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## Editorial Highlights December 2025

As the temperature plunges and the shortest day gets closer, there is no question that winter is here. So thoughts turn to the Festive Season: Father Christmas can be seen at Anglesey Abbey and Lode Star is replete with invitations to various church services.

The Parish Council reports on the continuing village refurbishment eg the Playground and the now complete Boules (Pétanque) boulodrome, not forgetting Fran's sterling work reviving the Guildhall!

Gerry, our local bird brain, continues his raptor theme with a focus on the Sparrowhawk.

It is pleasing to report the autumn jumble sale set a new record with the funds raised going to several excellent causes.

Ever wanted to know the stories behind the transitions from stage show to silver screen? The upcoming BALA course should fit the bill: five weeks early in the new year to delight movie buffs.

The Airfield Museum reports on its final big event of the year and leaves us with a beautiful picture of its two iconic aeroplanes (P-51 Mustang and the Tiger Moth) cosy in their hanger.

Finally, the Community Library celebrates the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth. Copies of all six novels are available plus the book of the month, Gill Hornby's novel, Miss Austen (recently televised).

Now it will soon be time to write Christmas cards, choose presents for family and friends, and make sure there is plenty of festive food available until into the New Year!

From everyone at Lode Star, to all villagers, have a wonderful Christmas.

Nick

*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*

***Opinions expressed in LODE STAR are not necessarily those of the Editors***

# Lode Parish Council News

Autumn is clearly here as rain showers and sunshine alternate as they choose. Walks through Pigeon Wood swooshing through fallen leaves remind me of childhood. The Parish Council met on the usual 2nd Monday of the month and Councillor Platten who is Vice Chair, took the Chair for Councillor Wells who was absent.

A working group was convened to look at the precept for next year, which will be discussed and voted on at the December meeting. It involved looking at each item of expenditure and deciding if it needed increasing, decreasing or to be removed. It took nearly two hours but we were satisfied we had covered all expenses. Thanks go to the Clerk, Sam Chambers-Turner, who prepared the paperwork so it was a smooth operation.

Although the Fen Road works had been due to have started during the second week of November, we were told the work would be postponed until December. Of course you will hear precise dates, when we are told.

The Fassage sports ground feels a bit underused at the moment. We discussed future potential uses for the ground, in the light of many new start-up sports groups, both adult and junior, looking for sports grounds. At the moment, the Cricket Club are the only group using the Fassage Ground, and that is seasonal of course. If you hear of any group in search of a beautiful village sports field, please suggest they get in touch with the Lode Parish Council Clerk.

Local Government Reorganisation is still under discussion. Lode Parish Council has unanimously supported Option A, as have many East Cambs Parish Councils and County Councillor Jonny Edge, whose excellent letter to the Secretary of State was approved by the LPC. ECDC supports Option B which would see Peterborough and Huntingdon as our Centre (as Ely is now). Very few people participated in the vote and the outcome was slim with 52% voting for Option B and 48% voting for Option A.

The Playground is now almost finished, just awaiting a new gate. The Boules court likewise is finished and can be played on. Players will be expected to bring their own boules. Perhaps a working group will emerge of players who know how to play. The Boules Court could become a major asset for the Fassage and village. Once teething problems are sorted, we will hold a Grand Opening. Already there has been much positive feedback about the playground.



The footpath from Fassage Close to the Fassage Hall and likewise from the Fassage Hall past the allotments to Fairhaven Close during the winter months are dark indeed and we are looking into future external lighting to support hirers and visitors.

The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER at 7.30 pm. Please do come along to see the Lode Parish Council at work, and how you could participate.

*Rima Page*

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# MP's Report



Photo: Charlotte Cane MP (second from right) stood alongside local residents and MPs to deliver the petition to save palliative care beds at Arthur Rank Hospice.

As the year draws to a close and we gather for festive events across our villages and towns, I've been reflecting on what makes Ely and East Cambridgeshire so special – our sense of community, our compassion, and our determination to look out for one another. That spirit has shone through in everything from local campaigns to doorstep conversations this autumn.

In November, I joined my constituent Lisa Smart, from Cottenham, outside 10 Downing Street to deliver a petition with over 15,500 signatures calling on the Government to save vital hospice beds at Arthur Rank Hospice. Lisa's daughter received end-of-life care there, and her powerful story shows just how much this service means to families across Cambridgeshire.

The petition is part of a joint campaign I launched alongside Liberal Democrat Cambridgeshire MPs Pippa Heylings and Ian Sollom to reverse an £829,000 funding cut. Without that funding, nine of the hospice's 23 beds face closure – meaning more than 200 patients could be left without access to specialist care each year. Everyone deserves compassion, dignity, and peace at the end of their lives. We must not let a funding failure take that away.

In Parliament, I've been urging the Government to deliver fair funding and real reform for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). In Ely and East Cambridgeshire, 4% of pupils have Education, Health and Care Plans –

higher than the national average. Our schools do incredible work, but they need the Government's support. Every child deserves a chance to thrive, with properly funded and accessible support close to home.

I continue to press the Government on fuel poverty, after uncovering official figures showing that 9.6% of households in our constituency – that's 4,487 homes – were living in fuel poverty as far back as 2023. Shockingly, Ministers have yet to publish the data for the past year, even as families continue to struggle with soaring energy costs. I am urging the Government to publish the latest figures, to end fuel poverty and tackle the cost-of-living crisis.

Whether it's meeting residents on the doorstep, attending local events, or holding my three monthly surgeries, I'm always here to listen and help. Since being elected, I've now closed over 9,000 cases where residents have come to me for advice or support.

As your local champion, I'm here to stand up for you – and I'll keep doing just that.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who keeps our community running through the darker months – from NHS staff and carers to utility workers, emergency services, and transport teams who work tirelessly through the holidays.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy festive season,  
Charlotte

P.S. This is just a snippet – to keep up with everything I'm doing, sign up to my newsletter at [bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte](https://bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte).

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# Cambridgeshire County Council Report

As we get closer to the end of 2025, I would like to wish you all the best of times, with lots of fun, celebrations and rest throughout the Christmas season.

It is also a time when we need to look out for those in more need of support at every age and circumstance. Everyone deserves to be able to enjoy themselves and have some relief from the stresses of daily life throughout this winter season. I'm sure within the community there will be many of you doing all can to help others.

