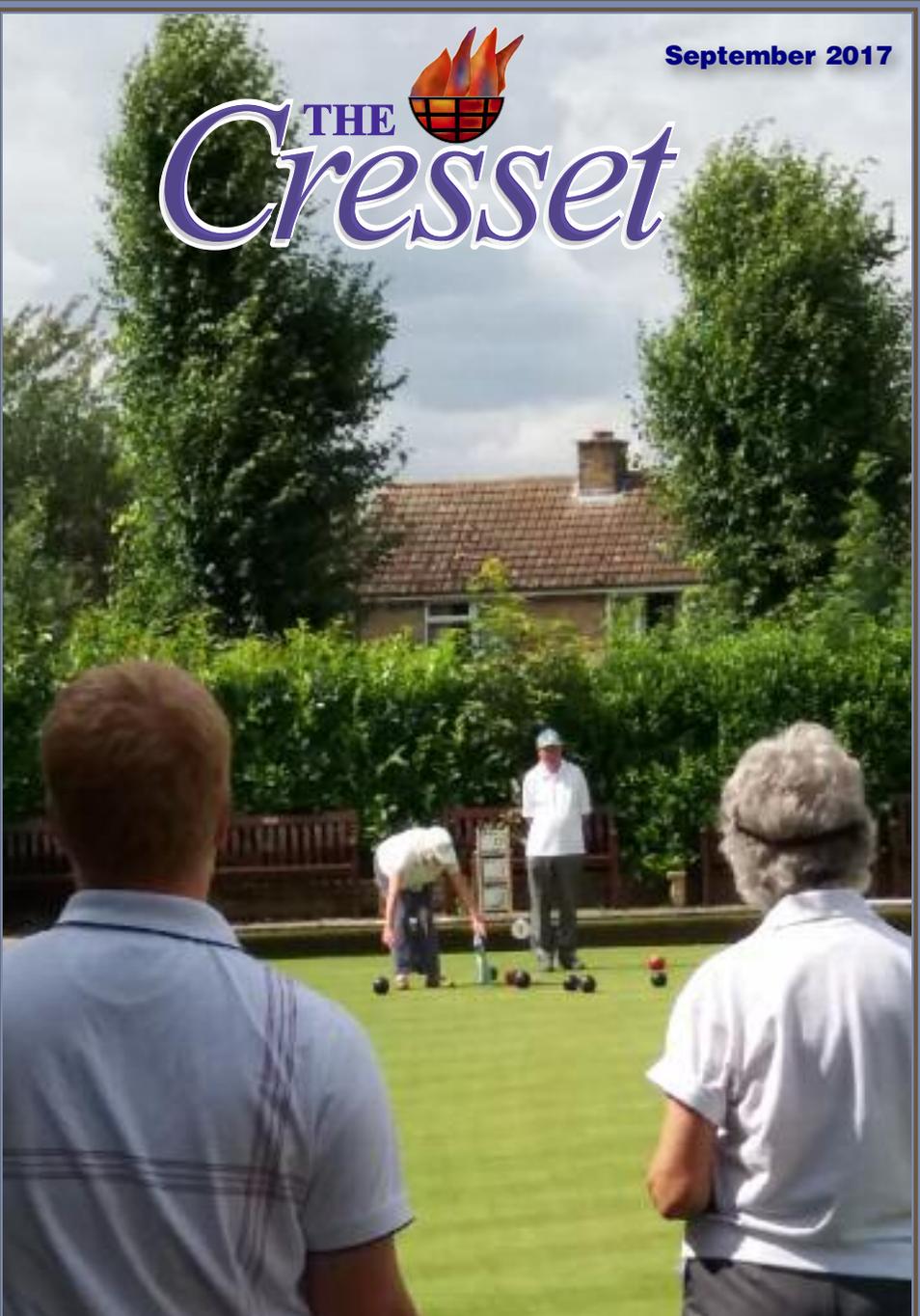


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Well, how can I start this editorial without mentioning the weather? As I write we are half way through August and yes we have had a few nice days and a couple of hot ones, but all told it has been a shocker. It seems there is a pattern emerging of a phoney summer coming end March/April/Early May which fools us into thinking that it is a portent of a long hot dependable summer.



But it has been the rain that seems to have dominated. This part of the UK is supposed to be a drier area but that seems to be changing, but then again perhaps it is the same everywhere.

