

THE Cresset

June 2014



An example of the artwork that used to adorn the walls of RAF Bottisham when the USAAF were stationed there. The only remaining intact piece of wall featuring an Atlantic liner, is part of the BAMG museum at the Legion.

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Letter from America

Many will remember the radio programme of this name that ran for years under the guidance of **Alistair Cooke**. Well, by the time you read this we will have returned from a trip to the North West of America and the West coast of Canada. The wonders of the internet and computers means that I can sit here thousands of miles away, on the deck at my sister's house in Pullman, (where we came to celebrate her 70th Birthday), and carry on the preparation of your June *Cresset*!



Once I have done that, we travel North and West to Vancouver. We will drive through some beautiful and dramatic scenery on the way and then on up the Sunshine coast North of Vancouver to stay with friends, where we will have another bash for my 65th.

Now for my obligatory reference to the weather.

The day before we left, I was cutting the grass at home in my shorts. Summer was clearly coming and the long johns could finally get washed and put away till the autumn. But when we picked up the hire car in Calgary the next day, I opened the boot and wondered what this two foot long brush with scraper was for. It all became clear when I realised that I had to clear 3 inches of snow off the car before we could set off!

Two days of snow gradually turned to sunny weather and a week later it is now in the 20's and forecast to go higher. Admittedly we have driven about 500 miles south, but I hope we have seen the last of the bad weather.

Lots in the Magazine this month as a whole raft of summer activities get off the ground.

Village fetes, Church Fetes and Fun days abound. Hopefully we will all get some decent weather this summer, (that is what the sages forecast) and we can enjoy the great outdoors and get the old BBQ brushed off.

Amongst the many articles in the Magazine, you must read the detail on the Church bells. If there is one thing which characterises Bottisham, it is its Church and its peel of bells. We are very lucky, not only to have them, but also to have the dedicated team of ringers who do the arm work.

The bells in the tower of Holy Trinity are in very poor repair and in need of fairly urgent attention. As they have now got the necessary permissions to go ahead with the work, the serious business of trying to raise rather a lot of money is starting. There are three potential donors: the Church Buildings Council, The Ely Diocesan Bell Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. They are unlikely to get more than £4,000 from CBC, if successful and possibly something similar from the Diocese. However, HLF are potentially the body that could provide perhaps 50% of the total needed to aim at, about £65,000 + VAT!

HLF require that there has to be a clear Community element. This means that there needs to be seen to be a wish by us all, that the bells are valued and wanted. The note from Mike Young is self-explanatory and they are quietly confident that most people do want the bells to ring out, but we need to tell them. Do read the article and I think we should all respond to his request. How many of us knew that we had a bell that could have been heard by Elizabeth the 1st! They are a valuable piece of our village history and this would give us the chance to ensure that future generations continue to enjoy them.

Tony Jolley completes his research into the background to recreation areas in the village and Gerry Daish expands on his football and all things sporting.

Finally I received the Obituary for Ed Rank that was in one of the science magazines and I thought readers might be interested in what goes on behind the Garage.

Enjoy the warming weather and I shall give you more next month, when we get back.

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Holy Trinity, Bottisham - Services in June 2014

Sun 1st	11 a.m.	Holy Communion <i>Revd Elizabeth Caswell</i>
Wed 4th	8 p.m.	Compline by Candlelight <i>led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sun 8th		Whit Sunday
	11 a.m.	Family Service with Baptism <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
Sunday 15th	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Lawrie Marsh</i>
	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 22nd		Trinity Sunday Churchathon A sequence of short services in the churches of the Anglesey Group, starting at Swaffham Prior (9 a.m.), then on to Swaffham Bulbeck (10.15 a.m.), Lode (11.30 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch), Quy (2.45 p.m.) and Bottisham (4.15 p.m., followed by a BBQ!) <i>Details of the services will be on the churchyard gate and on the notice board in the porch of Holy Trinity. You don't have to be at every service!</i>
Sunday 29th	11 a.m.	Family Service with Baptism <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>

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Holy Trinity Church

The Bells of Holy Trinity Church Bottisham

The bells of Bottisham church have been a part of village life for over 400 years. Had Good Queen Bess – Elizabeth I – visited Bottisham she could have heard our oldest bell ring out (cast c. 1590). Only the treble is a recent addition (1976), the remaining 5 all dating from before 1640. The bells still ring out, but are becoming increasingly difficult to ring and the advice from three different bell foundries is that they require fairly urgent attention. If we do nothing the time will come quite soon when they will ring out no more. This is a big, complicated and expensive project. Just getting them out of the tower is not simple.

Our main hope for a major contribution to the cost is the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). However, it is not sufficient that the bells themselves clearly meet the heritage criterion, we also have to be able to demonstrate that there is a benefit for the community. Practically everybody we have spoken to say that they love to hear the bells, no matter whether they are churchgoers or not. We suspect that even those living at the ends of the village, where the bells may not always be audible, would feel that this a feature of village life that they would be sad to lose. However, to give our application to HLF the greatest weight, we need to be able to provide hard and fast evidence that the people of Bottisham do share our view.

To obtain this evidence we propose to put a note through every letterbox in the village. It will ask those who share our view of the importance of the bells as a part of the fabric of the life of the village to communicate this to us. We hope to provide a means of doing this electronically via the internet, and, for those not on the internet, a suitable point where replies can be dropped off. The note will also invite any comments you may have on the bells; not essential, but could be very helpful to us.

Please do take the time to give us your view; it is very important for our application to HLF. In a world in which we are all constantly asked for feedback, we realise that yet another request is not going to be welcomed with joy, but please do try and find 5 minutes to let us know what you think.

Mike Young (Churchwarden)

Holy Trinity Church

Trinity Fair

Saturday 14 June at 2 pm

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Second prize £100 vouchers and many more prizes

If you have any items for the Fair please contact Carol Kitson on 811673

Royal British Legion - Bottisham & District Branch



The Royal British Legion Bottisham & District Branch was privileged to be invited to attend a World War 1 Centenary Memorial event at Bottisham Village College on 7th May. The Branch was represented by standard bearer Peter Rayment, Ken York, John Overton and Alf Laister.

In the course of a special Year 9 assembly, students heard about World War 1 and listened to readings and some original music compositions. This is preparatory to a visit they are making to the Somme area.

A memorial garden has been established in the college grounds featuring an impressive display of poppies. The fallen were honoured with the Exhortation, last post and a minutes silence.

