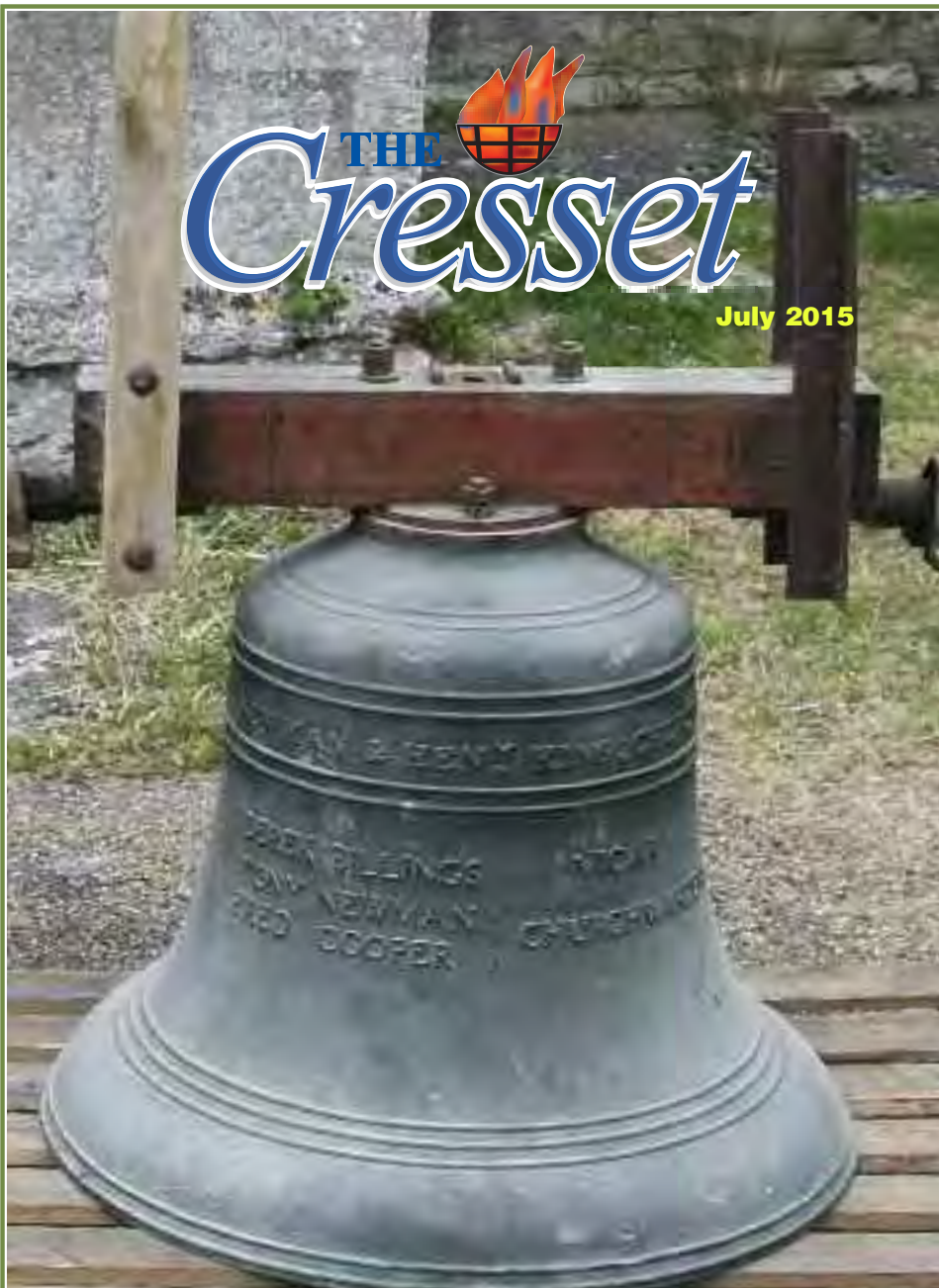




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Greetings from the Outer Hebrides.

Not as warm here, windy and often wet, but the scenery is wonderful and food and company great. Not so much to report from me, as there is plenty to read inside.

The Parish Council report on the Annual Parish meeting, which was held last month, keeps us up to date, as does Tony's 'Jolley Old World'. Gerry Daish gives us his sharp eyed view on the current 'state' of world football and the FIFA debacle. And Paddy gives us the latest travel news and interests.

As we do at this time of year there is advance notice of the gardening show and you have the opportunity, if you are up to it, to enter your best from your garden. Don't feel that this is only for the expert gardeners. Everybody can enter and there are categories for so many things including children's categories, that there must be something for you to enter. It is also a good show to visit on the day and see the produce in all its glory.

But one of the most interesting things this month is the report by Mike Young on the refurbishment of the Church Bells.

It was a historic moment for Bottisham on the 10th of June, when the bells, which have hung and rung in the church for decades (and indeed one for centuries back to 1590), were taken down and sent away to be refurbished. By the time the next magazine is published they will have returned and be being re-hung in their new frame. The relationship of these church bells with the village is manifold. From simply telling the time, they have also, over the centuries, called people together for worship and village gatherings. I won't repeat what Mike reports, but I would encourage you to have a read. I also thought it was worth while including photographs for those who did not see them in the flesh.

