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On the 28 April the Lode Star AGM took place. Once over, the volunteers present proceeded to a Committee meeting. What follows is the gist of our deliberations. Full minutes and Constitution can be supplied upon application and the Financial summary is available within these pages.

We began with a run through why we needed an AGM: primarily to agree a revised Constitution required by our proposed new banking arrangements. The old Constitution had been revised and after some discussion and agreed amendments made, the new Constitution was duly adopted.

We also discussed and agreed the Lode Star accounts. These, as ever, showed the magazine to be surviving but not much more and still reliant on generous donations plus advertising revenue to remain solvent.

After one or two minor matters we all agreed to continue in our current roles. It should be noted that we had one interested villager who attended; he also explained that he was pursuing a possible charitable donation which would help our fragile finances.

Moving on to the committee meeting: a routine round up from the last meeting held 10 June 2025. Along with a few minor checks on previously allotted tasks, the committee discussed the following: we had hoped that village book clubs would provide Lode Star with occasional book reviews, but none had been forthcoming. If any readers would like to submit a review of any genre, whether as part of a club activity or just individual interest, then these would be warmly welcomed. In a similar vein the Literally Lode and Longmeadow literary supplement was briefly discussed. Although last autumn's effort was enjoyed by a few villagers, no budding or fully flowered authors have offered to repeat the venture. Please contact us via the usual email address if you would like to be published later this year.

One different idea suggested was to have a Lode Matters table at the upcoming village fete: the notion was a one stop shop for community clubs/groups to discuss what was on offer in Lode with Longmeadow with those people enjoying the fete. For example, the Tennis club and the various village WhatsApp groups. The next meeting is planned for 6 October 2026. As always, all villagers are welcome to come along.

Please enjoy the rest of the magazine and, like Mike Hatley, send in pieces on subjects of local interest to complement the usual fare from clubs, politicians, the doctors' surgery *et al.*

Nick

PS Please don't forget that our new rubbish and recycling routine starts **TUESDAY 2 June**! Hopefully every villager has been in receipt of the new extra bins in readiness. We start with the **BLUE** bin plus the **FOOD CADDY** on 2 June and use the **Green** bin plus the **Black** rubbish bin and the **Food Caddy** on 9 June.

Lode Parish Council News

Annual Parish Meeting

This has been a busy month starting with the annual parish meeting on a sunny Saturday afternoon. This is an arrangement where the parishioners can meet the Parish Councillors and ask questions and find out what the future plans are for the parish and make suggestions as to what they would like to see going on in the village. The chair welcomed the 15 or so people who came and then each councillor introduced themselves, together with Jonny Edge our county councillor.

We then went outside where the playground was officially opened by Rob Small, who bid for the funding needed for this expensive equipment. He cut through a hastily assembled bit of ribbon. and then we spent about 30 minutes walking round the Passage, Passage Green, the cemetery and then back for tea and cakes in the Passage Hall.



People could then ask their questions and write down suggestions on post-it notes of things that need doing.

Then back outside to tackle the complexities of Boules whose new court has now had the orange netting removed and it has been neatly mown. It looks very inviting and we do hope you will bring your Boules sets and give it a go. I hope to find some tough plastic chairs so there is some seating place for observers. Perhaps there is someone who might like to organise monthly games for this and also croquet, as we have been offered a croquet set for the village. I would love to have a go at both, and I am sure there are plenty of others who would join in.

Parish Council Meeting May 2026

The latest meeting involved an awful slice of administration dealing with audits, policies and the AGAR. The latter stands for Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 25/26 [not so easily remembered]. Luckily we only have to complete it annually and with Sam, the clerk, guiding us through, she read through every section and we had to decide Yes or No if we thought we had followed the procedures properly. If it's no, then you have to give a reason why not. This is then sent off to the external auditor.

That done we looked at the RoSPA report which stands for the Royal Society for the prevention of accidents. They come annually and take a very detailed look at all the play equipment together with the fencing, gates, basketball equipment, adult gym and all the football posts. There were some bits and pieces which needed to be checked, especially the zip wire and basket swing.

On a more positive note, Longmeadow now has a new dog bin and the noticeboard has been refurbished. Thanks go to Simon Isaacson who installed the new dog bin. A great relief all round!

Also we have been offered 2 pot grown trees, including an oak and a horse chestnut, which will be planted in the Passage Green and hopefully kept alive with watering over the next few months. It seems that we live in a rain shadow area at the moment.

Another positive is we are reinstating our meetings with the National Trust, who have new management in position who are keen to work with us as we used to do some years ago. We hope to hear more about Northfield farm which is the land on the right hand side as you go down to Bottisham. They have some interesting ideas for its use. Hopefully we can give you more information soon.

Fran Platten, Lode Parish Council

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WANTED!



Calling all Lode Monkeys & Longmeadow Crickets

Two Parish Councillors for Lode Parish Council

We are allowed 7 parish councillors and at the moment there are only 5 of us. If we had the full complement, we could get more jobs done.

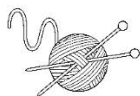
Come and observe one of our meetings.

They are on the second Monday of the month.

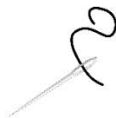
The next is on Monday 8 June 7.30pm at Fassage Hall

If you are at all interested, please come forward and don't hesitate to contact one of us - our details are in the Lode Star.

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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.



Contact: Clare Wilkes, clarewilkes@proton.me



East Cambs District Councillors' Report

There has been nothing noteworthy happening in the District.

Changes to Bin collection.

Delivery of the new bins is proceeding, and you should have received, or about to receive, two bins: one for general waste and the other for food waste. The new service is due to start in June, once all the bank holidays are over, and a regular routine can be established.

Full information will be given with the arrival of the new bins. Information can also be sought from the Council web-site.

Waste food will now be collected every week in the food caddy, and not in the green bin.

