating project at Harvey's Barn, Swaffham Bulbeck and are looking for groups of people who could volunteer their time to paint a room. We have a variety of rooms so we can find something suitable for different size groups. We have the paint ready, we now need your power! Please contact us, when Covid-19 allows.

Become a trustee

Would you like to be involved in the governance of **Red2Green**? We are looking for generic trustees, but also, people with digital skills and marketing experience who can help form our strategy. Being a trustee is a great opportunity to help form the future of **Red2Green**.

To get in touch with **Red2Green** about any of the above please contact us on 01223 811662 or email info@red2green.org.



**Want to see the photos in colour?
Want to click directly on to a hyperlink in the magazine?**

Go to www.lode.org.uk to view all the Lode Star magazines since January 2014
Susan has copies of the complete back catalogue for reference

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Are you a carer or concerned about someone in your neighbourhood who needs help or support? Are you concerned for their fire safety? If so – CFRS can help.

When with them, please look out for:

- Do they have a working (tested) smoke alarm on each level of their home – affixed to the ceilings? We have red Testing Sticks available.
- Are there burn marks on their carpets, furniture, bedding or clothes?
- Are they easily distracted - perhaps whilst cooking or smoking?
- Is there a lot of clutter or combustible material – piles of newspapers, lots of books or just rubbish etc - around their home?
- Are there overloaded sockets or trailing electrical cables, portable electric or gas heaters in evidence?

CFRS personnel visit people in their homes to complete free 'home fire safety checks'.

Smoke alarms are also fitted free of charge for residents in need of support - including ones designed for those who are hard of hearing, and linked alarms for people with special needs.

Please enquire about fire-retardant bedding, large size ashtrays and testing sticks

CFRS is keen to work with residents to improve community safety, recognising that by tackling issues that make individuals high fire risk,

the risk of them dying as a result of a fire can be reduced. Individuals considered high risk are those who –

- * Have a reliance on alcohol and/or medication
- * Are victims of abuse
- * Display hoarding behaviour
- * Have poor mental and/or physical health
- * Smoke

Have mobility issues? Please contact CFRS for help.

Freephone; 0800 917 9994
firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk
www.cambsfire.gov.uk

Michael White



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Dates for Working Party on Fassage Green



Fassage Green is the new plot of land acquired by the Parish, in between the rec and the cemetery.

Work needs doing on it, and it is very helpful to have a regular programme of people to do a couple of hours work on whatever is needed, to develop the land into a pleasant useable area where people can walk, sit, and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of this wonderful extra piece of land in the heart of the village.

All these dates may not happen because of the Corona Virus, but maybe the later dates will be possible. Let us be optimistic!

Saturday 20th June - 10-4pm including BBQ hot dogs (meat + veggie) lunch - On this day we shall be mowing and raking grass into piles.

Saturday 19th September - 2-4pm - another mowing session, weeding and inspection of the fruit trees to see if there is fruit to pick.

Saturday 21st November - general tidy up, brambles etc.

Please put the dates in your diaries.

The contact person is Liz King, and her email address is lodetrees@gmail.com

Village Freecycle

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (01223 813362 or 07980 423 210), e-mail (junthompson44@gmail.com) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow).

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 not contact the offers before the first of the month to make it a little fairer.

Offers

- White cast iron bath; White 55cm basin with pedestal; Toilet.
Lucy/Nick 01223 811192
- Epson Stylus Photo 1200 A3+ printer (plus spare black ink cartridge). Top quality in its day, quite old now but still manages good pictures. OK on Windows 10.

Nick, 01223 812634, or nick@mistoffolees.me.uk.

Wanted

- Cricket bats, gloves, pads, balls etc. suitable for U13 and U15 age groups. We wish to take to Sri Lanka in the summer for a local cricket club.
Mary-Louisa C.813922
- Old hand tools and motoring memorabilia wanted. Anything considered. Ray 07591 747 625
- Wire hanging baskets. Fibre (not plastic!) wall plugs (rawlplugs), sizes no. 8 or no. 10.
Bob or Nicky C.813592
- 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

News from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School

School Office : 01223 811595 or office@swaffhambulbeck.cambs.sch.uk



Welcome to our new governors

We are very fortunate to have an active and engaged governing body who bring a wide range of experiences and knowledge to support our school. This term we have appointed three new governors and are very grateful to them for being willing to be involved. All governors are appointed for a 4 year term.

Jane Greaves joins as a parent governor and has a daughter in Doves class. She works on schools policy for Ofsted and has a background in public relations.

Stuart Hodgson joins as a co-opted governor. He is a maths teacher at Bottisham Village College and a Specialist Leader of Education for behaviour who regularly joins our village team for the Boxing Day hockey match.

Mrs Doggett (Early Years teacher and Languages subject lead) joins as our elected staff governor. All three attended their first Local Governing Body meeting in March and we are delighted to welcome them.

Please help our PTA!

Our PTA is very active and provides funding which allows school life to be more fun for the children. This includes specialist music teaching, coaches for school trips (keeping costs lower for families), helping to purchase new books for the library and many other little extras which improve our school.

The PTA can only help the school if everyone helps the PTA. Please do

come along to our events whenever you can – even if you don't have a child currently in the school.

The best way to keep up with the latest news from the PTA is to follow their Facebook page which is listed as "Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School PSA". In particular in this time of COVID-19 plans may need to change at short notice.

Our annual Quiz night is currently planned for Friday 15th May 7.30pm in the school hall (£5 entry/person, up to eight people on a team) *Bring a team to our hotly-contested annual school quiz, which is always highly entertaining. Email [Vicci Daines@icloud.com](mailto:Vicci.Daines@icloud.com) before 8th May to book a table for your team*

COVID-19

We are very grateful to our staff and families for their flexibility and hard work in enabling us to keep the school open until 18th March – the last few days were not easy as several staff had to stay at home under the updated guidelines. Home learning was up-and-running for some classes from the following day, and for all classes from the following Monday. From Monday 23rd March our school also provided childcare for the children of key workers at Swaffham Prior Primary School.