BRITISH ARMED FORCES and VETERANS DAY

In 2006 the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, launched a British Armed Forces and Veterans Day to be observed each year. With its focus on our surviving veterans it was intended to complement commemorative events and become as familiar and respected as Remembrance Sunday which quite properly remembers and honours those who died serving their country.

In 2009 the Government decided that henceforth the last Saturday in June should be known as British Armed Forces and Veterans Day. This is to enable us to recognise the dedication and sacrifices of our present serving Armed Forces who do a sterling job in defending our country and our liberty. The Day also seeks to recognise those Veterans who have served their country in the past and continue to do so by serving their community in their everyday lives.

To mark this occasion and to show our recognition and appreciation of all that our Armed Forces and Veterans are currently doing on our behalf the Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a commemorative church **Service in Holy Trinity Church Bottisham on Sunday 29th June commencing at 3.00pm.** After the Service there will be a reception and refreshments in the Royal British Legion Club.

Everyone is invited to join us for this occasion.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ALL WHO SERVE

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The Royal British Legion Social Club

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Line Dancing every Tuesday and Wednesday (except the first Wednesday in the month.)
Bingo every 1st and 3rd Sunday

OPENING TIMES

Mon-Thurs 5-11pm : Fri 5-12pm : Sat-11.45-12pm : Sun 12-11pm
(Sunday may close at 10pm with the discretion of the staff on duty)
All live premier league games & Sky sports are shown at the club

Saturday 7th June – The Village Social

Come and join us for an evening of live music and song from The Sigma Collective and DJ Doz from 5pm 'til midnight.

FREE ENTRY!

So search out your dancing shoes, grab a group of friends and make your way to the Legion for a bop to classics from many a decade.

Saturday 14th June – World Cup

Come and watch England play Italy on the big screen. Kick off 11pm.

We will be open until the match finishes but last orders on the full time whistle. To comply with Club rules all under 14's will have to vacate the club by 10.30pm

Thursday 19th June – World Cup

England v Uruguay match. Doors open 5pm. Kick off 8pm.

FREE PRIZE DRAW TICKET WITH EVERY ALCOHOLIC DRINK PURCHASED BETWEEN KICK OFF AND THE FULLTIME WHISTLE.
DRAW TO TAKE PLACE AT FULL TIME. (Holder of the winning ticket must be in the club to claim the prize).

Pulled Pork Baps and Hot Dogs will be on sale – provided by Fable Farm, Quy.

Saturday 21st June – Quiz Night

Come along and test those "little grey cells"

Entry fee £2 per person, with a maximum of 8 people per team.

If possible, please register your team in advance by telephoning the Legion on 01223 812063 – Thank You.

The prize is a bottle of wine for each member of the winning team and place on the Quiz Night Leader Board (just like Top Gear!).

Proceeds from the entry fees donated to The Poppy Appeal.

Tuesday 24th June – World Cup

Doors open at 3.30pm for England v Costa Rica. Kick off 5pm.

Come along and cheer on the England team.

Don't worry about tea, bring the family along and treat them to a hot dog as Fable Farm will be on site again, so you won't have to miss a minute of the game.

COMING UP.....Sunday 20th July – Family Day

With Wing Beats Animal Encounters.

More information in the July edition of The Cresset – but check out their website www.wingbeatsencounters.com

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The Group held its AGM on 24th April at Bottisham Village College when the Chair – Sylvia Thomson welcomed 36 members plus Doctors Higham and Shackleton. She presented her report which you can read at www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/ppg.aspx together with the minutes of the meeting. Concerns were raised about possible increases in population due to planned house building and the impact on the Practice. Further concerns were expressed over the high number of appointments missed. The highlight of the evening was an extremely interesting and informative talk by Dr Shackleton on *Coping with Depression*, which generated a variety of questions. Leaflets were available for those who wished to register an interest in the Cambridge and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust which is responsible for local mental health services. The election of officers resulted in Sylvia Thomson as Chair, Jenny Langdon as Secretary, and Christopher Welton as Treasurer, all continuing for another year. Steve Gilson, Roger Liles, Carole Stevens, Richard Braun, Penny Irwin and Elizabeth Mitchell all volunteered to serve on the committee for another year. Proposed activities for 2014/15 were: a talk by a Dementia Champion; another *Heart Start* first aid session; and something focusing on children's health. Any Other Business brought a query about the annual patient survey being limited to 2 weeks in January and to patients attending during that period. It was explained that this was an NHS standard, but that patients could complete the questionnaire online or by collecting a copy from the surgery. Dr Higham emphasised that any complaints could be directed to the Practice at any time.

The appointments system

In one two-week period in April **66 PATIENTS MISSED THEIR APPOINTMENTS**. Yes, really! These included appointments made on the day for urgent reasons. 11 hours of doctor's time was wasted. The Practice is struggling to cope with an increased demand for appointments, at the same time as working with decreased funding. If you cannot keep an appointment please phone the surgery on 01223 810030 so that it can be given to another patient.

Car parking at the surgery

The increased demand from patients has put more pressure on the parking spaces available at busy times. Double yellow lines have been painted along the entrance road to prevent parking which blocks the way for emergency ambulances, of which several are called each week. Please respect them and if there isn't a free parking space, please park on Tunbridge Lane.

The Older People's Integrated Service

There is still time to contribute to the public consultation on the proposals to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough which runs until 16th June 2014. Copies of the consultation document and questionnaire are online at: www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk; available by phone: 01223 725304; by post from: Freepost Plus RSCR-GSGK-XSHK, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG, Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge CB2 8FH; or email: engagement@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk. Have your say by completing the questionnaire and/or attending the final consultation meeting in Cambridge on 6th June at 10.00 am–12 noon at the Central Library, Lion Yard.

Walking Group

The next walk will start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on Wednesday 11th June. Our walk leader Steve Gilson will be away after that so watch this space for future dates.

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In addition to the normal Saturday shop opening, we will be conducting tours of the private accommodation block to show people just what life in the Community is like and we will also have a display showing the history and development of Emmaus in the UK, its plans for the future and you will also be able to learn how shopping at Emmaus helps the environment. Music throughout the main part of the day, tours of the 'Uprising of Kindness' garden plus a selection of stalls promoting either activities or people connected with Emmaus will complete the programme for the day.



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Our April Meeting was a Spring Social gathering. The meeting began with feedback from the Spring Diocesan Day held at Milton on 5th April. The members then enjoyed an Easter and Spring-time quiz and word games followed by tea and biscuits and Bring & Buy Stall.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2.30 in Lode Chapel.

