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

This is to enable us to recognise the dedication and sacrifices of our present serving Armed Forces who do a sterling job in defending our country and our liberty. The Day also seeks to recognise those Veterans who have served their country in the past and continue to do so by serving their community in their everyday lives.

To mark this occasion and to show our recognition and appreciation of all that our Armed Forces and Veterans are currently doing on our behalf

**The Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion
will be holding a commemorative church Service
in Holy Trinity Church Bottisham
on Sunday 26th June 2016 commencing at 5.00pm**

After the Service there will be a reception and refreshments in
The Royal British Legion Social Club.

Everyone is invited to join us for this occasion.

*A particular invitation is made to any
service and ex service personnel.*

Do join us, and we would invite you to come in uniform.

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Welcome to sunny June

Weather warmer, garden thriving, weeds burgeoning, back killing me! It is that time of year when we should be feeling our best. The days are at their longest and there are BBQs to be had. One word of caution. By the end of the month we will be heading back towards winter! Oh stop it!

Lots to read about this month, but I would like to relate about something that you may have missed last month, unless you have children at the college.

Last month Bottisham Village College had a very special visitor. As part of the Diamond Celebrations of the Duke of Edinburgh's award, Bottisham Village College was selected for a visit from HRH, The Earl of Wessex. An exciting day!

He was here to meet students involved in both the Bronze and Silver awards from several Cambridgeshire schools, also staff involved in the awards as well as local dignitaries.

Bottisham was selected as the school has so many participants taking part in the Award at Bronze and Silver levels. Approximately 150 this year alone. This is the second largest centre in Cambridgeshire for numbers involved.

HRH was welcomed at the gates by an enthusiastic group of students as well as a group of the school musicians

Schools from across Cambridgeshire were invited to attend the 'Diamond Challenge', celebrating 60 years of DoFE. Each team was completing the 20 challenges, having collected sponsorship.

*Challenges had to be completed within 2 minutes.
Challenges to be done included;*

1. Unfold and refold an OS map
2. Dress in and removed waterproofs
3. Match 10 OS map symbols to their meanings



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The prince showed he was no slouch by joining in some of the activities, and then after a brief tour, presented long service certificates to specially-invited leaders who have given 10, 20, or more years' service to the Duke of Edinburgh Award as trainers, assessors or adjudicators.

However for many of the students (and possibly staff), there was an even greater attraction on the day than HRH! Philip Schofield and a film crew were there filming the proceedings and doing an interview with HRH for a documentary about 60 years of the DofE. to be televised later this year.

After more photo opportunities and cutting of a celebratory cake, The Earl of Wessex left by the Queen's flight helicopter for another engagement in Cambridge.

I had the pleasure of attending and it is not every day that you get the opportunity to report on such an interesting event in this village of ours. And to top it all the weather was perfect.

Back to this month's magazine.

Bottisham library has an article which we all should read. It makes a genuine plea for support. Not for money or volunteering (although that always helps.) It is a simple one of "Come and borrow a book to read"! How difficult can that be. If you like a good read and buy books or use Kindles etc. that's fine and carry on. But just occasionally go and see what the library has to offer. It is a simple issue for us. Go and have a look and make borrowing a habit. If they haven't got books that you would like to read you can request titles and there is no charge. It is the old saying **USE IT OR LOSE IT.**

Have a good month! PW

Bottisham WI

The author Clare Mulley, our speaker for April, transported us back to the life of a World War 2 secret agent. 'The Spy who Loved - the secrets of Britain's wartime heroine' is the title of her latest book and tells the story of Christine Granville who loved adventure and danger. This was clearly a woman ahead of her time who was passionate about freedom and independence for the country of her birth, Poland.

She became a secret agent in the early stages of the war and the retelling of her story was a breath taking adventure of dangerous undercover operations and amazing escapes from capture. Christine was the first female British secret agent who served in many different theatres of the war including Poland, Egypt, France and Italy. At the end of the war she was awarded the George Cross and the OBE for her outstanding contribution.

Sadly she was murdered in a South London hotel seven years after the end of the war. You will need to read the book to find out how and why!

A warm welcome awaits you at the next W. I. meeting on Tuesday 21st June in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College. Ruth Pym will be speaking about, 'Fine cell work - embroidery in prison'.

Ann Meade

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OUR COVER PICTURE THIS MONTH is a classic picture of summer in Bottisham submitted by Maxwell Saxty.

Bowlers with the backdrop of the Church reminded me of one of those classic railway destination posters of the 30's. If you have a picture you would like to submit, send it to the editor at Bottishamcresset@gmail.com



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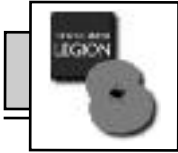
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Saturday 4th June

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Saturday 11th June

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Saturday 18th June

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Bottisham Primary School

It has been a particularly busy Spring for Governors and staff this year. At the beginning of this year Paul Belzar, our much loved head teacher who has been working with enthusiasm and dedication for the last eight years, announced that he was moving on to pastures new. Finding a new head teacher is the prime responsibility of the governors, most definitely the most important job that we are ever asked to do, and we take this responsibility seriously. As we were unable to find a suitable permanent appointment this time around, we are delighted that Rachael Johnston, our current Deputy Head, will take on the role of Acting Head Teacher from September for a year. Rachael knows the school and children very well and has worked closely with Paul. She will be supported by Debbie Heijne, currently KS2 leader, who has been appointed Acting Deputy Head. The Governors are looking forward to working with them next year and wish them all the very best in their new roles.