This type of crisis reminds us why we are all lucky to live in such a supportive village – there are already village support groups being set up to help people who are ill or self-isolating.

The school wishes everyone in our community good health over the coming months.

Amy Weatherup, Chair of Governors

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

CORONAVIRUS HELP US HELP YOU

The practice is implementing contingency plans for managing the current Coronavirus outbreak in order to minimise impact to the service. The practice is implementing certain measures to ensure the safety of patients and staff by reducing footfall into the practice. This includes the following:-

Doing initial consultations via telephone. Should it be deemed necessary to see patients in person this will then be arranged at the end of the telephone consultation.

Closing the front desk reception. Can all patients please use the hand gel provided at the check in screen and use self-check in wherever possible. A bell will be placed on the front desk for patients needing assistance. Where possible, if you need to speak with reception please phone from home where the reception team will be happy to help.

Please note, if you have travelled abroad in the previous 14 days or been in close contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, please check the gov.uk website for the latest COVID-19 travel advice, you may need to call NHS 111 for further advice.

DO NOT ATTEND THE SURGERY UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED ADVICE ON WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AS YOU COULD JEOPARDISE THE RUNNING OF THE PRACTICE.

If you have minor symptoms of cough, cold, sore throat etc. and want advice visit the following site and complete the questions: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

If, once completed, you are deemed as low risk but still feel you need advice from a GP please then contact us and we can arrange a telephone consultation.

Do not bring friends and family with you – where possible if you do need to visit the practice for an appointment or to pick up medication, please come alone in order to reduce footfall into the practice.

Thank you for supporting us with these measures which will ensure we are able to continue to provide essential services to all our patients.

Three Huge Thanks: We are delighted to extend thanks to The Bell PH Mr and Mrs Wilson, staff and customers whose generous donation almost doubled what we had saved towards buying the Doppler machine.

We have also been told that another welcome donation from the Meeting Point group is coming, so our thanks to them, and of course we are also very grateful to all who have been contributing through the red bucket so we should now be able to purchase the machine.

Walks for Health:

On hold due to the current crisis.

Next Patient Participation Group Meeting:

To be arranged in due course.

*Bottisham Patients'
Participation Group*

Some memories of the Blacksmith's Shop

Reminiscing recently with some old Lode Monkeys inevitably brought up the subject of the blacksmith's shop. Bill Sargent and his assistant Nibby Aves were the source of the ringing hammer which sounded daily throughout the village and they were often joined by half a dozen rather dour and serious elderly gentlemen, many of whom had served in the Great War, who sat around on five-gallon oil drums covered in neatly folded corn sacks enjoying a pipe or a Woodbine and putting the world straight.

Occasionally a stranger would venture in for a chat, lured by the timeless scene of what was, in the 1960s, a fast-disappearing occupation and he would be welcomed as a diversion and source of news.

If, however, our visitor was patronising or tedious, Nibby would produce a large paraffin funnel which he stuck down the front of his trousers (yes really), then he would place an old penny on his nose or forehead and with a swift nod the penny landed in the funnel.

The gathered company would assure the stranger that this was a difficult trick to pull off and that Nibby was one of only a few men in England who had mastered it. This was enough to tempt the stranger to

have a go. There followed a short training session, funnel positioned just so, and as our visitor concentrated on the penny on his forehead, Nibby would take a watering can and fill the funnel. The gathered company would split their sides laughing and the hapless visitor was left to slink off and explain his very wet trousers.

Not sure how many were victims of this dupery but the story came from an eye-witness.

Sadly, none of the characters are with us any longer but they are remembered with fondness by all who knew the blacksmith's shop in its heyday.

I am hoping to spend more time updating the on-line archive now our social lives have been restricted so please let me know if you have any old photos with dates and names that can be scanned for the web site.

Thanks to all who have contributed material.

Coral Hatley

<http://lode.ccan.co.uk/>





Anglesey Abbey & Wicken Fen April 2020

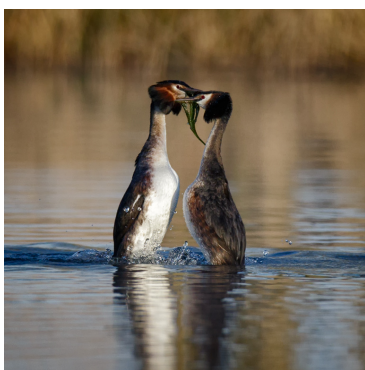
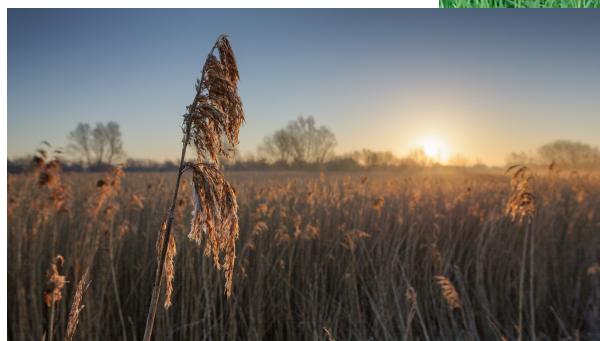
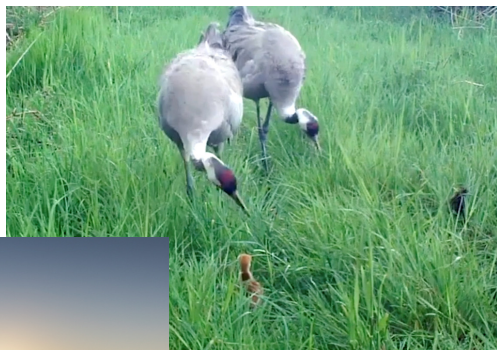


<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

The National Trust has existed for the benefit of the nation for 125 years, including during the nation's darkest days. At these challenging times, we believe nature, beauty and history can offer some respite, even when we are unable to leave the house.

The National Trust's year-long campaign to get the nation noticing nature will continue. Nature can provide calm and relief during difficult times – and whether it is simply watching clouds from outside the window, listening to birdsong at dawn or watching trees burst into blossom, we will bring people ideas and inspiration for enjoying the natural world from indoors.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the latest communications.