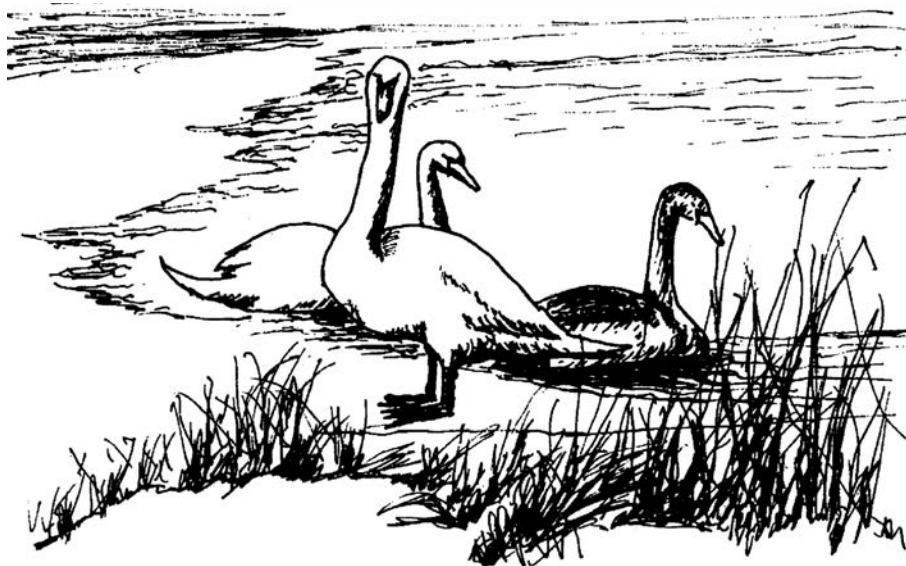
Your first collection day is Tuesday 2 June and this is a Blue week, so it will be the food caddy and the blue bin; Tuesday 9 June is a Green week, so it will be the food caddy, green and black bins.

Surgery

On Wednesday 24 June at the Memorial Hall, Brinkley, from half past six to half past seven, and to be followed by socialising at The Red Lion in the same village.

Cllr Charlotte Cane MP, 07976 607512, charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk

Cllr John Trapp, 07942 685599, john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk



Cambridgeshire County Council Report

I've been attending Annual Parish Meetings across the Woodditton division over the past month, supporting my 12 amazing and hardworking parish councils as they engage their local communities in what we have all been doing over the past year.

This has been my first full year representing you, and while demanding, it has been both rewarding and a privilege. I have now settled into balancing my (now part-time) day job with my local responsibilities. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with me this year—I look forward to meeting and supporting more of you in the year ahead.

HIGHWAYS

Over the past month, we've begun to see surface treatments and local road improvements, with some completed and others in preparation. The same work is starting on some footways. This marks the beginning of a year-on-year improvement to our highways, but it won't happen overnight. With a historic budget backlog, work must be carefully managed and prioritised across Cambridgeshire. As a result, some roads will still need reactive pothole repairs for a few years to come, although we are moving towards a more preventative approach.

Over the coming months, I'd like us to focus locally on two areas:

- Footways
- Signs and lines

Many of you already support our highways teams by reporting potholes, which is vital—please don't assume someone else will report an issue you've noticed.

Across our area, I've been pressing the council to improve more footways. Last year, this was difficult due to low reporting levels, despite known issues. The council has also been too slow to respond to footway repairs, and I will continue to hold them to account. Recently, two older residents were hospitalised in separate incidents, which must not happen again.

How you can help:

Over the next month, please report any unsafe footways—especially where tarmac has broken up or roots are pushing through. I'll provide an update next month before we shift focus to signs and lines. This is the best approach:

- Take a few photos on your mobile phone as you walk around the village
- Note the exact location (e.g. using what3words)
- Report it at: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb>

KINGSWAY

Kingsway were due to have submitted their full solar farm application but are currently delayed. When it is submitted, I will continue to represent the interests of the local community. There will be a 28-day period to respond to the application submission.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141, jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Two new trees for the Fassage Green

On Sunday 17 May, an English oak and a horse chestnut were planted on the Fassage Green by George and Jack Rickard. They were helped by Mummy and Daddy, Nana and Granddad, and Liz and Magnus Small (both making a significant contribution to digging holes with the pick-axe!). The conker was planted in a pot by George about six years ago. The oak was a present from Daddy to Mummy at about the same time. Both were outgrowing their pots and, with permission from the Parish Council and guidance from Liz, suitable sites were found for them in our ever-improving communal green space.



George and Jack
with the conker
tree

MP's Report

On 29 April, Parliament was prorogued, bringing the first parliamentary session since the 2024 General Election to a close. As we begin the new session, the King's Speech has set out the Government's priorities for the year ahead.

Among the measures announced were plans my Lib Dem colleagues and I have been pushing for: to break the link between gas and electricity prices to bring prices down; to invest in homegrown renewable energy; to tackle sewage pollution and water company failures; and to end unfair residential leaseholds for new properties. While these steps are welcome, we urgently need to see more ambition and action from the Government, particularly on protecting consumers, cleaning up our waterways, and extending leasehold reform to existing homeowners.

There were also several areas I was disappointed not to see included in the King's Speech. In particular, I believe we urgently need action to address the social care crisis, and a Good Food Bill to strengthen food security and back British farmers. As the new parliamentary session begins, I am continuing to press for the improvements our area urgently needs: fairer funding for Cambridgeshire's SEND provision, rural policing and highways (especially those affected by peat soil as we see here in our region), and long-overdue investment in Ely Junction which would drive national growth.

In the last session of Parliament, I opposed a number of Government decisions which I believe risk harming vulnerable people and local services, including reductions to winter fuel support, pressures on disability assistance, and tax and National Insurance changes affecting GPs, hospices and family farms.

The concerns residents raise with me are often deeply personal: families struggling to secure support for children with special educational needs, older people unable to access care, tenants facing unacceptable housing conditions, and ongoing delays within the Home Office immigration system.

My Liberal Democrat colleagues in Parliament and I will continue holding the Government to account and pushing for action on the issues that matter most to people: tackling the cost-of-living crisis, protecting nature, rebuilding our NHS, and ensuring rural communities receive the attention and investment they deserve.