For the social media savvy, follow #BeWinterWise, or go to the website using the following link and add 'HAF' into the search engine. It will provide a directory of useful support for all in need:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

## **Support for young families**

For those needing support with young families, the County Council will again be operating its Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. This will be in operation from 20 December to 4 January.

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can access a funded place at a HAF holiday scheme or family experience for up to 16 hours. Families experiencing financial hardship may also qualify.

## **General support**

For those needing support over the winter, the links provided above will direct you to help for Cambridgeshire residents to stay safe, warm, and healthy throughout the colder months by sharing practical advice, highlighting local support, and encouraging communities to look out for one another.

## **Local government reorganisation**

Though there is consensus, the process and timelines we were forced into are not what any would have wished for; the County Council have voted to make sure the only option placing East Cambridgeshire with the City and South Cambridgeshire is put in front of government ministers at the end of November. Other councils will continue to work on and recommend their preferred options.

In addition, our local County and District Councillors have been working with parishes across Woodditton and Burwell to write a letter to ministers representing our unique position on this, helping to make sure our communities are linked to the likely Cambridge, rather than Peterborough based authority.

It will ultimately be the government that decides the future of our local government structures.

### **Highways**

I am working with parish councils to consider improvements to our roads in the future. These are not related to maintenance, but rather local schemes to improve the safety and practicality of our roads and pavements. Most parishes already have a good idea of the work needed from concerns shared by you or known to them. Please do continue to engage with either your parish councillors or myself if you believe there are things we should be considering for the future.

Cheveley, Dullingham and Swaffham Bulbeck have recently had schemes approved from last year's proposals that will now be progressed for local consultation in 2026.

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## **East Cambs District Councillors' Report**

### **Local Government Reorganisation**

The Leader of the District Council (ECDC) is still pursuing Option B (with East Cambs joining Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough) for the Local Government Re-organisation. Cambs County Council has debated the options, and plumped for Option A (with East Cambs joining Cambridge City and South Cambs).

The Full Council will have debated this on Thursday 20 November; the ECDC submission will be sent to the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Homelessness together with the submissions from the other Councils. This will be considered by the Minister, and a decision will be made soon.

Parish Councils in this ward have signed a letter to the Minister informing them of our desire to join with South Cambs and Cambridge City Council.

### **Public Space Protection Order**

The Operational Services committee will be deciding on prohibiting car parks and other open spaces to be used for drag racing, stunts and other car manoeuvres at their next meeting.

## Street Sweeping

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, local authorities have a statutory duty to provide clean streets, footways and open spaces that are in public ownership. All towns and villages are divided up into “zones” with the busiest being cleaned more regularly.

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/clean-streets>

## East Cambridgeshire Community Fund

The East Cambridgeshire Community Fund will be open to applications between 31 October and 12 December 2025. Community groups are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to spend on new or existing projects designed to improve the quality of life for residents.

Information about the grant including eligibility criteria and application guidance can be found on the council’s web site.

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-wellbeing/grants-and-community-projects/community-fund>

## Surgery

There will be no surgery in December. Do remember that residents can contact us by telephone or email whichever is preferable.

With all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

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**St James' Church Lode with Longmeadow**  
invites you to a service of

**Carols & Readings**

**Thursday 18 December**  
**3.00pm**  
**Lode Church**

Please stay for mulled wine  
and mince pies after the service



# A Cheering Thought

We all know that the daylight hours continue to reduce through December, reaching the lowest on December 21, the winter solstice. After that, we can start to look for signs of spring, and often the first of those can be chickens coming back into lay after their winter break. I have heard reports of chickens laying again for the first time on Christmas day, so it doesn't take long for nature to sense the change.

Whether you have chickens or not, it may cheer you to know that things actually start to look up much earlier in the month. By 14 December, we have already passed the earliest sunset and the sun has started to set later. Although it's barely noticeable I find this a really cheering thought.

But why? It's to do with the tilt of the Earth on its axis, which causes the shortening days, and its elliptical orbit around the sun. The elliptical orbit means that the highest point of the sun in the sky (solar noon) doesn't always coincide with noon, time-wise. During December, solar noon gradually moves later by a few minutes and this results in the sunset being pushed later, counteracting the effect of the shortening days.

It does of course mean that the opposite is also true: sunrise continues to get a little later until early January, but if you ignore that and focus on the evenings, then you can feel cheered.

*Clare Wilkes*



**Anglesey in Stitches**

Do you need to find time and space to develop your creativity?  
Why not come along to your local crafting group?

We meet in the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck on odd-dated  
Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Just bring a project to work on – knitting, crochet, cross stitch,  
patchwork – anything that you can do in a pub! We are a friendly  
and informal group with a range of abilities – there is always  
someone who can help if you get stuck.



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# **CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

11:30am - 1:00pm

**LODE FASSAGE HALL, LODE**

**£27**



**ALL ITEMS PROVIDED, WITH REFRESHMENTS  
COME AND BE CREATIVE**

**Please contact me to secure your place**

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# Guildhall Newsletter



Well, well! Lots more soil has been dug out from under the buildings and in so doing, we discovered another small but beautifully constructed well beneath the old kitchen. The brickwork was perfect, but sadly it has had to be filled in as it was directly under where the oven is going.

Meanwhile the windows in Mill Road are being narrowed and the brickwork made good, which has been a difficult job because the bricks have not always been in line. If you look above some of them, they have a special arch made with neatly cut bricks arranged in a fan which is a neat and attractive finish.



So what next? The drains are now in place which you can see from the picture. Very important if not very exciting! After this there is one more big demolition job which is to bring down the big internal wall in Mill Road, where the old chimney used to stand. However, before that can be done, a new wall will be built to key in with the side wall so that it is a more solid structure. Then the final digging out of the old slab is done.

Whew. After that we should see it beginning to grow again. That will be a real treat.



*Fran Platten*

## **Bricks wanted for the Guildhall Garage**

If anyone has any bricks kicking round in their shed, garage or garden I would be very grateful for them for patching up the Guildhall or building the garage. I did get some from Lode residents during the summer, but lots have been used up in underpinning bits and pieces so have disappeared underground. Your ones might be more visible. Let me know and I will come and collect them. Thank you. Looking forward to receiving 100s!