It certainly makes things grow, weeds particularly. Things also seem to have cropped earlier. I have already taken some tomato plants out because the fruit has all been picked and I doubt I will have any left to pick much into September. Some years I can't get picking until about now.

Having said it is was a phoney summer, it is that that can set fruit much earlier and get heat into the ground for germination. I suppose it is swings and roundabouts, as with most things.

I hope you had a good time over the summer break and enjoyed what summer we had. If you travelled away I hope it lived up to the expectations.

Some say the anticipation of an event can be more fun than the event itself and that often applies to holidays. The excitement of the planning and preparation can be as much fun as the holiday itself. Just think how much money you could save planning an exciting holiday and then cancel at the last minute. Somehow though, that just wouldn't work, would it?

By the time you read this the Schools will be about to go back or indeed may have started. I wonder if schoolchildren nowadays have the same reaction to the summer break as I used to have.

On the one hand, when the school broke up, it was excitement with all those weeks ahead, school free, to do what one wanted. Then about two weeks away from the return to school was that time when boredom would be more frequent and one looked forward to seeing school pals again. Then when it came to the last few days, came the regrets of all the things you were going to do and places you were going to visit but never got round to. More expectations for the next holiday break!

Not having had a magazine in August our contributors have done a bit of catching up.

Sports Nut gives us a great synopsis of what indeed has been a great summer of sports. From Cricket to Cycling and Tennis to Track and field, it is all there.

Paddy gives us the useful updates on our bus services and highlights the new timetables.

Jolley old world has his view on the current state of the nation and beyond. I think he puts into word a lot of what the majority of people think and does it in a way that would be better than most. When the majority stay silent, it is only the minority that is heard. And they tend to shout louder anyway.

Looking forward, the magazine has details of a lot of activities going on in the village which have also taken a break over the summer. There is a whole new raft of Adult classes

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at the college. There are dances and beer festivals at the Legion. Pilates and keep fit classes starting. And if you fancy a bit of ballroom dancing there's a sociable series of classes for that as well.

One event not to be missed is the Bottisham museum group open day at the end of the month.

Details of all these and more are in your September Cresset.

Enjoy what is left of our summer and let's hope for an Indian one later on before that glorious season of mellow fruitfulness.

Your editor, Peter Walker

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help

We are a charity and hold a drop in session at Bottisham Medical Practice on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 1pm-2.30pm, where NHS hearing aid users can receive free replacement batteries, have their hearing aids cleaned and retubed and receive free advice on hearing aid use. Please see our website for further information: www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

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The next course is running in Cambridge across six mornings, 10am to 1pm, on the 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th of September, and the 4th and 5th of October 2017. Special arrangements can be made if you cannot attend all these dates. In particular, we are looking for volunteers living in Cambridge, Linton, Bottisham, Burwell, Soham and the surrounding areas.

If you are interested in volunteering/finding out more, please contact the office: Tel: 01223 416141, Email: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

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Stourbridge Fair at the Leper Chapel. CB5 8JJ. Saturday 2 September: 12pm-4.30pm

Step back in time for a merry medieval afternoon at the historic Leper Chapel, Cambridge's oldest complete surviving building. Visitors can browse stalls selling produce typical of the time, view historical re-enactments, and wander among pedlars and alchemists. There's entertainment on offer too, with medieval singing, dancing and storytelling. This is a free, family event, and all are welcome. Donations towards the upkeep of the chapel are always appreciated. No need to book.

Hinxton Watermill Open Day and Village Hall Teas Sunday 3 September: 2.30pm-5.30pm

Drop in and explore this impressive 17th century working watermill, built on a site dating back to the Domesday Book. Much of the machinery inside remains in good working order. Children can take part in the 'Where's Ratty' contest! CambridgePPF members free, non members £3 for adults, £1 for children. No need to book.

Wandlebury Adventurers Club Mondays from 4 September: 6pm-8pm

Looking for adventure? You've come to the right place. Prepare your kids for some active outdoor fun as we once again host five unaccompanied sessions of action-packed excitement at Wandlebury Park. For ages 8 -12. Either book and pay for the whole course, or join in on an individual session basis: £50 for the whole course, £10 per session.

