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While rain in Bottisham is welcome, the volume that we got the other week was a bit too much too quickly, causing flooding in many places. Having got most of the design of the earth right, you would think that HE would have got the balance of rain and sunshine sorted by now. But the variety is what makes our fair isle the pleasant place it is.

As I write, we are 'suffering' in temperatures of 100°F(38°C). However unlike at home, here near Seattle, it is a dry heat, not humid. So one can even tolerate wearing a suit at a wedding without melting.

We had travelled out here for a family wedding which proved to be a great success. Experiencing a wedding in a different country is very interesting. All our traditional things are included here, but in a different way and being the US of A, they are all bigger and brasher and in some ways exaggerate the traditional bits. But a lot of fun.

The rest of our trip has been somewhat curtailed by me twisting my back and having to go to the doctors and told to stay out of the car. Over here, staying out of your car is as good as being housebound. Everything is at a greater distance than in the UK. Getting home will entail a 6 hour drive and 10 hours in a plane. Not looking forward to it.

However in The Cresset on the other hand, there is a lot to look forward to. September brings with it the start of a whole raft of new activities for you to be involved with or to visit.

The WEA start a new series of talks and plan an open evening to introduce it. Anglesey Abbey has an exciting list of activities coming up and the BVC start their adult education classes again. Also many of the village clubs and organisations have details of their activities and all have an invitation to join them.

I like the offer that many make for you to go along for a 'trial' evening or two, to see if it is something you would like to take up. You have nothing to commit to, so go along and try it.

One of the things that I think is well worth a visit is the Bottisham Airfield Museum Group's open day at their new home. Through the outstanding generosity of David Rayner, the BAMG has been able to purchase the last remaining buildings on the old airfield itself. Until recently the River farm smokery site, the former dispersal huts will become the centrepiece and home for the museum. A fitting and ideal site, fulfilling the dreams of all those involved. If you have not been aware of the BAMG's activities before, the 28th September is a definite date for your diary.

You will be pleased to know that this editorial is somewhat shorter than usual. Lying on my back in traction, holding my laptop over my head and typing with one finger is not conducive to protracted writing.

Enjoy the rest of summer and hopefully back to normal next month.

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Would you like the opportunity to contribute your views to a review of the community use of our sports facilities?

The Governing Body has commissioned Nuffield Health to carry out a comprehensive review of the operation of the Sports Centre, with the aim of ensuring the future viability and development of these valuable facilities for both college and community use. This review will include consideration of:

- Financial viability
- Facilities & services
- Opening hours
- Pricing structure and membership schemes

You are therefore invited to attend the following meetings to ensure that your voice is heard:

- **Monday 15th September, 6.30pm in Hall 2**
– presentation on the scope and aims of the review, with an opportunity to contribute views and suggestions
- **Wednesday 15th October, 6.30pm in Hall 2**
– presentation on the outcomes of the review process

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can email your thoughts to Keith Osborne, from Nuffield Health at the following address: Keith.Osborne@nuffieldhealth.com We hope you will be able to join us.

Kate Evans, Principal

A NEW HOME FOR Bottisham Airfield Museum

We are very pleased to announce that the Bottisham Airfield Museum has acquired the old River Farm Smokery site on Wilbraham Rd, Bottisham as a permanent home for the museum. These are the last original WW2 buildings on the airfield which include one of the original pilot's ready rooms. This has been made possible by the incredible generosity of a local individual.

In time we hope to make the museum one of the UK's leading airfield museums which will honour the memory of those who served there and those who supported them in the local villages.

The buildings will require significant restoration work before they can be used as a museum and for the time being most of the museum's collection will remain at the British Legion in Bottisham.

We would like to put on record our sincere thanks for all the support the Legion have given us over the last few years. We will be holding an open day at the new site on September 28th 2014 between 11am and 4pm where we hope to outline our plans for the future and have all our usual attractions plus the odd surprise.

We are always looking for more people to get involved in the museum and if you are interested please contact Jason Webb on 07791 971799 or email jasonwebb@bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk

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Saturday 4th October – Psychic Fair.

Saturday 1st November – Halloween Fancy Dress Disco for all the Family.

Saturday 8th November – Dinner in aid of The Poppy Appeal

Sunday 7th December – Christmas Tacky Dangly Day.

Are you having a celebration?

Are you looking for a business meeting venue?

Is your society or Club looking for a friendly place to meet?

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Royal British Legion - Bottisham & District Branch



POPPY APPEAL

The 2014 Poppy Appeal will take place
between 25th October and 8th November.