One other thing to remind you of, is that there will be **no Cresset in August**. Due to holiday breaks in the printing world, the timings mean that the next edition would be delayed and would overlap with the copy date for the September issue. So we decided that we would have a break and where needed, you will see August event dates included here.

See you in September and have a good holiday.

Peter Walker



The Bottisham Bells await shipment to Dorset for refurbishment.

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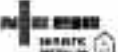
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The Bottisham Bells

The Bells - out of sight, but not out of mind

It is a pleasure (and a great relief!) to report that the bells are down from the tower and away to the works of Nicholson Engineering in Bridport, Dorset. None of a pessimistic Churchwarden's worst fears were realised and in the event the whole operation went smoothly, apart from a small battle to get the bellframe apart. (Why ever did they do it that way in 1929?) The steel beams put in place during the building works did their job as fixings for the hoists and the bellhanger, Andrew Nicholson, who started his working life as a trombonist in the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and his volunteer assistants demonstrated, as everyone without exception had told me, that 'they know what they are doing'. Thank you Andy Thompson, Dan Hammond and Phil Gorman for your invaluable help over the three days.



Having the bells on pallets at the back of the church was quite a sight and even more so when they were lined up in the right and proper order, treble to tenor, outside the church on the morning of departure. I wrote in the last Cresset that this would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Not true! Both Tony Newman and Joyce Rank remembered as small children being taken with their class from the old

village school, aka Il Piccolo Mondo, to view the bells on the grass outside the church in 1929. A twice-in-a-lifetime experience for them, but surely just 'once' for most of us. A rare opportunity for certain to be able to photograph Tony with the treble. Recast in 1976 it bears the names of the then Churchwardens, Tony and Fred Cooper, but it also had the original inscription renewed, with the names of the Churchwardens when the bell was first cast in 1828, one of whom was Thomas Newman, Tony's great-great-grandfather. Even more remarkable, if not so interesting for the village, was to photograph Andrew Nicholson with our super-rare bell, cast around 1590 in Cambridge in the foundry of 'Ricardus Nicolson'. Andrew is one of his descendants. Andrew tells me that it is one of only two bells known to have survived from that foundry.

Horror stories of whole rings of bells being stolen - the metal alone (bronze) in the tenor, the heaviest bell, is worth about £6,000 - were sufficient to cause your Churchwarden to spend the night sleeping in the church with the bells. What would have happened if a bunch of desperados had arrived to remove the bells is uncertain, but happily all six were still there on awaking the next morning. If all goes according to schedule, they will be returned to us on 24 August. Re-hanging the bells will take somewhat longer than getting them down, but even a pessimistic Churchwarden has hope that we shall have good news to impart in the next issue of the Cresset in September.

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Sunday 12th No service in Holy Trinity
 10 a.m. Benefice Communion in Lode
Sunday 19th 8 a.m. **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)** *Revd Sue Giles*
 11 a.m. **Holy Communion** *tbc*
Sunday 26th No service in Holy Trinity
 10 a.m. Benefice Communion in Quoy

AUGUST

- Sunday 2nd** 11 a.m. **Morning Prayer** *Dr Sarah Maxwell*
Sunday 9th 11 a.m. **Family Service with Baptism** *Revd Sue Giles*
Sunday 16th 8 a.m. **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)** *Revd Lawrie Marsh*
 11 a.m. **Holy Communion** *Revd Sue Giles*
Sunday 23rd No service in Holy Trinity
 10 a.m. Benefice Communion in Swaffham Prior

Benefice services are joint services with other churches in the Anglesey Group (Lode, Quoy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Details of other services in the Anglesey Group are on the notice board in the church. ••• **TRINITY FAIR** • Many thanks to all who contributed to making the Trinity Fair/Church Fete such a success in June. The profit from the day, just short of £1,900, is a vital contribution to the considerable cost of keeping our church running.

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Barrie Buckett

The family of the late Barrie Buckett, wish to thank the Rev. Sue Giles for taking his service of thanksgiving. To see so many people there, was a great comfort to the family. As were the many cards of condolence, and the generous retiring donations for Woodgreen Animal shelter and Alzheimer's Research UK..

Enid and her family were pleased to see that so many people could join them after the service at the British Legion Social Club for refreshments, where Barrie enjoyed many Thursday evenings.
Enid & Family

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Parish Council meet once a month (1st Monday of the month). We have a Planning Committee headed by Councillor Hilda Buchanan, an Environment, Churchyard and Cemetery Committee headed by Councillor Steven O'Dell and a Finance Committee headed by Councillor Christine Bryant. One of our new councillors Julia Latif suggested having a Community Working Party which will look at creating a new website and look at how facebook and twitter could be used to promote the parish council and the village. She has agreed to Chair this group. We will also have a New Cemetery Working Party which Councillor Jon Ogborn will chair, this will look at the compulsory purchase of land on Land Road. Both of the working parties will report back to Parish Council for any decisions to be made. Most councillors serve on at least 2 of these committees or working parties. We currently have 10 councillors and hope to co-opt our final vacancy very soon.