Wandlebury Adventurers Squad Tuesdays from 5 September: 6pm-8pm

Outdoor adventure activities for ages 6-8. Prepare your children for a variety of outdoor fun as we host five unaccompanied sessions of action-packed excitement at Wandlebury Park. Either book and pay for the whole course, or join in on an individual session basis: £50 for the whole course, £10 per session.

Autumnal Wild Flowers Sunday 10 September: 2pm-3.30pm

It's never too late to learn new things! Join us for this sociable guided stroll around Wandlebury Park with our knowledgeable staff, where you will identify and learn about late flowering plants that thrive in the beautiful chalk grasslands. Advance booking necessary. For adults only. No prior knowledge necessary. £3 for members, non members £4.

Bourn Mill Open Day. CB23 2SU. Sunday 10 September: 2pm-4pm

Come and see inside one of the oldest mills in the country, set in beautiful scenery near Bourn village. Volunteer guides will tell you the history of the mill and if the weather is favourable you may even witness the incredible sight of the mill being turned on its post. Teas are available. No need to book. CambridgePPF members free, non members £3 per adult, £1 per child.

Wonderful Wandlebury - History Fun Day at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Saturday 7

October: 12pm-4.30pm A variety of activities on offer at this popular history day that's packed with fun and learning for the whole family. Have a go at traditional Iron Age crafts for children including shelter building, bushcraft, weapon and shield making, Iron Age cooking and jewellery making. Try your hand at archery, games, animal trails, and to check out beekeeping with the Cambridge Beekeepers. Entry is free but there will be a small charge for selected activities and games. There will also be opportunities to buy some items.

Fresh start? Try Church!

At the time of writing this our Minister, Alan, has just had an operation on his eye, and so is unable to write this month's article.

Last month Alan gave details about the Alpha Course which RENEW Church is intending to run. Since the article was submitted the Leadership Team of the church have decided that the Course should now take place from the beginning of January instead of September. We will be publishing full details nearer the time. If you would like to know more about the Alpha Course in the meantime please feel free to contact Alan at any time. Contact details can be found below.

We believe the Alpha Course offers an ideal opportunity for anyone to ask questions, and to discuss, God, Jesus Christ, the Bible or the meaning of life, without any pressure, without follow-up and without charge. All in a friendly atmosphere – and with food!

By the time you read this the Summer holidays will be over; new terms will have begun; many of our children will be going to new schools. September is often a time of new beginnings; new challenges; new opportunities. Perhaps you are looking for something new, some change of direction, some fresh perspective on life. Maybe some answers to things which bother you. If so, you might consider trying church! Many people have preconceived ideas of what church is like, or they have past experiences which may have left a negative impression.

However, RENEW might be very different from what you expect, and you may be pleasantly surprised! So may we invite you to come and see for yourself! Whatever age you are; whatever family situation you have; whatever church background you may have had; or if you have no church background at all; you will find a warm welcome at RENEW. Come and see!

Peter Wells

RENEW Church Services in September 2017.

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

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10 am.

Sunday 3rd Sep. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 10th Sep. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 10th Sep. Evening Worship. 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

Sunday 17th Sep. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 24th Sep. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 24th Sep. Evening Worship. 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:

Rev. Alan Brand on C.812558. Email: alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk

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Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in September

Sunday	3rd	11am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
Wednesday	6th	8pm	Compline by Candlelight <i>led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday	10th		No Service in Bottisham
		10am	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Bulbeck
Sunday	17th	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
		11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	24th		No service in Bottisham
		8am	Holy Communion in Swaffham Prior
		10am	Benefice All-Age Service in Lode

Benefice services are services shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Details of these services can also be found on the Bottisham pages of the Anglesey website (angleseygroupparishes.co.uk). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there, along with details of any funerals or weddings in Holy Trinity.

CAMBS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL RIDE, DRIVE AND STRIDE EVENT

This year's CHCT Ride & Stride event will take place on Saturday 20 September. The object is to be sponsored to cycle or walk to as many churches or chapels as you can between 10 am and 6pm - usually sponsors will be happy to part with a sum per church/chapel. If riding or striding is difficult, then you can also drive. Half the money raised goes to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and is used in the form of Grants to churches/chapels in the county for essential repairs. The other half goes to the church or chapel of your choice. Details of how to get involved are on a board in Holy Trinity or can be obtained from Mike Young on 811754. Given half-decent weather it can be fun day out - something different. Needless to say, Holy Trinity would very much welcome your support. How about it!

