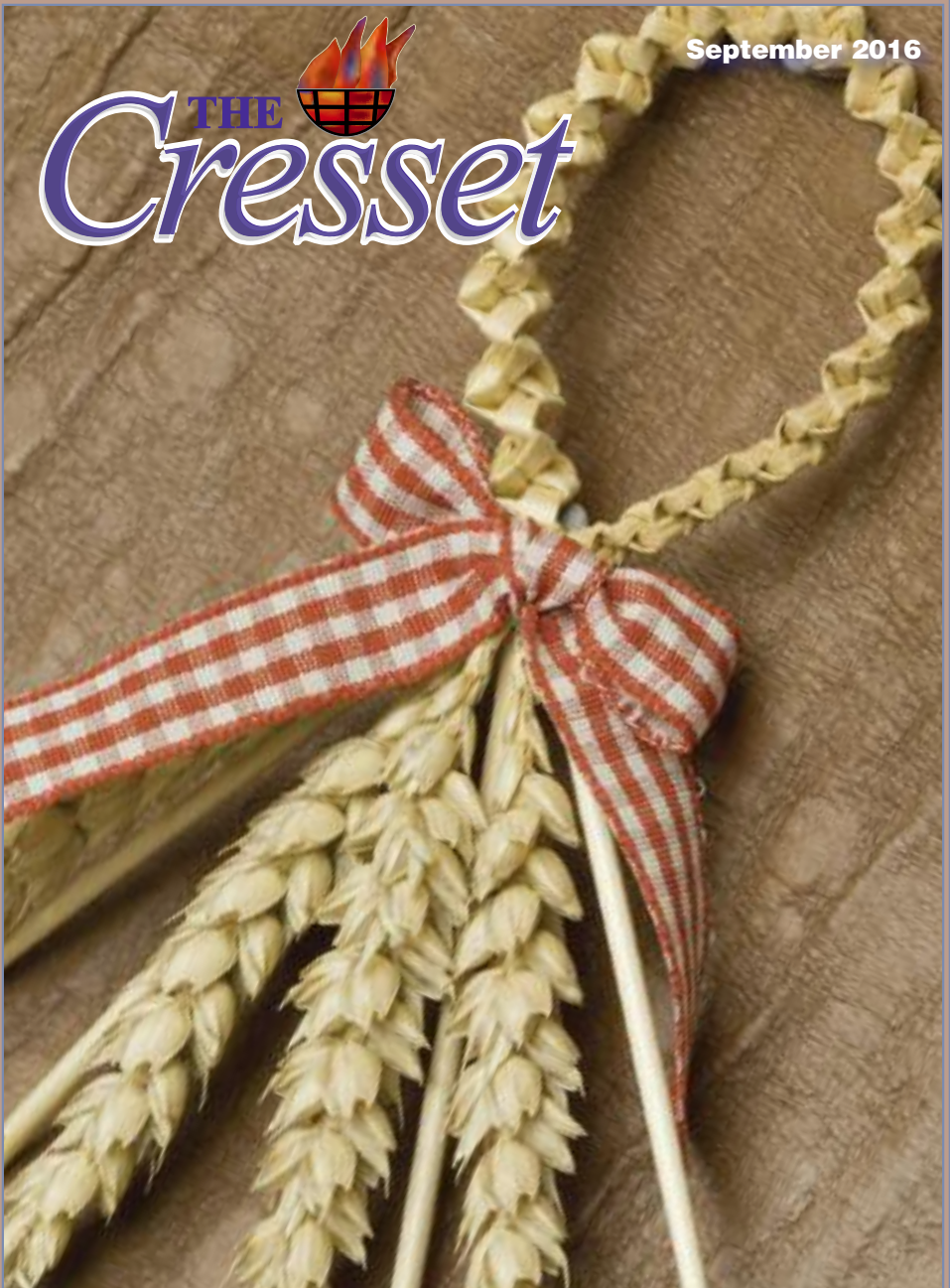


September 2016



THE
Cresset



News, views and what's on, in and around Bottisham



Bottisham Airfield Museum Group

Since last October a dedicated team of volunteers has been working to build our Nissen hut, which is based closely on the building which used to be on the same spot in 1944.