On June 19th Arwen Folkes will be speaking to us about 'Life in training at Westcott House.' You are most welcome to come along and join us.
Jill Jenyn

Bottisham In Stitches

We held our first meeting on the 6th of May and everyone enjoyed seeing the variety of projects and exchanging views and some of us came away with renewed enthusiasm and the desire to try something new. We have also decided to call ourselves Bottisham In Stitches to avoid confusion with In Stitches at Lode. Our next meeting is Tues 3rd June and will be the 1st Tues each month from 7pm - 9pm at Queens Court Downing Close. Everyone welcome rediscover those projects that have been hidden away in cupboards or start something new.

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To the Editor

Dear Editor,

In reply to Tracy Rusks letter in Mays edition of the Cresset, I can concur that I too am fed up with seeing dog mess left on the pavements around Bottisham, most noticeable on the High Street. This appears to a recent phenomenon as I have never noticed it to this extent before!

As a dog owner who always picks up and has supply of bags in every coat pocket, I do not want to be tarred with the same brush as irresponsible dog owners. Neither do I want to feel embarrassed when I walk past dog poo left on the pavement, worried that the next pedestrian will think i was the lazy dog owner that left it there! Thankfully in this village the irresponsible dog owners are in the minority! If you are one of them please clear up after your dog, it only takes a second or two! If you are unable to do it yourself, take someone with you who can.

Sarah

Edmund Rank 1921-2014

(extract from Obituary published in one of the colloid science journals)

Edmund Rank, founder of the scientific instrument company Rank Brothers Ltd, died recently, aged 93 years. Edmund was born in West Hartlepool, in the north of England, and moved to the village of Bottisham, near Cambridge, with his family when he was a young boy. Bottisham remained his home for the rest of his life. He met his future wife, Joyce, at the village school and they were married in 1947.

After leaving school, Edmund worked first in a shoe shop and then for the Pye electronics company as an instrument maker. He used his skills after joining the Royal Navy to work on minesweepers during World War 2. Edmund was on board one of the minesweepers that carried out preparations before the Normandy landings in 1944.

After the war Edmund took a job at Crystal Structures Ltd in Cambridge and ended up managing the company, until he and his brother Albert built a garage and workshop in Bottisham High Street in 1957. This was the origin of Rank Brothers Ltd, and scientific instruments made by the company have become very well-known and respected internationally. The company is still thriving today, under Edmund's son Peter.

To colloid scientists, Rank Brothers Ltd is probably best known for micro-electrophoresis instruments. The first of these, the Mk I, was based on a design of Seaman and Bangham at Cambridge University, and it was eventually superseded by the Mk II version, which found its way into laboratories all over the world. The Rank Mk II micro-electrophoresis instrument is widely regarded as one of the best commercial zeta potential devices ever made. Even today, there are many in use and the Mk II is still listed on the Rank Brothers web site.

Aside from his professional life, Edmund played a large part in the local community. He was a philanthropic supporter of many Bottisham organisations, including the Bottisham Village College and Holy Trinity Church. He was president of the Bottisham Bowling Club and an active member of the Royal British Legion. Edmund had a great love of gardening and was very generous in distributing his plants and produce to locals and visitors.

Edmund passed away peacefully on 29 March 2014, with Joyce and close family by his side. His legacy will live on, both in the local community and in the scientific world.



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TGTS Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am at Soham Children's Centre
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PLANNING

The Committee has approved the Environment Statement stage in the planning applications for two large housing schemes either side of Lynn Road, between Ely and Chettisham. These would allow up to 2,000 homes, together with open space, play areas and parks, ponds and lakes, cycle paths, playing fields, allotments, schools, a care home and retail and business units. The Committee was assured that drainage issues have been addressed to protect the sites and nearby land.

The Planning Inspector has considered that the Crystal Structures Site, off Tunbridge Lane in Bottisham, should not be in the new Local Plan, since it is already an employment site within the Development Envelope and other policies in the Plan cover such sites. The District Council continues to envisage the site, as in the Bottisham Village Vision, being developed for a mixed-use scheme delivering 15 dwellings and employment for 64 persons. A planning application has since been received for a purely residential development for this site for 24 dwellings. The application and replies from consultees may be seen on the ECDC website under 14/00359/FUL. The application will be considered by the Planning Committee at a public meeting in Ely, usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, possibly in June or during a later month.

HOUSING GRANTS

Officers have recently discussed with Councillors the problems faced by reduced Government funding to provide adaptations to improve access to and within homes for disabled residents. These should be provided, regardless of tenure, up to a cost of £30,000, but do depend on the financial situation of residents. There are also discretionary grants and loans to improve habitation for vulnerable residents and grants for smaller work up to a cost of £2,000. There is increasing demand because residents, old and young, are fortunately living longer, but often with a disability. Recently, Sanctuary Hereward have agreed to provide 40% of the cost of disabled facilities in homes they own, with the remainder coming from ECDC. The District Council should be contacted for help in all cases.

RETAINING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There may be planning implications if owners of buildings or land used by the local community require a change of use, or development work to be carried out. Planning decisions are made in accordance to the Local Plan. If there is a loss, or partial loss, of community facilities, replacement or upgraded facilities may need to be provided elsewhere from funds arising from proceeds. Assets of Community Value may be officially registered under the Localism Act.

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- Site your barbeque away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and the house.
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave your barbeque unattended.
- When cooking is finished, ensure that the barbeque is cool before moving it
- NEVER pour petrol or other highly flammable liquids over any barbeque.

For more advice about barbeque safety, please log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety.

On another note – Floating Sky Lanterns.

CFRS strongly advise both members of the public and commercial organisations NOT to purchase or release floating sky lanterns, sometimes known as Chinese lanterns. These are considered to be a fire hazard to buildings, outdoor structures such as sheds, crops and trees. Additionally, we note the concerns of other organisations with regard to environmental pollution, dangers to animals and issues with aviation. *Michael White*

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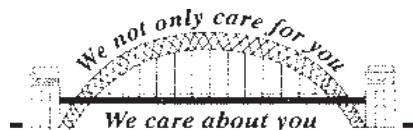
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For hanging baskets use peat based, organic or soil based compost, multi purpose compost has much more texture and strands than seed compost. It is a good idea to add water retaining crystals to the soil, they will swell, the plant roots will grow into it and take the water. You can add in a slow release fertiliser which will feed the basket for 6 months. Place empty basket over a bucket to give it a firm base. A range of colours will work as the greenery will offset it. Lobelia is a good cheap plant to use and as it is the first plant to shrivel when dry, it is a good indicator that the basket is drying out. If the lobelia looks dead cut it back really hard and it might revive. If the hanging basket is to be placed next to a wall he suggested that you turn it around from time to time to give the whole basket an even amount of sunlight.