WEA News

With autumn approaching, here is the reminder that our next series of lectures by Katherine Jewell begins next month. The evocative East Anglian landscape has long been an inspiration to tellers of stories of murder and mysterious death. This course begins with an exploration of the rise of crime as the source of entertainment for the masses. Then, using three novels by some of the greatest crime writers of the twentieth century, this course examines the genre of crime fiction in detail, particularly its use of East Anglia.

The subject of Crime Fiction & East Anglia should be of interest to anyone living in Cambridgeshire. So... all welcome, make a note in your diary to join us at the British Legion, Bottisham at 10.00am on **Thursday, 5th October**. For more information please contact Elaine Steverson T: 01223 812152 or www.eastern.wea.org.uk

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It was very hot for our June meeting when Ian Cummings a finalist in the Great British Bake Off in 2016 spoke of his time on the programme. He explained his background as a freelance travel photographer showing some of his pictures. He applied to be a contestant after his wife said she wished to go to the Garden Party held at the end of the series in 2014. From the 23,000 applicants and after numerous interviews, a visit to a shrink and cooking a cake in a commercial kitchen he was accepted. He explained the different tasks he had to do for each round, having been given 2 weeks practice time and £50 for ingredients. He made his own baking tins and shapes from stainless steel strips. He was the star baker for 3 consecutive weeks but was still most surprised to be a finalist. He had slides of each of his creations both at the experimental stages and from the show. A good speaker, his enthusiasm certainly showed and he had made a superb and large carrot cake for our refreshments.

Rosemary Magellan gave a report of her visit to the National AGM held in Liverpool earlier in June which she had enjoyed. The main speakers were Jo Fairley a co-founder of Green and Black Chocolate and Susie Dent from Countdown. The 2 resolutions, on combatting loneliness (young and old, male and female and affecting 1 in 5 people) and high lighting the problems of plastic soup (the small microfibres that are released into the oceans after each wash) were each considered, debated and passed. A thrilling experience and members were told they should make an effort to attend in the future.

In August David Taylor spoke and showed pictures covering women's achievements in Aviation. He spoke about Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart but more information was given on the Air Transport Auxiliary Force which enlisted women during the Second World War to build, repair and maintain, provide medical assistance and refreshments and work in the control towers as radio operators. Their most important role was in ferrying new aircraft from the hangars where they were built to the airfields. Pay equality was a dream then although the equivalent force in America the WASPS did receive the same pay rates. David had found information about air stewardesses, women sent into space, Concorde pilots and sky walkers. We heard about the many pioneer pilots and these included Molly Marshall, who had been taught to fly by her brother Arthur Marshall. She flew Tiger Moths at first but became one of the Spitfire Women and delivered 273 fighters to RAF units. Based in Southampton she was part of the Coastal Force and flew Hurricanes and Wellington Bombers. Sometimes she flew up to 4 different types in a day all with no radios and into heavily camouflaged airfields. She died at the age 95 a week before she would have attended the Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance Service. A local heroine. A most interesting talk.

We shall be celebrating our centenary year in 2018. We have plans for a Sunday lunch on the actual birthdate, a community fete in June hopefully at the Primary School, and will be talking to years 5 and 6 children at an assembly about the WI and helping them complete a wall hanging to commemorate the event. We could have an event at Bottisham Hall too.

We shall be touring the Houses of Parliament in August, visiting St Ives on the guided bus and continuing with our monthly walks and weekly darts practices. We hope too to have another Norwich shopping trip.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th September** when **Pat and Roy** will be entertaining us at our **Harvest Supper. Ploughman's supper is optional at £3.** This will be held at **Queens Court at 7.30pm**

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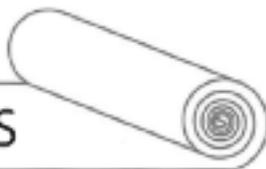


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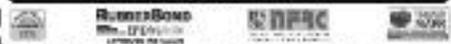
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Our County Councillor Mathew Shuter realised that there had been concerns regarding surface water flooding particularly in Lode Road which regularly floods in heavy downpours. This was a problem that was not easily solved. He reported that the draining under the road was inadequate for the type of rain that we get nowadays i.e. usual months rainfall in one day. The size of the pipe that takes the water away is not wide enough. He has spoken to the County Council who are aware of the problem and similar problems with the size of the pipes in other villages. They felt it unlikely that any home would be under threat from flooding and they also reassured that the building work currently taking place at the school was not adding to the problem. With another accident at one of the entrances to Bottisham (Hilton Park end), County Councillor Shuter revealed that the A1303 has been designated one of the 50 worst roads in the country for road traffic accidents. He is waiting to hear about funding for improvements to the junctions into Bottisham which would be greatly welcomed by the village.