Having battled the rain and wind through autumn, winter and spring work is progressing fast on as we move closer to completion. Work is now focused on painting/decorating and final fix electrics.

The Nissen hut will be the home for the museum whilst we apply for Heritage Lottery Funding to restore the original airfield dispersal buildings which until recently housed the Smokery.

The Grand opening of the hut and the museum will take place on the weekend of the 24th/25th September. The occasion will be marked by an opening ceremony and all the usual attractions of our open days including aircraft flybys, military vehicles, re-enactors and living history displays, trade stands etc.

We urgently need volunteers to help with the Open Day and any help would be greatly appreciated.

We have also been building collecting items that will help us tell the story of the airfield such as uniforms and documents. However we are always on the look out for more items.

For more information on the museum, our events or if you can help by volunteering please contact Jason Webb at jasonwebb@bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk or telephone 07791 971799.

Welcome to your September Cresset.

As I write this, it is the middle of August. I am using it, would you believe, as a form of relaxation after spending the day at the Beamish Open Air Museum. A great place to visit.

Lovely sunny day and with so much to see, we made a decision to stay over and go back to finish off the next day. Hot work and plenty of exercise walking. Wouldn't like to do it in the rain. But you don't need to do much walking as there are trams, period buses and trolleybuses (remember them?) every ten minutes to move you around.

It is a fascinating recreation of a Victorian period in our history. Encompassing the whole breadth of life and work from around the turn of the century and before.

From agriculture with living farms, machinery and animals (smells included!), to mining villages and a complete town scene with streets and shops.

Staffed by helpful people in period character, it was a very interesting visit. Shops line the street, from bakers with your lunch to buy, to grocers and chemists with all those things us oldies can just remember. There is even a period pub with some excellent ale. Well, it was a hot day. What else could I do?

We did this visit on the way back from a trip north of the border which included a wedding and a golfing pal's reunion. I have to say it has been a very sociable trip!

Back home one realises that August is not the ideal time to be away from the garden. Weeds grow, tomatoes ripen and courgettes morph into prize winning marrows! A thanks is due for the attention of offspring in keeping the watering going.

Speaking of prize winning marrows, I hope you will pay a visit to the gardening Club show. Even if you are not exhibiting, going along and supporting this village event is what will keep it alive.

Another item in this month's magazine draws attention. The primary school has lost its head teacher of the last nine or so years. Mr Belzar was a popular and well liked teacher and by all accounts and my experience, ran a very good school. It is a shame that the pressures of modern teaching take their toll on staff and I hear of many schools where the staff turnover is higher than one would like. I am sure Rachael Johnston who has worked with Paul Belzar for some time will continue the good work. We wish her well.

I am delighted to welcome back Paddy James with her informative Public Transport Matters article. We hope she continues to pass on her knowledge of all things transport on road and rail.

The Airfield museum group are holding another of their open days which are well worth a visit. This year they will have their new Nissen hut finished. I for one will definitely be in position to watch the flypast of the P51 Mustang with that bellowing Merlin V12 engine. The displays and exhibits at the museum are all well worth a visit. It is part of our Bottisham heritage.



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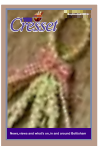
As summer passes, the schools start up again and we can settle into the autumn routine. While on the one hand we think “Oh where has the summer gone”, on the other, just how much salad can you eat. The oven hasn’t been on for a couple of months and there is all that warming comfort food to contemplate.

But not too soon. Let’s hope for an Indian summer as well. There are usually a few nice days to be had before the temperature drops below comfort level and the central heating has to go back on. Last go with the barbecue before it gets its autumn clean (Of course you do!).

Having said that I have been known to stand out in the freezing cold, cooking burgers or steaks, while the family sit in comfort around the fire inside with the doors closed. “Pass us another glass of red in there!”


Here is hoping for a restful run in to autumn and enjoy your September.