For container planting it doesn't matter what type of container (wood, plastic or terracotta) you use but break up polystyrene or use old crocs in the bottom for drainage. Plant bedding plants out when frosts are over, hopefully by the end of May/beginning of June.

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Our Triangle Book Sale in late April raised £104 for our funds – it was a cold morning and quite windy so we were surprised at the result. As we were only able to put out part of the books we had available for sale we shall be holding another book sale on Saturday 12th July. Same time same place.

We have recently received a summary of our performance for the year to 31st March which shows that on the whole we are doing well. Visitor numbers are up by 11% and due to our recent purchase of large print books in adult fiction these borrowings have shown a 55% increase. The number of junior fiction books taken out shows a 40% decrease and we shall try to address this problem by buying more books when we have more shelving available. Now that we have a weekly delivery service between the Cambridge libraries the number of books being reserved (for free) has gone up by 34%. Please continue to use the service.

Our 11th Annual General Meeting is in the Library on Tuesday 1st July at 7pm. Members will receive the agenda shortly. New members are most welcome and it only costs £1 to join.

Sylvia Overton

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Latest timetables should be available in the post offices. Changes are usually slight but important if they are earlier. A guided bus extension is proposed to the new railway station at Chesterton sidings. It would be built probably by Balfour Beatty. As with the HS2 rail project there are arguments for and against. A positive and welcome local transport development is the plan proposed by South Cambs. DC to run a BikeBus Explorer. It will run on a circular route from Cambridge railway station to Gamlingay stopping at Wimpole Hall and 4 Wildlife Trust reserves. It will run every Sunday and on Bank Holidays with four round trips. The bus will have 20 seats and tow a trailer for 24 bicycles and cycle stands will be fitted at key locations. Leaflets and maps will be available to encourage cycling and walking in the areas covered. Simon Norton writes in the CN suggesting that other routes could be set up covering Cambridge/Ely to include Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen as well as Stretham and Prickwillow. Also Huntingdon/St Neots and Huntingdon/Peterborough. I remember a Whippet bus years ago that did connect Bottisham with Ely via Wicken Fen. Those without a car do tell me of the difficulties of trying to travel anywhere on a Sunday. The Whippet Coastal services are now running for those able to get to the A1303/Bottisham High St. Junction - 01954/230011. These include Sunday trips.

Suffolk County Council are good with public transport - they are joining with First Eastern Counties to investigate punctuality of buses and real time equipment is to be fitted on the buses. Ipswich and Lowestoft traffic management controls are to prioritise buses at traffic lights. The problems with Cambridge traffic are on-going - too many cars!

Rail has been in the news - Eurostar is on track with surging sales, up by 7 p.c. to £227m. But the HS2 may be threatened by scrapping the cross Channel link. People in the North would like direct access to France and beyond. One does sympathise with people on the proposed route of the HS2 who will have the disturbance of the building project and possibly losing their homes. Just having the street light fiasco has been bad enough. Christian Wolmar, the transport specialist, is backing renationalisation of the railways as the franchises come up for renewal. Abellio, which operates the Greater Anglian franchise, has just been granted an extension but things will be up for renewal next year. They do have problems in the Netherlands, their home country, but say they are pressing ahead with plans in the UK. The DLR franchise is up for tender and the result is due this summer. Serco, now managed by Churchill's grandson, Rupert Soames, has run the service since 1997 but has had a profits warning and although they are shortlisted by Transport for London so are Stagecoach and Keolis/AmeyRail.

Germany also has problems as there are doubts about their new airport at Berlin. Dogged by delays and spiralling costs, it now seems it is 10% too small.

Railway journey documentaries are popular on the television and several companies offer holidays - see beautiful Britain and Europe by train suggests Railtrail - 01538/382323 - www.railtrail.co.uk. The Bookpeople offers suggestions with Bus-Pass Britain - where to stop and explore and plenty of quirky stories; Railway Day Trips by Collins - 150 day trips with maps and route diagrams, also history and geography; Julia Bradbury's Railway walks - don your walking boots! 0845 602 4040 to order.

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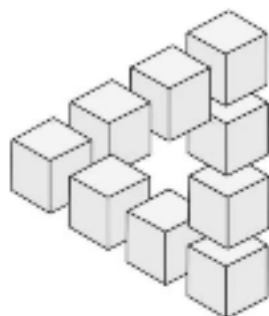
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

The young footballers from Bottisham distinguished themselves again on 24th April on behalf of Cambridge & District Schools U15 when they met Liverpool Schools in the first leg of the National Football Cup Final. There were uncanny similarities with their semi-final game in that they started strongly and took a deserved two goal lead – both scored by local rising star Callum Fullwood – before tiring in the later stages. This time though, the opposition forced a stupendous equaliser in the dying moments to take the tie into the second leg, at Goodison Park on Friday 16th May, all square at 2-2.

With apologies to all those who (rightly) think there is a lot more to sport than football, I must seize the moment to offer a few comments on the recent anti-racism campaign precipitated by Brazilian Dani Alves, who ate a banana thrown at him from the crowd when playing for Barcelona recently in the Spanish league at Villarreal. I'm sure no-one will be silly enough to emulate Alves' actions in the event of a repeat situation, but this struck me as a particularly sharp response in the face of mindless hatred, and his fellow countryman and team mate Neymar wasted no time in launching a social media campaign hashtagged "We are all monkeys". The cause was taken up by a Brazilian advertising agency who has taken it 'viral' with the idea of rendering the racists powerless. Isn't it wonderful how one small courageous act of principle can have such an impact on attitudes worldwide?