If there's ever anything I can help you with, please do get in touch via charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk or +44 20 7362 1601. I am always happy to assist wherever we can. You can also keep up to date with my work through my fortnightly newsletter - sign up here: www.bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte

P.S. Have you signed my petition calling on Government to fund long-term fixes for our peat soil-affected roads? These roads are failing twice as fast and costing far more to maintain. Back my “Fix Our Soil-Affected Roads” campaign—please take 30 seconds to add your name: <https://bit.ly/fixoursoilaffectedroads>

Charlotte Cane MP



Buy tickets online or via the QR code at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/bottisham-pta



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Lode Star Magazine Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Income and Expenditure	2025	2024
Receipts	£	£
Donations	1,120.00	805.00
Subscriptions (for extra copies)		
Sales at Post Office etc	97.50	117.50
Advertising Income	4,100.00	3,845.00
Film Night		
Deposit Interest	18.81	25.70
Transferred to Summary	<u>5,336.31</u>	<u>4,793.20</u>

Expenses		
Burwell Community Print	5,328.00	4,964.40
Postage etc.	126.81	146.55
Bank charges	9.98	
Transferred to Summary	<u>5,464.79</u>	<u>5,110.95</u>

Summary		
Receipts	5,336.31	4,793.20
Expenses	5,464.79	5,110.95
Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>-128.48</u>	<u>-317.75</u>

Reconciliation	£
Current Account	
Balance at 31.12.24	409.16
Balance at 31.12.25	261.87
Decrease over year	<u>-147.29</u>

Deposit Account	
Balance at 31.12.24	1,857.35
Balance at 31.12.25	1,876.16
Increase over year	<u>18.81</u>

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Decrease in Current A/c	-147.29
Increase in Deposit A/c	18.81
Deficit per Summary	<u>-128.48</u>

NOTES TO THE 2025 ACCOUNTS: Many thanks again for your donations throughout 2025 and to all our advertisers. Advertising revenue increased from £3,845 in 2024 to £4,100 for 2025. Printing costs increased from £4,964 in 2024 to £5,328 in 2025. The accounts are not audited and cover the calendar year 2025.

Jeff Kempster, Treasurer

Guildhall Newsletter

The progress is now evident. The gable end of Mill road has now been built by the carpenter, and the bricklayers will return to build up the outer walls. The roof insulation is complete and everyone sighs with relief. It is a deadly boring job, and very fiddly. Every piece has to be measured and cut to size. The zinc roof is being fitted and apparently requires no maintenance. It lasts for 40 years, so will see me out! I have added a photo of one of the fancy machines which crimps the seams when two sheets are joined. There is also another huge machine used to cut the thin sheets of zinc which arrive rolled up. The roofer said the colour of the zinc changes over time. It loses its shininess and becomes pale grey.



Liz King, the architect, is up at the top of the big ladder, as we were working out where the swift boxes would go. We have decided that one will go under the curved barge board, as high up as possible under the roof ridge, because they do like to nest under things, and then two more will go on opposite sides lower down. Her own swift box has had starlings nesting in it for the last five years, but as they have also shown a sharp decline, that is a positive thing too.

Finally, when we were stripping out, all the internal doors were stored and will be reused in the building for internal doors and cupboards or where Liz has fitted them in. Also I managed to get 2 wash basins from freecycle, so they are going in together with an ancient battered butlers sink which I found at the back of a shed. Liz says it can be restored and it will go in the utility room. So a bit of restore and reuse. I can see my pals rolling their eyes, but some things don't change!

When will it be finished? Hopefully at the end of September. So, a few more of these articles to go!

Thank you, Fran

Life on Hatley's Farm (Lode Farm)

I hope Lodestar readers found the account of wages on Hatley Farms printed in the May edition interesting, and I thought I would follow it up by looking back at some of the incidents during my life on the farm from the late 1940s onwards.



During harvest all the farm workers would cycle down the fen together early in the morning and then home at around 8 o'clock in the evening.

The corn was cut with a binder and the sheaves stacked into shocks (approx. 8 or 10 sheaves in a shock). These would be in rows wide enough for the horse drawn trailer to pass in between to load up. My job from the age of about eleven was to sit on the horse and move it along, then stop so the trailer could be loaded. When we finished in the evening all the harness would be removed and I would ride bareback up to the farm, just holding onto the horse's mane. As we got closer to the stable, where the horse knew its food was, it ran faster and faster. If I was not quick enough to lift my feet up onto its back my legs would be crushed on the side of the stable door as the horse entered the stable for its supper.

We were out in the field one day and a Tiger Moth aeroplane from Marshalls thought it would be fun to fly very low over the trailer and frighten whoever was on the top. It came back for a second time, so my father got a big lump of stubble and threw it at the plane striking the underside of the wing and it certainly did not come back.

The corn would be taken back to the farm and built into stacks. When the corn was removed from the straw in the threshing drum it would be put into sacks at the back of the drum. My job was to collect the chaff as it was separated from the corn. This was collected in sacks located between the stack and the drum (not a lot of room!). I was working there one day and felt something drop on my neck. I did not take much notice at the time but then realized there was a tail hanging down one side of my neck and a head on the other side. I slowly walked to the back of the threshing drum and Bill Lord carefully removed the rodent and dispatched it.

On the subject of rats there were always a lot living in the stack and as it got lower and lower they would run out everywhere. There was a farm dog which

spent all its time chasing, catching and eating them whole. When it was full up it would vanish somewhere and bring them all up in a heap and then back it would come for another load.

The barn, which is now Fran Platten's house, and the farmyard behind it were home to various livestock and the wastewater from the cows would run into a stream at the back. This was beside the cottage where I was born and my mother often reminded me of the time my sister, who was several years older than me, managed to fall full length into this ditch and was completely covered with fluid waste from the cattle yard. Just imagine the trouble she was in!

The barn was home to the farm bull, quite an imposing animal, he had his own pen and I was responsible for putting his feed in the manger. I would walk down in between him and the stable wall, put the food in and then go to walk back. He would lean over so that I could not get by. I went under his head to go out the other side, and he would then lean that way to again stop me getting out of the stall. I managed eventually, but it always took a little while and this happened every time I fed him. When he was let out into the yard he would stand near the door allowing me to sit on his back. He would walk slowly round the yard a couple of times and then stop and let me get off.

There were always pigs on the farm. One day after the sow had had a litter my father went into the pig sty to check on the state of the piglets. The door was in two parts, top and bottom. He closed the bottom door behind him and the next thing I saw was him jumping over the door and ending up face down in the yard in the muck. The sow obviously resented him looking at the piglets and attempted to bite him, hence the rapid exit.

Aircraft from Marshalls used our farm to practice low flying, see incident described above. On one instance a Tiger Moth flew so low that the pilot did not notice a barbed wire fence, he caught his wheels on it and tipped into a ditch. Very embarrassing, but luckily there were no injuries. A similar thing happened with another airplane which I am not sure what type, but it turned and its wing tip hit the ground, as did the plane. Again nobody was hurt. This was not the case when a Mustang from Bottisham Aerodrome was practising combat and crashed behind Uncle Alf's house. My father was soon at the scene and found a flying boot with the leg still in it.

Another crop that we grew was sugar beet and most of this was taken by barge on the river to the factory at Ely. A tug would bring the barge down the river from Ely and drop them off at the different farms. Our farm was the last one before Bottisham lock. The beet would be tipped from the trailer into the barge which

would then be collected by the tugboat and taken to the factory for processing. One harsh winter the farm was informed by the factory that our barge full of beet had frozen in places. A group of us had to travel to Ely and sort out all the frozen ones by throwing them in the river to enable the good ones to be used!!