Your Editor, Peter Walker



COVER STORY - This month's cover depicts a traditional 'Corn dolly', a symbol of the harvest being gathered in.

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*Let's Dance Club is a "not for profit" organisation established to provide dances for the community.

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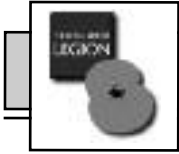
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More than five years have passed since members enjoyed a series of lectures presented by film expert Laurence Staig. However, we will be welcoming him back next month when he will be looking at the work of great documentary film makers John Grierson, Leni Riefenstahl and others, all of whom had great influence on those who saw their work. So, if you are interested, and whether a member or not, don't hesitate to join us at 10.00am on Thursday 6th October at the British Legion in Bottisham. You will then be able to find out what the WEA is all about, and at the same time, you may also be able to establish whether or not those documentaries we may have seen in the past, always told the truth at the time filming was made!

For more details, or to book a place on this course, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Steverson at 01223 812152. Details of other courses for autumn in the Cambridge area can be found at www.eastern.wea.org.uk

Gerry Cowley

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The Royal British Legion - Bottisham and District Branch

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A PLEA FROM THE LEGION POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER

For volunteers to help with the poppy appeal collection. There are some vacant slots in Bottisham and Swaffham Prior. Taking place around the end of October/early November.

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Sunday 11th		No service in Bottisham
	9.30am	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	Benefice All-Age Service in Swaffham Prior
Sunday 18th	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Revd Sue Giles
	11am	Morning Prayer Revd Elizabeth Caswell
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Benefice Communion Revd Sue Giles
	11am	Benefice All-Age Service in Lode

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).

Saturday 10th September is the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride & Stride day. Get sponsorship to visit as many churches or chapels as possible during the day, travelling by bicycle, walking, riding a horse or using pretty well any mode of getting yourself from A to B. Half of the sum that you raise will go to the Historic Churches Trust, the other half to the local church/chapel that you nominate. Sponsorship forms and details are on the table at the back of Holy Trinity.



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What does 'compassion mean'? To feel sorry for...? To have sympathy for...? Well, partly yes; but compassion is more than that.

The word compassion has roots in both Greek and Latin. In the Greek, we trace the usage back to the related word for 'suffering': pathos. In Latin, we can see the root word cum, meaning 'with' and passio, suffering, or patior, I suffer. There is an assumption included in our current usage of the term, that compassion will prompt action. Compassion means, 'suffering with'.

In the gospels we read on a number of occasions that Jesus 'had compassion' on them / him / her and he healed them (Matthew 14.14) or fed them (Matthew 15.32) or taught them (Mark 6.34). Jesus met the needs of people he felt compassion for.

I have been inspired by my own daughter, Faith, who following the tragic death of our neighbour in Teesside to cancer aged 3 years old, became aware of the reality of childhood cancer. One of the things she found most painful, and often the most obvious effect of treatment, was hair loss. As a young girl, Faith realised the effect losing her hair would have on her, and she has decided to have her beautiful long hair cut off. She is going to donate her hair to 'The Little Princess Trust' to be made into a wig to, 'give another child more confidence' as they struggle with illness. Faith also hopes to raise enough money to cover the cost of providing a wig; she's raised over £400 already.

If you can help, please go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/FaithBrand?utm_id=13.

Mother Teresa said, "We can't all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love."

At RENEW Church, we want to be a body of people who don't just believe the right things, or say the right things, we want to be doers of right things too. I'm blessed that our young people are embracing that core value. You are very welcome to join us on our journey.

Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in September 2016.

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

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

4th September. 10.30am - RENEW The Bigger Picture. With Communion (Bottisham Primary School)

11th September 10.30am **RENEW Café style** (at the School) followed by shared lunch.