The other big story in football – domestic football at least – in recent weeks, was the sacking of manager David Moyes by Manchester United. Did anyone else find this extraordinary act by ManU shabby and disreputable? This club – once the second favourite team of almost every football fan, but now reviled among all supporters but their own – firstly awarded Moyes a six year contract entirely on the say-so of the retiring manager Alex Ferguson. Then they sacked him after only 10 months in post - the real hypocrisy being that they made a big noise about showing Moyes respect by sacking him before commencing the search for his replacement, but then they leaked the news to the press the day before Moyes himself was informed. I almost laughed out loud when it was announced that Ferguson would be playing a 'key role' in selecting the replacement. Has this man no shame? Just what is his hold over the owners of this club? Yes, he brought them unprecedented success over a two decades, and credit to him for that; but do they not see that he cynically preserved his own 'legend' by walking away from an ageing team that required major surgery, if not a complete re-build, before challenging the might of the other foreign-owned powers at the top of the Prem again?

To other parts of the sporting world then... early May was a good period for British cycling. Not only did the CB5ers get down to some more serious distances on Sunday mornings and weekday evenings, now that the weather had turned a little kinder, but both Mark Cavendish and Chris Froome enjoyed some success in Turkey and Switzerland respectively whilst 'warming up' for the Tour de France (scheduled to start in Yorkshire and Cambridge in July). Whilst Cav the Manx Missile was claiming four sprint stage wins in the 8-day Tour of Turkey, Vroom Froome was nailing the Time Trial to take the Tour of Romandie for the second year running; both riders announcing that they were 'on schedule' with their Tour preparation. It's going to be quite a year, folks!

And while we were waiting for the dramas of the Summer to unfold, there was a thrilling climax to the snooker World Championships at the Crucible in Sheffield in May. Mark Selby made an astonishing comeback from 10-5 down to outplay Ronnie O'Sullivan in every department in the later stages and win a magnificent final by 18-4. Not only was this a deserved reward for one of the honest-to-goodness professionals of the game but O'Sullivan, too, showed real class in defeat, describing his opponent as "just too good" and "a worthy champion".

(Sports Nut continued on page 49.)

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Nice to see him in a happier place, mentally. Let's hope his psychologist Steve Peters can make the England footballers even happier than that in June!

On a rather sad note: May saw the untimely death of former British no.1 tennis player, Elena Baltacha, through liver cancer. Newly retired and married when diagnosed, Baltacha – the daughter of former Ipswich Town footballer Sergei – was regarded as a true warrior in her sport and her presence as a developer of young tennis talent, especially in East Anglia, will be sorely missed. RIP Elena.

But one likes to believe that, for every tragedy, there is a triumph! On 5th May, our very own Chris (the ref) and Graham (Dizzy) Darling completed the Milton Keynes Marathon. Can anyone guess which of the above gentlemen clocked a time of 2hrs 51mins? Absolutely astonishing! Congratulations on a supreme effort chaps - you are both Champions!

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Gerry Daish

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News from Anglesey Abbey

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Residents from local villages have been crucial to the overall success of the project, whether contributing to the development of an oral archive, donating artefacts to dress the rooms, or training to become Encounter volunteers, who will really bring the Domestic Wing alive for our visitors.

The doors to the Domestic Wing will open on 12 June and we are organising a traditional **1960's village fete** on Saturday 28 June between 11am -3pm, to mark its official opening. It promises to be fun event for all the family with traditional stalls, games, live music and refreshments. To celebrate our links with the local villages we would like to invite residents of Bottisham to the fete. Please bring a utility bill or other form of identification with your address to show at reception to get free admission.

If you're looking for some gentle exercise why not join our weekly Heart Beat Health Walk. Walks depart the main car-park every Thursday at 1.30pm and last around an hour covering 3 – 4 miles (dogs on leads welcome).

At Wicken Fen, Joan Childs has been appointed Strategic Manager for the Reserve and Vision project. Joan joins us from the RSPB where she was site manager at the Ryemeads Reserve in Hertfordshire. She has plenty of experience in site management, as well as youth work and wildlife crime investigation. She is also a trained entomologist.

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An Account of Bottisham Recreation Ground – Past & Present:

Part III & Conclusion:

In my last article we had established that Bottisham Recreation Ground (BRG) was established in 1923 by courtesy of a 20 year lease from Mr Soames Jenyns. However, in 1941 the BRG was requisitioned by the Air Ministry in aid of the War Effort but, come 1943, the lease was not renewed due to many war time uncertainties. Meanwhile a temporary arrangement was reached with the Warden of the Village College in 1941 for the village to use the College Playing Fields.

Consequently in 1943, faced with the possibility of the unlikely return of BRG, the Parish Council wrote to the Cambridgeshire Education Committee. On 2nd November 1943 *the CEC resolved that Bottisham Parish Council be informed that village teams can use the College's Playing Fields subject to application being made to the Warden.* Given the support for the village that Mr Edwards showed in 1941 it is safe to conclude that such permission was not withheld.

Nevertheless, in March 1944 Parish Council again began to consider alternative sites suitable for a new village Recreation Ground. An area formerly known as 'Camping Close' in the ownership of Downing College was put forward. Discussions were then held with the Bursar of Downing College but unfortunately it is recorded on 20 July 1944 that no arrangement could be made with the College (Downing) and, as little or no assistance could be found elsewhere, the Parish Council agreed to delay further discussion.

Then in the late 1940s Newmarket RDC stepped in and earmarked the old BRG for 'social housing' using compulsory purchasing powers. But nothing was concluded before Mr Jenyns (the land owner) had 'verbal' assurances from both Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Newmarket RDC, that the village's continued use of the College Playing Fields was assured (a 'Gentleman's Agreement' and a handshake in those days was as good as a written contract). Everything then goes very quiet until in March 1953 when it is recorded in the Annual Parish Meeting minutes that Parish Council supported the proposal from Newmarket RDC to develop the Old Recreation Ground as a housing site, *as the village's recreation was now well catered for at the Village College.*



The site of 'Camping Close' - extracted from a Pre Enclosure Map dated 1798

The village began to attract younger families from which a need developed for play equipment. On the 29

March 1954 the CEC agreed to the erection of swings on the Junior side of the school (South-Eastern side). The CEC also gave permission for village children to use this area outside of school hours and for Sunday Cricket to be played there. *See the plan on page 55 for the approximate area permitted for village use by CCC in 1953.*

Old Recreation Ground

But the quest for a new village Recreation Ground had not gone away. Again in 1955 Councillor Paul reported at the March Parish Meeting that further consideration had been given for a new Village Recreation Ground and Village Hall. He commented that the Council had decided that *in view of the excellent facilities provided by the Village College the Council would not feel justified in undertaking such schemes.*

(Jolley continued on page 55.)



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(Jolley continued.)