*Fran 01223 813016*

## **Bottisham and District Gardening Club**

October is the time for our Annual General Meeting when our Chairman reported on the year's activities and our Treasurer on the finances. The current committee and office-holders were all re-elected for the following year. They are:-

Chairman – Julie Bard    Committee Members – Peter Bullock

Treasurer – Coral Hatley    Mary Edwards

Secretary – Margret Coles    Cindy King

Speaker Secretary – Julia Green    Nora Watson

After the formal part of the evening we indulged in a game of bingo, which is always fun as many of us are not conversant with the calls, but we muddled through with help from Julie. The evening concluded with a quiz which was won by Joyce Fletcher. We have an interesting and varied programme to look forward to next year and details will be published in next month's magazine, so look out for the January issue and do come and join us. In the meantime we wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Social on the 9 December. Please note that this will be in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

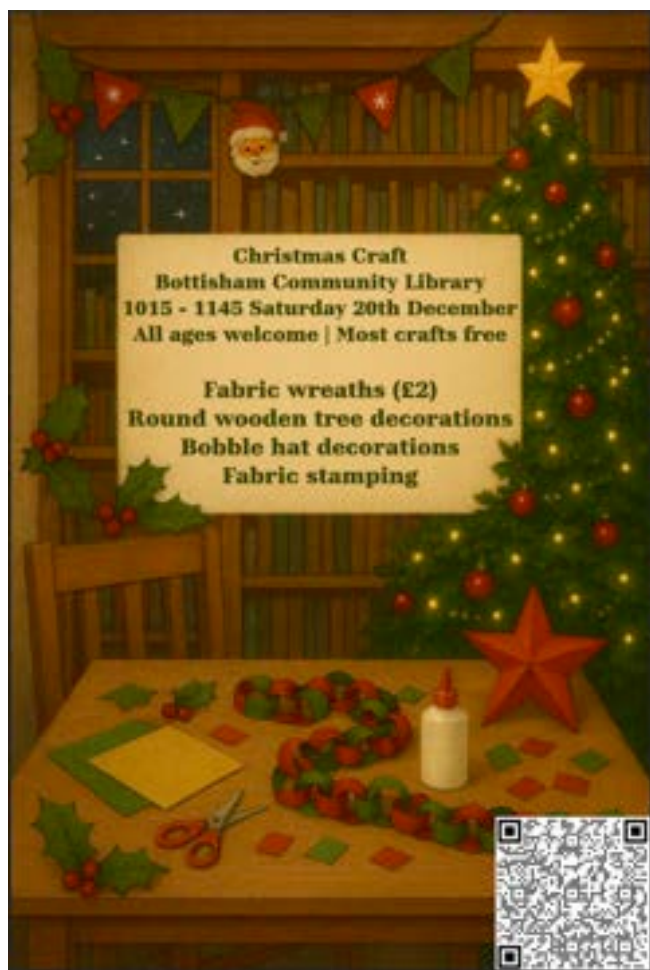
We normally meet at 7.30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club. Membership is £20.00 a year and non-members are welcome to any meetings for a charge of £3.00.

*Margret Coles*

# BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

December – This month we celebrate 250 years since the birth of Jane Austen on December 16 1775. And I couldn't let this go without promoting her books. She only wrote six complete books but they have left a big mark on English literature and you will find them in Bottisham Library.

My Book of the Month is Gill Hornby's novel, 'Miss Austen', a great read for a December night. It is 1840 and Cassandra Austen, Jane's sister, returns to a village rectory where she and Jane spent many days with their friends. The rectory is being cleared for a new vicar and Cassandra is concerned there may be letters there written by her sister. She is determined to find them and protect her sister's reputation should there be secrets in the letters.



Lego Club and StoryTime will be on Saturday December 6 at 10.30 . Younger children will enjoy our collection of Duplo.

See our poster for information about a Christmas Crafts event on December 20.

The date for the Mobile Library visit to Downing Close, Bottisham is unclear for December. And the visit to Lode will be Wednesday December 10.

Keep Reading!



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BOTTISHAM



### **COFFEE & CAKE CONCERT**

**SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 10.30am**

Stuart Field, (raconteur and violin), Sarah Maxwell (Soprano), Richard Ayres (Organ)

## **The History of our** **Christmas Carols**

**Come along and sing your favourite  
Christmas Carols.**

**Suggested donation £5 (children free) including coffee & cake  
towards church heating & building funds**



**ALL ARE WELCOME**



# Bird Brain

Following a close look at the Kestrel last month, let us compare the other common raptor likely to be seen locally – well, anywhere really – the Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*), or, to recognise the international name – Eurasian Sparrowhawk. Actually it is the only raptor that you might see in your garden because its main prey comprises small birds and, when it launches an attack, it will spring from the cover of hedges, bushes, fences or buildings. Sparrowhawks will use this method to take birds as large as Wood Pigeons, but finches and tits congregating around bird feeders are particularly susceptible to this kind of ambush. There's a Sparrowhawk at the Lackford Lakes Nature Reserve (Suffolk Wildlife Trust) that regularly clears the feeders near the visitor centre with its sudden appearances from behind the building!

So how do we tell Sparrowhawk from Kestrel? As you may remember, the Kestrel is a slim falcon with pointed wings, giving it a rakish appearance, and it hovers habitually over open land. The Sparrowhawk is a thicker-set bird, muscular and powerful, with rounded wings and it never hovers. In fact, the behaviour of the two species is quite different. A Sparrowhawk's (non-hunting) flight features a few wing flaps followed by a short glide... just think “flap flap glide, flap flap flap glide” when you see a smallish bird of prey overhead. It's a different story when it's hunting though. With a roughly 10% success rate, it appears to arrive out of nowhere, at high speed, to pluck an unfortunate passerine from the air, and take it to ground, ‘mantling’ the prey with its wings, completing the kill whilst holding the victim down with its talons. I have seen this spectacle in my front garden and it's not for the faint-hearted, but you wouldn't want a Sparrowhawk to go hungry, would you?

Plumage wise, the Sparrowhawk will appear either mainly blue-grey (male) or brown (female and young), with a lighter, barred chest, an obviously hooked bill, yellow legs and a piercing yellow eye. As with all birds of prey, the female is larger than the male, but please don't be seduced into thinking you may have seen a Goshawk in your garden. (Photographs of Sparrowhawks are sometimes misidentified as ‘Gos’ because the plumage is so similar. However, even the smallest Goshawk is much larger than the largest Sparrowhawk, and the ‘Gos’ is a rare, secretive, woodland bird.)