11th September 6.20pm **Traditional service.** (Lode Chapel)

18th September 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)

25th September 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)

25th September 6.20pm **Traditional service.** (Lode Chapel)

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This was followed on 26th July with a visit to Clare College Gardens, where Professor Howard Griffiths gave us a tour of the college and the gardens. Bordering the River Cam, the gardens were redesigned by Neville Willmer after the neglect of the war years and, while retaining many of the original features, he brought in a variety of colourful borders, a sunken garden, and formal gardens bordered by high yew hedges. It was a delightful evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We will be holding our Annual Village Show on 3 September, from 2 to 4 pm in the Main Hall of the British Legion. We are an RHS affiliated society and entries to the seven categories in our show are open to all, you do not have to be a member of the gardening club. The schedule was printed in the August issue of the Bottisham Cresset and copies are available in local village stores, in the library and online at our web pages, address below. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon; we hope to see you there.

Our September club night speaker is Robin Carlsberg, who will be talking about The Gardens of the Italian Lakes. We meet in the Poppy Room at the British Legion at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27 September, all welcome.

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Dear Editor...

In his latest column, Tony Jolley states that less than 35% of 18-24 year olds voted in the EU Referendum. This statistic was widely reported and came from a poll administered by Sky Data. It has since been challenged by Prof Michael Bruter and Dr. Sarah Harrison of the London School of Economics, who have suggested that as many as 70% might have voted.

Mr Jolley points out that it's 'incumbent upon all of us as individuals to educate ourselves with the facts rather than be fed like sheep'. A fine notion, but might I suggest that he adopts a more rigorous approach to fact-checking in his own contributions to the political debate?


The result of the referendum remains a deeply divisive issue. If it is to be tackled within the confines of a regular opinion column in a village magazine, I would urge that it is done so with the greatest care and attention.

Yours faithfully, Alex Dawson, High Street, Bottisham

Our challenge of a lifetime to walk the pennine way didn't go quite as we had planned or hoped. A faulty pair of boots meant that Peter managed to complete 175 miles and Kat managed 155 miles. Although our dream remains incomplete for now, we will return to fill in the gaps. We would like to thank everyone for the support, before, during and after our adventure. It really inspired us to know that so many people were interested in what we were doing. It was the most amazing and beautiful adventure ever (especially as we were doing the challenge together).

We have collected a lot of sponsor money that was pledged to us, but still have some to come in. We fully understand if anybody wishes to change the amount of sponsorship pledged, or indeed, if they wish to withdraw the pledge altogether, as we didn't complete the task. If this is the case, please let us know so that we can alter our forms accordingly. If you are still happy to give us your sponsorship could you please put it through our door (25, High Street) or ring 812155 so we can arrange to collect it a.s.a.p. If all that is owed comes in, we will have raised over £2,700 to share between our chosen charities : 1st Bottisham Scout Group, Queens Court Minibus Fund, Bottisham British Legion Branch Fund, Bottisham FC and The Primrose Fund at Arthur Rank House (In memory of Jonathan (Nifty) Cornell.

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Public Transport Matters

Well, hello again! Public transport does seem to be very much in the news at the moment - both local and national. As regards local, we now have a Sunday bus which runs between Newmarket, Haverhill and Cambridge and will stop at the Bottisham A1303 11/12 stop if pre-booked (01638 664304). It is run by the Voluntary Network. I have used it already and found it very reliable. They organise all the pre-bookings into a day's work. They also take visitors to Highpoint prison. Another local question is where to put a new bus hub or station in Cambridge. Sun Street is one suggestion - on Newmarket Road, the small car park on the left beyond the roundabout and near the bus stop for the Grafton Centre. Another suggestion is New Square which used to be a car park and now is just grass. The City Deal wants to cut the dreadful traffic congestion in Cambridge centre and on the approach roads. Arguments rage in the local paper as to the best way to do it but public transport is featuring prominently. You do, however, sometimes wonder if the people trying to organise the planning ever use a bus. The many contributory letters in the Cambridge News also seem to think this and are full of other suggestion based on personal experiences. The Smarter Cambridge Transport plans need to be considered. The park and ride services are to me a mixed blessing - they remove cars from the centre but cut the numbers using our local buses. I so often see the no. 10 bus go by with few passengers but am cheered by the occasional trip on the 10 back from Newmarket to see the many Newmarket, Burwell and the Swaffhams passengers, who have obviously got off by the time the bus passes my kitchen window. Use it or lose it!