We have been complaining to Sanctuary Hereward for close to a year as have some local residents to fix the fences at the rear of the properties which back onto the footpath running alongside the cemetery. Several of these were in a poor condition, leaning into the path and a small barbed wire fence was dangerous as parts of it were sticking out into the path. A representative from Sanctuary Hereward did finally come and take a look and made some temporary repairs. It took some intervention from our District Councillor Vince Campbell but I am pleased to say that all repairs have now been made and the barbed wire fence has been replaced with a wooden one. Very slow progress but we got there in the end.

We have been disappointed that our grasscutters haven't been able to keep up with the weather and keep our grass in the village as tidy as normal. We appreciate that they may have some staffing issues but have told them that any problems need to be rectified by the end of the month.

The planning application for change of use for River Farm Smokery on Wilbraham Road has been approved. The airfield museum which was on the Crystal Structures site on Tunbridge Lane will now occupy this area. Councillors are concerned about parking at the site. When an event was held here vehicles were parking on the A1303 which was particularly dangerous.

Tony Jolley, our Speedwatch co-ordinator tells us that there now has to be a minimum of 3 volunteers on each speedwatch check instead of 2 and the way that data has to be submitted has also changed making it more complicated for those volunteers that are not I.T minded. If you have some spare time please contact Tony, I understand he is putting in a separate report in the Cresset regarding Speedwatch. If we don't have enough volunteers we won't be able to continue with this scheme, it does help to keep speeding in the village down.

Thank you to all those residents who attended the Annual Meeting on Thursday 4th at the Royal British Legion. Thank you also to our guests County Councillor Mathew Shuter, District Councillor Vince Campbell and former Councillor Robert Stevens, Mr Paul Belzar – Bottisham Primary Headmaster, Margret Coles – Bottisham Community Library and Coral Hatley – Bottisham Local Charities. The evening was a review of the past year and a look ahead to what this year may bring.

Claire Fullwood, Parish Clerk

PLANNING NOTES

- 15/00392/FUL 49 Bell Road; Porch to front of house; NEW APPLICATION
- 15/00153/FUL River Farm Smokery, Wilbraham Road; Proposed change of use from smokery to airfield museum, extension to reinstate historic nissen hut as display and events hall, siting of prefabricated toilets and nissen hut for museum storage APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 15/00393/FUL Bottisham Heath Stud, London Road Erection of stables, horse walker and horse showers (retrospective); APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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My granddaughter is at present working for six months in an orphanage in South Africa. She recently wrote on her blog page: 'African time has taught me that if you're always racing to the next moment then you never fully appreciate the one you're in. There is a beauty and calmness in just being content with where you are right then.'

The New Testament tells us that one of the flavours of fruit which the Holy Spirit seeks to grow in the life of a Christian is patience. The others are: love; joy; peace; kindness; goodness; faithfulness; gentleness and self-control. (See The letter to the Galatians Chapter 5 verse 22) Not such a bad recipe for living!

When was the last time you actually sat down for ten minutes and did nothing? I mean, really nothing. Not watching TV or texting or checking your mobile or reading or talking – just being.

Now I know this is a bit extreme, but I recently spent four hours standing by a large pool surrounded by reed-beds waiting for a brief glimpse of a fairly rare bird – a Little Bittern. I could hear it, but I never saw it! Mad? Perhaps. Did I go home feeling relaxed and refreshed and ready to get on with the busyness again? Certainly!

For the sake of our mental, physical and spiritual well-being we actually need to be able just to relax and switch off now and again. Chill out; de-stress; contemplate; meditate – call it what you will. Try to find, or perhaps I should say make sure you find, a 10 or 15 minute space in each day. (Not four hours!) Perhaps in the garden, or go for a walk, or just sit in a quiet place. Leave your phone somewhere else. Let them wait! There are still 1,425 minutes left in the day to do all the other stuff!

If you are a believer, then this can be time spent consciously with God. The Bible says, 'Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.' (Psalm 37 v.7) This is the time when God might just be able to get a word in edgeways – and you might even hear what he has to say! The prophet Isaiah wrote: 'In quietness and trust is your strength'. (Isaiah 30 v.15) Even if you are not a believer, those few moments of quiet and stillness can make a difference to your day – and your life.

Peter Wells

RE:NEW Services in July 2015.

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services, and a crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

*5th July. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (Bottisham Primary School)
With Holy Communion*

12th July. 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

12th July. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

19th July. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

26th July. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

26th July. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

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War Detectives

Andy Hamilton and High Sheriff join War Detectives

Red2Green held its final War Detectives event on the 10th June, being joined by Andy Hamilton (the scriptwriter, comedian and Red2Green Patron) and the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War 2.

Red2Green

Nearly 100 guests started the event at Red2Green in Swaffham Bulbeck to view displays showing the work done by War Detectives over the past year, and enjoy a buffet lunch. The guests included local residents, students and staff from Bottisham Village College, and representatives from local organisations, joining the learners, trustees and staff from Red2Green.