Another period of calm followed until, on 10 June 1965, yet another Parish Meeting was called to discuss the proposal that the Parish should have a separate Recreation Ground. By this time the old Recreation Ground – Jenyns Close had accumulated 50 or so houses and bungalows and the new Park Estate was about to deliver further 250 or thereabouts. The village population was plainly growing fast hence the recreational facilities of the previous 10 years or so were felt to be insufficient...

Clearly nothing much had been achieved for at the annual Parish Meeting held on 14 March 1966 Mr Edmund Rank asked what progress had been made on the acquisition of land for a new Recreation Ground. It was minuted that *every effort would be made to obtain a piece of land for such purposes in the future.*

This latter statement is interesting because it in effect suggests that Parish Council was (and still is for that matter)

experiencing difficulty in finding and acquiring land for a new Recreation Ground. Along with the 1955 comment; it also indicates that the said earlier agreements and assurances given to Mr Jenyns and hence to the village were influencing village 'recreational policy'. For example; in the 1980s the village precept helped subsidise the building of a swimming pool on the Village College site and village volunteers built and maintained a new Sports Pavilion, both facilities still used today. Further reading shows that similar Parish Meetings and deliberations are recorded throughout the 70s, 80s and 90s...

So to end and to bring these three articles to a close; the documented history is there for all to read. It confidently leads the reader to conclude that the demise of the old BRG was based on agreements and assurances given to the village. Clearly then today's aspirations for new recreational space remain the responsibility of both Parish Council and, since CCC is no longer formally involved, the Village College Governing Body. It is good to hear and to read that, through a renaissance of 'goodwill', this has been recognised by both parties and a dialogue is ongoing. I am sure we all hope for a positive outcome. TJ

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JUNE

- 3/10/11/17/18/24/25 BRBL Line dancing
- 3 Bottisham in stitches – 7.00pm Queens court
- 7 Hilton Park Fair
- 7 BRBL 'The Village Social' Dance with The Sigma Collective
- 17 Lode Village fete
- 17 WI - Talk on Life in medieval England
- 19 MU - Talk
- 21 AMEY CESPAs Open day
- 27 Gardening Club Summer outing
- 28 BVC – Summer Ball
- 29 Armed Forces Day service – Holy Trinity 3.00pm

JULY

- 1/8/9/15/16/22/23/29/30 BRBL Line dancing
- 1 Bottisham in stitches – 7.00pm Queens court
- 1 Library AGM 7.00pm in the library
- 5 Saplings 'Scoot for Loot' day
- 11 Meningitis trust 'Time 4 Tea' Fundraising
- 12 Book sale on the triangle
- 20 BRBL Family Day – Wing Beats animal encounters

GC = Bottisham & District Gardening Club meets at BRBL Poppy Restaurant at 7.30pm • BRBL = Bottisham Royal British Legion Social Club • BBPC = Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club meets Tuesdays at Lode Chapel 7.30pm - Non Member £2 • WI = Meet at the BVC Lecture Room at 7.30pm • Lib = Bottisham Community Library Assoc. • MU = Mother's Union meet at Lode Chapel 2.30pm Third Thursday •• This list is intended to be a 'quick view one liner' with brief details and a contact number if possible. Please let the editor have details by the 11th. e-mail: cresset@bottishambbpc.org.uk

1st Bottisham Scouts need you!

1st Bottisham scouts are looking for helpers to support our leaders as they work with our young people in all areas of scouting.

You will probably be aware that Bottisham is growing, and we are anticipating a significant rise in the number of children wanting to benefit from a place with 1st Bottisham. What we would like to do is to 'be prepared' by adding to our team of already experienced leaders. This will mean that we have more options when the need arises.

We are looking for people with energy and enthusiasm who can offer regular help in one of the sections (beavers, cubs or scouts). It doesn't have to be every week; alternate weeks or once a month would be fine. All positions are completely voluntary, and all leaders and committee members are CRB checked due to the nature of the service we provide. The Scout Association pays for any checks, and training is provided.

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Lode with Longmeadow Village Fete 2014

Sunday 15 June from Mid-day to 4.00 pm
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This year the Fete will include an Inter-Village Challenge Cup, lots of stalls, bar, BBQ, teas and cakes. The Dog Show is back by popular demand and we are delighted to announce that Newmarket Town Band will be opening this event and playing throughout the afternoon.

Lode will be taking on Quy, Bottisham and Swaffham Bulbeck in an afternoon of races, games and fun-filled challenges leading up to a winner of the 'prestigious' cup. This will be for all ages and the Bottisham team captains are Karen and Kevin Crisp. More details next month, on how you can be part of the team and what the challenges will be.

If you would like to have a stall at the Fete please contact Pauline Holmes on 01223 812029 (sorry no hot food stalls and we cannot supply electricity).

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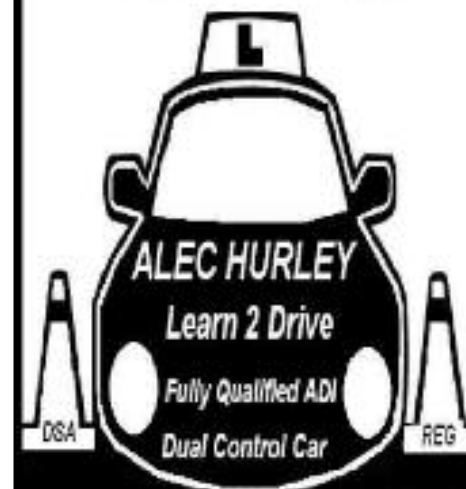
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RE:NEW

Are we a Christian country?

I'm writing a week or so after the Prime Minister drew harsh criticism upon himself, from a number of humanists, atheists, and others, for asserting that Britain is a Christian country.

Rowan Williams, the ex-Archbishop of Canterbury, responded by saying that we are a post-Christian society, which doesn't necessarily mean non-Christian, but rather that our society has a cultural memory which is still quite strongly Christian.

It is surely undeniable that the foundations of many of our laws, our moral values, our system of government, our welfare and social programmes, our care for the weak and the vulnerable, are rooted in Christian principles. Today, however, in many of these areas, Christian influence is being eroded.

To a Christian the figures are not encouraging. In the 2001 Census 72% of the UK population claimed to be Christian, although only 5% are actually in church on any given Sunday.

A Church of England report, published in 2004, concluded that Christianity is no longer at the heart of the nation, *'Although people may identify themselves as 'Christian' in the national census, for the majority that does not involve belonging to a worshipping community, or any inclination that it should.'*

Another survey in 2007 found that almost 70% of the UK population have no intention of attending a church service at any point in the future!