*The Poppy Appeal is the largest contributor to the
Benevolent Fund of the Royal British Legion.*

Offers of help from new collectors for house to house collections would be appreciated. It will take only a few hours and it is a very worthy cause. Last year we raised nearly £5000 from house to house, static point collections and donations and I hope we can raise even more this year. **If you have been a collector in the past and are unable to assist this year for any reason please let me know ASAP—telephone 01 223 811792.**

John Overton, Poppy Appeal Organiser

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If you haven't yet visited the Domestic Wing, then I recommend you do so. On Thursdays, Fridays and the first Saturday of the month, our Encounters Volunteers are in the Domestic Wing, so expect baking and ice cream making in the kitchen (yes, you can taste!). If you are really lucky you may get to sample a Salty Dog Cocktail in the Butler's Pantry.

Tickets for our Winter Lights Festival are now on sale. This year the Festival runs from Friday – Sunday over three weekends commencing 28th November. Tickets £11.50 adults, £8 child, £35 family ticket are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895 or by following the links from the events page of our website at

A quick reminder that the start time of our regular Thursday Heart Beat Health Walk at Anglesey has now moved to 10am – please meet in the main car park.

Talking of walking - the Wicken Ranger Team are leading two guided walks around some of the newer areas of the reserve as part of our Great British Walking Festival. The first walk is around Burwell Fen on Friday 19 Sept. and the second around Tubney Fen on Friday 26 Sept. The walks start at 1pm and cover around 3 miles. To reserve a place or for more information please call the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

Other events at Wicken include a Rush Weaving Workshop where you can learn how to make traditional rush mats and baskets - Saturday 13 September, 10.30 - 4.30pm £60; and a Poetry Workshop led by our Writer in Residence, Dr Charles Bennett, on Friday 19 September, 2-4pm £10 – tickets for both events are available from the Visitor Centre.

Eddie Clark, Community Ambassador

Do you care for someone?

Book your place at this year's Carers Away Day

A carer is a person of any age – adult or child – who provides unpaid support to a partner, child, relative or friend, who could not manage to live independently, or whose health and wellbeing would deteriorate without this help. Those receiving this care may need help due to frailty, disability or a serious health condition, mental ill health or substance misuse.

Cambridgeshire's Carers Away Day 2014 is being held on Friday 3rd October from 10am to 4pm at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon. This free annual event provides carers with the opportunity to take part in informal discussion groups with expert speakers, relax, get creative and have fun by taking part in a range of afternoon activities, and to visit the marketplace of information and advice stands. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

This is an opportunity to meet other carers and share your stories and experiences. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your place at the Carers Away Day 2014 contact the Carers Support Team on 01480 377616 or by emailing: CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk ****There may be support for carers to attend the event so please ask for any assistance you might need to enable you to come.**

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RE:NEW

We are Family!

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Families are very precious and, if we have been fortunate, we will have happy memories of special family times together. The Bible has several different illustrations of what the church is like, and one of the most potent, and challenging, is that of a family. The church is like a family, with all the joys and sorrows, upsets, turmoils and triumphs of family life. The necessary ingredient for family life, and for church life, is love. Sadly, there are families, and churches, where love is lacking and neither family nor church are able to function in the way God intended.

The first Christians saw themselves as family; as brothers and sisters together, with God as their Father and Jesus as their brother. The Apostle Paul wrote of 'God the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.' [Ephesians 3:14-15] He also wrote in the same letter of Christians being 'members of God's household', meaning belonging to his family.

This idea of church as family was radical and counter-cultural, because it cut across social, ethnic, gender and religious barriers. In any small Christian meeting men and women, Jews and Gentiles, masters and slaves could all be found together and would all be considered equal.

I know that the church down the ages has not always lived up to that high ideal. Hierarchy and exclusivity, division, oppression and lovelessness have all conspired to hide the true nature of what church is meant to be. As one modern church leader has written about today's church: 'We need a radical change of attitude. We need to regard everyone in the church as a brother and a sister. And our attitude should be one of care and concern, one of warmth and love, because Jesus has united us as a family and these are the attributes God wants to see in his family.'

We have been blessed in RE:NEW with a church family from a variety of ages and backgrounds, but all sharing a real desire to be a community united with one another in love and offering a warm welcome to everyone who comes along. We will be having a special 'Big Welcome' morning on Sunday 21st Th, why not come along and find out for yourself?

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in September 2014

7th 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Primary School) with Holy Communion

14th 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

14th 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

21st 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School) 'The Big Welcome'!

28th 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

28th 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact
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Holy Trinity, Bottisham - Services in September 2014

Wednesday 3rd 8 p.m. **Compline by Candlelight** led by Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 7th 11 a.m. **Family Service**
Sunday 14th 11 a.m. **Holy Communion** Revd Sue Giles
Sunday 21st 8 a.m. **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)** Revd Lawrie Marsh
11 a.m. **Morning Prayer** Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 28th **No service in Bottisham**
10 a.m. **Benefice Communion** in Swaffham Prior

N.B. On Sunday 5th October at 11 a.m. we shall have our Harvest Festival with Lunch

Details of other services in the Benefice are on the notice board in the church. Please see the separate advert for the Cheese & Wine Evening with a talk on the History and Architecture of Holy Trinity Church by Dr Mike Young on Saturday 6 September at 7 p.m.