Incidentally, the female Sparrowhawk, on average, takes prey two and a half times heavier than that of the male, and she will consume around a third more meat than the male – up to 70g per day versus up to 50g per day. It is thought that Sparrowhawks account for up to 50% of the deaths of certain species, e.g. Great Tits, which are most easily spotted by dint of a striking plumage.

Not that Sparrowhawks have any difficulty in seeing their targets: with eyesight up to eight times keener than humans' they can spot a passerine from a mile distant.

A few years ago, an incredibly rare American Robin turned up in Lincolnshire after being blown across the Atlantic, attracting the attention of hundreds of birdwatchers from far and wide. Many were still setting up equipment or still en route to the site, when a Sparrowhawk swooped down from a nearby building and devoured the unfortunate traveler right in front of the assembled throng!

Sparrowhawk numbers have fluctuated over the decades. The use of pesticides in the 1950s and '60s caused a build up of toxins in the food chain, resulting in Sparrowhawk egg shells becoming very thin and prone to breaking during incubation. Numbers understandably recovered after the banning of organochlorine pesticides but, over the last 30 years, the population has suffered a moderate decline and the Sparrowhawk is now 'Amber' listed in the UK Birds of Conservation Concern. At the last count in 2016, a total of 31,000 pairs were recorded in the UK. Interestingly, in Europe, numbers are apparently stable and the bird is of 'Least Concern' but, sorry, I can't find the reason for the difference. (Anomalies are often dismissed as owing to non-specified 'climatic changes'.) There are estimated to be c. 1.5 million Eurasian Sparrowhawks globally, so the species does not appear to be in any danger.

I guess it's pretty obvious why the Sparrowhawk is so named – derived from the Middle English 'sperhawk' and Old English 'spearhafoc', and adapted by the Vikings as 'sparrhaukr', but it is also known by a number of different colloquial names in the UK, including blue hawk, hedge hawk and spar hawk. The bird, in fact, belongs to the family Accipitridae (from the Latin for hawk) and the scientific name 'Accipiter nisus' has an amusing origin: according to Greek mythology, Nisus, the king of Megara, was turned into a sparrowhawk after his daughter, Scylla, cut off his purple lock of hair to present to her lover, Minos, who was Nisus' enemy. Bizarre!



*A sparrowhawk proud did hold in wicked jail  
Music's sweet chorister, the Nightingale  
To whom with sighs she said: 'O set me free,  
And in my song I'll praise no bird but thee.'  
The Hawk replied: 'I will not lose my diet  
To let a thousand such enjoy their quiet.'*

**From "Idylls of the King" by Alfred Lord Tennyson**

## Stop Press

The Autumn influx of rarities continued in October and early November with the Orkneys, Shetlands and Isles of Scilly grabbing most of the spoils. However, an incredible White-Throated Needletail (a type of Swift) turned up at Bempton Cliffs in Yorkshire. So rare, it was misidentified as an Alpine Swift (also rare) at first, until a number of stunning photos revealed it to be the even rarer species! Yorkshire also enjoyed a visit from a Black-Faced Bunting; then Suffolk joined the party with its first ever Brown Shrike at Hollesley, and Woods Mill nature reserve produced a Red-Tailed Shrike in West Sussex. It's all happening folks...more next month!

In the meantime, may I wish all readers a happy and peaceful Christmas.

*TTFN  
Gerry Daish*

## BOTTISHAM ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

Starting on 15 January 2026

### **“From Stage to Screen”**

A 5-week course presented by Stephen Poulter

Learners will be introduced to a wide range of movies which have been adapted from stage drama and musical theatre.

Starting with Shakespeare's plays and including a variety of the 20th century's greatest dramatists.

The course starts on Thursday 15 January, last session on 12 February

BALA courses are held in the main hall at Bottisham Community Sports and Social Centre in Downing Close CB25 9DD starting at 10.30. We provide biscuits, but ask you to bring your own drink.

The cost of the course is £25 with an extra £5 for non-members. New members are always welcome.

Any enquiries to [Bottishambala@btinternet.com](mailto:Bottishambala@btinternet.com)

*Helen Cole*



### **Celebrate Christmas at Anglesey Abbey**

The house will be richly decorated for all to enjoy and the wider estate offers walks around the sensory Winter Garden, festive shopping, tasty treats and wintry adventures in the woodland play area.

### **The Snowman™ trail**

Come and see if you can spot all 12 Wild in Art sculptures around the gardens, each festively painted with designs from the carol, The Twelve Days of Christmas. From now until 4 January 2026, pick up a trail map in the visitor centre and enjoy a magical, wintry day out with friends and family.

We're likely to be very busy at weekends. If you can, we recommend visiting us during the week for a quieter Snowman experience. We look forward to welcoming you!

### **Christmas in the house**

The Jacobean-style country house at Anglesey Abbey is beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, with festive displays highlighting Lord Fairhaven's vast and significant collection. Step inside to discover a treasure-trove of history and spot the miniature Snowman toys hidden among the Christmas decorations.

You can also meet Father Christmas in the house – there are just a few spaces left. For more information and to book, please visit the Anglesey Abbey website.

### **Snowdrops**

From mid-January to February, the gardens will be full of beautiful snowdrops. The snowdrop collection at Anglesey Abbey boasts over 500 varieties of these delicate white flowers and you can join a specialist tour to learn more about them. Please head to the Anglesey Abbey website to book your ticket.

We will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and open again on Boxing Day. From all of us at Anglesey Abbey, we wish you a very merry Christmas!

[nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey)

**Lode On-Line Archive at <http://lode.ccan.co.uk>  
for historic photos, videos and articles**

# Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Group

## **New appointment booking system**

Thank you for your patience as the Practice develops the new booking system. Appointment booking is now open online via Accurx triage system from 8am Monday to Friday. Each appointment request is reviewed by a GP and you will be contacted with the most appropriate appointment. This improves access to our appointments and makes the system safer as all requests are reviewed by clinicians.

## **Saving our time (which means more appointments for you!)**

A small plea from the staff: if you request an appointment please have your phone on to receive a call or answer a text. We have a significant number each day who request an appointment and then don't respond to calls or texts to book the requested appointment. This is wasting a lot of time! We are responding rapidly to appointment requests often within minutes if it is urgent and then are left in limbo if there is no answer.

**Bowel cancer screening:** If you receive a screening kit in the post please complete it. This detects possible signs of bowel cancer before you have symptoms. We have on average 5 patients a week who do not complete the screening, these then have to be processed by a GP wasting clinical time.