Bus stop chat can sometimes provide useful local information and relaxing on the bus with reading matter can be quite enjoyable. We also now have the eco-friendly green buses - you do have to be careful, however, not to slide off the rather slippery seats!

Nationally the new Bombardier trains for the Elizabeth Line in London have been unveiled and shorter seven-coach versions will start to run between Liverpool St. and Shenfield next May. The first full length trains are due to run from Heathrow to Paddington in 2018 with the entire Reading to Shenfield line due to open in 2019. Trains generally can be very crowded especially when commuting to London and longer trains are needed. The present strikes are making things worse. Misleading and hidden train fares are also coming under criticism and rail companies are being urged to publicise their cheapest fares.

Abellio, the Dutch backed company, has won the East Anglia rail franchise of London to Norwich routes for another 9 years against the bids of National Express and First group. There is to be a £1.4 billion investment in services - more seats on morning services to Liverpool St. by 2021, 1,144 additional week day services to Cambridge, Norwich, Stansted Airport, Lowestoft, Southend and London Liverpool St.

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- The minimum level of issues per hour is 12
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If these targets are not met we may have to draw up an Improvement Plan and discuss this with the Public Library Service.

We have, since we became a LAP, met these targets and with your continued support we shall continue to do so.

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The speaker for our July meeting was Jacqueline Scherer, who shared with us how she had come to create an African Charity called the Shewula Health Integration Project (SHIP), and how the projects it supports have changed over the years since her first visit to Swaziland. Dropping off a gift to a friend's relative at the airport in Swaziland at what was meant to be the beginning of a friend's lecture tour, triggered experiences she could never have anticipated. The poverty, powerlessness and generosity of the people she met set her on a course of return visits with gifts from supporters in the UK which has developed year on year to help the village through several droughts, the resulting famines, drilling a bore-hole for water, building toilets and schools.

She is now regarded as a member of their community and grows and harvests fruit for children and the elderly on the plot of land they have given her to live in when she visits. It was an inspiring story of how we can make a difference through personal intervention and charity.

If you are thinking about becoming a member of the WI why not join us as a visitor at the next meeting. We are off to visit Sandringham in August instead of meeting in the village so our next meeting is at 7.30 on the 20th September at the Village College when we will be finding out about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal from Dianne McGrath, a past recipient.

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Surgery Closure: The surgery will be closed on the afternoon of **15th September**.

Red Bucket Collection: This bucket is still at the surgery as further donations are needed to go towards the purchase of a second Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor. This extra piece of equipment has been requested by the doctors to ease the waiting list for the patients who need to use it. Watch the chart by the bucket rise as the amount increases.

Shingles Vaccination Eligibility: The dates for this will be available shortly.

Flu Vaccination Clinics: These will take place on Saturday mornings **1st and 15th October** at the Practice.

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Next Meeting: Patients' Group will meet on **29th September** at 6.30pm at the surgery. Come along to learn more about the Patient Group or if you would like to join us.

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News from Bottisham Primary School



Summer term ended with high emotion - much laughter but tears too - as Mr Belzar and the Year 6 Leavers celebrated successful careers at Bottisham Primary school and the start of new ventures. Year 6 enjoyed their induction day at Bottisham Village College and, after doing very well indeed in their Year 6 SATS, we wish them all the very best for the start of their new school.

The Leavers' Assembly was as usual the culmination of Year 6's Primary school days but this was not the only highlight of that final week: a seemingly ordinary singing assembly suddenly turned into a wonderful tribute to Mr B as top secret plans and clandestine rehearsals paid off much to the Head's complete surprise and delight. The entire school sang and danced to craftily adapted pop hits while the teachers offered their thoughts to camera (voiced by the youngest school stars) showing the hidden child within in true Haribo ad-style! It was a triumph and really showed the level of affection and respect that Paul Belzar has earned over the last eight years. A photo montage showed the extent to which he had thrown himself into the life of the school and taken any opportunity to dress up in character, inspire the children through after school clubs and trips, but more importantly really make the children that he knew them, each and everyone. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Over the holiday, the new mobile classrooms have been prepared ready for the new Year 5/6 children. Gone are the days when this would have been the short straw: I have been



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reliably informed that these classrooms are really well equipped and will be a great addition for the school as numbers increase. The children and teachers are very excited!