Following a short walk to Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School, the next part of the day involved film crews from the Primary School, Village College and Red2Green Aspirations introducing the films they had created of local residents sharing their stories of living and serving in World War 2. Eight films in all were shown on being an evacuee, serving in the RAF in Burma, the local Home Guard, extracts from the diary of a resident's grandmother – who ran a shop in the village, stealing ammunition from a German plane shot down, the double tragedy of some families in Lode who lost sons in the war, and daughters, who married Americans serving at Bottisham Airfield, and the planes and crew that were based there. These 8 films (lasting 45 minutes in total) were, according to Ruth Rogers (Red2Green's CEO) "informative, funny and very moving" and can be viewed at www.youtube.com/channel/UCLeHsG0nWZZQNxkBqGDXv

In addition to sharing the films they had made, the War Detectives also outlined the work they had done throughout the year, such as poems, artwork, pictures, reports and leaflets of places visited, before placing them in a time capsule. Such work came from the students at the Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School and Village College, Red2Green's Aspirations and Options learners and a local resident.

The time capsule was then put in a decorated wheelbarrow pushed by Ron Butler (a local resident who served in the RAF in the war) who followed the flag of the Bottisham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion and 2 air cadets and their officer who processed to the War Memorial in Swaffham Bulbeck. Following them were the High Sheriff dressed in his very smart uniform, breeches and all, and all the guests and other local villagers.

At the War Memorial the High Sheriff spoke about the importance of the War Detectives project in enabling older people to talk about their wartime experiences at the same time encouraging the young students present to continue to listen while they could still hear the stories directly. He also said that there was a very good possibility that some of the school children present could well be alive when the time capsule is dug up in 100 years time.

With help from a number of War Detectives the High Sheriff dropped the time capsule into the prepared hole sealing it with a lid and plaque that read:

Red2Green

*'In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War 2,
a time capsule was buried nearby on 10th June 2015 by War Detectives from Red2Green,
Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School, Bottisham Village College,
and local villagers who lived and fought in the War,
the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Andy Hamilton (Red2Green Patron)*

(War Detectives continued on page 19.)

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(War Detectives continued.)

To finish the day's events Ed Compton (Assistant Principal at Bottisham Village College) played the 'Last Post' on his trumpet before everyone observed a minute's silence.

The day was clearly a great success as has been the whole War Detectives project in bringing schools, Red2Green and the local community together to pursue a common goal to learn and commemorate together.

In making the day a success thanks are due to all the War Detectives and the partner organisations Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School, Bottisham Village College and Red2Green as well as the local residents featured in the filming (Ken King, Stan Hedges, Cliff and Daphne Baigent, Steve Gotts, Heather Hatley and Ron Butler). We are very grateful that both Andy Hamilton and the High Sheriff joined us and took such an active and supportive part. In addition we want to thank the team that 'dug the hole' and sealed the time capsule in it – in particular David Rayner, Martin Mead (Mead Construction), David Ball Group Ltd (who provided the PUDLO waterproof concrete), Nigel Wilson (Andrew Firebrace Partnership) and Barney, Barry and Ken – and Graham Haynes for help with the plaque. We also had a great lunch provided by the Norfolk Street Deli, with the PA system used at the War Memorial provided by PDS of Peterborough. Lastly thanks go to Hi8us who did a brilliant job in working with the students and learners to produce such excellent films.

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has a limited number of free alarms to distribute to relevant landlords and will be doing so at distribution events at its fire stations on the first Mondays of July, August and September.

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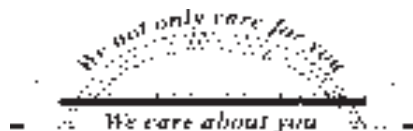
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The National Library Service Summer Reading Scheme during the School holiday is entitled "**Record Breakers**" and it will bring together the world of fact and fiction, challenging young readers to explore some of the real-life achievements and world records featured in the Guinness World Record Books. More details and entry forms will be available in the Library.

Please come to our **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14th July at 7.00pm in the Library** to hear about our past year. We hope to have a Speaker from the Public Library service so look out for the posters. Your support is welcomed.

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Sylvia Overton

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1. 5 runner beans
2. 3 beetroots
3. 5 carrots
4. 3 courgettes
5. 4 tomatoes
6. 5 onions
7. 5 potatoes
8. 1 tray of cherry tomatoes
9. 1 cucumber
10. 5 chillies
11. Any vegetable/s not covered by other classes: *1 large or 5 small*
12. A basket or tray 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 Hogben Cup/William Hogben Cup/Rose Bowl/Flower Basket Award

(all pot plants to have been in owner's possession for minimum 2 months)

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

An arrangement of 3 flowers and foliage (buds permitted)

SECTION 3: BAKING AND PRESERVES

The Gardening Club Cup

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27. A jar of fruit jam or jelly
28. A jar of marmalade
29. A jar of lemon curd
30. A jar of chutney
31. 6 sausage rolls
32. Fruit pie: *short-crust pastry, may be decorated*
33. 5 pieces of shortbread
34. A loaf of bread (*hand or machine-made*)
35. A fruit cake: *to your own recipe*
36. A tea-time sponge cake: *to your own recipe*