So was David Cameron right? Surely we have to say that on the basis of actual faith and commitment we can hardly claim to be a Christian country.

What would a truly Christian country look like anyway?

Honesty and integrity in business; truth and justice in the legal system; faithfulness in relationships; respect for others, even if you don't share their beliefs; compassion and practical concern for the poor and needy; help and healing for the sick; a determination to work together for the common good.

Now, I would have to confess that not everyone who professes to be a Christian measures up to those standards. And also that many people who do not profess to be Christians measure up much better than I do!

Even if we were able to create a society like that it would still not make Britain a Christian country, because Christianity is first and foremost about faith. It is not something which is endowed automatically by virtue of being born in a 'Christian' country. It is about what people believe in and put their trust in. Without personal conviction and faith in Jesus there is no Christianity.

At RE:NEW we try to explore what it means to be a Christian in a world which seems increasingly hostile to our beliefs; and we aim to be a group of people who try to put into practice the teaching of Jesus that we should love one another; love our neighbours; and even love our enemies! Tough call! But we promise a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and give it a try!

Christian country – No! Christian believers trying to make a difference in the world – Yes!

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8 June 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

15 June 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

22 June 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

22 June 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

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Bottisham WI

We met at Queens Court in April and celebrated our 96th Birthday with wine and cup cakes. We chose not to have a speaker for the evening and it was a good social event with an entertaining quiz. The round tables in the main hall of Queens Court are ideal for an informal meeting and we are very grateful for the support we receive from the Care Home staff. They always make us very welcome.

Our walking group did a circular walk from the garden centre at Hovingsea to Milton Country Park. There were 14 of us on this occasion. The darts group are continuing practice sessions and have had mixed results in the matches played recently.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 17th June** when **Dr Mike Wabe** will come and talk about **Life in Medieval England**. I understand that he will be dressed as a monk and promises to be an entertaining speaker. This will be at our usual venue in the Lecture Room at the College at 7.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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The Show is called 'Golden Decades' and the theme this year is music and dances from the 1920's to present day. So there will be Charleston, and Jive as well as Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz Dance and Musical Theatre. A great mix of Dance styles. There will be two performances at Burwell Village College on Saturday July 5th at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Priority for tickets will be given to parents initially, but they will then be on sale generally from June 20th. Tickets in Swaffham Bulbeck and Bottisham will be available from Mary Jane Montgomerie House 01223 812481. Price – Adults £9.00 and Primary school children £5.00.

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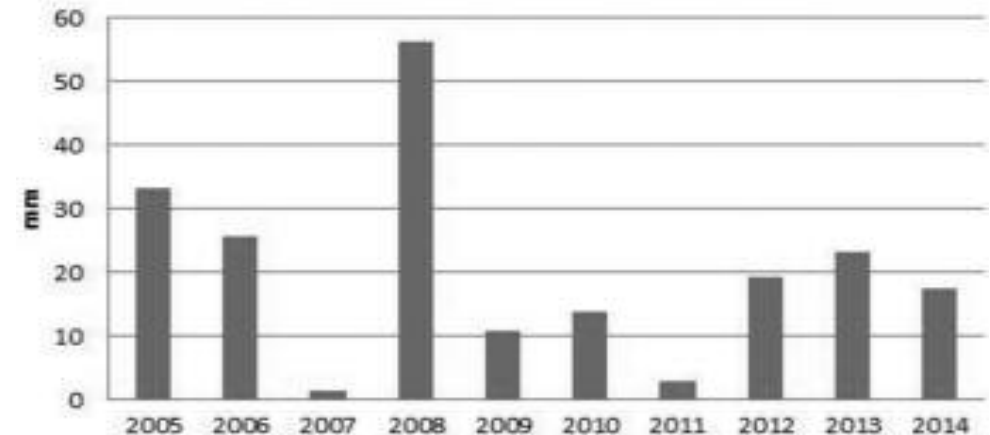
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The Rain Spot

As we tend to believe that April is the month of April Showers, I thought we would look at the 'April Showers' for the last ten years here in Bottisham. You will see how difficult it is for our weather experts in the Met. to predict rainfall, even allowing for the 'April' factor. You can see that the two very low Aprils would hardly amount to one shower. To clarify, the figure for this year is 17.3mm.
Terry Chapman

Ten Years of April Showers?



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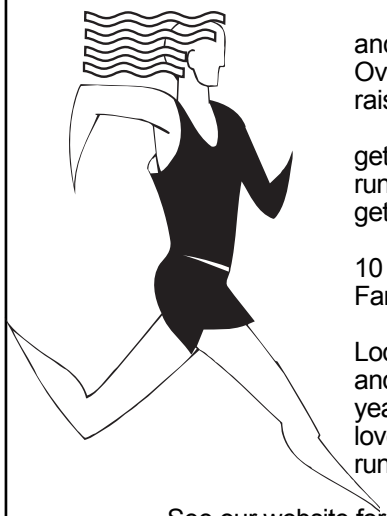
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It is being held on **Sunday 2nd November 2014** at 10 a.m. - our race HQ is the Fassage Hall in Lode. The Family Fun Run will start at 10.15 a.m.

The course is flat and takes you from Lode village, along the "Lodes Way" to Wicken Fen and back, with water stations along the way. Last year's runners said it was great to run through such lovely countryside. Trophies will be awarded and each runner who completes the course will receive a medal.

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Parish Council Notes

Parish Council legally have to re-elect a Chair and Vice Chair each year and this was done at the May meeting. Christine Bryant has agreed to continue as Chair for a further year and Steven Aronson will continue as Vice Chair.

We have been more than disappointed with the replacement of the street lights in the village. We feel that the whole project has been dealt with badly and that both Balfour Beatty and the County Council have let us down in terms of consultation and general communication and acting upon residents complaints. It was unacceptable that holes were dug and then left for several weeks with bollards around them and no action taking place. Residents were unable to use sections of the footpath, the school bus had difficulty manoeuvring in Bell Road the village generally looked messy. We will be writing to both Balfour Beatty and the Chief Executive of the County Council to express our concerns. Although the street lighting is now complete they still have to come back and replace a light in Downing Close with one from Jenyns Close which was the original plan.