The new school year begins with Mrs Rachael Johnston taking on the role of acting head teacher with Mrs Debbie Heijne as acting Deputy. They and all the other staff will have been working hard over the summer to ensure that the children have a wonderful term ahead and that the many successes of the school, and the happy atmosphere that is so palpable as you walk in, continue.

Sarah Wormald Chair of Governors

Thinking Allowed! Views From Your Parish Church

When I met our vicar, Sue Giles, at one of the local Open Studio's back in July, I learned that she had been experiencing something of a 'writer's block' with regards to her monthly contribution to our village magazines. Being a member of our local church, believing in shared responsibility and chipping in where one can, I blithely offered to write a small piece in her stead. Having written small pieces here and there before, it is something I enjoy doing, and usually it comes easily. However that hasn't been the case on this occasion. I've actually found it very hard.

When it comes to spiritual matters, I think, it so quickly becomes so intensely personal and most people are immensely passionate about their spiritual or non-spiritual beliefs or experience. In my experience it generally only needs a little oil to set alight a blazing fire. How can my fire come alight, next to yours? So easily things become 'inflammable', giving rise to explosions, fuelling unwarranted attacks, warfare in the name of Even amongst people of similar faiths or belief systems views can vary widely, passions run high. Nobody following the news in recent months would question that.

So writing anything which can ignite 'the spirits' may take courage, skilled diplomacy and openness to the views of others. But then, as we were all invited in our village newsletters for January this year - From our Vicar - how many of us were impelled to respond to the questions posed???

Many of us came out in droves to meetings to discuss our views on the possible new housing developments in the village (the chairing of which I think similarly required huge courage, diplomacy and openness to views other than one's own). However very few people came to a meeting in Bottisham hosted by the local MP. What makes one thing of interest and another thing not? Why do we respond to one thing and not another? And what links all these various events together?

For me it is the sense of community, what community do I wish to belong to? What kind of community do you want to belong to? As a small part of humanity, as villagers, how do we form that community? How individually and collectively can we give shape to the emerging new in a way that is aligned with our most inward passions? And going back to our January village newsletters - From our Vicar - do you see a role for our local church?

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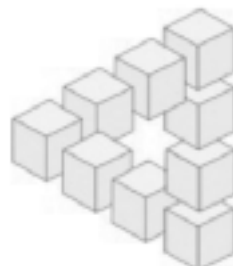
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September Bulletin

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What can you do? We’re urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area.

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Last month’s completed puzzle.

If you would like to see some other things like this in your Cresset, then do let the editor know

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

In view of my comments on leadership and management last month I was interested to note that England batsmen Joe Root, who put the Pakistanis to the sword in the Second Test with a magnificent score of 254, credited his coach Mark Ramprakash with inspiring his innings. Apparently Ramprakash 'hurt' Root by questioning his mental readiness, rather than his technique, after a couple of sloppy dismissals in the previous Test, and Root was stung into a more determined effort at the next opportunity. Clever of Root, obviously, to react so positively to criticism; but how clever, too, of 'Ramps' to perceive exactly what was needed!

So - to football - it's Sam Allardyce then! Fairly predictable, I suppose, that the FA would try another ageing 'home-grown' manager, and it has brought into sharp focus the fact that it's not just the Premier League's playing population that is overrun with foreign imports; it's the management layer too!

I can't say it's something I'd want on my CV but I wonder if the FA were swayed by Sam once finishing second to Steve McLaren in a previous race for the England role?! Or perhaps it was the fact that he is not Steve Bruce clinched it for him?!