SECTION 4: CRAFTS

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37. A hand-knitted or crocheted article
38. Any item of embroidery, tapestry or cross-stitch
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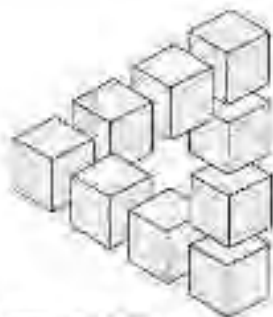
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Sabine, Clare, Lucy, Heather and Nancy

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

I've always felt a little guilty for not affording Rugby Union a more generous allocation of column inches in the Sports Nut column and, following a chance conversation in the Legion car park with a rigger aficionado recently, I resolved to make some effort to redress the balance in future. The trouble is that, ever since my tiny 16 year old frame was trapped at the bottom of a ruck in my one and only school match in the early 70s, I've taken very little interest in this stop-start game with the incomprehensible rules.

Clearly it's the wrong time of year to expect big Rugby stories from the field of play but, with the World Cup 2015 to be hosted by England during September and October, I will endeavour to be better informed henceforward! Let us hope that recent examples of England players' ill-discipline off the field, in the build-up to the tournament, do not affect the preparations of Stuart Lancaster's squad.

As far as other sports are concerned, I hardly know where to start, this month, with all the off-field dramas in cricket and football!

Have you noticed the improvement in the mood of the England cricket camp following Andrew Strauss's appointment as Director of Cricket? And this is even before the arrival of lauded Aussie Trevor Bayliss as Head Coach. England proceeded to play a cracking test 'series' against a recently rejuvenated New Zealand (if you can call two matches a series!) followed by a sensational start to the ODI series. We can discuss the vagaries of the Duckworth-Lewis method another time, but it's heartening to see the consequences of a happy dressing room and a positive attitude. At the time of writing, it has gone a bit quiet in the KP camp too!

And what about the FIFA story, now that we are as close as the world has even been to ridding ourselves of the gangster Sepp Blatter and his evil henchmen. I hope and pray that the crooks-turned-informants – Blazer and Warner in particular – sing like nightingales to their interrogators so that we can bury the Septic one forever. It won't be easy: with his poisonous tentacles spread insidiously round the globe as he picked off every small nation and put them in his pocket with spurious grants and bribes. Neither governments nor commercial interests are going to be too eager to admit to skullduggery now, are they?

So, for us, it's a watching brief to see what happens about the 2018 (Russia) and 2022 (Qatar) World Cups. I hardly think it's wise to try and prise 2018 from Mr Putin's grasp but, surely... surely they can unearth enough dirt on the 2018 bidding process to reverse the decision on Qatar and award the tournament to a more deserving nation, such as Australia?

While we're (loosely) on the subject of bribes, I must report that the highlight of England's goalless draw with Ireland in early June was the England fan's song, "*Sepp Blatter, he paid for your ground*", which was appreciated with good humour by the Irish too! This was a reference to the story that had broken the previous day, concerning FIFA's payment of a five million Euro grant to the Irish FA in return for dropping their proposed lawsuit over Thierry Henri's handball when his goal knocked Ireland out of the World Cup in 2013. The question is: is John Delaney, the FAI President, a hero for 'conning' Blatter out of 5m Euros, or is he a disgraced bribe-taker who has danced with the devil and deserves to be sacked? Time will tell. Delaney himself apologised to the Irish people for not asking for 10 million!

The Bottisham Boys were there as usual and, although the match itself did not pass muster, due to the fact that players from both sides had their minds on the following weekend's Euro qualifiers, we had a rip-roaring time in Dublin's fair city. We were welcomed with genuine warmth by the locals and it's worth reporting, too, that the conduct of the England supporters was, for once, immaculate. You may remember from the May edition of The Cresset, that we returned from Turin to berate The FA for not taking more robust steps against xenophobic behaviour of paid-up England Fans members. Well, they not only listened (*Sports Nut continued on page 45.*)

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and replied to our letters, they issued repeated warnings to members via email, web, social media, and through the Football Supporters' Federation magazine, and it seemed to have the desired effect. At the same time, they also acceded to our clamour to equalise the awards of loyalty 'caps' for attendance at home and away games. So we honestly feel that our voices made a difference. Please allow the boys and me a brief moment to feel rather proud of all that!

Closer to home, I am saddened to note the demise of Bottisham & Lode FC – the adult football club. A few short years ago, there were three men's teams in Bottisham and two in Lode. But next season – following the ongoing evaporation of players and volunteers – there will be none. This is no criticism whatsoever of stalwarts like Jim & Caroline Tideswell who have worked doggedly to keep things going against the odds. Regrettably, it's a sign of the times in village team sports, nation-wide. Apparently there are too many other interests offering instant gratification for less effort. I call upon everyone, now, to support the youth teams of Bottisham FC in the belief that they can rekindle our enthusiasm for football and turn the tide of youngsters dropping out of the beautiful game before stepping into adulthood.