Meanwhile the life of the school continues to thrive. All of the residential trips went well at the end of last term, giving the children new opportunities to build confidence, relationships and wider skills. The Year 6 children have just taken part in their SATs assessments, taking the experience in their stride. They will then begin the transition to secondary school, spending two days meeting new teachers as well as their peers in Bottisham Village College at the beginning of July. It is always a time of immense pride to see them get ready for the next stage of their school careers; the last week is memorable as they show off their talents in the Leaver's Assembly and dress up for the last day and this year, saying goodbye to Mr Belzar as well as the Year 6s, it will be particularly poignant.

OTHER NEWS FOR THIS TERM:

Rocket Science Seeds: The children are taking part in a science experiment to monitor the growth of seeds that have been in space. We have now received the well travelled seeds that have been on the space station with Tim Peake and will be planting them as I write. I will let you know how the experiment goes!

Sports Day: Friday 24th June, English weather permitting, the school divides into the four houses, Shakespeare, Mozart, Darwin and Nightingale, in order to compete in team and individual games and races. The staff and parents' races are highlights too although my personal favourite is the Slow Bike Race which never fails to raise a smile.

Open Evening and Music Concert. At the beginning of July, the school holds an Open Evening in which all the children invite their parents into the classrooms and proudly show them the work that they have done throughout the year. This is followed by a concert held by the children learning musical instruments as well as the choir. The range and scope of their talents is always wonderful.

Summer Fair: Our PTA Summer Extravaganza will be held on Friday 8th July starting at 5pm. Governors traditionally run the barbecue. This major fundraising event really celebrates the life of the school as children, staff, parents and governors come together to enjoy themselves. Everyone is welcome.

With all good wishes for a happy and successful Summer Term,

Sarah Wormald (Chair of Governors)





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Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in June

Sunday 5th	11am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Elizabeth Caswell</i>
Wednesday 8th	8pm	Compline by Candlelight <i>Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 12th		No service in Bottisham
	9.30am	Benefice Communion in Lode
	11am	Benefice All-Age Service in Quy
Sunday 19th	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Lawrie Marsh</i>
	11am	Morning Prayer <i>Dr Gina Radford</i>
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Benefice All-Age Service in Quy
	5pm	Armed Forces Day Service <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>

Please note the varying times of the services. Benefice services are services shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Do come and meet our new Curate, Dr Gina Radford, on Sunday the 19th. Gina is currently the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for England and will be ordained in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 3rd July.

Bottisham Church Fete/Trinity Fair will be held in the church and churchyard on Saturday 18th June from 2-4 pm (winners of the Grand Draw to be drawn at 4pm). Your traditional village Fete; do come and support us - the profit that we make is important in keeping us afloat!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Fair

Saturday 18 June in the Church & Churchyard, 2pm

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For the past year I have had a deep sense of compassion for those men, women, boys and girls fleeing from their war torn countries and seeing refuge in Europe. I don't presume to speak for anyone else, I speak for myself in the light of my faith, experience and interpretation of what the Bible says.

"Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people." (Psalm 82.3-4)

I have been praying for and pursuing justice for the marginalised wherever I come across them - the poor and hungry in Teesside, the migrants in Calais, the Roma in Romania, the homeless in Mexico, those around me who are lonely, suffering abuse - or through whatever circumstances find themselves involuntarily prevented from accessing the productive activity upon which society is built. God's heart is for such people, Jesus would speak for them and as one of His followers, I will speak up for them too.

Justice is not only about punishing wrongdoing, it is also about bringing the world back into balance. So, in feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, accompanying the lonely, standing with the refugee, supporting the abused through to freedom, I can be part of the redressing of the balance, as indeed can you with whatever opportunities you are given.

I believe Jesus will judge me based on how I have treated the marginalised in the world, He personalises it in the Bible when He says, "I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home." (Matthew 25.35) When his disciples didn't understand what He meant, He clarified that, whenever we meet the needs of others, it is as if we are doing it for Him directly, such is His closeness to, and heart for, the marginalised.

How blessed I was, to have visited the 'Jungle', Calais on May 1st to stand with the Orthodox Christians and worship with them on Orthodox Easter Day; they fed me, they gave me a drink, they invited me in; and my country remains largely closed to them.

Please check out care4calais.org or their Facebook page, please help. I've spent time with the people in desperate need, heard their stories; this is not an issue to be resolved, they are people to be rescued. They have names, are precious and deserve justice. Some folk from RENEW will be returning to Calais to help in our small way, get in touch if you'd like to support us. We'd love to welcome you to one of our services. Please check out our new website www.re-new.me.uk.