WICKEN FEN

PHOTOS BY RICHARD NICOLL

LODE 14 STAR



Lode Tennis Club

Well spring will hopefully have arrived by the time you are reading this!

EAAA continues to do sterling work both in the air and on the ground, by virtue of their ability to quickly arrive on scene, saving lives.

The service is also involved in many additional aspects of medical care and support.

One such area is safeguarding children and young people from abuse.

Abuse can be an act of commission or of omission – it can happen once or be repeated

There are many types of abuse each of which can have lasting effects upon children's Mental Health, Behaviour, Education, Relationships and potentially promote Self Harm, Drug, Alcohol and Substance misuse.

Indicators of abuse include –

- Unexplained injuries,
- Inappropriate behaviour,
- Dirty/Unkempt,
- Underweight/Overweight,
- Withdrawn, Isolated.

EAAA now produces an explanatory leaflet covering this subject. It includes points to look out for and notes on how people in the community might help in terms of responding directly to a child, minimising risk and Child Safeguarding Legislation.

For more information and copies of the 'Volunteer – Safeguarding children and young people' booklet, please contact East Anglian Air Ambulance on 0345 669 999 – also Volunteer@eaaa.org.uk and www.eaaa.org.uk/volunteering

Thank you to all our supporters across the four counties.

Michael White

LODE 15 STAR

For those members who have not yet renewed, our new membership subscription year started on 1st March, so your subscriptions are overdue. Please make your payments to Lode Tennis Club, c/o Sally Jaggard at 22 Abbey Lane asap. The membership form you need to complete to update your details can be found on our website, or in the new membership pack which you should have received in the post.

Our first social event this year is a Wine & Cheese evening which will be held on **6 June 2020** at Lesley Pulvertaft's house – 3 Station Court starting at 7pm. We are asking for a contribution of £12 per person towards costs - which will include the Wine and Cheese so you just let us know how many places you want to reserve, pay for them, and then just bring yourselves along! Numbers will be limited so please book your places early!

Our Open Day this year will be on Sunday 16th August starting at the tennis court from 2pm to 5pm when we play some very relaxed social tennis and drink Pimms etc. and then continuing with a barbecue from 5.30pm which will be at John & Jackie's house at 33 Mill Road.

Unfortunately there was not enough interest in our plans for tennis coaching for juniors this summer to make it a viable proposition, so that will not be going ahead this year.

You can get all the latest news, contact other Tennis Club members, and get information about the club, by visiting our website at <http://www.lodetennis.net>

Jeff Kempster, Chairman
01223 812194

BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Chris Field owner of **Field Compost of Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville** told us of his involvement in providing high quality compost. He started as Newmarket Bedding providing newspaper shredded bedding for the Racing Industry, but was disillusioned with the large general waste companies and decided in 2003 to branch out on his own.

He thought smaller units could make and sell fertilizers for growing plants i.e. manufacturing a product.

He told us that in Germany the whole country has the same coloured bins (have you worked out the systems when you visit family in other parts of England) and each small town has its own composting facility.

He explained the process he uses which can take three to four months to prepare and is then left for six months to mature. This organic matter is an agricultural improver of soils and much better than the chemicals often used. It can also be used like a mulch as a blanket to suppress weeds.

Peat use is being phased out by 2020 (over 2.4 cubic metres are taken each year from Eastern Europe and Ireland which can never be replaced). His company supplies the National Trust and the War Graves Commission.

We expected the talk to be a load of rubbish but it proved most enlightening and interesting.

Members were all given a small begonia corm to be planted for judging for a members' competition in September. Menu choices were provided for the Annual Spring Lunch at the Newmarket Golf Club on Sunday 19th March—CANCELLED.

We shall not be arranging an Annual Show this year. It is sad to think that such a long-lasting village event is no more but I'm afraid that volunteers are not able to continue with this.

Next meeting—CANCELLED.

This has been updated since I sent in my report. We are all entering the great unknown so "We'll meet again, I know where but not when".

Please take care and look after yourselves

Sylvia Overton 811792

We're ready to help each other

Hopefully you will have received leaflets explaining how there is help available should you need it in these uncertain times and also information about how you can offer support and stay safe.

There are lots of ways to ask for help. Please use any of the telephone numbers on the leaflets, your friends and family. I've even been told of this idea: place a red card in the window if you need help or green if you are okay. Please check on your neighbours from time to time.

There are lots of volunteers happy to take calls and offer help in the village including our own Mutual Aid group. We can be contacted here at the Lode with Longmeadow and Quy Mutual Aid WhatsApp group: http://bit.ly/CV_Chat More advice on technical stuff below.

What can you ask for?

Anything you might need including walking your dog, a friendly chat, food or medical supplies for instance. Please use one of the channels to ask and please don't worry how small the request, we are here to help.

The technical bit

WhatsApp is a neat app that allows you to text family and friends, similar to texting on your mobile phone but it also allows you to connect up to community group chats such as the one above. You can also use WhatsApp to video call your loved ones. Please watch this 10 minute video to show how it works. [bit ly/ how-to-whatsapp](http://bit.ly/how-to-whatsapp).

With all the links here you will need to type them exactly as they are printed (upper/lower case, full stops etc) into an internet browser, even the Bit.ly/CV_Chat will be redirected from there.

My husband Chris has been helping his mum who is 50 miles away for years with all her tech needs. He is happy to give assistance over the phone to anyone who needs help. His number is: 07866 490083. If there are any other amazing tech-heads out there willing to share their expertise with people over the phone or via email please get in touch: teresa@2spaces.co.uk and we can make a new gang. Alternatively if you are tech-savvy see if your parents/grandparents could do with a hand connecting up. Finally on this note if you have any unused/spare devices that you could lend or if you need a device do get in touch (email above) and we can make sure everyone can stay connected.

Once you have joined the WhatsApp group you will notice there will be a lot of messages from many different people it may become overwhelming (or even annoying). Please 'mute' the thread but stay connected for when you might need us.