**Missed Appointments:** For the full month of October 87 appts DNA equates to 13.67hrs of clinical time wasted.

**Christmas and New Year Holidays:** Please remember to ensure you order your repeat prescriptions in good time and enough to cover you over this period.

**Basic Life Support:** Following our CPR training session for patients, do you know where the defibrillators are located in your village?

**Next Meeting:** 29 January 2026 when Dr Keith will speak. 6.30pm at the surgery. If you are interested in joining our meetings please contact our chairman Steve Gilson [s.j.gilson@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.gilson@btinternet.com). Or contact reception.

*Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Group*

# Public Transport Matters

It's a bit of a mix of information this month, culled from my experience of using our local buses over the past 6 months since some of the routes and timetables changed.

There have been lots of benefits from the new bus services that started in May, but they're not always obvious, so it's worth me spelling out some of them here.

Firstly, one benefit is that we now have a later last bus of the day into our villages, but this last bus comes from Newmarket rather than from Cambridge. So the last bus into the villages is the T4 and leaves Newmarket Guineas Bus Station (NOT Newmarket High Street) on a Monday to Saturday at 18:40, and arrives at Swaffham Bulbeck at 19:16, Lode Crossroads at 19:20 and Bottisham (opposite Bell Road) at 19:24.

Secondly, that also means that there is a later last bus from our villages towards Cambridge, as that last bus from Newmarket goes on to Addenbrookes Hospital Bus Station, where it arrives at 19:57. Even at that time of the day there are three buses an hour making the trip from Addenbrookes Bus Station to Cambridge Railway Station and on to the City Centre. So that makes for quite a straightforward transfer at Addenbrookes. I'll write more about buses at Addenbrookes and the Biomedical Campus in a later 'Public Transport Matters' article.

A third benefit is that buses now link Bottisham with Lode Crossroads hourly, from which there is only a short walk to the wonderful Anglesey Abbey.

And lastly, the T4 bus timetables enable a lot of new leisure walks to be explored in the countryside in and around our lovely villages, because the bus now gives direct travel between Bottisham and the Swaffhams, Burwell, Reach, Lode and the Wilbrahams.

Recently, I also used the hourly Stephenson's 12 bus to do a circular walk along the wonderful Devils Dyke footpath, getting the 12 bus from Bottisham to the July Lodge bus stop near the July Course roundabout where the Dyke crosses the A1303. After walking along the Devils Dyke footpath you can then leave it where it crosses the old railway line cutting and then walk along another footpath into Swaffham Prior, or you can carry on along the Devils Dyke to Reach. Both Swaffham Prior and Reach are served by the hourly T4 bus, and both villages have pubs where breaks can be made (though check the websites or Facebook pages for the Red Lion in Swaffham Prior and the Dykes End in Reach to check they're open on the days and times at which you want to walk).

*John Austin*

*Happy travelling*

# Anglesey Group Mothers' Union Branch



16 October

Our Autumn Social and Bring and Buy sale took place at our October meeting. After our usual short service, we had great fun playing Bingo with Kit-Kats for prizes and enjoyed choosing bargains from our sale table. £40 was raised towards our branch funds which enables us to pay for the hire of the Fassage Hall each month for our meetings. The afternoon finished with refreshments and time to enjoy many conversations!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11 December at 2.30pm at the Fassage Hall, Lode, where we shall enjoy some Christmas festivities, including making a Christmas tree decoration and sharing some seasonal treats with our refreshments.

All are welcome to join us.

*Alison Martin*

**You're invited**  
to our  
**Christingle**

**St Mary's Church Swaffham Prior**  
**Christingle Family Service**  
**Sunday 14 December at 10.30am**

- Make a traditional Christingle as part of the service
- Nativity performed by Beavers
- Please give in support of the work of the Children's Society - <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/christingle/st-marys-church-swaffham-prior-3>
- All welcome!

# Autumn Jumble Sale

The jumble sale had a very auspicious start with some of the best jumble ever received from two generous sources, so thanks go to the families of those who took time to give us such good quality goods. The weather was warm and dry which always helps, especially for selling the outside jumble. For those who don't know how the jumble sale works, anything that is fragile or needs to be kept dry is in the church and all bulky items which are not damaged by rain go out in the garden.

The queue stretched from the church doors to the road outside so there were a lot of keen customers. Inside there were 15 wonderful people selling and working super hard for 2 hours. Many of them had set up on the Friday as well, which is another tough job carting boxes from the Lady Chapel and arranging them in well defined areas so the punters know where to find books, or clothes or jewellery. Many of those who attend will go straight to the area that interests them most. Some will take a break and have a cuppa and a slice of delicious home made cake, and it is a busy social event with lots of banter and chat.

Anyway the outcome was a whopping £1428. This is the most we have ever made, and we hope you approve of how it has been spent

- The church £750
- Arthur Rank Hospice £100
- Guide Dogs for the Blind £100
- Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis charity £100
- The cubs £100 to go to their camp late on next year
- Event to open the newly furnished playground and Boules Court, £100. The date will be decided in due course. The money is with the Parish Council. Any that is not spent will be used and not wasted.
- The final £178 has been put into the Fassage Hall account, to help pay for some more downlights around the outside of the building. Those who use it during the winter months find it a bit gloomy at the moment, and not easy to see one's way. More lights will be helpful.

Many thanks to all you amazing helpers and those who come and support the sale.

BTW the next one is planned for March 14 2026. Put the date in your diary, and look forward to seeing you then!

*Fran*

# Lode Tennis Club



Final 2025 Competition Result:

Mixed Doubles - Vish and Emma beat Mark and Izzy in two very competitive sets!



Thank you to the organisers and to everyone who took part in our competitions this year. Now looking forward to lots more tennis in 2026!

Please note that we now have a new bank account, the new details for any payments to Lode Tennis Club are as follows:

Sort Code: 82-19-74

Account Number: 80566129

Account Name: Lode Tennis Club

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*

# Village Freecycle

As a reminder, everything is offered for free and nothing is expected in return.

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone/text (07980 423210) or 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.