RENEW Church Services in June 2016.

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services.

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

5th June. 10.30am - RENEW The Bigger Picture. With Communion (Bottisham Primary School)

12th June. 10.30am - **RENEW Café style** (at the School)

12th June. 6.20pm - Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

19th June. 10.30am - RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

26th June. 10.30am - RENEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

26th June. pm - Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact:

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Summer now seems to be on the way so now is probably a good time to remind people to keep their hedges cut back so pedestrians can walk on the pavements easily. Although we have the same company cutting our grass this year they are from a different branch of the company so please let me know if any grass verges appear to have been missed from the cut and I will let them know. It usually takes a couple of months for them to learn the different areas of the village. Often volunteers help out in the churchyard with some pruning and such like which is always very helpful however someone keeps cutting the ivy back off of the medieval church wall between the church and the back of the primary school. This wall is very old and the ivy literally holds it together, if the ivy is removed the wall will just crumble which it is beginning to do in places. The Church is very grateful for your help but please can the pruning be done in another area.

Lots of residents have been asking when the next electrical recycling will be as this is a good opportunity to clear out the garage etc. This has now been arranged for **Wednesday 29th June**. Posters will be going up around the village soon.

By the time of reading we will have had our Annual Meeting of Bottisham Parish Council and I will be able to report back in the July Cresset on that. Another date for the diary is Thursday 4th August. Our MP Lucy Frazer will be holding an open surgery at the Royal British Legion in the afternoon which will be a great opportunity for residents to go and meet their elected local MP and discuss any issues they may have.

Most residents will be aware of the proposed extension to the Village College. Although we have not received the full planning application for this yet we have received an application for the installation of 4 temporary classrooms. It must be emphasised that these are a temporary facility and installation will take place during the summer holidays. This is the first phase of the future expansion of the College and other phases will be subject to further applications at a later stage.

Councillor's Bryant and Buchanan met recently with Bidwell's who are the agents for Peterhouse College who own the land off of Bell Road and have been involved with the David Wilson site. They were informed that Peterhouse College will not be going ahead with any future planning application on the site with David Wilson Homes. There have been a lot of structural changes within the company which they are not happy with. This may explain why residents and the Parish Council have had trouble getting in touch with them over various matters. The College itself will make an outline planning application to the District Council; they have no developer in mind at present. The layout that was decided will remain mostly unchanged but there may be some design changes to the houses. We can expect a planning application soon.

The public open space at Ancient Meadows has been subject of many conversations. The Parish Council were first approached by the District Council who own the land. They are selling off many of their land assets and wished to know if the Parish Council wanted to purchase the land as they knew we were lacking in play facilities in the village. However, they have failed to come up with any further information regarding the legalities of placing play equipment on this piece of land and this has therefore been ongoing for some time. Obviously local residents are very keen to know what is going to happen here and we have now written to the Chief Executive of the District Council asking for them to progress the matter.

We receive many letters each year from various charities asking for donations as this seems to be how they survive nowadays. We have a small pot of money each year that we

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use for grants and have decided that each year we will pick a charity that we will support. This year we have decided to support Magpas and will be donating £200 to them.

The District Council received £10K of Home Office funding to conduct enhanced awareness and training on the Government's 'Prevent' strategy. This is the initiative that tasks public services with increased vigilance in spotting the signs of a vulnerable individual becoming radicalised and falling into extremism. Project groups have developed an innovative campaign and materials to go out to schools and community groups as well as a publicity campaign to raise awareness to residents which starts 16th May.

Some good news! Whippet Coaches are providing a new trial bus service operating from the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site. It will provide a direct journey to Addenbrookes Hospital via Barnwell Road, Sainsburys, Cambridge Leisure and Hills Road Sixth Form College and will run hourly.

PLANNING NOTES

16/00507/FUL - 65 Beechwood Avenue, Two storey rear extension, NEW APPLICATION

16/00488/FUL - Fairlea House 58 High Street, Extension to existing domestic garage, NEW APPLICATION

16/00492/FU - Bottisham Village College .Installation of 4 temporary classrooms within the school grounds and associated works NEW APPLICATION

16/00018/FUL - 18 Peacock Drive Single storey extension and new porch canopy APPROVED BY ECDC

16/00177/FUL - Swynford Paddocks, London Road, Proposed 2 storey side extension and new timber feather edged boarding to existing dwelling, APPROVED BY ECDC

16/00131/FUL - 2 College Close, Single storey side extension, APPROVED BY ECDC

Cambridgeshire Village Wildlife Project

SPOTTED FLYCATCHERS - do you have this increasingly rare bird breeding in your garden?

Spotted Flycatchers are attractive little migrant birds which are summer visitors to UK village gardens and churchyards. Although they breed with us, they spend ten months of the year travelling between here and their wintering grounds in Southern Africa. This is an increasingly dangerous journey for them, and sadly they are in deep decline. Widespread losses amounted to a 50% decline during 1995-2010, continuing an 88% decline since 1970.