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In order to deliver my copy on time, I am writing this just before going on holiday at the beginning of August. There is a danger, therefore, that events may overtake me and that what I write may not be relevant by September! There may be, however, some insights that will remain important in the midst of a period of more uncertainty than usual.

In the last few days, we have recalled the events leading up to the outbreak of war in August 1914. Through various documentaries, we have not simply been reminded of what happened, but have also gained some insight into the debates and judgements of rulers and politicians. More poignantly, we have read the letters and poetry of those caught up in the conflict, discerning the move from optimism to war weariness and despair over four long years of war. We have heard the stories of those back home receiving the telegram giving them the news that they had long dreaded, that their loved one would not be returning.

Even hindsight has not clarified for me the enormous complexity of motives and power struggles that led to war. No-one, I think, foresaw the enormous cost of the enterprise on which they embarked. Somewhere in the chain of events that led to this enormous catastrophe, probably earlier than we could imagine, a key threshold was passed. This was the moment when there was no longer a choice between right and wrong, but only a grey area where we had to choose the lesser evil in order, so we optimistically believed, to re-establish a better world.

I have slipped into using "we" rather than "they" because the situation is so familiar. It didn't just happen one hundred years ago – it is happening now. In our family, community, national and international life, events happen which leave us to find a response which is the "lesser of two evils". Israel and Gaza, Syria, Libya, Russia and Ukraine seem to be areas where one wrong strives with another with little prospect of a peaceful outcome. So how might we respond in these complex and seemingly hopeless circumstances?

Without being too simplistic, it seems to me that the moment where things went wrong in all these situations, was that one person, one community, one country, stopped listening to the other. By the time this becomes evident, the fateful moment may be well in the past and reconciliation an impossible dream.

But somewhere, the possibility of new hope will arise again where two people reach across the gulf that separates. Maybe the "butterfly effect" is a poetical notion, but we have seen its impact in human conflict in our time. Nelson Mandela started his butterfly effect by confounding his gaolers' expectations. They expected him to be in conflict with them and were completely disarmed as he studied them to find out their interests and what motivated them. The end of all conflict whether global or simply between two people starts when one reaches out and listens to the other.

"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me".

Bottisham Players

Bottisham Players are well into rehearsals for "Ding Dong", a confusing and hilarious story where Bernard discovers his wife is having an affair, he decides to confront Robert and give him two options to compensate for the affair, either Bernard sleeps with Roberts wife or Bernard will have him killed! You can see what happens at one of three evening performances starting Thursday 16th October – Saturday 18th October.

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The new season starts on Wednesday 3rd September and we will be pleased to see anyone who would like to have a go. We meet in the main hall at BVC and club nights are on Wednesdays at 7.15pm during term time.

We have two teams who play in the East Cambs league against local clubs such as Swaffham Bulbeck. Home matches are mostly held on Thursdays.

You are welcome to come and have a roll up under the guidance of an experienced player. There is nothing to pay for your first four weeks trial and the club provides all equipment, so what are you waiting for?

Peter Hofton

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Gardeners in the locality will be pleased to hear that in the New Year, Andrew Sankey will be presenting “**Great Gardens, Famous Gardens.**” The probability is that this series of lectures will be very popular, but there's no problem if you want to book a seat now!

For readers of The Cresset who still do not know what the WEA is all about, why not come along to a free evening session at the Poppy Room on 25th September. Speakers from the Eastern Region of the WEA will be explaining what they do and why it's worth becoming involved.

Gerry Cowley

Bottisham WI

We are sorry that Maureen Rogers one of our members has recently moved from the village. She was a regular attendee, supported all the many extras that we do and made and stitched members names on our tablecloth used at our meetings. She was the prime mover in designing, organising members with materials and thread and she did the final stitching together and the quilting for the wall hangings at both Queens Court and Bottisham Surgery. She was a fine needlewoman, a WI Judge and was able to donate over 2,000 books to Denman College the WI College in Oxfordshire. She had been President of the Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes and also served on the National Committee for several years. She will be sadly missed.

20 members chose a warm sunny evening for their walk via Bottisham Hall to the Black Horse in Swaffham Bulbeck for a meal, 40 of us enjoyed a lovely meal in August at Il Piccolo Mondo and many of our regular walkers walked around Quy Fen finishing with coffee at Anglesey Abbey.

Our June speaker was Shoshana Goldshill originally from New York and a lapsed Jewess who married a practising English Jew and then had children so she re embraced her faith realising that the Jewish Faith emphasised the love, learning and family values within its community. She explained the Sabbath festival with its restrictions on any work being done and we all drank some blessed wine and then ate some delicious chollah. She sang the necessary blessings in Hebrew and told us that all the Jewish Festivals are centred around food. The family attend the Cambridge Synagogues each week but not together as her husband is more Orthodox than she is. It was an enlightening talk and she answered many questions.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 16th September** when **Irina Kirlova MBE** will speak about **Interpreting on Royal Visits to Russia** in the Lecture Room at the College at 7.30pm.