## **Offers:**

- Anne, 01223 812395 :  
Dog crate, middle sized with cushion. Good condition;  
Ladder, long, 2 sectioned aluminium ladder. Little used.  
BBQ, nearly new, small, uses charcoal, clean and neat  
Hostess trolley, full working order with 4 pyrex food holders in the top and lower area for keeping food. Good condition.
- 15 new MR16 spotlight bulbs. Steve 07917 697259
- Home brewing accessories. Philip 01223 811233
- Cat Tree. Hardly used. Two platforms, toys and a hidey house. Grey, Feandrea make. Text Celia 0780 450 8335

## **Wants:**

- I would like to receive or borrow a 12 inch / 30.5cm round cake tin, if possible before the end of January. Lis 01223 811233
- Lift wanted/offered from Swaffham Bulbeck to Addenbrookes (usually Tues, Weds, Fri, to arrive at Addenbrookes 7am and leaving 8pm). Please contact Jane 07800 934585 for more information.



As we conclude the year 2025, the A to B1102 Group launches what we plan will be a regular update shared across the Parish Magazines of the communities that we represent.

## **Newmarket Road Travel Hub Consultation**

Following meetings to hear feedback from all our Parish Councillors on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP) proposals for a new Travel Hub, the Group collated the feedback to help Parish Councils make their own responses to the Consultation and wrote a feedback report which was submitted to the GCP. We continue to believe that this new site alone will not address the travel and congestion issues commuters face travelling daily into Cambridge; indeed we are concerned that the proposed Hub will make the traffic situation worse. Key concerns include the site not being large enough to cope with the likely increase in Park & Ride demand given the planned increases in the number of homes in its catchment area, difficulties for buses accessing the hub to make the proposed interchange work effectively, a lack of suitable infrastructure for sustainable travel and switching mode of transport (car to bike / bus etc..) and no bus lane from the A14 inbound to enable buses to avoid the daily queues of vehicles entering the City. Our report is available at [www.atob1102.org/gcp-newmarket-road-travel-hub-consultation-response/](http://www.atob1102.org/gcp-newmarket-road-travel-hub-consultation-response/)

## **T4 & T5 Buses**

The Group continues to lobby the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) for further improvements to the T4 and T5 bus service to improve reliability and passengers' confidence to interchange between the services. We are pleased to report that A2B Group are taking proactive steps to improve the reliability of the 6.45am service from Soham by setting up a bus depot in the Ely area, currently the bus has to travel from Royston each morning and A14 roadworks and other problems have impacted service reliability as a result. Our Facebook Group enables us to collate ongoing passenger feedback and share it with the operators.

## **Real Time Passenger Information (RPTI) Units on the T4 & T5 routes**

We are also pleased to announce that following engagement with the CPCA and our Parish Councils, the CPCA has agreed to fund and install 12 RPTI units at locations along the T4 and T5 routes to provide up-to-the-minute information on

bus services. Our Parish Councils were each encouraged to consider exploring funding for additional units so that more bus stops can be equipped with units, but at this time, for various reasons, declined to progress this option. The units will be installed over the coming months in the 12 agreed locations by the CPCA's contractor.

### **Happy Christmas!**

Our thanks to all of our residents who have engaged and supported the work of the Group over the last year. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

### **About the A to B1102 Group**

The A to B1102 Group exists to raise awareness of the transport changes affecting our area, to help residents stay informed, and to ensure that local voices are heard in decisions about future infrastructure. As a voluntary, non-political group with no commercial interests, we work alongside our parish councils to support their efforts, share information, and represent the villages of Fordham, Burwell, Swaffham Prior, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, Commercial End, Longmeadow, Lode, Bottisham, Stow-cum-Quy, Great Wilbraham and Little Wilbraham. Find out more about the group's work at [www.atob1102.org](http://www.atob1102.org)

*Jonathan Cook, Chairman  
A to B1102 Group*

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# Lode with Longmeadow Women's Institute



## Meeting 5 November

We had a fantastic turnout with 28 attendees at our recent meeting. President Carole Faulkner welcomed everyone and outlined the evening's agenda, which included an important update on the NFWI Resolution Shortlist

- Accessible public toilet facilities – promoting dignity, health, and inclusion
- Action on women's homelessness
- Every child needs a friend
- Nearer to Nature
- Love your Vulva – self-checking as defence against vulval cancer

Next Steps: Each member now has the opportunity to cast their individual vote for the resolution they support most. We'll continue discussions at upcoming meetings to help members learn more. - Deadline for selections: 6 February 2026

Carole explained to the group that she will be retiring as President after this membership year - we are looking for new committee members and need help from all members in the running and organisation of our WI. Carole will still be a very active member of the committee, she will be supporting the building of next year's programme and all other jobs that the committee do.

Finance Update: Treasurer Denise Cook shared that the 2026/27 WI subscription fee will be £54, a small increase to support the running of individual WIs, federations, and the NFWI. (Our piece pays for the hire of Fassage Hall, Speaker Presentations and all the fun outside activities we do!)

Secretary's Notes: Sue Kempster confirmed that all communications from head office have been emailed to members, including details about five new "Out and About" events. Christmas Meal Reminder: Our festive get-together is on 10 December. Please ensure your £5 payment is made to either Denise or Sue. Let us know if you're unable to attend.

Floral Demonstration: We were delighted to welcome Jackie Bye as our demonstrator. She created stunning floral arrangements, which were raffled off and won by: Wendy P, Jean H, Jean C, Anne R, Sue K, and Margaret.



Charlotte gave a comprehensive overview of all upcoming events available to our WI members, including key dates and payment deadlines.

**Floral Competition – November Winners:** Our floral competition was wonderfully supported this month, with members showcasing beautiful arrangements featuring the colour red. The creativity and care on display were truly inspiring.

Charlotte was delighted to announce Elaine and Dora as this month's winners – congratulations to both for their stunning contributions!



**Planning Ahead –** As planning for next year's programme begins, Carole invited members to share their thoughts and ideas. Are you happy with the current mix of activities and speakers? Is there something new you'd love to see added? Whether it's a fresh topic, a hands-on workshop, or a guest speaker you've enjoyed elsewhere, all suggestions are welcome.

**Festive Outreach – Christmas Cards & Gifts** The committee is in full swing preparing a thoughtful seasonal gesture: next month, we'll be delivering a Christmas card and small present to residents of Lode and Longmeadow aged 75 and over that we're aware of. It's a heartfelt way to share joy and remind our senior members how valued they are within our community. If you know someone who should be included, please let a committee member know.