The PCSO has been actively ticketing vehicles parked on the double yellow lines outside of the shop. She confirmed that her workload has now effectively halved as she is looking after 14 villages rather than 28 which also means less travelling time for her and more time to spend in her allocated villages. One more PCSO has been recruited and the village allocation had been restructured. We therefore hope to see more of her in Bottisham.

Parish Councillors met recently in the cemetery for a tidy-up of those graves which are no longer maintained by relatives. We have also arranged to have some work done on trees and hedges over the summer so by now the area should be looking a lot tidier. The County Council have also been and cut back the trees/hedgerow on Bell Road which were beginning to obscure the road signs.

Thanks once again go to Reg Webb for putting in the bedding plants by the village sign/flag pole. He has also renovated the pump by the vicarage which is looking much nicer. The village sign came down in a heavy storm and should also be repaired and back up by now.

Parish Council have again begun to discuss the provision of pre-school play equipment in the village. We recognise that Bottisham has a deficiency of any type of play equipment but with the village owning no land this is difficult to resolve. Thankfully we have the Village College site which provides children with an area of open space. Significant efforts have been made over the years to find land that could be used but all to no avail. We are currently proceeding with purchasing some land off of Lode Road for a new cemetery which could also be used to provide some play equipment but this process is slow with the need for tests on the land to check that it is suitable for a cemetery. In reality we are many years away from being able to use the land. We have been successful in obtaining a small play area when the new development off of Bell Road/Ox Meadow is built but we are aware that this is at one end of the village. The District Council have made us the offer of purchasing the public open space situated at Ancient Meadows with a view to providing a small pre-school play area. However, this area may not be suitable. We are now looking at consulting with the village as

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to whether residents feel there is a need for pre-school play equipment and where it should be sited. We aim to do this by way of a questionnaire which will be delivered to each household. The questionnaire can be filled in on-line or by hand. We plan for the questionnaire to be delivered in October/November and further details will be forthcoming in the October Cresset. After the questionnaires have been collated we will have a public meeting to discuss the findings and seek further views from the village.

Cambridgeshire County Council has launched a consultation on redesigning Children's Centre Services. The proposals include 10 child and family centres that will continue to offer services in places of high need with extended opening hours, 12 child and family zones in community spaces such as libraries and community centres, an outreach programme and online support. The consultation ends 22nd September and can be accessed at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreconsultation. Children's Centres are a valuable asset to the community and to many families so please take the time to visit the website and to take part in the short survey.

Claire Fullwood - Parish Clerk

Planning Notes

17/00933/FUL, 4 Rowley Gardens, Single storey rear extension, NEW APPLICATION

17/01149/FUL, Bottisham Heath Stud, London Road, Retrospective planning application for stables

17/01216/FUL, Land at Bell Road (rear of public house), Construction of a 3 bedroom dwelling house with car parking, cycle and refuse storage. Demolition of sheds and fences to rear of public house to create 10 additional parking spaces and a new amenity area with a new vehicular access. Reduce boundary wall along Bell Road to reduce height from 1.1m to 0.6m, NEW APPLICATION

17/01202/FUL, Focal Point, Newmarket Road, Temporary replacement storage unit, NEW APPLICATION

7/01293/FUL, 113 Lode Road, Demolish existing conservatory plus outbuilding and erect single storey rear extension, NEW APPLICATION