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Sylvia Overton

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Refuse sacks for the year will be delivered week commencing 1st September. If you have not received them by 8th September please contact East Cambs District Council.

Following on from comments in last months Cresset, you will be aware that Parish Council were in exploratory discussions with the Village College regarding provision of a play area. The Village College offered a specific site on the school playing field. There have been problems in the past on the village college site which the police have been involved with and they recommended that any play area should be sited in a visible place where activity on the site could be seen and monitored. The area offered was at the rear of the field behind houses in Bell Road and, on inspection, the police suggested this area was unsuitable due to lack of visibility from the road. Unfortunately the Village College cannot make any other space available. It must also be understood that we were only at an early stage of discussion, and any site would need approval from governors, trustee's and so forth before any firm commitments could be made. It should also be noted that that the area offered would have been for purchase, it would not have been donated. We have regularly considered other sites for a playground and suitable land for a cemetery. As reported in last months Cresset, we are negotiating with the National Trust to use land they own off of Lode Road for this purpose and will keep you updated on proceedings. This site is preferred, not only because it will be visible from the road but, if environmental tests prove it suitable will allow us to also have a much needed cemetery which we certainly could not install on the Village College site! It may be we can come back to the Village College if all else fails, but for the moment we are continuing to investigate the land off of Lode Road.

Parish Council were surprised to learn recently that one of the planning conditions for the Ancient Meadows site was to provide play equipment on the green open space. We have been approached several times by East Cambs District Council to take over management of the site following the demise of the developer. New councillors felt this should be explored further, but after quotations we found that ongoing maintenance would be £1000 per year to add to our current grass cutting budget. We would also have to take on responsibility for tree work, as well as road and path maintenance. We have since found out that extensive and expensive tree works are also needed on the site, for which we would be responsible if we took on the estate. We are keen for this site to be in the control of the District Council and for them to install the playground equipment as stated on the planning condition. We also understand that a planning condition on the application for the Crystal Structures site, if approved, will make money available to the Ancient Meadows site for ongoing maintenance to be carried out by East Cambs District Council and for the provision of play equipment. It is worth pointing out that the roads and paths at the Ancient Meadows site have not yet been adopted by the County Council and are still the responsibility of the administrator of the site. This also includes responsibility for street lighting.

At our July meeting we were pleased to welcome Adam Cobb who explained the changes that the County Council thought necessary to the traffic calming scheme for Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane. He also clarified the revised budget. It is regrettable that this scheme has been delayed by staff changes at the County Council but, following the public consultation, the scheme will now go ahead (as reported in last months Cresset) in the next few weeks.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. Although they may not take part once the meeting has started, there are 15 minutes available for questions from the public before the meeting begins.

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently reviewing its annual business plan which includes looking at the authority's priorities and setting our budget for the year 2015/16. Please be advised that the CCC Budget Planning consultation has just started. **We want your views:** Before any final decisions are taken by councillors and stakeholders we would like to gauge local opinion. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could take the time to view the proposals and complete the questionnaire – which you can access here: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation.

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Unfortunately, requests will not be accepted after then under the delivery contract which the Council has with Veolia.

ANCIENT MEADOWS, BOTTISHAM • The future of the public open space at Ancient Meadows was on the agenda of the Asset Development Sub-Committee on 30th July. The Principal Forward Planning Officer had produced an extensive report with the options available, and the costs and risks involved. Robert Stevens, who is not a member of that committee, advised the members of the situation and difficulties over the past two years since the developer went into Administration. It was resolved that the Officers be given direction according to the Committee's decision. Because of the financial and legal matters involved, the report, the meeting minutes and its decision are currently not in the public domain.

PLANNING • The Government's Planning Inspector has advised the Council that its proposed Local Plan does not demonstrate that enough new homes will be delivered within the next five years throughout the District. He considers that there will be a shortfall of 320 homes. The Planning Officers have advised Councillors that in the meantime they should determine applications according to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework, which principally considers economic, social and environmental sustainability. Two large applications in Haddenham and Witchford were turned down by the Planning Committee in August, despite the Witchford one being recommended for approval by the Officers. Neither site had been included in the draft Local Plan and the Village Visions, which had been subject to local consultations carried out in good faith in response to the Government's Localism Act.

Dist Cllrs Robert Stevens and Kevin Ellis

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING NOTES

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Section 3 Baking and preserves

The Gardening Club Cup

All baking exhibits to be covered in cling film or a polythene bag.