That is all for now, more next month hopefully.

Mike Hatley.

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:

- **Lindsey 07773 027155 or email lindseym8@gmail.com:**

SMALL SOFA BED, makes into a small double bed, in excellent condition. Off-white fabric, no arms, 2 cushions in gold velvet. Flameproof labels. From Glasswells, very handy for accommodating guests comfortably in a small space.

Sofa: 120cm wide x 83cm deep x 80cm high.

Bed: 120cm wide x 190cm long x 36cm high

Comes with an optional mattress topper, memory foam, fits exactly and adds 10cm to height of bed. Viewers welcome with no obligation.



TWO SMOKE ALARMS, unopened, FireAngel multi-sensor, battery-powered, 10-year sealed.

LAUNDRY WATER SOFTENER TABLETS, most of a pack of 45, individually wrapped.

WATER FILTER, under-sink type, carbon block, UK Water Filters USC2000. Unopened.

- **Contact Debra 07732 044275:**

9 paving slabs 60 x 60cm but each with a little 20cm corner cut out due to interslab brick design. Take one, some or all. (2 bricks per 4 slabs available).

ASUS CM6730 desk top computer: Keyboard, mouse, little WiFi booster, 50cm screen. All working but not used for a long time.

- **Garden wheelbarrow** – getting on for 60 years old, this barrow still has some life left in it! The handles have been replaced by wooden ones, the frame is a bit rusty, but the container part is solid. It has a steel wheel with a solid tyre that has seen better days. So, still serviceable and perhaps ideal for an allotment as no-one is likely to pinch it! By all means come and have a look – I will not be offended if you decide it's not for you. **Charlie Rickard 07707 635565**
- **Samsung 40" flat screen TV** (not a Smart TV) with remote in good condition. **Steve 07917 697259**
- **Internal glass door**, solid wooden frame, multi-paned (x 15 panes). **Lucy 07776 292746**

Wants:

- **Digital projector (with HDMI port) & large portable tripod projector screen** (ideally 2.4m wide) needed for a course presentation by BALA at Bottisham Sports & Social Club. We would also consider a loan - the projector and screen are needed on Thursday mornings for September to December 2026 (actual dates to be confirmed). Contact Robert on 07785 110434
- **Lift wanted/offered from Swaffham Bulbeck to Addenbrookes for work** (usually Tues, Weds, Fri, to arrive at Addenbrookes 7am and leaving 8pm). Please contact Jane 07800 934585 for more information.

Lode Village Coffee Morning



**Please join us for coffee,
cake and a chat
On Wednesdays
10.30 - 12 noon
in the Passage Hall**

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Lode with Longmeadow Women's Institute



We do hope you were able to take advantage of the WI cake stall on the Bottisham Triangle on May 9 and enjoyed some sweet and savoury offerings. This has become an established fund raiser for the WI and a lovely opportunity to meet and greet everyone and share an old village tradition of offering goodies to the community; flowers, cakes and bakes, jigsaws and books – what is not to like?

So, onto our May meeting, where we were joined by the BRILLIANT Pam Daish, with a 'Let's Get Vocal' session, testing our focus and resolve as well as offering an uplifting hour of harmonising and laughter. Pam has been our guest singer for the past three years and this session was our most taxing to date.

Pam began with some warm-up exercises, with lots of humming and trilling, including our favourite, the 'Ping-Pong Song'. Having successfully achieved all tasks, Pam then declared that 'we could all do it' and asked, 'did we all do it?' When we all agreed that we had, Pam delightfully pronounced 'Then You Can Sing!' After that endorsement we were off and running and spent the session harmonising and counter singing 'Don't Stop Believing'.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to general business, where we were informed by Sue and Denise that the WI constitution does not allow either the serving Secretary or Treasurer to hold the position of President, so Carole Faulkner has agreed to remain in post, with both Sue and Denise taking on the role of Vice President to support her tenure.

There were several upcoming trips and events announced including another Matthew Bourne production in London and an Alan Ayckbourn play in Southwold; a trip to the V&A to explore their major 2026 exhibition Schiaparelli: Fashion Becomes Art in South Kensington; an opportunity to explore bowls; a trip to Fullers Mill Gardens, to name but a few.

Julie Sale reminded all that the Lode with Longmeadow fete on 21 June was fast approaching and the WI was again invited to contribute to supplying and hosting the refreshments for the afternoon. The WI hope to see you all there, if not before!

Dora Gayle won the raffle prize this month and Brenda Millington-Paul was presented with the competition cup. Congratulations Brenda! Refreshments were wonderfully supplied by Janet Amps and Janet Aves and the vote of thanks was offered by Ann Tomlinson.

As ever, a very warm invitation is extended to any ladies reading this article who may be wondering about a trip to the Fassage Hall on Wednesday 3 June at 7:30pm to see what the WI is all about. Our speaker for the month is Neil Callan, who will be sharing his knowledge on The History of the English Silver Spoon. Why not put the date in your diary and find out more? You would be most welcome.

Lee Robertson

After a great start to the season – two Bank Holiday openings, the first Classic Car show, two falconry experiences and three days of helicopter flights –



we are now preparing for the major event of the year, the Bottisham at War 1940's weekend on June 27th and 28th. As this year we have a larger area there will be more living history displays, reenactors, trade stalls and military vehicles, plus wartime singers and dancers, a thrilling battle reenactment on both days, and (weather permitting) aircraft flypasts.

The event will run from 10:30 to 16:00 each day. Advance tickets for weekend camping and discounted entry are available from [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), or entry on the day is £20 for adults, £15 for over 65s, and £5 for children under 16. A family ticket – two adults and two children – is £40.

For fans of all things automotive we're proud to host the 'Wheels Weekender' on June 6th and 7th. Organised by the friends of the museum, this event showcases anything on wheels with camping, food and live music. Entry is £15, details and booking via [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Our next Classic Car show is on Sunday 23rd August. Helicopter flights continue on Wednesdays twice a month through the summer and can be booked via our website. Falconry experiences on July 16th, July 26th, and August 2nd can be booked via adventure001.com

In other news, the museum has been loaned a WW2 vintage USAAF Aircraft Tug that we hope in time can be used to tow our P51 Mustang or bomb trailer for a demonstration.