These are very inconspicuous birds. They really like village gardens and churchyards but may be locally extinct soon. Householders often know they have them in their gardens when the formal wildlife people are unaware of them.

Only some fifty pairs remain breeding in Cambridgeshire, so it's now quite a rare bird, but most rural villages still have a pair or two. The Cambridge Bird Club is running a survey this year to find and monitor nesting pairs, and it's almost certain that there will be additional pairs in our villages of which they are not aware.

Do you have flycatchers in your garden?

Please let the Bird Club know. Please email spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk with any information you have, including records of single birds between now and September.

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Our April speaker was Liz Mann, a former member of the gardening club, and her topic was The National Memorial Arboretum. This being the anniversary year of the battle of Somme in the First World War, perhaps a more detailed summary of her interesting and thought-provoking talk on the formation of the Arboretum is apt.

One hundred years ago we were mid-way through the First World War. By then there had been over half a million British casualties and, with the Somme to follow from July to November 1916, a further 300,000 names would be on the list by the end of the year. On the first day of that awful battle, nearly 60,000 British men died. The First World War officially ended at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month: Armistice Day. Over 17 million people were dead, of whom nearly 700,000 were British military personnel. Their memories, and the memories of all who have died in the many wars since then, are commemorated on Remembrance Day each year.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s a number of things occurred which brought about the development of the National Memorial Arboretum. Group Captain Leonard Cheshire felt that the United Nations and its member states were reacting slowly to the increasing number of natural disasters around the world: famines, earthquakes, floods. He wanted to create a fund so huge that the interest alone would provide sufficient funds for any disaster relief operation, anywhere in the world. He also wanted people to give to this fund in remembrance of lives lost in the two World Wars. With the backing of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and many Heads of State, the idea of the World Memorial Fund for Disaster Relief was ready to be put into action.

At the same time, Royal Naval Commander David Childs was also trying to raise interest in Disaster Relief operations. Eventually the two men united in their efforts to get this off the ground. In 1988 David Childs visited Arlington Cemetery and the American National Arboretum, and the idea of a British National Memorial Arboretum was born. Leonard Cheshire died in 1992, but David Childs pursued the idea and started looking for a suitable site. A site owned by Redland Aggregates near Lichfield in Staffordshire was identified; the plot was badly drained and marshy, the soil was poor, but it was available. Eventually Redland Aggregates offered the land with a 999-year lease at a nominal £1 a year rent. The original disaster relief fund had in the meantime been taken over by the Disaster Emergency Committee, and donations soon came in for the establishment of the National Memorial Arboretum. It was officially opened in 2001, it covers over 30 acres with in excess of 50,000 trees planted. In the years since then, more than 300 separate memorials have been erected on the site, not all of them military-based.

The Shot at Dawn Memorial commemorates the 306 British and Commonwealth soldiers 'shot at dawn' during the First World War for desertion or cowardice. The memorial grove is at the eastern edge of the site, where dawn first touches the Arboretum. The name of each man is mounted on a wooden post arranged in arcs around the central statue. 75 years after the war, the Secrecy Act was lifted and campaigning started for pardons for these men and in 2006 a posthumous pardon was granted to all 306 men. A truly moving memorial.

The Beat is the Police Memorial Avenue. It is an avenue of chestnuts, funded by every Police Force in the UK, each force has a plaque beside a tree. Individual memorials are found between the trees for police officers who died on duty. Chestnuts were chosen because the first truncheons were made from this wood.

The Far East Prisoners of War, with such terrible images, have a memorial which includes the original lych-gate from Changi prison camp cemetery, and sections of the original track from the Burma and Sumatra railways.

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The Golden Grove is a raised mound containing golden trees and shrubs to celebrate the lives of couples who have been married for 50 years.

The Children's Woodland was designed to combine trees, wildlife and education with remembrance. It has become known as the Wind in the Willows Wood, with carvings of characters from the book. The trees in the woodland are individually dedicated to children who have died.

The SANDS Memorial has been placed by the Still-birth and Neo-natal Deaths Society.

There is the Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness, the only place in the country where the act of remembrance is carried out every single day at 11 o'clock.

The Armed Forces Memorial is the largest and most impressive memorial in the Arboretum, a mound 100 metres wide at the base and 6 metres high. On the flattened top are four walls, 2 straight walls within 2 curved ones. At the centre are two bronze sculptures. 15,000 names were carved when the memorial was first created and there is space for 15,000 more. Each spring the names of those who have died in the previous 12 months are engraved, a dedication service held and all the names read out.

These are just a few of the 300 individual memorials, space doesn't allow for more detail. 75% of the funding is self-generated, 18% comes from the Royal British Legion and only 7% is public funding. Liz has contributed her fee for the talk to the National Memorial Arboretum. Thank you Liz for a truly inspirational talk.