I have never been a big fan of 'Big Sam', not only because of his so-called 'direct' tactical style which proved so unpopular among the Hammers fans brought up on a diet of Ron Greenwood and John Lyall, but also because I remember vividly how he brought a team of thugs wearing Bolton colours to Portman Road in the year 2000 to attempt to kick Ipswich Town out of a Championship play-off semi-final. It was a shocking and cynical spectacle and their failure to succeed was down to a strong referee, who showed two red cards to the visitors, and a brilliant hat-trick from Jim Magilton who epitomised what George Burley's team stood for in those all-too-brief, heady days.

I confess to being not entirely impartial in my opinions here but, in the interests of fairness, I will say a couple of things in Mr Allardyce's favour. Firstly, a couple of summers ago, I enjoyed the privilege of acting as 4th Official in an Ipswich v. West Ham pre-season friendly and, although I could not say the same for all the West Ham players (Kevin Nolan in particular - ugh!), I must say the manager was a real gentleman on that occasion. Secondly, Sam Allardyce has a reputation for organising a collection of also-rans into a competitive unit capable of at least avoiding relegation. Well, considering England's recent record in major competitions: South Africa, Ukraine, Brazil, France... are we not the equivalent of relegation candidates from the top echelons of international football? It just might be that Big Sam is the right man for the job at the right time, eh?!

The other major event on my radar during the last few weeks has, of course, been Le Tour de France. It didn't really reach any great heights of competitive excitement though did it? That's because the best rider - Chris Froome - was supported by the best team - Sky - and they performed with such reliable excellence throughout, that their rivals could not muster enough pressure to force them onto the back foot (or is it 'back wheel' in cycling?!). Star Columbian rider Quintana not only looked a little out of sorts, he also had to contend with rivalry from within his own Movistar team, in the shape of Spanish veteran Alejandro Valverde. They finished a creditable 3rd and 6th respectively in the end, but this surprising, flawed 'double team leader' strategy played right into Froome's hands when it came to the big prize.

So it was left to Froome to entertain us with a few eccentricities that, although unexpected, generated a degree of warmth from both admirers and sceptics alike. In fact

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there was a noticeable softening of French attitudes towards him this year, something that was no doubt aided by Romain Bardet finishing on the podium in Paris after an outstanding performance in the Alps in the final week.

The first sign of the 'new', entertaining Froome was his extraordinary attack on Stage 8 when he crouched on his crossbar to pedal rapidly down a mountain to win the stage and take the maillot jaune. (I tried to copy his antics the following day and nearly 'stacked it' on the Gogs!) He also punched a man dressed as chicken that day! (Only in cycling, eh?!) Three days later he was seen running up Mont Ventoux without his bike after crowds had blocked the road and caused riders to crash into a motorcycle! Normally this would have disqualified him but the organisers were not about to kick out the yellow jersey over something caused by poor crowd control. Froome's one (schoolboy) error came on Stage 19 when he attempted to cross a wet white line on entering a corner... he lost his front wheel and deposited several layers of skin on the road to Mont Blanc! But he finished safely on Geraint Thomas' bike and rode into the Champs-Élysées two days later triumphantly arm-in-arm with his heroic Sky team to claim his third victory in four years... all CLEAN!

Owing to a cheeky August holiday, I had to submit this article before the Olympics began, but I sign off for now in the hope that the words 'doping' and 'Russians' have not overshadowed proceedings to the extent we experienced in the build-up. It's a good job our poster girl world cycling champion Lizzie Armitstead isn't Russian after her missed drugs tests fiasco, eh!

TTFN - Gerry Daish

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Benefit or Intrusion?

But first; I'm sure many were delighted to read Jan Eaton's account of the Ancient Meadow's street party and I share the editor's comment about the rest of us similarly getting out there and involved. As some of you will hopefully recall there was an attempt last year to set up a Community Forum or Society that would involve itself in matters of 'community' thus leaving the issues of parochial local government to Parish Council? Although there was a good response to the questionnaire alas very few seemed prepared to offer a lead. Noble attempts therefore came to nothing. With the village ever expanding it's vital now more than ever that new and younger blood take up the reins of community leadership. Possibly Jan and friends could be encouraged to expand their skills into pulling together a 'community nucleus' to resurrect such events as 'the village feast' the 'May day celebration' and the 'donkey derby'?