Finally I've been thinking deeply about wellbeing and how to find opportunities in these strange times. I've seen lots of people out walking their dogs, helping in the community garden and taking advantage of free access to the Abbey which is fantastic and long may it continue but what about people stuck indoors? I've found lots of opportunities online for things for children and families to

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY

Saturday 14

Concerts are held on the month

All concerts are cancelled until further notice.

Stay safe and stay well. Jean, Colin and Roger.

BURWELL COMMUNITY CHOIR'S

10th Birthday Concert

Saturday 16th May

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get involved with but after speaking to my mother-in-law yesterday I started to research ideas for the older generation without much luck. Doris, my mum-in-law is an active, lighthearted, loving woman who enjoys her weekly line dancing, meeting up with friends and women's groups. These were her lifeline, her fun and outlet. Yes she's kept herself very busy indoors organising and sorting, completing puzzles, watching TV and reading but for how long will these activities keep her content? They do not replace her social giggles. So, my new mission should you wish to join me is to find ways to increase wellbeing for everyone in the parish especially for the wiser

generation. If you'd like to get involved please message me: teresa@2spaces.co.uk

My ideas so far include: mobile puzzle/book library service, tech advice gang, friendly pet visits, virtual coffee mornings, virtual groups for pre-existing ones including the WI, photography club etc, lists of links for online yoga, dance and other physical activities aimed at over 60s, gaming and puzzle sites/apps that connect with multiplayer options, online learning, creative project ideas...

Fancy getting involved with anything above? Please feel welcome.

In warmth, Teresa

Members of the CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH AGAINST SCAMS PARTNERSHIP (CAPASP) are warning people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to be vigilant against scammers who are taking advantage of Covid-19.

In the UK, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has reported that victims have lost over £800k to scams relating to the coronavirus since February 2020.

Many of the scams involve criminals contacting victims by email, phone or text message posing as genuine organisations such as banks, police officers or health providers. The fraudsters may claim to provide medical guidance, investment opportunities or a safe place to transfer and keep money – using coronavirus as a cover story. Alternatively, victims are tricked into disclosing personal or financial information or clicking on links which could contain malware.

In Cambridgeshire, doorstep scammers are reported to have been visiting residents purporting to be from Red Cross or other legitimate organisations, and offering to provide coronavirus testing kits – for a hefty fee.

Some examples of other coronavirus scams to watch out for are:

- **Flight cancellation scam.** If you have had a holiday cancelled, beware of individuals or organisations making contact asking for bank details to refund your money. Your travel agent or airline should refund directly by the original payment method.
- **Fake email or website scams.** Watch out for authentic looking websites or emails seemingly from official channels such as Public Health England or WHO (World Health Organisation). These may look very convincing and offer enticing information for a fee or a single click on a link or attachment. Clicking may install malicious software which can monitor the victim's every move and provide the details to criminals. Recent examples include e-mails or websites claiming to be able to show local cases of Covid-19 but which are in fact designed to infect the victim's computer with

malware to steal banking and log-in information.

- **Online offers for vaccinations.** There are currently no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges, prescriptions or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Covid-19 coronavirus. DO NOT send money, buy bitcoin or vouchers to anyone offering this.

- **Bogus charity callers.** Fraudsters may pose as charitable organisations claiming to help individuals or businesses in these challenging times. Check the authenticity of any caller on the phone or doorstep by contacting the organisation on the number you know to be correct. If the caller was on the phone make sure you wait at least 10 minutes or use a different handset to conduct your authenticity check.

- **Tax refund scam.** E-mails purporting to be from HMRC or GOV.UK are being sent by scammers with the promise of a tax rebate 'for dealing with the coronavirus outbreak' at the click of a link. The link is likely to infect the device with malware and allow private information to be stolen.

- **Good Neighbour scam.** People in self-isolation have been approached by criminals offering to help with shopping who take the resident's money and never return.

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner, Ray Bisby said:

"In these difficult times, there are many genuine people and organisations offering to support people's health and wellbeing needs within their local community, such as shopping, collecting prescriptions or providing a friendly conversation over the phone.

"These people will carry official documentation or identification and will ask YOU to contact THEM if you need any help.

"Remember, always check ID of people knocking at the door – do your own, independent research to contact the organisation in question rather than using any contact details on the ID itself.

"Please stay safe and look after one another.

"Visit the [CAPASP website](#) here for more help and advice on how to avoid scams."

Rickard's Ramblings No.2

Eco-nonsense?

I was sitting in the dentist's waiting room a couple of months ago and I picked up a copy of the Big Issue. I was reading an article on eco-homes in Norwich and it stated that some of the homes did not have a letter box in the front door; it was instead located in the garden wall.

I assume that this is to maintain the houses as airtight as possible to conserve heat. But, hang on, there seems to be a flaw in this design feature. In order to get your mail, you have to open the front door, close it, go to the letterbox, retrieve your mail, return to the front door and open and close it again.

Surely this will let more heat escape than the tiny amount lost through a well-insulated letterbox in a day?

Furthermore, when you have a letterbox you can see when you have had mail. How many wasted journeys to the external box will be made, with consequent unnecessary heat loss? How many house-holders will bother to shut the door when they go to see if they have any mail – and how annoyed will they be when they discover that all that is in the box is a charity bag and three leaflets advertising local takeaways?

Am I missing something here?

Charlie

**Take your mind of that pesky virus
and see if you can work out the answers to these
questions taken from the
2019 Cambridgeshire WI's Quiz : Tube Train Teasers**

Answers on page 30, together with some fun facts taken from
<https://thenudge.com/features/tube-facts/>

1	A heavenly resident	
2	Where the dough is made	
3	Where the guns are indoors	
4	Where the guns are outdoors	
5	Where peers play tennis	
6	An animal and a stately home	
7	The monarch is annoyed	
8	1760 yards finish	
9	Dark blue big top	
10	A chalet in the Alps	



CANCELLED

Kirtling Town
CB8 9PA
Sunday 5 April 11am - 4pm
Entrance £5 (children free)



Reach Fair
By Royal Charter since 1201

**Due to the
Coronavirus
Reach Fair 2020 is
cancelled.
We hope you stay safe
and we will see you
next year.**

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The two things I was going to mention this month have been put on hold for one reason or another, so I will take this opportunity to introduce a local initiative several churches are piloting this Easter ahead of a large scale movement next year, and also to share a thought I had recently while reflecting on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on my church and our communities.