Forthcoming speakers/events:

24 May: Roger Hance, FRCS, on *Nature Through the Seasons*.

15 June: *Annual Outing to RHS Wisley*

16 July: *40th Anniversary Garden Party*

26 July: *Evening outing to Clare College Gardens*

Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary - www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk

WEA News

For local members of the WEA who were thinking of attending the WEA organised debate "Better in or Out" of the EU, the venue has unfortunately been moved from Cambridge to Huntingdon. The debate will take place at Huntingdon Library on Wednesday 8th June from 14.00 till 16.00. Pre booking is required so, for more information please contact Vera on 01480 216391 or Bridget on 01480 216391. Full details at www.wea-cambridgeshire.co.uk

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The codes indicating which weekends the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows...

Weekend (1) 2/3 July **Weekend (2) 9/10 July**

Weekend (3) 16/17 July **Weekend (4) 23/24 July**

The full Guide to the Cambridge Open Studios can also be accessed and downloaded via website www.camopenstudios.co.uk

175 Susie Turner Contemporary fine art printmaking Print Room, The Old Station, Station Road, Stow-cum-Quy CB25 9AJ 01223 750280 07831 156465 susie@susieturner.com www.susieturner.com *One-to-one tuition and workshops in printmaking with photopolymer plates / solarplate in a unique location. Original fine-art prints for sale. Open weekends: 2 and 3*

176a Heidi Lichterman Woven silk and wire The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA 01223 811461 info@heidilichterman.co.uk www.heidilichterman.co.uk

Having just completed a large wall hanging for Chicago, *I have photos of the process from the beginning. I will also have new silk scarves and shawl* **Open weekends: 2 and 3**

176b Claire Howieson Metals, precious stones, pearls The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA 07870 276088 enquiries@clairehowieson.com www.clairehowieson.com *Individually designed and handmade contemporary jewellery in silver and gold incorporating freshwater pearls, precious and semi-precious stones. Open weekends: 2 and 3*

176c Jeremy Nicholls Wood, painting The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA 01799 599834 jn@jeremynicholls.info www.jeremynicholls.info *Jewellery boxes, mirrors and small pieces of furniture in wood, with original decorative paintings on metal leaf. Some separate paintings on panels. Open weekends: 2 and 3*

177 Rebecca-Anne Boldra and Denise Boldra Silver, gold, Swarovski crystal and semi-precious stones The Robinson Room, Anglesey Abbey, Quy Road, Lode, CB25 9EJ 07922 098314 rebecca-anne.boldra@hotmail.com www.rebecca-anneboldra.com *Contemporary silversmithing and jewellery. Flowing silversmithing designs and sparkling Swarovski crystals in semi-precious jewellery Open weekends: 2 and 3*

178 Matthew Blakely Ceramics 9 Abbey Lane, Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EP 01223 811959 smashingpots@uk2.net www.matthewblakely.co.uk *Earthy woodfired stoneware and richly glazed reduction-fired porcelain pots ranging from mugs to large decorative pieces. Please park on Lode High Street. Open weekends: 2 and 3*

179 Mary Jane Montgomerie House Oil, ink, watercolour, acrylic Linton House, 101 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck, CB25 0LX 07913 246556 mjmontgomeriehouse@talk21.com *Uplifting vibrant oil/ink canvasses, watercolour/ink illustrations and themed installation with linked poetical text in a medieval thatched cottage. Open weekends: 3 and 4*

180 Jamie Sugg Acrylic and watercolour The Grey Barn, Downing Farm, Station Road, Swaffham Bulbeck, CB25 0NW 07846 481062 jamiesugg999@btinternet.com jamiesuggfineart.downingfarm.co.uk/ *Acrylic and watercolour landscapes, focussing on the play of light on the landscape, creating atmosphere. Greeting cards and prints for sale. Open weekends: 3 and 4*

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HOWEVER here in Bottisham after 13 years of volunteers running the public library service our library (probably - as we have no statistics to prove otherwise) has the same number of books on the shelves. I do know that the quality and modernity of the books available are better than in 2003 - many of us had stopped using the library as we had read most of the books then available to us. We buy new books regularly both adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, and also put some of the generously donated books on the shelves.

The most recent statistics from the Cambridge Library Service show however that borrower numbers are down. We know that we have lost some of our regular customers who made use of the many large print books we have but where are the rest of you? Many people I speak to read copiously and use kindles, but don't use the library and borrow our books.

Please, please come and have a look and make borrowing a habit. If we do not have books that you would like to read you can request titles and there is no charge. **USE IT OR LOSE IT**

Sylvia Overton

Bottisham Village College

Dear Editor

LEAVERS BALL - Friday 1 July 6.30-11pm

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



THE BOTTISHAM BALL - Saturday 2 July 7pm-Midnight

The Bottisham Ball on Saturday 2 July is a fundraising event organised by The Friends of Bottisham Village College. The purpose of the evening is to support the Year 11 Ball by funding the cost of the marquee, which provides the wonderful send off for the students. This is a thoroughly enjoyable evening, including good food, entertainment and a live band. The evening begins at 7pm and finishes at midnight. For ticket details please email friends@bottishamvc.org

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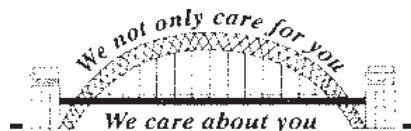
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Saturday 11 June: 7am to 9am - Wandlebury Country Park. CB22 3AE.