27. A jar of fruit jam or jelly
28. A jar of marmalade
29. A jar of lemon curd
30. Apple pie: *short-crust pastry, may be decorated*
31. 5 fruit scones
32. 5 pieces of shortbread
33. A fruit cake: *your own recipe*
34. A sponge cake: *your own recipe*
35. A loaf of bread: *hand or machine-made*

Section 4 Crafts

Handicraft Cup

36. A hand-knitted or crocheted article
37. A piece of embroidery, tapestry or cross-stitch
38. A hand-made cushion
39. A pin cushion

Section 5 Painting & drawing

Reg Lambert Cup

40. A painting: *any medium*
41. A drawing: *any medium*

Section 6 Photography

Photography Cup

Unframed, unmounted and not exceeding 17.5cms x 12.5cms; maximum of 3 entries per class per exhibitor.

42. Plants
43. Animals
44. Family and friends
45. Local architecture
46. Something magical

Section 7 Children's

These classes are open to primary school-aged children; please state age on entry form.

47. Any of the above classes

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Section 1 Fruit and vegetables

Colonel Francis Bowl; Lowlands Nursery Cup; Dolo Cup; Ink Stand

In multiple exhibits all fruit and vegetables should be of one variety.

1. 5 runner beans
2. 3 beetroots
3. 6 carrots
4. 3 courgettes
5. 4 tomatoes
6. 5 onions
7. 5 potatoes
8. 1 truss of cherry tomatoes
9. 1 cucumber
10. 5 chillies
11. Any vegetables not covered by other classes: 1 large or 5 small
12. A basket or frug of mixed vegetables: 5 different vegetables
13. A container of fresh garden herbs
14. 4 apples
15. 4 pears
16. 3 sticks of rhubarb
17. A display of fruit not covered by other classes

Section 2 Flowers.

Mrs K Hogben Cup; William Hogben Cup; Rose Bowl; Flower Basket Award

18. A specimen rose
19. A vase of 5 different garden flowers
20. 3 cut dahlias: one variety
21. 5 cut geranium (pelargonium) blooms
22. A flowering pot plant
23. A foliage pot plant
24. A pot-grown cactus or succulent
25. A basket of summer flowers
26. 3 flowers & foliage (buds permitted) no more than 12"/30cms wide

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Public Transport Matters

The dates of the current local bus timetables are 1st June for the 10/10A and 20th July for the 11/12. Changes are being made to the payment system for the Park and Ride service. This could put more people back on their local buses, it is suggested. The Times comments that Park and Ride is not so green because shoppers sometimes need to drive extra miles and cites all the extra pollution of the to-and-fro-ing buses and the cars themselves. It is, of course, of benefit if it keeps cars out of town centres. The construction of an extension to the busway is now under way from the existing route to the proposed Cambridge Science Park Station. It will be a 600 metre-long road not a guided route as this was thought to be less risky ref. cyclists and pedestrians. It is set to open in May 2016. Network Rail is preparing to start work on the £30 million station offering trains to King's Cross and Liverpool St. plus Norwich, King's Lynn, Stansted airport and Birmingham. It is hoped that this will take pressure off Cambridge station and reduce congestion in the city. First Capital Connect have introduced a new ticket called an Overnighter for use between Cambridge and King's Cross. Travel after 2 p.m. on a Friday or Saturday and return before noon the following day – much cheaper than 2 singles or an open return. Cambridge County Council has been working with local district councils on transport strategies for the area in view of the increase in house-building and population. The ECDC results of their public consultation are now being analysed. Information is on their website.

Eurostar continues to introduce new services. From May 1st 2015 there will be a direct service to Marseille on the French Riviera – at 6 hours and 15 minutes it could beat the time taken by going by air. There will be only 2 stops – Lyon and Avignon. Personally we await a direct service to Cologne and beyond in Germany due to our personal connections. Deutsche Bahn have had it under consideration for some time. We recently decided to visit my friend, Inge, who lives in Mainz. We became school penfriends in 1952. I remember visiting her in 1953 when that area was under French control after the war and Inge and I being whistled at as we walked to the cinema one evening. Little did the soldiers know that I was, in fact, English! We usually travel to Cologne and Inge comes up on the train to meet us. Café Reichardt is good for Kaffee und Kuchen! But we knew she had had a hip op. and thought this was now unlikely. On telephoning, we learned that she had just had a mild stroke but due to the good German health care and rehabilitation at a convalescent home she had made a good recovery. So it was off to Cologne, where the hotel is conveniently at the train station, booking the trip to Mainz in the booking office the next day and the following day off to Mainz for a happy reunion. She still lives in the house we used to visit with our children since the 1960s and it is full of happy memories. Back to Cologne for a bit of shopping and then home via Brussels. German trains are very organized with leaflets at your seat detailing the route of the train journey and all the train connections for each stop. We did, however, feel sorry for the train conductor on the return journey as there was a half hour delay on leaving Mainz and he had to announce amended connections for passengers as we approached each stop.

Peacock Travel – 811481 – has some very interesting coach trips planned. Whippet Travel – 01954/230011 – still have coach trips up to the end of the year.