The museum has been fortunate to gain some new volunteers this year, but we are still looking for more. If you are interested in volunteering at the museum, in our café, or with the maintenance and restoration teams please call in to see us any Wednesday or Sunday between 10:30 and 16:00 or contact us by email at info@bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk

Charles Cook, Museum Volunteer

Bird Brain

After completing the set of the tiny Titmouse family, let's go even smaller and have a look at the smallest bird resident in the UK (on average, slightly smaller even than the Wren). At 9cms in length – tip of bill to tip of tail – and weighing in at just 6g (the same as a 20p piece!), the Goldcrest is an astonishingly energetic little creature; so delicate, you might think it almost inconceivable that a great many of them fly from Russia and Scandinavia to winter in the warmer UK... but they do!

In terms of numbers, Goldcrests are doing ok and are 'green listed' as of least conservation concern. They enjoy c. 610,000 territories in the UK and can be found almost everywhere in the British Isles apart from the highest mountain tops. You will find them mainly in treetops, especially in conifer and mixed woodland, but they are also regular in parks and gardens with mature trees where they will be busy picking off insects hidden in the foliage.

The Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*) is not all that easy to see, however. Its colouring is a dull, greyish green, with a paler belly and a white wing bar. The beautiful head markings are not too obvious at a glance, especially if you're looking up from the ground at little more than a silhouette flitting about 20 or 30 feet above you. But if you persist and get a view of the head (which shouldn't take too long because they are fond of hanging upside down when feeding), you will see a golden yellow stripe on the crown, bordered by a black line either side.

At this point, it's worth mentioning the Goldcrest's close relative, the Firecrest (*Regulus ignicapillus*) is a much rarer bird in the UK, with c. 2000 territories, mainly in the south of England where, like Goldcrests, numbers are somewhat swollen in the Winter months by migrants from continental Europe. So, when you see a Goldcrest, check out its head markings and, if the yellow crown is bordered by both a black line AND a white stripe (supercilium), then – congratulations – you have found a Firecrest. (To put their scarcity into context, I've only ever seen two, and those were down to someone telling me they were there!)

Incidentally, both Goldcrests and Firecrests are classified as members of the 'Kinglet' family. Indeed, the Goldcrest's scientific name means 'petty king'. They were originally thought to belong to the family of 'Old World Warblers' but the respective genres were separated by the French zoologist Georges Cuvier (the 'founding father of paleontology') in 1800, as a result of his work with fossils.

It is quite likely that you'll hear Goldcrests before you see them (although, beware confusion with the sound of a squeaky tripod, as once happened to a friend of mine!) Think of the highest, tiniest bird voices that you hear in the wild... perhaps the twittering of Goldfinches, or members of the Tit family. Then imagine some

chatter higher, squeakier and ‘thinner’ than that. That’ll be your Goldcrests, busying themselves, often in social or family groups, foraging high above your head. They may even join Tit flocks in the common search for food. They have a tiny, delicate, pointed, insect-eating bill and the diet includes moth eggs and spiders as well as the smallest insects.

It's a tough life for a creature this small, though. Their healthy numbers are due to the ability of the female to lay 12 eggs in a clutch, which represents one and a half times her own body weight! But against that, it is estimated that 80% of Goldcrests sadly perish each winter, such is their susceptibility to snaps of cold weather. Birds of prey – Sparrowhawks in particular – are always a threat, too, of course.

STOP PRESS

And on this rather morbid topic, may I forego my usual round up of rarities this month and impart some sad local news, announced in early May by the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs & Northants, concerning the Cherry Hinton Peregrine Falcons. The female of the pair that has nested for several years at the Chalk Pits was found in Cambridge, sick and unable to fly. A vet assessed her chances of survival as so low that the only course of action was to put her to sleep. She had led a long and productive life, having been originally ringed in Brighton as a chick 17 years ago. The shocking and upsetting thing about this story, however, is that her examination revealed that she had been hit with shotgun pellets at some point and this may have contributed to her sickness.

The National Wildlife Crime Unit is looking into this bird's demise, but it appears unlikely that anyone will be held responsible for this act of heinous cruelty to one of nature's most imperious hunters. I am baffled as to what kind of human detritus would do such a thing, but it serves to remind us that many birds are still at risk of persecution and that we must do all we can to protect habitats and the ecology of the countryside.

TTFN, Gerry Daish

*Then forth I sent thee on thy homeward quest,
My lesson learnt — thy beauty got by heart:
And if, at times, my sonnet-muse would rest
Short of her topmost skill, her little best,
The memory of thy delicate gold crest
Shall plead for one last touch, — the crown of Art.*



Charles Tennyson Turner, rescuing a Goldcrest from a crash into a window, in ‘The Gold-Crested Wren’

Red2Green is a registered charity celebrating over 25 years of supporting and promoting adults 16+ with autism and learning disabilities. We are based across 2 sites in Swaffham Bulbeck and Bottisham; 2 converted barns (Harvey's and Granary) in Park End and our Community Garden on the Bottisham Village College site. We support 90 service-users, 5 days/week, 50 weeks/year.

Coming up – Coffee & Plant Sale Mornings and Summer Fair!

We'll be hosting Coffee Mornings, Plant Sales, and Craft Sales at the Swaffham Bulbeck Pavilion and our Community Garden site in Bottisham over the next few months, and we'd love to welcome as many of you as possible. Please see the details below:

June 17 - Swaffham Bulbeck Pavilion (10:45-11:45)

July 6 - Bottisham Community Garden (10:30-12:30)

We're excited to be hosting our **Summer Fair** on Saturday 13 June at our Park End site in Swaffham Bulbeck! More details will be announced soon, so keep an eye on our social media and upcoming leaflets for timings and updates.

For more information about the wonderful work we do at Red2Green, please visit our website red2green.org or if you want to get in touch, feel free to email us at info@red2green.org or call us on 01223 811662.

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Make sure the date is in your diary!

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

You could be forgiven for thinking that “A Year in the Garden at Horseshoe Farm” would be an idyllic presentation of the cycle of farming life, but the original smallholding has long gone and the old bullock sheds have been flattened. Neil and Clair Callan bought the farm as a retirement project when they moved to the Fens from Berkshire and wanted to create a garden fit for the National Garden Scheme. It took five years to realise their dream and transform the three-quarter acre plot into something they could show off.