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Think twice before jumping into water this summer

Would you jump into a river, lake or any other open waterway on a hot sunny day? Do you know what hazards lie beneath the surface? Or how bitterly cold the water probably is?

Your fire service is delivering water safety education to every school in Cambridgeshire as part of its #RememberRony campaign, launched following the tragic death of a Cambridgeshire teenager.

But there is only so much we can do so we're calling on parents, carers and peers to talk to each other about water safety.

Some things to remember:

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals, etc.
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to conquer, even if you are a strong swimmer
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold - even on the hottest days of the year - and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you become stuck.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location.

Also, as always, please don't forget to test your smoke alarms, ideally weekly. Smoke and fire can kill!

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Michael White

Compline by Candlelight

Have you ever felt the need to sit quietly, away from distraction, and concentrate on something deep inside you - on your soul, for want of a better word? Some would call it a need to sort one's thoughts, others might call it meditation, others a form of deep prayer. Everyone, from time to time, needs a moment of silence for contemplation, for spiritual succour.

Compline by Candlelight, or C by C, is held here in our own Anglesey Benefice on the first Wednesday of every month, in a candlelit Bottisham Church. People arrive at 8pm to get to know each other a little, perhaps over a glass of something soft, and the service starts at about 8.15pm, lasting no more than 45 minutes. It is inspired by prayers used for centuries by monastic communities at the end of their day and incorporates periods of silence for reflection.

But as well as spiritual contemplation, there's another extremely powerful element to Bottisham C by C. There have been miraculous answers to prayer. People come not only for spiritual renewal, but in desperation: with news of a devastating medical diagnosis, the dread and panic felt after a sudden development in life, the sense of helplessness in the face of world tragedies. The extraordinarily powerful effects of combined meditative prayer have often been seen and felt at Bottisham C by C.

Sarah Maxwell has run Bottisham C by C for eight years, and each month puts together an inspirational yet contemplative 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

“One of the greatest sporting stories ever told.” said Phil McNulty on BBC Sport. “A team of cast-offs and bargain buys written off before the season had started, led by a manager who had been sacked in five of his previous jobs.” added Matt Davis, also on BBC Sport.

Thus, the incredible tale of Leicester City’s rise to Premier League winners reached a slightly odd conclusion when Chelsea’s Eden Hazard curled in a beautiful goal to snatch a draw at home to Spurs in a match where the bad-tempered squabbling and fighting was an utter disgrace to football. This decisive moment meant that Leicester could no longer be caught and the rest is history. The collection of journeymen and misfits had inexplicably gelled into a team of champions whilst the millionaires of the other big clubs faded away one by one to scrap over the remaining Champions League and Europa League places.

By the way, who would join me in feeling a little sorry for referee Jon Moss after his controversial handling of West Ham v Leicester in mid-April? You know, the one where he sent off Jamie Vardy. Was it or wasn’t it a ‘dive’? There followed an interesting spat between pundits Alan Shearer (attacking the referee) and Jamie Carragher (defending) which I was delighted to hear. Why? Because I think it illustrates perfectly why the notion of video assistance for referees is an insane non-starter! They both saw the same thing (many times over!) and drew diametrically opposed conclusions. I rest my case.

So anyway, what was Leicester’s secret? I think there were two. Clearly Vardy’s pace and record-breaking rash of goals, mid-season, provided a solid platform from which the Foxes launched their assault on the title. But the major factor can be summed up in one word: ‘team’. If ever there was an illustration of the principle of a team being greater than the sum of the parts, Leicester City drew it for us in bold, blue and white strokes in 2015-16. And here’s a satisfying piece of trivia for you: midfielder Andy King must be the first player to win the titles in League One, Championship and the Premier League, surely?

I wonder if this unexpected result signals the advent of a new order in the English Premier League. It’s hard to imagine that Leicester will be able to ride their luck without significant injuries again next season; so who else will I be keeping an eye on, other than the usual suspects who have monotonously filled the top positions in recent years? Manager Pochettino has just extended his contract at Tottenham and their high-energy pressing and attacking game must surely put them in the driving seat, come August. But don’t rule a resurgent West Ham out of the honours. Strong finish in 2015-16, imaginative manager, goals from midfield as well as forward, rumours of big money signings and a move to the 60,000 seater Olympic Stadium, largely at the taxpayers’ expense... an interesting picture is emerging in East London and I am astonished there has not been more noise about the Hammers gaining an unfair commercial advantage from their ‘well-negotiated’ stadium deal! Anyway, I’m glad I don’t pay council tax in Newham aren’t you?