TTFN

Gerry Daish

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

Continuity yet Fresh Beginning!

The collective active electorate of Bottisham Ward have returned Vince Campbell & David Chaplin to the District Council. Whilst Campbell carries the ferocious military background and political lobbying experience across the UK for Veterans affairs, Chaplin utilises both an enviable education and astute business acumen which dictates sensibility that the Ward yearns for.

The working relationship between the two men is ruthlessly frank. The accepted protocol is that Campbell's school of determined hard knocks entwines with the superior academia and business strength of Chaplin.

Although still embroiled in the learning curve at ECDC, as promised, doors have been knocked on and cases from the constituents are being worked on. As fresh starts are talked of, this is an ideal chance for all to understand who does what:

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This information may well serve our constituents and dependents well, however Campbell and Chaplin will assist where possible as they are now.

Award thus far for unhelpfulness: Sanctuary Hereward. Be pleased to understand victory stands alone but not with idleness. Both Campbell and Chaplin look forward to continuing to meeting all.

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Jolley Old World

Ease off on that right foot...

You may have heard of the term 'Speedwatch' and or have seen a few people wearing high visibility jackets standing on the roadside in the proximity of a Speed Display Panel. These people represent the Bottisham Community Speedwatch Team and are residents of the village who periodically give freely of their time to monitor vehicle speeds. Their objective is to make our village roads safer; if at all possible, by educating motorists that excessive speed in a speed restricted zone constitutes anti-social behaviour and of course is unlawful. The presence of this team should be an occasional reminder to all that speed limits are in place for very good reasons. I would therefore like to give over my 'column' this month to specifically comment on the objectives and achievements of Speedwatch in an attempt to persuade more volunteers to come forward. Hopefully most of you will be interested in the focus of this month's piece or if not at least find it informative.

Speedwatch in this area East Cambridgeshire was set up in 2009 as a community led initiative arising from a concern with an increasing number of motorists who habitually exceeded speed limits in residential areas of villages. In response the East Cambs Neighbourhood Panels (as they once were) facilitated the introduction of Speedwatch with the support and guidance of Cambs County Council and of course Cambridgeshire Constabulary - the rationale being to empower communities to help themselves by taking on some responsibility for making their roads safer.

The Speedwatch 'mission statement' for want of a better maxim is as follows: Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a community led feedback scheme designed to allow unpaid volunteers to officially monitor and report to the police the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speeding is of concern to the community. Speedwatch is an educational exercise rather than an enforcement tool and has a role to play in supporting local communities to improve road safety.

Bottisham seized the opportunity and became a founding member of the East Cambs Southern Area (ECSA) CSW scheme along with twelve other villages in this part of East Cambs. As the lead village Bottisham continues to coordinate Speedwatch checks in the ECSA area and oversees the deployment of the specialised speed monitoring equipment. Each volunteer has to undergo specific training covering both operational and administrative requirements including of course H&S and Risk Assessment issues. Only when training is completed will a volunteer be indemnified by Cambs Police and be considered suitable to operate CSW checks.

The Bottisham CSW Team commenced its operational activity in late 2009. It wasn't long before speeding hotspots in the village were identified and confirmed - the worst by far being Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane. The High Street and Lode Road also had and still have their speeding problems but due to the new family housing in Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane and the relocation of the Medical Practice, both roads were given priority for further action.

With the support of Cambs Police and the County Council a case was made by the Bottisham CSW Team to have physical speed reducing measures installed in Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane. The case was taken to and endorsed by Bottisham Parish Council and an application was made in 2013 requesting East Cambs to sanction the use of S106 monies to cover funding. The application was approved on the grounds that it was a Community Infrastructure project that had a direct connection with Bottisham's new housing from which the S106 monies had accrued.

A good number of residents have spoken of the benefits the traffic speed calming schemes have brought to both Bell Road and to Tunbridge Lane and this view is reinforced by Bottisham CSW's own checks which show the 'measures' are proving to be effective in the majority of cases. But unfortunately there's only a partial scheme installed in Bell Road

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which will hopefully be completed in the next few weeks with the addition of Vehicle Activated Displays that will show actual speeds followed by an appropriate 'message'. Alas a full scheme with a series of speed cushions was limited due to the abundance of residential drives with dropped curbs. But Bottisham CSW hopes this will be remedied if and when the extra housing in Bell Road is approved and a three way raised table at the Bell Road/St Peter's Field junction along with a raised table at the gated entrance to the College playing fields are made conditions of development. A raised table was also asked for as a condition to the new development at Crystal Park in Tunbridge Lane.

But of course there are those still opposed to the speed cushions being in place and indeed there are motorists driving certain marques of vehicle to whom the rules observed by most decent and considerate folk obviously don't apply. At least two local motorists have witnessed cars overtaking them in the 30mph zone along Bell Road. What does it matter if one more family pet gets killed? What or who will it be next – someone's child crossing the road to get to school!! One particular motorist driving a VW Passat Estate at around 7.30 in the morning seems to be a persistent offender along with the driver of a Red Van carrying ladders...