1. **trypraying.**

is an initiative for people who are not religious. TRYPRAYING is the work of a traffic planner, a shop manager, a writer, a designer, an entrepreneur, a civil engineer and others.

The desire to reach out to God is basic to many, many people. Many people pray even if they wouldn't call themselves religious or go to church regularly. *trypraying* is a resource for people like that: no church connection or interest, but open to find out about God. The *trypraying* booklet is a seven-day prayer guide and is now being used by many to pass on to friends and family with a few words of encouragement, 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?' There is also an app downloadable for free. Check out these websites for more information

<https://www.trypraying.co.uk/>
<https://thereishope.co.uk/>

what have you got to lose?

Over the next couple of weeks you may see adverts on our local buses

and on the screen at Cambridge City FC.

RENEW Church have 'triedpraying' together and will be passing on our booklets to others with the *trypraying* invitation. If you would like a booklet, please ask me for one (contact details below). A free booklet for personal use can also be obtained <https://www.trypraying.co.uk/>

2. **Good Neighbours**

Whilst reflecting on the details of leading a church through the coronavirus pandemic and how to live well through difficult and uncertain times, I felt minded to make myself, the Brand family and RENEW church available to you throughout this time.

If you need help and support in anyway, please do contact me via any of the details above below, don't worry about being an inconvenience or the practical details, we would be so happy and blessed to be able to draw alongside you and help where we can.

If you are self-isolating and would appreciate a conversation we would happily call you for a chat, if you are unable to get to the shops but need some groceries we would happily get them for you and drop them off, if you need your pet walking, or any other help - please do get in touch. I

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RENEW Services have been suspended for the time being
But for information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact: Rev'd Alan Brand on C.812558,
alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk
Or visit our website at www.renewchurch.org.uk

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know many people get to the stage where help would be, well, helpful, but people usually don't take the final, sometimes vulnerable step of asking for help ... please do ask if we can help. It's what, I believe, we're here for.

Equally if you would like to be included on the list of people able to respond to requests for help, get in touch as well, we'd be pleased to include you in that.

Thanks once again for reading,

Rev'd Alan



Our District Councillors' REPORT

Clearly, John and I will no longer be holding any face-to-face meetings, nor will we be able to visit people. But we are always happy to be contacted by phone or email. Contact us about anything – we may not always have the answer or be able to help you ourselves but we will do our best to find someone who does know and can help.

We will hold our surgeries 'virtually'. So on Wednesday 22 April between 6.30 and 7.30pm John and Charlotte will hold a telephone surgery – call John on 01223 812120 or Charlotte on 07976 607512. We will then have a virtual meet your Councillor from 7.30pm, using a conference call package. If you would like to join us for a general chat, please email john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk so he can send you the joining details.

Charlotte has decided to venture into the world of Social media and now has a Facebook Page, go to fb.me/charlottecanelibdem and send messages to her at m.me/charlottecanelibdem.

She is posting latest information from the District Council and local matters, plus some more social stuff which you may find of interest. Please have a look and let her know what you would like more of and what you want less of. Please be patient with

her if she stumbles along the way as this is a learning curve for her.

The Council Offices are closed to the public and most staff will be working from home. If you need District Council Services call - 01353 665555. This is also the number to use if you need the housing services team, who can help with housing problems – just ask for the housing team. The District Council has cancelled all meetings, they will be issuing details soon of how decisions will be taken over the next few months. Charlotte will post that, and other District Council updates, on her Facebook Page.

Charlotte gets her milk delivered by Plumbs Dairy, who tell her that they are happy to take on more customers. As well as milk, they deliver bread, eggs, bacon, juice and other products while their stocks last, that means you can get your basic supplies delivered. Their website is - <http://www.plumbs-dairy.co.uk/> and their phone number and email are - 01223 893033 info@plumbs-dairy.co.uk. Milk & More also deliver in the area but they are not currently accepting new customers. There may be other deliverers in the area as well.

Last month we told you about our opposition to the Council's decision to stop funding the Citizens' Advice Rural Cambridgeshire (CARC).

We supported a motion to Full Council asking for this decision to be put on hold for six months to allow for proper discussion.

The CARC told us that without the Council's funding they would have to close, leaving people in and around Ely without this vital independent advice. Unfortunately, the administration refused to reconsider and so the Council will stop funding the CAB in Ely.

We have asked for this decision to be reconsidered in the light of the current situation, as there are likely to be even more people needing advice and support. They continue to fund the CAB in Newmarket and the Council's housing team can provide advice on housing and related matters.

You will have received your Council Tax bills and have noticed that East Cambs' share has been frozen for a further year. On the face of it, this is good news – none of us like paying tax. But the books are being balanced for now by drawing millions of pounds out of reserves.

The forward budgets show that by 2022/23 there will be a shortfall of £3.3m. John and Charlotte have been pressing the administration to explain their plans for balancing the budget and were encouraged to see that the auditor shared our concerns. He recommended "We suggest that the Council could be more transparent in its planning around the areas it has identified to help bridge funding gaps and we recommend that the Council considers updating its Medium Term Financial Strategy and its underlying assumptions more frequently than the current annual cycle."

With the auditor's support, we now have a commitment from the administration to discuss the plans for balancing the budget at the Finance and Assets Committee in September.

Although meetings are restricted, please keep in contact with family and friends by 'phone, email and social media. It's important that we keep up our social links.