Britain is surrounded by islands. Cruise companies often offer Round Britain cruises – the Scilly Isles, the Channel Islands, etc. but there is also the interesting Isle of Man. Steam-Packet-Com asks you to bring your passion for history and book a ferry trip with them. Ancient stone circles, medieval castles and masterpieces of Victorian engineering. I had a very happy and interesting short break there some years ago when I worked at the Cambridge Tourist office and liked to find places to recommend to our visitors.

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To the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was very interested to see the report of Bottisham Parish Council's hope to compulsorily purchase 2.2 acres of National Trust Land along Lode Road for a childrens' playground and cemetery. Very commendable, but can Bottisham's Parishioners afford it? Have BVC costed the idea and can they let us know the figures please?

In March this year, average price of agricultural land in East Anglia was £7,656 to £10,000 per acre dependant on which Agent report is taken. I believe an Archaeological dig, Environmental and Ecological assessments will be required. Weatherproof car parks at the cemetery and playground will be necessary and big enough to ensure the road is not used by mourners and parents.

Security? When land on BVC behind Bradfords Close was suggested some time ago, it was rejected on grounds of security, so way down Lode Road with no overlooking households is even less secure!

Screening! High fences would be needed before hedging grows sufficiently. Entrances/exits to be constructed over pavement and through embankment. The Green Belt is being violated again.

There is also the problems of dust clouds caused by combine harvesters at harvest time and spray drift when pesticides and weed killers etc are being applied. (I know this from experience on my house and garden). Not conducive to happy child play or a sombre burial.

So can we really afford a scheme that will be costly and well away from the village centre? Why not compulsorily purchase Crystal Structures site and develop it in collaboration with ECDC and CCC as a financial benefit to the village with housing/light commercial buildings and incorporate the playground/cemetery, supported by some of the income of the developed site? I am sure a good financial package can be put together by qualified brains.

Alfred Laister

Dear Editor,

Our coffee morning. We were lucky with the weather for the coffee morning in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer and raised £333.90. Many thanks to all who supported the occasion in any way.

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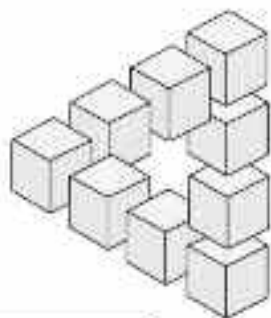
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

And so, as predicted by Sky supremo David Brailsford after Chris Froome's early departure from the Tour de France, "the guy with the best plan A" did, in fact, win the race. There's no reason to suspect any foul play apart from the apparent ease with which Vincenzo Nibali despatched his remaining opponents, so we just hope upon hope, for the sake of all that is good in the sport of cycling, that this *maillot jaune* turns out to be a squeaky clean one, even though it's hard to ignore the fact that Nibali's Astana team manager, the once disgraced Alexander Vinokourov, is one of the most shameless dopers of modern times.

Then boy, oh boy! What about the cricket?! No sooner had I submitted last month's bulletin to our esteemed editor than strange, unfamiliar things began to occur in the England camp. The batsmen, Captain Cook in particular, seized upon the opening afforded by some Indian sloppiness and started plundering runs; and the bowling attack, Anderson in particular, rediscovered the disciplines of accuracy and penetration to demolish an increasingly demoralised Indian side in the Second and Third Tests. Obviously we have seen a number of false dawns before but one hopes that the new guard of players, typified by Balance, Buttler, Root and Moeen Ali, can combine with the established qualities of the 'senior pros' and maintain the confidence to get on a 'roll' before we meet the Aussies for the 2015 Ashes.

Whilst enjoying this unexpected uplift in domestic sporting fortune I must admit to being rather underwhelmed by most of the Commonwealth Games! Sure, there were some world class performances in some disciplines, including a number of world records, and there is no doubt that the games provide a valuable opportunity for up-and-coming athletes to access some necessary international competition in their build up to the next Olympics. But surely I'm not the only 'grumpy old man' who sees an element of anachronism in the Commonwealths... am I? What is the Commonwealth nowadays, anyway? And what is its purpose? Mr Jolley, this is a cue for you, I believe!

Perhaps I was jaundiced by the media hype trying incessantly to convince me that these were the "best games ever"; and perhaps my (ahem!) normally tolerant nature was overwhelmed by the irony of being asked to revel in Scottishness at a time when the 'yes' to independence lobby seemed to be gathering a head of steam in denigrating their English oppressors!

Whatever it was, I have to say that 'Glasgow' did a great job in hosting the event, save for some inevitable transport hiccoughs and some ill-judged combining of some disability categories which seemed to frustrate competitors and spectators alike; and they successfully tapped into the zeitgeist of London 2012. But my biggest problem was that every time I switched on the TV, I was met with yet another clutch of home nations' medals being lauded by the ravenous media sycophants. 174 medals for England, including 58 golds, merely serves to cast the so-called 'Friendly Games' as a kind of second division championship for countries who struggle to gather enough precious metal on the wider world stage!