I was also pleased to read Josh Steven's letter explaining the merits of 'Pokemon GO' lest any of us become alarmed by, what we might consider, unusual activity. It's good to know that our younger generation is still mindful of and sympathetic toward the concerns of others and that the good old 15th century Caxton Press is still up there with 21st century social media.

No doubt some will have seen or even possess one of these new breed of 'recreational' drones and most will have heard or read about Amazon's new idea for parcel deliveries into back gardens using commercial drones. The Amazon experiment - supported by the UK government - will look at commercial drones carrying small parcel deliveries which apparently make up 90% of Amazon's sales. During the test the drones will be limited to an altitude of 400ft. But current UK legislation dictates that drones cannot be flown within 150ft of a building or a person, or within 500ft of a built-up area. Drones also have to remain in line of sight and within 2000ft of the pilot, which has so far hampered earlier attempts to use drones for delivery or surveillance purposes. But very few Amazon customers are going to be within 2000ft of an Amazon distribution centre so are these rules about to change and if so what are the possible implications?

Interestingly the rules for commercial drones do not apply to 'recreational' drone flights, the latter being the current cause of so many complaints. Ominously one of the UK's hotspots for grumbles is Cambridgeshire where residents' reports to police have encompassed complaints about carrying out anti-social behaviour or conducting suspicious and potentially illegal actions.

Whilst on the Isle of Skye a few weeks ago I witnessed a drone being used to film a waterfall cascading over the cliff edge down to the sea below. Nesting on the cliff were birds of various varieties clearly alarmed by the noise and intrusion of the drone. This was pointed out to the owner of the drone by I assume a naturalist only to be met with a few choice expletives! But surprisingly recreational drones do not need a CAA licence to fly. Currently owners/operators only have to comply with a 'code of conduct'. I would suggest

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that on this occasion the code was not complied with which then questions how many other owners of recreational drones do actually take notice of the code.

Do we really want drones, either commercial or recreational, buzzing over our property at all times of the day spoiling the enjoyment of our gardens and our right to privacy. I thought I would check the deeds of my property to see what rights of ownership I have, if any, over the airspace above my property. “Cuius est solum, eius est usque ad coelum et ad inferos” which basically translates to: “whoever owns the soil, holds title all the way up to the heavens and down to the depths of hell“. Surprisingly today this maxim is still used as a guideline. Realistically however if you are a property owner you are supposed to be entitled to enough airspace to reasonably enjoy the land below that air. Exactly what this means is up for debate though. Today in the UK, thanks to the Civil Aviation Act of 1982, the generally accepted amount of air above one’s roof a person is entitled to is approximately 500-1,000 feet, though again this isn’t a hard definition.

Now probably like most I’m all for new technology where it functions for us and provides a real and lawful benefit. But I’m no supporter of technology for technologies sake especially the kinds of technologies we become slaves to. By all means use drones where they can benefit emergency situations for example and where they can help custodians of our strategic infrastructure. Farming would also be a valid case. But other forms of drones such as ‘commercial’ and ‘recreational’ drones operated without a proper licence should to my mind be grounded. Using the Isle of Skye incident and the complaints already registered about anti-social use – a code of conduct is not a sufficient safeguard in my opinion to engender responsible and appropriate use. I read that the sales of catapults are taking off!

TJ

“The boldest course is the safest” - Nelson.

A Note From Our M.P. Lucy Frazer



“I was so pleased to have the opportunity to meet and discuss concerns of local residents at a meeting in August at the Bottisham British Legion recently. People raised a host of issues including policing, parking, broadband, cycle paths, devolution, housing and travellers. I was particularly interested to hear that the Parish Council is putting together a Neighbourhood Plan which should give locals a much greater say in housing development. Please do contact me if you have any particular concerns at lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk or follow me on facebook on www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy. “

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