The District Council have asked for formal notification of whether the Parish Council want to take over the public open space area at Ancient Meadows. East Cambs have confirmed that there was supposed to be a public open space with a play area built here but this had not happened as the developer went into liquidation. It was a condition of the Section 106 agreement that whoever takes over responsibility for the area must put a play park on it, which we were not aware of. Parish Council took the decision that we did not want to take over the responsibility of this area and will pass it back to East Cambs District Council. We feel that East Cambs are better equipped to deal with the legalities of all of this. Also we had looked at a quote from the grass cutters for maintaining the area and we believed this to be approximately £1200 annually.

Following on from play areas, we have not yet had another meeting with the Village College but Councillor Bryant did attend a meeting there with Julie Cornwell from ECDC to discuss funding which may be available to the College for community use.

Traffic calming for Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane is now on course again. Highways had recommended several changes which we have now agreed to and the work will be advertised in the local papers. The consultation ends the 19th June but we still await a definite start date. The 30mph limit will be extended to the end of Bell Road although Highways did not recommend this and said that it is our responsibility but we were happy with this as it is what residents in the area wanted.

County Councillor Shuter has heard back from Highways regarding the Quy roundabout junction and they are unfortunately unable to change the lane priorities which we are disappointed about. We await the report on the reasons why.

A vacancy on Parish Council still remain. Further details available from the Parish Clerk.

PLANNING NOTES

14/00359/FUM Crystal Park, Tunbridge Lane. Erection of 24 dwellings, new access and associated works. NEW APPLICATION • Neighbours of the site have expressed their concerns and we also have concerns. It was recognised that the site is in a state of decay and is in need of regeneration but Cllr Buchanan stated that we as a Parish Council have always stated that we are opposed to any large development in the village and this has been expressed to East Cambs numerous times before. It was felt that the infrastructure of the village was already stretched, even more so since the inclusion of 50 houses off of Bell Road. The College is over subscribed for this September's intake by 40+ and the problem will only be exacerbated by more development. There are concerns regarding car parking, overlooking of neighbouring properties and also the number of 4 bed homes. We have been told that if the development goes ahead the developer will be liable for any costs to any changes that would need to be made to the traffic calming in Tunbridge Lane. Parish Council therefore do not support this application. (*Parish Council Notes continued on page 68.*)

(Parish Council Notes continued.)

Cllr Buchanan will be sending a formal response to East Cambs and District Councillor Stevens will put the application through to Committee decision.

14/00337/FUL 106 High Street Proposed summerhouse NEW APPLICATION • Although this is in the conservation area there is minimal impact to surroundings and the application is supported by Parish Council.

14/00480/FUL 28 Peacock Drive Single storey side and two storey rear extension RESUBMITTED APPLICATION This application is supported by Parish Council

Bottisham Village College

Leavers Ball – Friday 27 June 6.30 -11pm • Following a long tradition, the Year 11 students culminate their time at Bottisham Village College by celebrating with the Year 11 Leavers' Ball. The Ball takes place in a magnificent marquee on the Principal's lawn. The evening begins with students arriving in an array of various transport modes, traditionally watched by parents and local community, followed with a buffet and disco, coming to an end by 11pm. The evening is attended by members of the teaching and support staff, many of which have taught the students since starting at the college.

The Bottisham Ball – Saturday 28 June 7pm – Midnight • The Bottisham Ball on Saturday 28 June is a fundraising event organised by The Friends of Bottisham Village College. The purpose of the evening is to support the Year 11 Ball by funding the cost of the marquee, which provides the wonderful send off for the students. This is a thoroughly enjoyable evening, including good food, entertainment and a live band. The evening begins at 7pm and finishes at midnight. Tickets for this year's ball are now sold out.

Please be assured that arrangements are in place for the smooth running of both events and we would like to thank you in advance for your kind cooperation for these special events.

Kate Evans, Principal

Re-Cycling Open Day at Waterbeach



There will be fun for all the family at this year's Re-Cycling Open Day on Saturday 21st June at AmeyCespa's waste management park on the A10 at Waterbeach.

With the Tour de France coming to Cambridge, there is a cycling theme to this year's event, with a cycle try-out around a recycled track and cycle-powered smoothie makers showing how to reduce food waste.

Visitors to the Open Day will be able to see a range of reuse, recycling and composting exhibitions, including cycle repair workshops from Opportunities Without Limits, the Sawston based charity that refurbish bikes. There will also be coach tours of the Waterbeach site to see how Cambridgeshire's waste is recycled, and walking tours of AmeyCespa's Mechanical Biological Treatment plant and Materials Recycling Facility. There will be model-making activities using waste packaging and competitions, including the chance to win bike lights if you bring along household batteries for recycling at the DHL electrical recycling stand.

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Advice from Trading Standards

In the last 5 years it is estimated that £1 million has been paid to rogue traders by older residents living in Cambridgeshire. In most cases the rogue trader will have called at the customer's door offering to do work on their house or garden, and will have overcharged for unnecessary and shoddy work.

These are serious crimes, in some cases costing the customer their life savings and often leading to them being fearful in their own homes.

At Trading Standards we would like to make you aware of the telltale signs of rogue traders to help you avoid them. We would also urge you to pass this advice on to elderly friends and relatives.

Rogue traders typically:

- **Call at the door offering services** such as replacing a loose roof tile, roof or gutter cleaning, gardening, house maintenance, jet washing, driveway paving and tree felling.
- **Engage with the customer to win their trust** e.g. claiming to have been before, claiming they are working up the street etc. They will seem very friendly and chatty.
- **Start with a small job** such as gutter cleaning and then claim further work is needed. This subsequent work will not be quoted for and will run into thousands of pounds.
- **Make fraudulent claims** e.g. moss growth on a roof causes severe damage and needs to be washed off, painting a roof is necessary to protect it.
- **Fail to give you written notice of your right to cancel** which is required for most contracts agreed at home.
- **Use intimidation to extort money** and often take the customer to a bank or cash point to withdraw cash (a criminal offence).
- **Return again and again** demanding further payment for bogus reasons e.g. claiming that VAT has not been paid.

If you think rogue traders are currently at your property, are in the vicinity or are due to return, please contact the police on 999. If you think rogue traders have done some work for you but have left, contact our advice partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040506 for advice.

In terms of finding a trader you can trust, seek recommendations from friends and family where possible. Alternatively, use a trader on our Buy with Confidence approved trader scheme who will have been thoroughly checked by us. To find an approved trader visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline (above) or visit your local library, where staff will be able to look up traders on the scheme for you. We would always recommend getting three quotes to ensure the price is competitive.

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