Enough of football, but loosely on the topic of sports venues... did anyone sign the petition organised by Change.org supporting Parkrun against the councillors of Little Stoke in Bristol? This was an outrageous attempt by the local council to get the 300 park runners to pay for the upkeep of their public space by charging them a fee for the weekly event for what they called “wear and tear”. As most people know, Parkrun's ethos is for their runs to

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I bet Chris Darling signed it! He is a 'veteran' of some 200 Parkruns and is making quite a name for himself as a distance runner these days. Posting a breathtaking time of 2:37:50 in the London Marathon on 24th April, Chris expressed a degree of "disappointment" at missing last year's personal best time by a couple of minutes! But, perhaps he should be more worried about his sister catching him up! At 3:05:53, Sophie Darling knocked 10 minutes off her personal best and finished ahead of Dame Kelly Holmes on the day! So I'll take the liberty, on behalf of Bottisham, of saying a proud 'well done' to Sophie and Chris and to a number of others from the village who I know completed this race in very impressive times. I'm sorry I don't know their names but I should be glad to hear from anyone who would care to tell me - especially in advance - about their sporting exploits in future.

Here's a thought: I wonder how quick the Darlings and the other Botsamites would be if they were on the Kenyan 'medication'!

TTFN - Gerry Daish

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Brussels or Westminster?

“The village magazine is no place for politics!” I hear the bellowed cry. But is ‘Brexit’ really only about politics? Even in the political arena there are dissenting voices amidst the major parties. So is the point at issue more about what scenario we as individuals believe will best deliver a viable and flourishing future for this country and for the generations that follow. I think it is a topic of local relevance on which to reflect, particularly as whomever you meet and no matter how hard you try to avoid it, the ‘question’ invariably slips into the conversation.

I don’t know whether you watch ‘Question Time’ on the BBC - it’s a programme people tune in to, to get a measured feel for what’s important to others around the country. But I must admit to being somewhat disappointed by the contributions made by recent panels and in particular the manner in which one panellist turned it into their own ‘soap box’ citing all sorts of statistics and claiming their figures were right and everyone else’s were wrong. Lots of opinions are being bandied about by pundits, even by the Governor of the Bank of England, based purely upon analysis of guesswork and assumptions simply because no one will really know what will happen until ‘it’ happens. And whilst these people continue to speculate on ‘fear theories’ and participate in ‘scaremongering’ on what they don’t know then both camps are theoretically right!

Most people I believe like to be able to make informed decisions and this means having the known facts put in front of them rather than have the realities distorted. In my opinion both sides are equally at fault in this respect. Indeed, perhaps for some the economic argument is far stronger than the case for democracy and self-government. But what I find frustrating, particularly in the economic debate, is the real evidence - the quantifiable numbers that no one seems to want to give or agree upon.

Believe it or not readily available on the EU’s website for all to see are the EU stats for 2014. Rather than cite them all here the important numbers show the UK net contribution after rebate (for matters in which the UK doesn’t participate) as £14bn, which is the second highest contribution after Germany. However EU spending in the UK totalled £5.5bn - you can do the numbers. And the latest trading figures represented a continued decline for UK goods and services in the EU whereas the UK is one of the largest importers of EU products.

In addition to the numbers are the equally important issues of democracy, security and self-government. Some of these worries are of course the effect of certain pieces of legislation. But unlike economics not all of these matters can be quantified - only qualified as either appropriate or inappropriate to the British psyche depending on which side of the fence you are on. Certainly the UK has had and still has issues with some rulings coming out of the ECJ and the ECHR especially where such rulings conflict with our own laws and with the Government’s ability to act in the national interest.

Some important numbers on which to reflect are exposed in the EU’s own economic data, none more so than the large part of the UK’s net budget contribution being distributed elsewhere within the EU. What, I wonder, could be achieved in this country with the net annual saving? Even so, to its credit some virtuous legislation has been introduced by the EU and peace in the region has, in the main, prevailed. But we also hear that the Eurozone is facing a number of political conflicts which are threatening to interfere with the EU’s

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recovery and the bloc's stability and unity as a whole. As members of the EU these complications will undoubtedly pose challenges for UK political and economic security.

The Government has however negotiated a 'deal' that grabs back some control over our democratic system. And if we vote 'IN' the Government has also agreed a UK veto on becoming part of an ever expanding and more federalised EU. This being so I suppose the overriding question is whether the UK must remain in the EU to be able to trade successfully with the rest of the world. The Obama disclosure suggesting there is no guarantee to achieving an individual trade deal with the US or with the rest of the world if the UK goes it alone will naturally play heavily on peoples' minds. When I heard Obama's comment it reminded me of the film 'Love Actually' where the UK Prime Minister (Hugh Grant) told the US President 'to get on his bike' if his idea of 'the special relationship' was all about the bigger partner's interests – in Obama's case the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership or TTIP!!

But it's to this country's acclaim that it is widely recognised as one of the world's most globalised economies and that it would not have shaped its status in the world or continue to enjoy its freedoms, democracy and prosperity if as a nation it had not ventured into the unknown beyond its shores and found trade; faced up to challenges; stood up to oppressors and fought for democracy. Has our Prime Minister then been 'sold a pup' by the EU or has he done enough to justify putting past achievements behind us? And will the 'deal' be sufficient to overcome peoples' anxieties and doubts? Furthermore, will UK influence continue to have as much sway as the EU grows even larger?