**New Members Welcome – WI Is for Everyone!** A quick reminder to all our lovely ladies out there: WI is not just for the older generation! We warmly welcome women aged 18 and over, regardless of your views on religion or politics. We're actively looking to grow our community, so why not come along to a meeting and see what we're all about? You'll find a friendly, welcoming group—and no, baking is not a prerequisite! Whether you're curious, creative, community-minded, or just looking for a new social circle, we'd be delighted to meet you. Ping Sue Kempster on 07966 382081 for more info.

# Red2Green

Our Christmas Carol Service and Fair will take place on Monday 1 December 2025

Carol Service: 11:00 – 11:35am  
Christmas Fair: 11:35am – 2:00pm

We'd love for you to join us for a festive morning of carols, followed by an afternoon of refreshments, crafts, and raffle fun. If you'd like to run a stall at the event, please get in touch via [info@red2green.org](mailto:info@red2green.org) or give us a call on 01223 811 662.



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**Anglesey Benefice**

**Advent Sunday Service**

Sunday 30th November 10.30am

Benefice Advent Holy Communion

St James' Church, Lode





Welcome to our last museum newsletter for 2025. A grateful thanks from all of us here, to all those who supported the museum this year. Our visitor numbers increased again over last season, making 2025 a record year.

The museum held a number of events in 2025, including three classic car shows, three Falconry experiences, two airfield walks and of course the ever-popular Bottisham At War/Forties weekend with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfires providing a spectacular appearance.

The museum also hosted private functions, car and motorbike club events, veterans' groups and school trips. Groups from two museums in the United States visited us, as well as a number of local history societies from closer to home. We even hosted a Tournament of Medieval knights. Many people enjoyed the helicopter rides which took place on Wednesdays between April and October this year, operated by Adventure001.com.

The volunteers are now taking a break from the hosting and guiding visitors to the museum, but many of us will still be working here during the closed season to carry out essential maintenance, redecorate, clean, and prepare new displays and surprises for 2026.

Now some dates for your diary.

The museum will open again on Easter Sunday 5 April 2026. Helicopter flights will start on Wednesday 22 April 2026, booking is available via the museum website [Bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk](http://Bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk) and Adventure001.com

The Bottisham At War/Forties weekend will be on Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 June 2026

Again, we will hold three classic car shows - dates TBC - and new events for next year including the tenth anniversary of the opening of our Flying Tractor Cafe on Sunday 27 September 2026.

I would just like to say on behalf of all of us at the museum, best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

*Charles Cook*  
*Museum volunteer*



## Lode Village Coffee Morning

Wish you all a Happy Christmas

Our last session before Christmas is on Wednesday 17 December.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2026

We will have a 2 week break this year.

we will open again on Wednesday 7 January 2026

in Lode Church for Tea, Coffee, Cake and a Chat.

Please phone for a lift. Wendy 811356, Julie 811222

PEACEFUL & PRAYERFUL  
ART GROUP  
December for adults  
Fridays 5<sup>th</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>  
January 9<sup>th</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
all 1.30 - 3.30 PM  
WELCOME art materials supplied  
ST JAMES' CHURCH **LODE**  
All required is the wish to create!

# Notes from our Patch

As I write the bizarre weather continues, with Storm Claudia bringing downpours of desperately needed rain, but not so welcome is the prospect of frosts shortly after as the Arctic air threatens to engulf us. So I must check all the tender plants are under cover; fortunately we have a heater in the greenhouse which has been lined with bubblewrap. So the winter lettuce and rocket are thriving along with my precious succulents and cacti, and star of the show the poinsettia cuttings I took are now thriving with red leaves at the top ready to bring winter cheer.

Meanwhile the garden is looking, well frankly sad and neglected, apart from the brave Japanese anemones, nerines, dahlias, rudbeckias, marigolds and nicotiana. So much to do then maybe the odd indoor job, sowing the last few sweet peas, broad beans and chillis and then plant out the beans and maybe linger to sow a few more winter lettuce. I have found that spring grown onions fare best here, so I have given up on autumn planted onions. Which reminds me: it's the last chance to plant a little more garlic ready for harvest next summer.

An easy job to get me going outside is to continue deadheading, especially the dahlias and marigolds, And I must mulch, as much as possible, the priority being the asparagus and tender dahlias and gladioli so I can avoid digging them up and storing safely under cover; and rhubarb, I aim to submerge it in manure to guarantee a heavy crop next year. Some recommend covering bare soil with cardboard and compost or manure, well maybe..... If I can find time between harvesting the last potatoes and parsnips and cleaning the greenhouse and frame inside and out, not forgetting to check the gutters are allowing the water butts to fill!

And then there's my favourite job: choosing and ordering seeds for next year, ignoring of course all the left overs from this year, that surely must be everyone's favourite garden job? The borage so loved by pollinating insects readily seeds everywhere, so I can cross that off the list, and I'll be sowing my own dahlia, runner beans, marigolds and cosmos, but not cucumbers I hasten to add. (He who digs is slowly recovering from kidney failure probably triggered by bitter cucumber poisoning - Ed.)

*Chris, Northfields*

# St James' Church Newsletter



St James' Church has had a busy Autumn.

Our Friday Toddler Play and Praise session has been well attended. The children have enjoyed singing, listening to a bible story, craft activities and social time with other carers and children. The last session this year will be on Friday 19 December at 10.00am when we hope the children will help to tell the story of Christmas. All are welcome to this service.

Since October Ruth's Art group has been meeting in the Parish Room on Friday afternoons. They use our Parish Room during the colder months as it is easier to heat.

We have just had some infrared heaters fitted to the ceiling in the Parish Room. We hope these will provide safer, better, cheaper heating.

Wednesday Coffee mornings in the Parish Room at 10.30am are also well attended. I thank Wendy and Jean for all their help and cake making.

In September we hosted the knitted bible stories. Over 30 stories from the Old and New Testament filled the church. In October the flower arrangers created wonderful displays for our Harvest Celebrations. Anglesey Abbey kindly donated dahlias for the displays.

Several people attended our Harvest Festival service and then stayed for the lunch.

Later in the month Fran Platten and her wonderful team of volunteers held another successful Jumble Sale; just over £1400 was raised, the highest total since records began. We thank Fran for donating money to the church. Please see elsewhere in the magazine for the full Jumble Sale report. We received a surprise donation from Pattaya Kitchen at the Shed. Following their successful first quiz night, we were given £125. We have already spent the money on new "no parking" cones for managing parking for weddings and funerals and retuning the church organ.