I was as pleased as anyone that our own Lizzie Armitstead picked up her overdue gold medal on the final weekend by winning the women's road race in conditions that floored all but the very hardiest; but, for all her justified delight, she too must surely be harbouring a few grains of relief that Marianne Vos's country (Holland) has managed to avoid British rule over the centuries!

Which reminds me... my wife and I enjoyed a few days' cycling in the aforementioned Netherlands in August - 'enjoy' being the operative word. Admittedly there is some odd signposting at times but, with purpose-built tarmac or brick cycle paths ubiquitous, you have rights of way over both cars and pedestrians in most places (conceded quite willingly, I might add), and you glide effortlessly over the kilometres of smooth, flat surface like road royalty. If the smile on Mrs Nut's face is anything to go by, then my indulgence in the sporting life - be it participating, administrating, spectating or scribing - is safely assured for the time being!

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A year or two later RE:NEW began, when one Sunday morning service a month was cancelled, in order to hold a fresh expression of church at the School. In 2008 he was ordained as a 'pioneer pastor' and also began ministering as chaplain at Queen's Court. He has now been appointed as a Regional Minister which is the Baptist equivalent of a Bishop. Simon concluded his talk by sharing that his mission was to help the church: Rediscover its Purpose, Refresh its Proclamation and Renew its Passion.

On September 18th the Rev. Sue Giles is coming to speak to us. You are most welcome to come along and join us. Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2.30 In Lode Chapel.
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Jolley Old World

Where there is a will there is a way...

But first as you may have read in the editorial the village has lost yet another of its characters. This time dear Harry Boal one time Parish Councillor, cyclist and WW2 Air Crew on Lancaster Bombers. Harry certainly chose his time to leave us being the centenary to the start of the Great 1914 – 18 War. A fond farewell Harry and no doubt you are now flying with a squadron of Angels...

Well done Parish Council for hopefully solving the urgent problem of land for a new village cemetery. Let's hope the negotiations and compulsory purchase from the National Trust goes through without a hitch. In case readers are not sure where it is; it's on the left hand side of Lode Road leaving the village going toward Lode, about where the road narrows and goes into a 40mph stretch. And we also read that PC considers the site to be the answer to a multi-purpose village play area as well.

But, and there's always a 'but', are we sure the same location for a cemetery is also the most suitable and sole communal solution for village play areas, particularly being away from the centre of the village. What's more the two acres or so is currently arable land which suggests that after site surveys etc. it will be a good few years before the site is actually available as a recreational resource. Moreover, some would say that whether the site is suitable or not as a play area should be a 'Village' wide judgement and approved by the village before other possibilities are written off. With any luck our elected 'worthies' will act judiciously by making 'public' the potentials for play areas before time, effort and monies are speciously spent...

Thank you to those that have spoken to me to say that you were unaware of the offer of land from BVC to the Village and that the offer has been declined. In fairness to Parish Council they did publish information about the offer in the Cresset but I don't think they mentioned it had been declined. I amongst many of you am also perplexed by this decision which is notably deficient in all empathy. But in congratulating Parish Council for resolving the Cemetery conundrum surely PC still recognises and appreciates the magnitude and the need for immediacy this matter of play areas poses to many residents in the village.

Of course when we talk about 'recreational space' in its generic form we must also recognise that we are looking at basically three different groups of village society. There are the residents with grown up children that would like something like a park and wooded area in which to walk and sit. Then we have the young families with nursery and primary school age children who would like play areas placed around the village equipped with appropriate play equipment. And then by no means least our young adults who would like an area far enough away not to cause a nuisance and equipped with apparatus of a more adventurous and robust nature.

Its three years now since the topic of 'village play areas' was identified in the top five priorities listed by residents in the Bottisham Survey conducted by East Cambs. It should be of little surprise then that with some 'joined up thinking' all of the aspirations outlined in the above paragraph could be met within the options currently available to the village. Certainly the Bell Road Masterplan and the Ancient Meadow options, possibly with Community Land Trust support and/or Compulsory Purchase powers, would offer a lot more scope for a wider variety of recreational pursuits whereas the Crystal Structures site and the Village College land offer would allow something still very desirable but a little more modest. And then of course there is the possibility of the Lode Road option serving the older children. It's not as if the village doesn't have monies ring-fenced by East Cambs set aside for such projects!

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(Jolley continued.)

Having returned from a weekend away at friends in Suffolk I was so impressed and indeed envious of the new recreational facilities available to the community there. A village half the size of Bottisham that has gone out and found areas of land in the village that have now been acquired either through Community Trusts and Charities or through Compulsory Purchase powers. Areas have been set aside for differentiated sections of the community - there is play equipment for nursery age, primary age, teenagers, keep fitters and space to walk and sit for the more mature members of the community.