They took us through the garden in a calendar of pictures from the snow laden trees to the hot border featuring 40 varieties of bearded iris. They have created scree beds, an alpine trough garden with old sinks and there is autumn interest with grasses and dog woods. The bog garden, however, was a failure as it dried up completely, but it led to the discovery that slugs don't like dry beds and it now keeps their hostas safe. Being in such a rural area they are frequently visited by moles, voles and rabbits who enjoy feasting on the fruits of their labours, which makes it difficult to keep the lawns looking respectable and the hills and troughs they create precludes the use of a ride-on mower. A recent addition to the garden is a tower from where they can enjoy views over the Fens to Ely Cathedral.

Our next meeting will be a coach trip to the Swiss Garden at the Shuttleworth Collection on 26th June.

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



What a Delight!

‘Swaffham Bulbeck Delight Major’ sounds like something from history, doesn’t it? And in a way it is. It is the brand new music (we call it a ‘method’) we rang at St Mary’s on the church bells on 26 April. Convention dating back hundreds of years gives us the second half of the name - **‘Delight’** meaning a particular kind of pattern, and **‘Major’** meaning on eight bells. We were the first people to ring this new method so we got to choose the first part of the name. We chose **‘Swaffham Bulbeck’** because this performance is part of the celebration of 205 years since the original church bells were put up in the tower. This is a huge achievement for the band as although the method is musical, it is tricky to ring. But what is more unusual is that the method was constructed by one of our young ringers, Brinley Wilkes, as part of his Extended Project Qualification. If the band were marking it, they would give him an ‘A*’!

Lesley Boyle, Swaffham Bulbeck Ringers



Ely Diocesan Association

On Sunday, 26 April 2026 in 43m

Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire

St Mary

Tenor: 10–1–25 in G#

1280 Swaffham Bulbeck Delight Major

- 1 Clare E Wilkes
- 2 Christine C L Seaman
- 3 Lesley H M Boyle
- 4 Brinley T Wilkes
- 5 Katherine M A Probert
- 6 George Unsworth
- 7 Jonathan A Agg (C)
- 8 Gareth Davies



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Cambridge & Newmarket Polo Club 2026 Fixture List



APRIL		
15 th	Chukkas Start	
MAY		
2 nd / 3 rd	Early May BH tournament	Open
9 th	Drinks Party	
9 th / 10 th	CNPC May Tournament	-4 to 0 and 0 to 2
23 rd / 24 th	The Mavericks Cup	-4 to 0 and 0 to 4
JUNE		
6 th / 7 th	The Bolebec Cup	-4 to 0 and 0 to 4
20 th / 21 st	The Mansfield Advisors Tournament	-4 to 0 and 0 to 4
JULY		
4 th / 5 th	Phillip Hellier's Mixed and Ladies	Mixed -4 to 0 / 0 to 4 Ladies 4 and 8
11 th / 12 th	Orminster Cup & Newmarket July Week	-4 to 0 and 0 to 4
18 th	EAAA Charity Day	
AUGUST		
1 st / 2 nd	The ROR Campin Cup	-4 to 0 and 0 to 4
15 th / 16 th	Warings Furniture Tournament	-4 to 0 and 0 to 2
22 nd / 23 rd	Capilla Polo Ladies Tournament	Ladies
29 th / 30 th	Feedmark Tournament	-4 to 0 and 0 to 4
SEPTEMBER		
12 th / 13 th	Autumn Tournament	-4 to 0 and 0 to 2



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The recreation ground is also available to hire and there are sports changing facilities in a separate wing of the building and accessed through a separate entrance.

See website for further details— <https://fassage.lemonbooking.com>

Bookings can be made through the website or contact:

Via email: clerk@lode-pc.gov.uk or phone 07369 248998

Anglesey Group Mothers' Union Branch



16th April 2026

The meeting on the 16th April was a celebration of Spring – with a fun game of ‘Flower Beetle Drive’, which was greatly enjoyed by all. This followed our usual short service. Tea/coffee, biscuits and chat rounded off the afternoon. Our next meeting is our Summer Tea on 16th July.

Alison Martin (01223 88285)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BOTTISHAM



Coffee & Cake Concert

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 10.30 AM

SHORT ORGAN RECITAL BY JAMES CHENG



James is a Year 10 student at the Perse School, lives in Bottisham, usually practises in our church and achieved Grade 8 Distinction in his organ examination. He has received prizes in recent organ competitions in London and Leicester.

Enjoy a coffee (tea or juice) & cake, served from 10.15am and then the concert which will last around 40 minutes

Suggested donation £5, in aid of the church building fund – children free

Anglesey Abbey



Anglesey Abbey: A Century in the Making

This year at Anglesey Abbey, we will be celebrating two landmark anniversaries. 2026 marks both 100 years since Lord Fairhaven purchased the house and 60 years since the property joined the National Trust. As part of the celebrations there will be two exhibitions on display over the summer.

The Art of Collecting: 100 Years of the Fairhaven Legacy

12 June to 1 October 2026

This summer's exhibition in the house looks at Lord Fairhaven's love of collecting, the treasures accumulated during his four decades at Anglesey Abbey, and his vision for the legacy he left behind: 'My thought and hope is that in a changing world the house, its furniture and the gardens and their lay-out should be preserved and kept representative of an age and a way of life that is quickly passing'.

Anglesey Abbey: 60 Years with You June and July in the Heritage Orchard

During June and July 2026 we will be filling the gardens with memories, celebrating 60 years of the National Trust visitors to Anglesey Abbey. We asked our visitors, followers and supporters to send in photos taken in the gardens or house between 1966 and 2026. We asked for photos from memorable days out with loved ones, and images that show how much the estate has changed over the years. Come along this summer to discover six decades of stories.

In the gardens...

The Rose Garden is already starting to bloom. See the early flowers now or wait for the full fragrant display during June and July. The Herbaceous Border is now open and promises to be beautiful in 2026.

Don't forget that there are free Garden Highlights tours, Monday to Friday 11am and 1.30pm. No booking needed, included in normal admission.

Looking ahead

The Summer of Play - All summer holidays at Anglesey Abbey

The Summer of Play returns for 2026 with fun activities for all the family. Explore your playful side in five interactive zones. Look out for more details on our website, or in next month's Lode Star.