Please make sure you care for yourselves and your families and neighbours and follow the Government Guidance at - <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> and NHS guidance at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are lucky to live in beautiful villages, with lots of open space nearby. So we will keep going out and watching the Spring countryside emerge. We will keep a safe distance from others out walking, and enjoy the birdsong, fresh air and flowers. Coming home from work on Tuesday, Charlotte spotted a beautiful toad hopping across the path and stopped to watch it for a few minutes and then read more about toads at - <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/blog/rebecca-neal/why-you-should-love-toads-and-other-amphibians>

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Public Transport Matters

I have not heard of any changes to our local buses and hope you have access to the paper timetables, if you need them. They are available at Bottisham PO and on Bottisham High St. in the bus shelter opposite the entrance to Beechwood Avenue. I know that the Lode Star and Bulbeck Beacon do list the timetables. Just a reminder that the Saturday times can be a bit different and their pages are in green not blue in the paper timetables.

The arguments over public transport provision in the west of Cambridge continue – it seems almost daily in the Cambridge News. Is it to be trains, buses or a metro? Rome is digging down through history to install a new metro – as we would need to do here. James Palmer has now overruled the joint council's proposals and faces a possible legal challenge. He says that the metro construction dates would be between 2023 and 2029. It all seems to be years away when we need improvements now. Our ECDC councillors are on the case and there are to be public meetings in the villages to discuss the transport needs.

I do worry at seeing so many buses during the day with just a few passengers. I repeat again 'use it or lose it'. Young children usually enjoy going on the bus – perhaps sitting on the front seats upstairs. When there were evening buses, the teenagers used to use them and we would hear them cheerily saying their goodbyes at 11pm after a happy Saturday evening in Cambridge. Now they are acquiring cars of their own despite

the large running costs. People request a Sunday service but when there was a limited one along the A1303 between Newmarket, Bottisham and Cambridge, it was hardly used. I do visit Newmarket every Sunday and I was often the only passenger.

Amended plans for a retirement village off Bottisham High Street have been published and the promoters say it would boost bus needs. The Bourn airfield housing development could be delayed if the plans for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway are delayed or cancelled. We need to cut the Cambridge congestion which is getting worse. People need to get to school, to work, to the shops, to the doctors or hospital, etc., etc. – **now**. I enjoy the bus lane on Newmarket Road – it is good to whizz along as the cars are all lined up and often stationary. What affect are the two Marshall's housing developments going to have? They say everyone will cycle. With a bus passing close to you that could not be a happy experience. I gave up cycling up Bottisham High Street years ago due to parked cars, cars were coming straight at me and several times I had to jump on to the footpath.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England talks about 'transport deserts' with people unable to get around without driving. Mr Johnson has unveiled a £1 billion a year boost for regional bus services – every region outside London. It is hope this will lead to cheaper fares and more frequent and greener services. More than 250 miles of segregated cycle ways will be built in accordance with

the mini-Holland projects which he introduced in outer London when he was Mayor. National Express says that its fleet will be all electric by 2035. It won't buy another diesel bus.

There has been much information on train travel. Easter rail travellers face cancellations and delays due to a £113 million upgrade to various routes over the holiday. London to Glasgow will be the worst affected. There is a huge backlog of work to be done. Reduced services from London Paddington. The closure of Fenchurch station with services diverted to Liverpool Street. Replacement buses on South Western Railway services around Guildford for 10 days from Good Friday. The closure of Wolverhampton station. Network Rail urges all travellers to check their plans before travelling. The service from Cambridge to Brighton is increasing in May. There are to be extra carriages and so more seats on the service from Cambridge to Stansted to prevent the present overcrowding. Other areas will get this too. The arguments over the building of HS2 continue. It is vital for the Bombardier company, it is

said. A Lancashire MP has been appointed as the minister in charge of it. Boris Johnson side-lines the company over poor management. Old Oak station in West London to have 14 platforms to handle 250,000 passengers a day from the HS2? A better idea, it is argued, would be to connect it to St. Pancras so people from the Midlands and North could travel direct to Europe. A French high speed train has derailed on a trip to Paris – the first derailment of a TGV train in nearly 40 years of commercial service. 21 people injured including the driver – he managed to bring the train to a halt.

Many rail routes in the UK and Europe are being proposed as people are being encouraged not to fly. The Cornish Riviera express to Penzance, for instance. Or the Alpen Express from Amsterdam after the 11am Eurostar train from St. Pancras. Interesting cities all round Europe can be visited although presently with the virus spreading this is not recommended. Don't forget Seat 61 for travel advice.

Rail info: 03457 48 49 50
traveline: 0871 200 22 33

Happy travelling! Paddy James

Foodbank Collections

Donations will be collected from St James' Church and the other venues in the benefice during the first week of each month and delivered to **Open Door** in Newmarket. Please give what you can.

Open Door is always grateful for any of the following:



- Tinned: soups, meat, fish, beans, fruit, vegetables, tomatoes, puddings. Shampoos, conditioner, toothpaste, soap.
- Packet: soups, flour, sugar (500gm), dried fruit & vegetables, long-life milk & fruit juice (1 litre), tea bags (40 or 80)
- Jars: gherkins, beetroots, olives, instant coffee (small), cooking oil (500ml), pasta sauce, jam, spreads
- Breakfast cereals; Biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate, sweets, cakes

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club



I found myself with a spare second or two a few weeks ago, so I made myself a nice cup of tea, broke out the fig rolls (you can dunk them until your heart's content, just don't get them confused with dog treats) and sat down with all the pictures that I've ever taken and went through them with a critical eye. Do you know what I found? I've taken some truly bad photos. No really. I've taken some shocking photos. And knowing that is a good thing.

Taking a bad photo is true for all of us, and as photographers, of any standard, you should embrace that reality because it helps us live with ourselves better, and keeps our feet on the ground knowing there are areas for improvement which give us an opportunity to learn.

As an example, my wildlife photography is simply shocking. I can come back from Wicken Fen with memory cards full of blurred images which are meant to be stunning shots of birds in motion. I have painfully found it is better to show and be criticised for the "sake of improvement" than to show your photo thinking that it's perfect when it's not. Attending a local photographic club is a good way of doing this. How painfully have I been critiqued for improvement? - well let's just say I was encouraged to put the camera down and find a new hobby.