Notably the village in question has achieved all this via a separate committee with the right skill set to take on responsibility specifically for all matters 'recreational'. Interestingly this committee is a seconded sub group to the Parish Council and the two function together to fulfil the goals of the village community. I therefore wonder if you will indulge me in a little bit of 'role play' by allowing me to publicly put forward a constructive proposal in the hope it doesn't invoke the 'not invented here' syndrome:

As a resident of this village I would like to set before Parish Council two proposals; firstly, to identify and to consider a diversity of options that individually will serve differentiated sections of village society but that collectively would fulfil the all-encompassing recreational aspirations of the community - all within the options currently available and identified in paragraphs above. And secondly, despite minor uncertainties, to proceed with the BVC offer of land and erect a fully equipped village play area on the College Playing Fields targeted toward primary school age children - to be up and running by spring 2015.

I for one would be delighted to be asked to be part of a 'recreation' sub group. The community has a great opportunity here to help Parish Council make these informed choices and I wait with interest to see whether any of the above proposals is taken forward! As they say, **"Where there is a will there is a way..."**

Finally, I am very appreciative of your encouragement but would again urge those of you that have a view on anything that is written in the Cresset to make it known to the editor. Only in this way can we get balanced opinion.

TJ

Bottisham Community Library

There has been a good take up by our younger readers for the summer reading challenge the **Mythical Maze**. Certificates will be awarded next term to those children who have read at least 6 books.

I see that a panel of authors and literacy campaigners say that watching TV can help children to become hooked on characters they will want to follow up in print. Bernard Ashley a children's author said his son devoured all the Dr Who books and then read Bleak House as he had enjoyed the TV programmes' We need another J K Rowling to write some books about sport after this sport filled TV summer to get the youngsters interested!

The Parish Council of Bampton in Oxfordshire has been very fortunate to have been given £20,000 by ITV for the disruption caused by filming Downton Abbey over 4 years which has enabled them to keep their village library running. On reflection perhaps the inconvenience was worth it. What do you think?

The World Cup Quiz proved popular - plenty of copies sold and the completed ones are being checked as I write. The winners details will be published in the next issue.

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- 2 Carpet bowls Club season starts at BVC
- 4 & 24 PG Walking group
- 9 BVC Adult evening class enrolment
- 9 BBPC Welcome back meeting 7.30pm
- 13 GC Annual Show
- 13 Hearts start first aid at the surgery
- 15 BVC Sports facility review presentation
- 16 BBPC Kite aerial photography
- 16 WI Irina Kirlova – Interpreting on Royal visits in Russia
- 18 MU talk with Rev. Sue Giles
- 19-26 BRBL Social Club Beer Festival
- 25 WEA season first meeting
- 27 McMillan Coffee Morning - 51 Beechwood
- 28 BAMG Open day at their new airfield home.

OCTOBER

7/8/14/15/21/22/28/29 BRBL Line dancing

- 3 Carers 'Away Day' – See advert for details
- 4 BRBL Psychic fair
- 6 PC Meeting
- 16-18 'Ding Dong' by the Bottisham Players
- 25 Poppy Appeal starts

NOVEMBER

4/11/12/18/19/25/26 BRBL Line dancing

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Lib = Bottisham Community Library Assoc.

MU = Mother's Union meet at Lode Chapel 2.30pm Third Thursday

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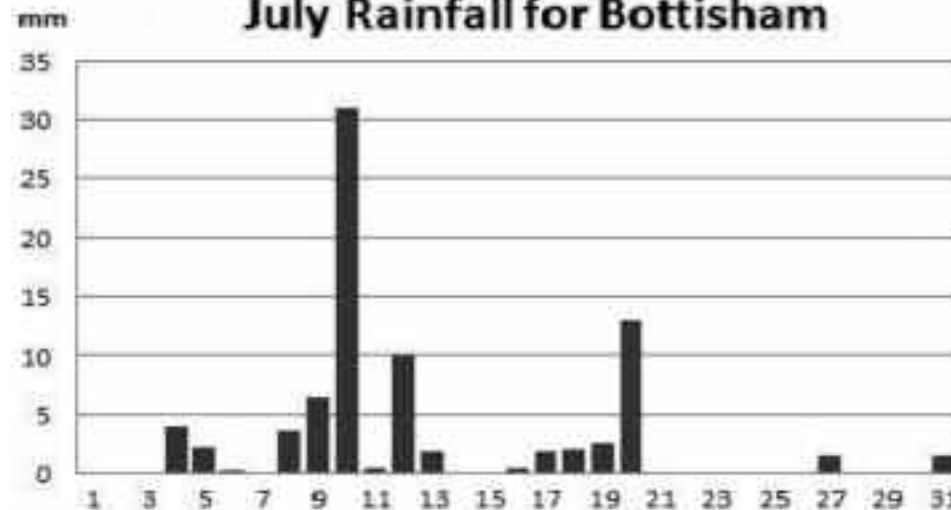
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Terry Chapman

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