Adventure Cinema - Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September

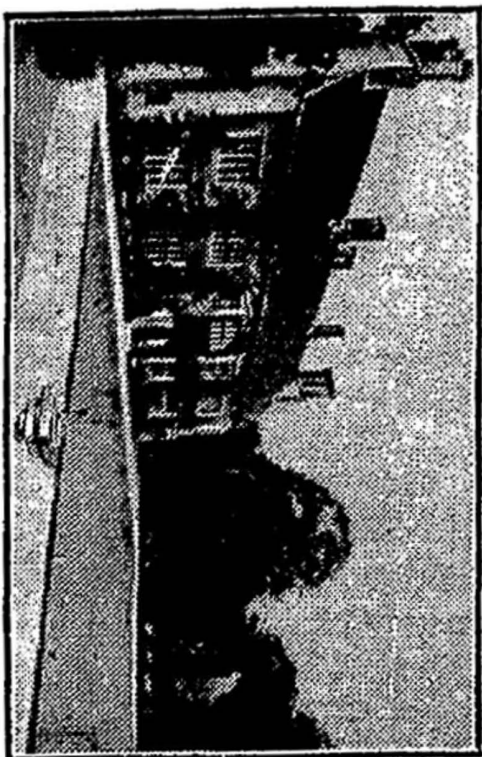
The UK's No.1 outdoor cinema shows are coming to Anglesey Abbey in July. Bring your camping chairs, picnics and blankets and get ready for an unforgettable

cinema experience with friends and family. Films on show include Dirty Dancing, Pride and Prejudice, Wicked (Sing-a-Long) and Bing and his Friends (for the little ones). See the full schedule and book tickets on our website.

To plan a visit and find out more about Anglesey Abbey, please visit our website Anglesey Abbey, Gardens & Lode Mill | Cambs | National Trust or follow us on social media.

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Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Group

Extended access appointments: There are many extended access appointments to see both GPs and nurses available during the evening and weekends which you may be offered when asking for an appointment. These are most likely to be at Nuffield Road Medical Centre which is only a 15 minute drive from Bottisham. You may be seen quicker if you accept one of these appointments and currently we are not filling these appointments.

Summer holidays: Please think ahead if you are off on holiday when you usually request or collect your medication, please order in advance so we reduce the number of urgent medication requests.

ADHD right to choose referrals: We are receiving many requests for ADHD referrals for both adults and children. The practice will support eligible patients to exercise Right to Choose (RTC) where clinically appropriate. RTC is where you select a healthcare provider for the first outpatient appointment and can thus choose somewhere with a shorter waiting time than our local NHS provider. The RTC pathway is still on the NHS.

The practice will only be able to provide shared care prescribing via RTC for those who are referred to providers on the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough ICB-approved RTC list, unless the ICB confirms an exception in writing. Other RTC providers are available but we may not be able to accept shared care prescribing for these if they do not meet expected standards as per the Cambridge and Peterborough ICB Shared care policy for ADHD.

The following are Cambridgeshire & Peterborough ICB-approved providers (correct May 2026):

Care ADHD; Harley Street Mental Health; Harrow Health; Modality; Skylight; Owl

This is not the same as you choosing a private provider which would usually be the quickest route but is not on the NHS. Not all private providers are able to provide shared care.

The first step if you are concerned your child has ADHD is to discuss with school and then get assessed via the YOUNited pathway. <https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/youunited/> This referral can be made by the school SENCO.

Accessing the Practice: As you will be aware we have been operating a Triage system since 1st October, currently 11% of our patients are accessing us via the NHS App, 78% via our website and 11% are either attending or telephoning the

Practice. By whatever means you contact us, please stay available to take a call swiftly when an appointment may be booked, often within minutes of your request. If you have not heard from us within 4 hours your form may not have been received so, please call us.

The surgery will be closed for training from 2pm on 18 June. Use 111 if necessary.

July PPG Meeting: Dr Shackleton will be giving a talk on Thursday 23 July, at 6:30pm, subject to be confirmed. If you wish to join our meetings please contact our chairman Steve Gilson on s.j.gilson@btinternet.com.

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Group.

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Highways and Byways

Some residents have asked why the Toucan Crossing was put on Swaffham Road rather than Quay Road. There was already an informal crossing place there and a path to the bus stop. Sighting of its traffic lights at the same distance along Quay Road would have been poor due to the house on the corner. Also, cyclists would have had to negotiate the wire fence around its blind corner. This was removed when Honey Court was built and the pavement outside the houses on Quay Road became a shared-use path. This enabled Quay students to cycle to and from the College without having to cross four roads. However, Lode residents need to cross again to get to and from Bottisham, the bus stop from Bottisham and the bus stop and houses on Quay Road.

According to the 2022 Highway Code new Rule H2, when drivers are entering or leaving any side road they should give way to pedestrians who are waiting to cross, or are already crossing. Previously, it was only drivers entering who should have given priority to pedestrians already crossing. Also see Rule 170. It is now as if a Zebra Crossing exists inside each side road. Pedestrians include those with pushchairs, mobility vehicle users and cyclists who have dismounted. A point at which to cross may be set back from a curved corner to shorten the walking distance across the road and to give more time for drivers to stop. This would apply to all our junctions and both sides of the crossroads.

Under Rule H3, cyclists have priority when crossing side roads in either direction on the road itself or between shared-use paths when riding straight ahead. This applies on the Lode side of the crossroads. Cyclists riding to and from Bottisham would not have priority to cross on the other side of the crossroads as they would not be riding straight ahead beside the main road. However, they would have priority if they have dismounted, as mentioned above.

The Swaffham Greenway will have a special Priority Crossing on the Lode side of the crossroads for cyclists and pedestrians, set back from the main road, with warning signs and give-way road markings. Currently, there is no marked or signed priority at the dropped kerbs recently installed beyond the bus stop, despite being put there to benefit those cycling to and from Bottisham. In the future, a Priority Crossing could be put there and the 60mph speed limit from Bottisham reduced to 40mph, as is intended on Swaffham Road.

After several reports, the blocked drains along Lode Road have now been thoroughly cleaned out by County Council Highways. Hopefully, this will alleviate flooding on Shrub Corner, at least until the autumn. They contained a lot of stones and grit from the eroding road, pavements and potholes, and soil from

decomposed twigs and leaves. A drain that had been left blocked for years opposite the Northfields junction has now had its cracked top replaced. The detritus in the gutters was reported to the District Council and a sweeping lorry came out the next day, and other roads were swept too. They have a scheduled slot for street cleaning here every six weeks, but seem to only come when asked.

Robert Stevens 01223 811643

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

June 2026– The National Year of Reading

June is the month for the Libraries Change Lives campaign and we hope you will make time to visit your community library and see what we have to offer. It's the month when a lot of book awards are announced and we try to keep up with the latest winners. The Book of the Month – shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction – is **Susan Choi's book 'Flashlight'**. It's a very satisfying and surprising book. It starts in the 1970s and tells the story of Louisa whose father – a Korean brought up in Japan – drowned when they were staying in a coastal Japanese village and whose mother, an American, has become an invalid. Then the story returns to the parents before they met each other.