I'm still here, taking better photos. I hope they're better - I like them....

Look and learn from looking, and not just at your own work. Go and have a look at other people's, be it online or by visiting a gallery or exhibition. I'm not saying go out and copy some one's image you like, please don't do that, Instagram is bad enough as it is, I'm saying go and look at all sorts of

peoples work and work out what you like and don't like about it, then apply that to your own work. You will find, very quickly, the level of quality and craftsmanship of your photographs will improve. Remember, you are bound to take images which act as steppingstones or practice shots which will give you experience and knowledge to apply to your photography in the future and prepare you for your moment of artistic breakthrough. That breakthrough will come, it may take time, but it will come. Your photography, like a good Polaroid, will take time to develop. What's a Polaroid? Ask your parents...

As always, if you'd like to know more about the club you can visit either the clubs website at bottburpc.org or come along and see us all in person at the Chapel in Lode. Once we are allowed, we will be meeting again every Tuesday at 7:30pm. Come and meet the members, have a chat about photography and see what we're all about.

To help obtain a more objective view of your abilities as a photographer and the quality of images you can produce, here are some steps which help me...

Beware of getting comfortable

When you find yourself feeling comfortable with your images - challenge yourself and learn something new. I find that this is the only way to grow, don't get comfortable for too long.

Learn to let go of your old work

It's hard but try to forget about your old work. Stop going back to it and instead look at it as something to build on and move forward.

Ask for feedback and critique

It's hard and can be extremely painful, but don't be afraid to ask or find

constructive, genuine and honest feedback from other photographers you appreciate. It's a hard truth, but the critique that gets to you might be the most important because you know they're right.

If you post your work to social media, please don't rely on "likes" as tool for your image's quality.

Always keep learning

You've never learned everything. Photography is constantly changing, so always keep learning and stay informed.

Feeling bad about your old work

It's really important to understand that if you are feeling bad about your old work it means that you are improving as a photographer. If today you are feeling a little embarrassed of your old images you once thought were amazing - don't worry, it's a good sign.

Remember, being a photographer is much more than snapping the photo. You cannot take your camera and hope for the best, hope that something will just turn up and happen right in front of you. This path leads to a drawer full of bad photographic images, and trust me, I have lots of full drawers.... Think about the image you want, what is the story you want to tell with the image, think about your vision, your idea. Then go out and capture it.

You have the idea, the vision of your image, now you are in control of your subject and surroundings to obtain the shot you have pictured.

As always, practice, use your camera, use your vision and above all else, have fun.

Until next time - thanks for reading.

Elliot Needham - Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club.

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



Not that we are complacent but all seems to be progressing well at the Library.

I sent this report in before 16th March so the feeling in the previous sentence couldn't be more untrue.

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

BE ASSURED THAT NO FINES WILL BE IMPOSED AS IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU CAN'T RETURN THEM.

New computers are expected in May and a new lending computer system update is gradually being operated.

WAIT AND SEE

One of the many magazines I get stated that

"when it comes to the simple pleasures of life, reading has to be up there as one of the best".

It goes on to mention book groups and the shared love of reading but did not mention using libraries, perhaps they are not as fortunate as us. Readers of the magazine had been asked to choose their most meaningful read and give their reasons. The winners were;

The Chronicles of Robin Hood
by Rosemary Sutcliffe

Bridget Jones's Diary
by Helen Fielding

We're going on a Bear Hunt
by Michael Rosen and
Helen Oxenbury

Have you read them?

Hope you keep well
Sylvia Overton 811792

Thinking Allowed

Dear Parishioners

The world seems a strange place at present with many of our daily activities on hold. People have spoken about their sense of disconnection, stress and worry and many are having to make difficult decisions about their lives and activities. The first thing to say is that it is good to talk and to share these feelings.

People from the churches in the benefice, RENEW and others in the villages have offered to ring anyone who would like to chat. Some of them are themselves confined to home so would understand how it feels to be cut off from the things they would normally be doing and enjoying. There is also *WhatsApp* and *Skype* which allow you to connect to a group of people for a chat or a discussion and you can see friendly faces which is good.

We are in the process of setting up some groups for those who are on computer and on the internet. This very difficult time could provide us with an opportunity to get to know more of our neighbours and to make new relationships with those we may not have met before. There are a substantial group of people who have volunteered to support others and so new links will be forged over the coming weeks.

Time at home could also mean time to live at a different pace. To try some new recipes, read the book you have always meant to read, listen to all the CDs you have but have not listened to for ages. It could be a time to rediscover writing letters and cards, phoning friends for a chat as they are more likely to be in, or trying a regular slot of exercise at home. There are on-

line singing groups, exercise classes and on-line learning from the big museums for those who have internet connection.

For Christians being at home provides an opportunity to have a "retreat at home". We can pray for all who are worried about their health or their jobs, for those with responsibility for planning and organising all that must be covered through this crisis. We can pray regularly for those who are working in the health service, care homes and home care and all who are keeping our supplies and social structures in place. We can also remember those who do not have the same safeguards and medical care that we have access to and for all refugees and others facing this crisis on top of many other difficulties and dangers.

A reduction in events and business may also give us the chance to spend some time with the scriptures. Our Lent course this year was a book with daily readings relating to objects in our homes, so although we cannot meet to discuss things we can share in studying alongside each other. The BBC is going to provide more worship on radio and television so that those unable to attend worship will still have the chance to worship and pray together although in their own homes. We are inviting everyone to join with us in 10 minutes of prayer and reflection at 12 noon each day wherever you may be.

At the heart of the gospel lies a message of hope, a light shining in the darkness. No matter how bleak or difficult life may feel there is another side, a new day, a fresh beginning. The disciples found this to be true

when the darkness of Good Friday became the wonder and joy of an Easter morning as they encountered their living Lord.

We may not be able to celebrate Easter together this year but it remains true and we can still know that joy and hope in our lives. The Gospel also proclaims, through the words Jesus spoke to his disciples, that he would be with them always. That is true for us too. No matter how alone or isolated we may feel at times, Jesus is always with us. He is right beside us, to listen and to share our lives, to speak peace to troubled hearts and joy to those who are feeling weighed down.