Over recent months East Cambs Speedwatch operations have been relocated from Ely Police Station, with whom ECSA-CSW had an excellent rapport, to be consolidated into Police Operations at HQ in Huntingdon. Regrettably the consequence seems to have resulted in a community led initiative morphing into the bureaucracy and confines of a 'one size fits all' countywide scheme. Nevertheless Bottisham CSW is still firmly committed to the Speedwatch concept. But in order to comply with the new operational guidelines Bottisham CSW must have more volunteers able to help out - preferably once a month. If you are concerned about speeding in this village and would like to become a member of the Bottisham CSW Team and are prepared to undergo training please do contact: clerk@bottishampc.org.uk or csw.ecsa@gmail.com

And so after six years of operation CSW has become a familiar sight in Cambridgeshire's villages and has been recognised locally as an informed voice on road safety issues. In some cases comment has been invited by Planners on planning applications in the area. Furthermore not one motorist has had to be reported for abusive language or for making an offensive gesture. Cups of tea and coffee are always welcome! TJ

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Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. On July 16th, our speaker will be Libby Ahluwalia, Chairperson for Friends of Whitworth House. We have invited members from Impington our link branch to join us. On August 20th, we will be holding our Summer Cream Tea. All are welcome to both events.

Jill Jenyns

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Jenny Sampson told us briefly how she had become interested in Japanese Embroidery after visiting a Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace. She attended courses in Bournemouth once she had retired and learned the skills using very fine silk threads stitching on silk. It is a traditional craft at least 1600 years old and it was originally worked for the wealthy on their ceremonial clothing. Learning was conducted in silence and divided into stages and each stage took 6 months to learn. She had brought many examples of her embroideries showing the different skills. They were real works of art, excellent examples of the craft and greatly admired.

We have several events arranged for members.

- an evening tour of the American War Cemetery at Madingley,
- a walk through Bottisham Park followed by a meal at The Black Horse on 2nd July
- Afternoon Tea at Bottisham Hall (by kind permission of Jill and Roger Jenyns) on 19th September to celebrate the Centenary of the WI
- Saturday 14th November Shopping trip to Norwich.
- Monday 14th December Christmas lunch at Newmarket Golf Club

We have a few remaining places for our visit to Burleigh House on Tuesday 18th August. Coach departs at 10.00am from the College and will leave Burleigh House at 4.00pm. The cost is £13 for members and £19 for non members. Please contact Sandra Clark on 812699..

Our darts team are playing well, we continue to have monthly walks and our stitches group is busy making blankets for patients in Ward S at Fulbourn for women suffering from Mental Health problems who have few creature comforts. We shall be serving teas at the Church fete and supporting the East Anglian Air Ambulance Barbeque on 4th July.

Sandra Clark and her daughter represented our Institute at the Royal Garden Party attended by the Duchess of Cornwall, Sophie Wessex, Princess Alexandra and the Duchess of Gloucester and had a memorable day. Doubtless you will have seen press coverage of the National AGM at the Albert Hall with the Queen, Princess Anne and Sophie Wessex, which Rosemary Magellan attended. Both of these events were part of the WI Centennial celebrations.

On 21st July we have a talk on EMMAUS by Selwyn Image. This meeting will be at Queens Court starting at 7.30pm. Malcolm Busby will be Telling Cambridgeshire Tales on 15th September.

Please think about joining the WI. Come as a visitor and see what you think. We are a friendly group of women with varying interests and backgrounds who support and encourage one another, learn new things, help the local community and have fun while doing it!

Sylvia Overton

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY MORNING ART CLUB

The Library Association is looking for 1 or 2 volunteers with experience of working with children to run the thriving Art Club from September.

Our well established Art Club has been running for the last ten years every Saturday morning during term time from 10.15-11.15.

It is held in Bottisham Library for children aged 4-10 years.

If you are interested please contact:

Valerie Leake 01223 811324 or Helen Cole 01223 812573 for further details.

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

Margaret Waddy spoke about the History of Roses. She told us that the Romans brought in cabbage roses or 100 petal roses, that the dog rose is our native rose and that rose hips were brought back by the Crusaders. Roses are only found in the Northern Hemisphere and those from Europe towards India flower only once. Thanks to the Plant Hunters, Chinese and Japanese varieties were introduced and bred as they flower perpetually. The RHS first introduced roses into shows in 1804. There have been many changes over the years with breeders throughout the world introducing different colours, different scents and long lasting properties. She suggested we visit the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge who have restored and replanted beds over the last 10 years. David Austin the well known Norfolk grower continues to lead the field with more disease resistant varieties and the current fashion of patio roses.