How does Bottisham Community Library have links with the Community? We have a Members' Association and to join costs £1.00 per year. Totally separate from the library card which is completely free. This association gives you the opportunity to support the library and have a say in what happens at our AGM in July. This is when we vote for our committee members who manage the library and discuss what we have done and what we might do in the future. If only a few hundred people in the village joined then we might guarantee the future of the community library. So when you come into the library next ask about the members' association and support us.

Our **Library AGM** this year is on **Tuesday July 14th at 7.00 pm** in the Library.

Lego Club and **StoryTime** will be on Saturday June 13th at 10.30 am. Younger children will enjoy our collection of Duplo.

The date for the **Mobile Library** visit to **Lode** is Wednesday June 10th

Start Reading!

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 June

8pm CbyC, a contemplative service, online on Zoom

Sunday 7 June – First Sunday after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham

Sunday 14 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

Holy Communion, Quay

10.30am Holy Communion BCP, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 21 June – Third Sunday after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

Morning Prayer, Quay

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

Morning Prayer, Bottisham

Sunday 28 June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

Holy Communion BCP, Swaffham Bulbeck

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior

Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

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

Local Calendar 2026

Month	Date	Event	Related article
June	Wednes days	Lode Village Coffee Morning, Fassage Hall, 10.30am - 12 Noon	18
	Wednes days	Tennis club open club night, Lode tennis court, 6-8pm	
	Wed 3	Lode & Longmeadow WI, Fassage Hall, 7.30pm	18
	Fridays	Peaceful and prayerful art group, Holy Trinity, Bottisham, 1.30pm - 3.30pm (first three Fridays of the month)	31
	Tues 9	Anglesey in Stitches, Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck, 8pm	6
	Wed 10	Mobile Library, 2.10pm Longmeadow, 2.40pm Northfields, 3.20pm Lode PO	33
	Sat 13	Lego club & storytime, Bottisham Library, 10.30am	33
	Sat 13	Red2Green Summer Fair, Park End, Swaffham Bulbeck, 1pm - 3pm	22
	Wed 17	Red2Green Coffee & Plant sale, Swaffham Bulbeck Pavilion, 10:45-11.45	22
	Thur 18	Mothers' Union, Fassage Hall, 2.30pm	27
	Sun 21	Lode Fete, Fassage Green, 12 noon - 4pm	19
	Tues 23	Anglesey in Stitches, Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck, 8pm	6
	Wed 24	ECDC surgery, Memorial Hall, Brinkley, 6.30 - 7.30 pm, followed by socialising at The Red Lion	7
	Fri 26	Bottisham & District Gardening Club trip	23
	Sat 27	Coffee and Cake concert, Bottisham church, 10.30am	27
July	Tues 14	Popup Circus, Bottisham Primary School, 3.45 and 5.15pm	11
	Thurs 16	Bottisham Library AGM, Bottisham Library, 7pm	33
	Mon 27	Mother's Union summer tea	27

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JUNE

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Bus Times

T4

Lode x-roads	0710	0800	0921*	1020	1121*	1220	1321*
Addenbrookes	0747	0837	0959	1057	1159	1257	1359
Lode x-roads	1420	1521*	1620	1721*	1820	1920	
Addenbrookes	1457	1559	1657	1759	1857	1957	
Addenbrookes	0625	0750	0850	0959	1059	1159	1259
Lode x-roads	0707	0832	0931*	1041	1140*	1241	1340*
Addenbrookes	1359	1459	1605	1705	1805		
Lode x-roads	1441	1540*	1647	1746*	1847		

*also serves Lode church

T5

Lode x-roads	0720	0820	0935	1035	1135	1235	
Drummer St	0742	0842	0957	1057	1157	1257	
Lode x-roads	1335	1435	1535	1635	1740	1850	
Drummer St	1357	1457	1557	1657	1802	1912	
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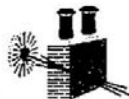
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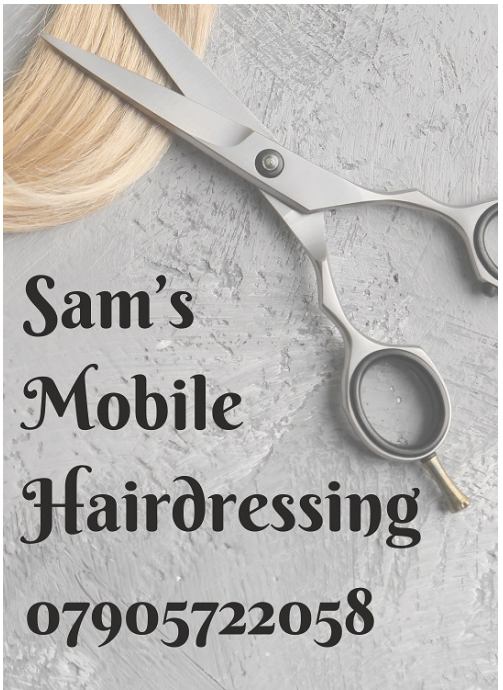
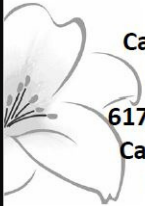
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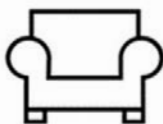
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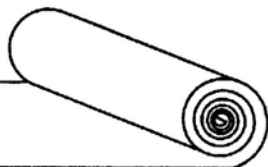
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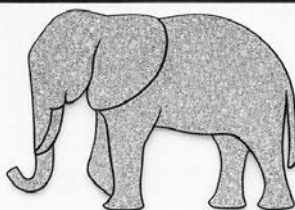
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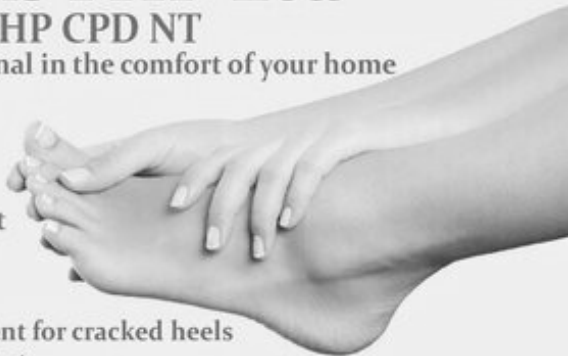
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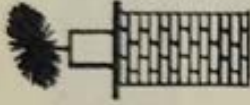
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