May you know the amazing presence of the Lord, our constant companion and guide as you navigate these new experiences and challenges.

Lean on him and trust him and he will lead you to green pastures and provide the resilience and comfort you need.

This comes with warm wishes Sue
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suethovic@btinternet.com

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Lode and Longmeadow Neighbourhood Watch

**Reporting a crime in progress:
999**

(if using a mobile dial **112**)

**Reporting a crime after the event:
Dial 101**

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
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LONGMEADOW
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Pip Lane ----- 811944

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Martyn Lord ----- 812644

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Mike Parrish----- 811356

FAIRHAVEN CLOSE, WILLOW GROVE & STATION ROAD
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LODE FEN
Denis Moules ----- 811918
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Combined History of Lode and Longmeadow

Due to popular demand we have had a new print run of Barbara Woodhouse's definitive History of Lode.

These can be bought from Coral on 811457 at £20 each.

Profits to St James' Church Heating Fund.

coralhatley@gmail.com



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Our 2020 Programme began with a New Year Communion Service led by Rev'd Roger Bowen themed on our links with the diocese of Mara in Tanzania.

In February we looked at the Mothers' Union theme for this year "Building Hope and Confidence". Taking a light-hearted look at how we build confidence together and work as a team. We had great fun building paper towers with only newspaper and sticky tape. In groups we then made a collage for each church in the Anglesey Group with pictures showing show the work of MU building confidence in those we seek to help at home and overseas.

Ann Langran

ST. JAMES' CHURCH LODE with LONGMEADOW

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Churchwarden: Julie Sale, C.811222 juliesale0@gmail.com

<http://angleseygroupparishes.co.uk/>



For funerals please contact the vicar directly. For weddings please contact: admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

From the Vicarage, Bottisham

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with sadness that I am writing to let you know that all worship in church will be cancelled for the foreseeable future. This is to make sure that we protect one another and play our part in reducing the spread of the Covid -19 virus.

This will be a very significant step with Holy Week and Easter just around the corner but hopefully we will be able to remember the journey to the cross together even though apart. We are exploring whether we could set up some Skype groups or What's App groups to help people keep in touch and remain part of the community even though we cannot meet. There will be services on the BBC and there are other resources online and I will send out information about these in the near future.

Thankfully we are using a daily reading Lent book this year so we can still continue keeping Lent at home but sadly our discussion groups and prayers in Lode will no longer take place.

Churches will remain open so that people can come for some time of quiet reflection. We will continue to produce our news notes with the prayer list and we will make sure that everyone is updated so we can pray for one another and keep the Sunday readings and use the weekly Collect.

I am hoping to keep in touch with you both by e-mail and by phone but do please ring me if you would like a chat, it's always good to talk. We have collected details of a group of volunteers who are offering to collect medication, deliver prescriptions, collect shopping, ring for a chat or maybe walk the dog so if you need any practical help and we are able to respond we will. There are also village Facebook and What's App groups who are offering help for those of you who can access these platforms.

If you have trouble ordering shopping on-line the village shop in Bottisham is offering to deliver shopping for those who are self-isolating or are over 70 and there are some volunteers ready to deliver the items. You can pay for the shopping using a card over the phone to save worries about having access to cash. If you have any difficulties do get in touch and we will find a volunteer to support you.

In these difficult times remember there is a friend at the end of the phone and a God who loves you and holds you in the palm of his hand. Look after yourselves and stay well. I will miss seeing you but we will stay in touch.

God bless, Sue ☺

Answers to the Quiz on page 20

1	Angel	Has the Underground's longest escalator at 60m/197ft, with a vertical rise
2	Baker Street	Has the most platforms of any tube station – 10.
3	Arsenal	The only station in the UK that is named after a football team
4	Cannon Street	The name first appears as 'Candelwrichstrete Street' in 1190. The name was shortened over 60 times, and eventually settled on Cannon Street in the 17th century. It is therefore not related to the firearms.
5	Barons Court	Mahatma Gandhi lived at 20 Barons Court Road, a few yards from the
6	Elephant & Castle	Named after a nearby pub, which itself was name-dropped in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.
7	Kings Cross	Has the shortest lift shaft on the network, at just 2.3 metres.
8	Mile End	Is named so because it's exactly one mile from the eastern boundary of
9	Oxford Circus	In 1969, to celebrate the opening of the new Victoria Line, The Queen 'took
10	Swiss Cottage	Named after the nearby pub

OUTSIDE INFORMATION

Cambridge code (01223)
unless otherwise indicated

BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE : 810030
Monday to Friday 8.30-18.00 Saturday CLOSED
When Surgery is closed for medical help please ring 111
BROUGHTON HALL..... In an emergency: 999 or Swannell 811584
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Thursdays
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○ = CHANGED DAY

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Call now.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

All library charges have been suspended and the due dates of items extended until at least the end of April

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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ROUTE 11 BUS SERVICE
NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AND BANK HOLIDAYS

+ = Serves Lode Church <=5 mins, >=10 mins later on Saturday
= leaves Lode Church 4 mins earlier than time stated

From LODE x-roads to CAMBRIDGE

Monday to Saturday
0642<, 0707>, 0749, 0936, 1036+#, 1136,
1236+#, 1336, 1436+#, 1536, 1636, 1736, 1836

Longmeadow bus shelter: Up to 4 mins earlier than these times

From CAMBRIDGE to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday
0650, 0750, 0850+, 0950, 1050+, 1150, 1250+,
1350, 1450+, 1550, 1715+, 1815, 1915

From LODE x-roads to NEWMARKET

Monday to Saturday
0723, 0823, 0923+, 1023, 1123+, 1226
1323+, 1423, 1523+, 1630, 1805+,

Longmeadow bus shelter: Up to 4 mins later than these times

From NEWMARKET to LODE x-roads

Monday to Saturday
0656, 0840, 0940+, 1040, 1140+, 1240, 1340+,
1440, 1540, 1640, 1740

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