We have spaces available on our coach outing on Wednesday 15th July to Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire, 25 acres of extensive gardens, farmyard, plant centre and walled garden tea room. Cost is £20 to cover entrance, guided tour and coach. 9.30 am start from the College (no parking available as it is term time) returning at 5.00pm approx. Details from Peter Bullock on 811716

Our next meeting in the Poppy Room will be on 25th August when Andrew Harper-Scott will talk about container planting for autumn and winter. The judging of the members Begonia Competition will held.
Sylvia Overton

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Public Transport Matters

Firstly, my apologies for my non-deliberate error last month – we did , of course, travel to Huntingdon on the B guided bus and not the X5. The X5 is our usual service to Bedford, where we have relatives. The B is easy to access for those of us who use the 10,11 or 12 as it departs from an adjacent bay at Drummer St. There is a suggestion that we might have a Sunday bus, as a pilot scheme between Cambridge, Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds is being considered by Newmarket Town Council and Suffolk County Council. It would be run by the Voluntary Network using a 16-seater mini bus. I followed up on the non-arrival of the 9.08 service from Bottisham recently and received an apologetic e-mail in reply from Stagecoach. It had been due to a mechanical fault which occurred on route. Apparently vehicles are inspected and serviced every 21 days and each day drivers check the vehicle before they depart in the morning and complete a vehicle defect card for any faults that occur during the day. When problems arise, they try to locate a spare vehicle but were unable to do so on that day. I recently returned to commuter-mode by catching the 7.50 a.m. bus to Cambridge. I was prepared to stand but there were several spare seats. In my real commuter days in the 80s/90s (pre-P and R!) there were 2 different buses which arrived from Newmarket and the A1303 and took different routes to the city. I was not surprised on my recent trip at the slow crawl and the congestion until we reached the bus lane by Marshalls. The Park and Ride was very busy. According to the Cambridge News a public transport revolution is looming as there is to be an unprecedented period of investment - £750 million of schemes under the landmark City Deal – 3 new railway stations at Addenbrooke's, Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and improvements to the local railway infrastructure. Greater Cambridge needs more devolution, it says, and the power and control of funding from the Government. The 74-page transport strategy is described as Cambridgeshire County Council's wish list. It is detailed in a 2-page spread in the CN of June 1st. Too much to list here!

There has been a lot of rail information recently – Abellio has accepted that it needs to improve its cleaning operations as it has been accused of dirty and flea-infested trains. It is to spend £30 million on the project but a local letter writer appealed to the public to help by taking their litter home or using the disposal facilities. Foxton residents are upset at the news that plans to improve the Foxton level crossing area have been scrapped for the foreseeable future. There are problems with both the functioning of the passenger gates and the ticket machines at Foxton station. There is to be an extra stop on the route between Cambridge and Stansted Airport as the trains will call at Whittlesford Parkway. Abellio is rebidding for the East Anglia franchise but in a surprise 60/40 venture with Stagecoach. This would strengthen the Scottish group's grip on England's railways, as it would add Liverpool St. to its portfolio of London mainline stations. Abellio at present (9/6/15) is in crisis apparently as its two top Dutch executives leave their jobs due to a bidding scandal in the Netherlands. German owned Alliance Rail is looking to offer Pendolino tilting services between London and Edinburgh. It would take 3 hours 45 minutes in air-line style comfort stopping only in Newcastle or perhaps also in Stevenage. Crossrail is in the news for the way it is unloading the material excavated during its tunnelling operations. There is an interesting website showing the building of a jetty at Wallasea Island near Southend so that 4.5 million tonnes of soil can be delivered by ship from Northfleet to create a new 1500 acre nature reserve for the RSPB. An 800-metre conveyor system transports the material within the site from the jetty. Crossrail will deliver fare cuts of up to 40% from early June for London commuters to and from Liverpool St. eastwards as this section is removed from the Abellio Greater Anglia franchise and transferred to MTR. Romford is to get some of the best deals!

We recently enjoyed a Voyages of Discovery mini-cruise from Portsmouth to Guernsey, Honfleur in N. France and then back to Harwich. (***Public Transport Matters continued on page 63.***)



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(Public Transport Matters continued.)

We took the train to Portsmouth from Waterloo and were pleased that there was a trolley service – something not available in our region. The train from Harwich to Ipswich was late but we did manage to catch the connection to Newmarket so no refund this time – but no coffee break at the station and no trolley service! We had used the earlier useful refund when purchasing our tickets to Portsmouth. We caught a local bus from St. Peter Port in Guernsey to visit the Museum of the Occupation – a shocking experience. The friendly bus driver had kindly shouted out the nearest stop as we drove through the lovely hillsides. On our arrival in Harwich I checked with reception regarding a ferry service to Esbjerg to replace the closed DFDS service and they said it hadn't happened despite a Regina Lines advt. on the web.

Stena Line from Harwich to the Hook of Holland also offers short breaks. They have a rail-and-sail service so you can travel with Greater Anglia to Harwich and then go by rail to any Dutch city. (www.dutchflyer.co.uk) Stena Line 08447 70 70 70 www.stenaline.co.uk Due to pressure from the competition authorities MyFerryLink is to be sold to DFDS for an undisclosed price. Eurotunnel were deemed to have majority control of Channel crossings since they bought ferries from Sea-France, which went bust in 2012.

Mulleys (01284 702830) offers a variety of coach trips but Whippet confirm that since their take-over by the Tower Transit group they no longer run the Coastal day trips, which used to stop at the A130/High St., Bottisham junction for local residents.

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