At the end of the day there's unlikely to be a single and wholly satisfactory choice for everyone. Of course the safe haven is to vote for the status quo as no doubt the EU will continue to function very much along the same lines as now but with some new assurances for the UK provided by the 'deal' - better the devil you know! For those who want to see the return to democratic self-government there is a clear option. To what extent the nation's economy will falter or continue to prosper will be down to how well it plays 'the hand' dealt by the croupier. But which croupier is likely to deal the better hand, Brussels or Westminster - the choice is yours...

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AGM: This was held at Bottisham Village College on 28th April and it was sad to see so few patients attend this meeting to support your Group and the two speakers, Sue Evans and Janet Parker of Burwell. They run a very successful Carer Support Group and gave a very interesting and helpful presentation about carers, a role which may at any time be required of any one of us.

There were no changes to the volunteers who serve our Group and it would be good to have some new people to help us. Our details are on the notice board at the surgery.

Carers: It is often very difficult for people who are in the position of caring for some-one to recognise themselves as carers. When new carers are discovered, carers are coded on to the Practice computer system. If you care for someone, please ensure the surgery knows. There is a lot of carer information on the Practice website. As there isn't a support group in our Practice we are considering setting one up.

Carers Week is 6-12 June and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust are holding a Carers Day on 7th June 10.30am-4.30pm at The C3 Centre, 2 Brooks Road, Cambridge CB1 3HR.


Ideas: It would be helpful to know what you would like our Group to arrange, such as talks on particular health matters. Please give us some suggestions so we can engage more fully with those who use our Medical Practice.

Red Bucket Appeal: We are still several hundred pounds short of our target to purchase a second Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor and hope to raise more funds with tombola stalls at summer events in the villages. There will be one at the Lode Fete on 19 June. Items for the tombola would be very welcome and can be left at the surgery.

Medication and Holidays: Don't forget to order your medication in good time before you go away on holiday.

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To the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to respond to the question raised in Alf Laister's letter last month, in which he queried the whereabouts of the table cover embroidered by Maureen Rogers for the WI.

I am pleased to report that it is still very much in use. It is displayed on our Officer's Table at every meeting and at any significant event that we might hold.

Maureen was an enthusiastic WI President and member for many years and is much missed since she and Hugh left the village.

The Table cover was made to celebrate 70 years of Bottisham WI and in two years we shall be celebrating our Centenary. We are always ready to welcome new members at any of our meetings, so if you are interested, look out for the monthly WI report in your Cresset for details.

Your's sincerely

Sandra Clark - President

Dear Sir,

As a relatively new member of this community, I just have a few observations I would like to mention.

Speed. Where to start? Twice a day there are school children all over the place, but even the school buses break the speed limit! A school double decker would wipe out several people at the speeds they go, so where are the Police or at least a PCSO? I see most cars behaving, but amazingly it's the cars that have young people, of both sexes, that have been modified or have massive sound systems that thrash past me when I'm walking my dog, who is terrified!

Now I'm still a young(ish) man, and have been through this speed stage, making my car flashy, tearing about and showing off, but come on? You're going past a school, in a built up village, with a busy shop that has cars parked all over the place and people going about their general lives, like myself.

Talking of dogs. I really enjoy exploring the roads, fields and paths with my dog as I get to know the area. I clean up after my dog, and do NOT just dump the poo bag on the ground or in a hedge like I see everywhere. I am sick of treading in dog poo around here. Who leaves their dog poo thinking nobody will notice?

This issue about the school playing fields I read from the Jolly Old World piece this month, (which I love and follow) was interesting. Despite the sign saying "No dogs" I do walk and play with my dog there if there are no pupils and always before or after school hours. Because the open fields here have spring crops growing I have no other open areas to kick her football about or play frisby etc. Nobody "OWNS" land. They just have a title. So unless I have to kick a dog's toy around on tarmac roads and block traffic, then I'm going on the playing fields. The police never turn up, do they?

Antony, Lode Rd.

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I am always grateful for the editor's comments, but my travelling this month has been a bit limited. I was intrigued, however, to discover the guided bus A route from Addenbrooke's central stop near A and E - it tours round the Addenbrooke's site before it joins a busway track and crosses a meadow before exiting on to the ordinary road by the rail line at the railway station and on to Emmanuel Road, where it stops just past the pedestrian crossing - useful for perhaps walking across to the Grafton Centre if you need to shop and through to Maids Causeway/Newmarket Rd. and the local buses. Alternatively, across Christ's Pieces to Drummer St.

The new 115 bus to Addenbrooke's goes from Newmarket Rd. Park and Ride.

Mr. Osborne want to put billions of pounds into infrastructure projects and this includes plans for the world's longest road tunnel - for the Pennines - between Sheffield and Manchester under the A628 Woodhead Pass.

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Happy travelling! Paddy James.

William Cook (Bill)

Charles and the family would like to thank all who attended Bills funeral service on Wednesday 11th May 2016.

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