I do apologise if you have been inconvenienced by extra cars parking in the village when we have these important church services at special times in families' lives. We are no longer able to use the paddock field as an overflow carpark.

We are now approaching Christmas. St James' Church will host the Anglesey Benefice Advent Service on Sunday 30 November at 10.30am.

Hopefully your Christmas card from the Anglesey Group of churches will arrive at the beginning of December. The card contains the Christmas services throughout the Benefice. There won't be a Thursday Communion service on Thursday 25 December and Thursday 1 January. This year the Christmas cards were designed by pupils at Bottisham Primary School.

We have a very small group of dedicated helpers keeping the church going. If you think you might have time to help us look after our village church please let me know. We require more flower arrangers, brass cleaners, monthly cleaners and more. Please contact me on 01223 811222 or email : lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk.

Lastly I must thank Ian Middleton for looking after our church clock for the last year. Besides checking the time every week, he also regularly cleaned it. He has also made some adjustments to the wooden case.

It just remains for me to wish you all a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

*Julie Sale, Church Warden*

**Lode Church Thursday Communion Services  
will take a 2-week break over the Festive Holiday.**

**There won't be a Communion Service on  
Christmas Day and New Year's Day.**

**Usual services will resume on  
Thursday 8 January 2026 at 10.30 am.**

**We look forward to welcoming you back after the break.**

**Julie Sale and St James' church PCC**



# **A CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**Friday 19 December  
10.00 am  
Lode Church**



**Come and help tell the  
Christmas Story  
And find out about the  
true meaning of Christmas.**

# St James' Church, Lode with Longmeadow

Vicar: Rev'd Canon Max Osborne, C. 481187 max9@btinternet.com

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

lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk



## Services in The Anglesey Group of Parishes

Holy Trinity Bottisham, St Mary's Quay, St James' Lode, St Mary's Swaffham Bulbeck  
and St Mary's Swaffham Prior

### Wednesday 3 December

8pm CbyC on Zoom

### Sunday 7 December – Second Sunday of Advent

9am Online service on Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham

### Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday of Advent

9am Online service on Zoom

Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Bulbeck

10.30am Christingle Family Worship, Swaffham Prior

3pm Carol & Crib Service, Quay

### Thursday 18 December

3pm Carol Service, Lode

### Friday 19 December

10am Nativity & Crib Service, Lode

### Sunday 21 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am Online service on Zoom

Holy Communion, Quay

4.30pm Carol Service, Swaffham Prior

6.30pm Carol Service, Bottisham

Carol Service, Swaffham Bulbeck

### Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

6.30pm Holy Communion, Bottisham

11.30pm Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

### Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion, Quay

10am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

### Sunday 28 December – First Sunday of Christmas

9am Online service on Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

### Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

# Local Calendar 2025/6

Month	Date	Event	Related article
Nov	Sun 30	Advent Sunday Service, St James', Lode, 10.30am	31
Dec	Mon 1	Red2Green Carol Service and Christmas Fair, 11am	31
	Wed 3	Lode Village Coffee Morning, St James Church (and 10th and 17th), 10.30am - 12 Noon	33
	Fri 5	Play and Praise, St James' Church, Lode, 10am (and Dec 12th and 19th)	35
	Fri 5	Peaceful and prayerful art group, St James' Church, Lode, 1.30pm - 3.30pm (and Dec 10th)	33
	Sat 6	Lego club & storytime, Bottisham Library, 10.30am	15
	Sat 6	Coffee and Cake Concert, Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 10.30am	16
	Sat 6	Christmas wreath workshop, Fassage Hall, 11.30am	12
	Mon 8	Lode Parish Council, Fassage Hall, 7.30pm	4
	Tues 9	Bottisham & District Gardening Club Christmas Social, Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club, 3pm	14
	Tues 9	Anglesey in Stitches, Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck, 8pm	11
	Wed 10	Lode & Longmeadow WI Festive Get-together, Fassage Hall, 7.30pm	29
	Wed 10	Mobile Library, 2.10pm Longmeadow, 2.40pm Northfields, 3.20pm Lode PO	15
	Thur 11	Mothers' Union, Fassage Hall, 2.30pm	23
	Sun 14	Christingle service, St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior, 10.30am	23
	Thur 18	Carol Service, Lode Church, 3pm	10
	Fri 19	Crib Service, St James' Church, Lode, 10am	37
	Sat 20	Christmas Craft, Bottisham Library, 10.15 - 11.45am	15
	Tues 23	Anglesey in Stitches, Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck, 8pm	11
Jan	Thurs 15	BALA course starts, Bottisham Community Sports & Social Centre, 10.30am	19
	Thurs 29	Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group, the Surgery, 6.30pm	21

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East Cambridgeshire District Council	01353 665555
Bottisham Village College Adult Learning	01223 811372
Bottisham Community Library	01223 812354
Mobile Library Service - Renewals/Enquiries	0345 045 5525, cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
Dial-a-Ride	<a href="http://cambridgedialaride.org.uk">http://cambridgedialaride.org.uk</a> memberssupport@cambridgedialaride.org.uk
Mobile Library Service - Renewals/Enquiries	0345 045 5525

Cambridgeshire Police - Emergency - Non Emergency	999 101
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Anglian Water Emergency	08457 145145
Electricity Emergency	0800 783 8838
Environment Agency River Incident Hotline	0800 80 70 60
Samaritans Helpline	116 123 (free)
The Silver Line helpline for older people	0800 4 70 80 90
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 JD Roofing.....V  
 JL Wight, Chimney Sweep.....D  
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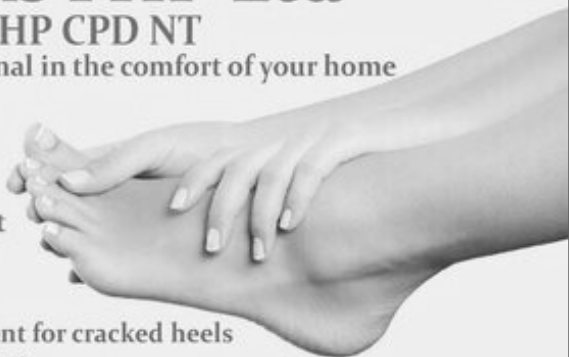
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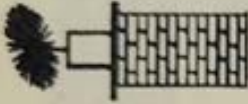


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