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Public Transport Matters

I hope that you have all had a good summer despite the at times awful weather. I also hope that you all now have copies of the new Stagecoach timetables for the 10 and 11/12 from the 23rd July. There is no longer a 10A. It was all advertised on the buses about 10 days ahead of the changes and was also available under 'Stagecoach new timetables' on the web as there were many changes. However, as so many people have confirmed to me, what was needed was the paper timetables. The changes were on the display boards at bus stops and I hope that happened in Lode and Swaffham Bulbeck but regular users don't see a need to look if they are unaware of the situation. Stagecoach customer services have been good and we have been exchanging increasingly jolly e-mails over the past few weeks as they tried to get timetables delivered to me. I received a box of the 10s in time for me to put them in Bottisham post office and the Bottisham bus shelters and also post them through letterboxes of known users. I ended up accosting people in the street to check whether they knew of the changes as times were often now earlier and I was hearing tales of people having problems with missing the regular buses they used due to the changed times. I didn't receive a box of the 11/12 until a couple of weeks later. Just think of the area that the poor chap doing the deliveries and the changes to the display boards has to cover! I checked at 10 p.m. for the box of 10s and they weren't there but they were first thing the next morning! But we do still have a reasonable service compared with some villages and customer services assure me that no cuts are planned this year! Whippet have cut services to the villages west of Cambridge and that has resulted in many problems for people trying to get to work, the doctors, Addenbrooke's, the shops, or just to have a little excursion.

The 114 is also cut. The Cambridge News has featured letters on the subject and also has run articles on the situation. Whippet used to be a community minded family run firm but no longer is that the case with the new owners. I have happy memories of the day trips to Lowestoft from the Bottisham A1303 bus stop. I have tried to get National Express to stop there instead of zooming past but no luck so far. That would give us in Bottisham an evening and Sunday service to Newmarket. I do appreciate the difficulties are different for Lode and Swaffham Bulbeck and that access to the 11/12 is via the 10 to Newmarket.

We read that bus journeys have fallen to their lowest in ten years throughout England. Apparently narrow roads are squeezing buses out of new estates. Stagecoach try to improve things for smartcard users with cheaper fares and a saving of time as they scan their card as they board. There is now a mobile ticketing app that enables passengers to buy and receive tickets direct to their mobile phone so you show the bus driver an on-screen ticket. Great Northern suggests that you treat the kids to a day out at the weekend as up to 4 children can travel with you for just £2 each. More people are discovering the Cambridge North station and hopefully the earlier problems about which people were complaining are being addressed. 21,000 people used it during its first month. Our route by bus is the 10 and then the citi 2. Transport is very much a live issue at the moment due in part to the congestion in Cambridge. City Deal, now the Greater Cambridge Partnership, plans for a busway linking Cambridge and Cambourne are not popular. Mayor James Palmer says a problem of local government is short term thinking. There needs to be a long-term vision for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Light rail, underground metro, more park and ride – all being discussed. This is part of a £150,000 transport study. There is an ongoing legal battle over the guided

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busway's deterioration and the Cambridgeshire County Council's suing of BAM Nuttall over a £36.5 million repair bill. It is only 6 years old and should have 34 years of design life left. They hope to get an appropriate settlement. Around £8 million has already been spent on repairs and professional fees. The busway is regarded as a success and popular but people still say that it should have been a train line. There are still complaints about the fewer seats on the new trains to London. The 7.55 am train from Cambridge to King's Cross is the second most overcrowded train service in the country! At an average speed of 40.4 mph people also complain that it is a slow service. Discussions are ongoing about a rail link to Haverhill and also stations at Soham and Addenbrooke's. James Palmer wants to increase the number of trains on Crossrail 2 and is in contact with its director.

There is an increased use of ferries across the Channel and to the Isle of Man and also a suggestion of a rail tunnel to Ireland.

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Then our annual day trip in July took us to Capel Manor Gardens near Enfield, dating back to the 13th century. The manor house passed through many hands before, in the 1960s and in a badly neglected state, it was leased to the London Borough of Enfield and the Capel Manor Institute of Horticulture was born. It is still an educational institution, now the Capel Manor College, and has grown to 3,500 students gaining hands-on experience in a variety of gardens. We were especially glad to have the services of Tom Wheatcroft as our tour guide. He was excellent and gave us well over our allotted time, answering our many questions in a humorous and memorable style. Then on to lunch, a wander round in our own time, and the coach back to Bottisham.

A reminder again that our Annual Village Show takes place on 9 September, 2 to 4 pm in the British Legion. Schedules are available in the library and village shops, and we do hope that we see more entries from surrounding villages – or just come along and see what is on show. The show will be officially opened at 2 pm by Rachael Johnston, Head Teacher at Bottisham Primary School, who will be judging the Children's Section and presenting the trophies to winning exhibitors. If you can't find a schedule, please give me a ring and we'll get one to you - the number is at the foot of this article. We are being sponsored again this year by Bill Sumner at Bottisham Village Stores and Scotsdales Garden Centres, and we are very grateful to them for their continuing support

Our speaker at the September meeting will now be Zsuzsanna Serer talking about Tropical Plants and she will also be bringing a selection of plants for sale. The meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 September in the Poppy Room of the British Legion. Newcomers are always welcome.

Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary



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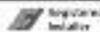
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BEAVERS - This year at Beavers we had lots of fun! For Pancake Day we made delicious pancakes. There were a lot of toppings and I couldn't choose which one to have so I had three pancakes! For our Challenge Badge, we had to brush out teeth twice a day, make our beds and keep our rooms tidy. We learnt about unconscious people and how to sort them out before phoning the ambulance and what to do if someone gets a cut. By Mairi

CUBS - My favourite thing to do at Cubs this year was learning about foreign countries. We went to the Sikh Temple in Cambridge where two people showed us around and told us all about the Sikh religion. Following on from this, we learnt about Mardi Gras and made pancakes to celebrate it. Another evening, we all brought in foreign food so got to taste lots of new things. By Ewan

SCOUTS - You may have noticed the Scouts wandering the paths around Bottisham recently. This was 'Eat it or Die' evening where they learnt which plants are safe to eat should they get stuck in the wilderness without food. They are now preparing for Summer Camp at the end of July – we hope there is plenty of tasty camp food so they don't have to resort to their Eat it or Die skills!

OTHER NEWS - Our latest fundraising event was a Family Quiz, which provided entertainment for all ages. Who could have realised how difficult it is to correctly identify ten different crisp flavours?

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'FLU CLINICS: These are the dates for the clinics this year Saturdays 7 and 21 October and Thursday mornings 28 September, 12 and 19 October, 2, 9 and 16 November. Do take advantage of the vaccination as 'flu can be a nasty and debilitating infection.

PATIENTS' GROUP: The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice's website for further information www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055 and see what your Patients' Group has achieved. We would welcome help with running the group.

WALKS FOR HEALTH: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 1 September and 6 and 18 October 2017. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be **Thursday 28 September 2017 at 6.30pm** at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

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Jenny Rankine the newly appointed Principal at the Village College spoke at our AGM and outlined the extensive building programme for the College and showed draft plans for the new Library which will be in the present Main Hall. The stage is to be removed so there will be ample space for books, we shall have a storeroom and accessible toilet. Our entrance will be through the Crush Hall and there will be good space for buggies and information displays. Access for pupils will be at the opposite end where the computer desks will be placed. We shall be in continued discussion about the fixtures, fittings and layout once the building plans have been approved. The opening with a promised BIG LAUNCH is likely to be in the summer of 2019. Mrs Rankine said that updates concerning the many changes will be included in the local magazines.

Helen Cole our co-ordinator was able to report that lending figures for both adult and child fiction had increased as had the number of visitors and new members. We had introduced a jigsaw lending system and also monthly Story and Rhyme time sessions for younger members. Another successful year a well supported Quiz Night and Triangle Book Sale in May. Thank you all for your support.

The officers and committee were returned unopposed and whist they are happy to do so we should like some more volunteers. Exciting times are ahead with the move to new premises we would appreciate some young blood.

Not sure if our Book Amnesty in July and August resulted in many books being returned. I see that in Sydney Australia they have found an elegant way of calling home their wayward library books using guilt instead of fines. They have reminded borrowers that by failing to return books they are denying others the chance to read them - the results have been remarkable.

We shall be holding another Phoenix Card morning on Saturday 14th October and will have catalogues available beforehand. Please support us in this venture.

Sylvia Overton.

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Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

Club members are enjoying their summer break and are hoping to take many new images for use in club competitions during the forthcoming year. The annual dinner and social evening was held on 12 May where cups and trophies were presented by the Chairman Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB.

New members of the community who are interested in photography may wish to attend our **'Welcome Back' meeting on the Tuesday 12 September 2017**. We are a long established club, meeting originally in Burwell and now for many years our venue has been Lode Chapel. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, you may be interested in developing your photography skills further, so why not give us a try?

The programme for our new year which commences on Tuesday 12 September 2017, is available on our website - www.bottburpc.org This also shows our gallery of members' photographs including the winning entries from previous competitions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

'Welcome Back' First meeting of the clubs year (2017/2018) will be held on **Tuesday 12 September 2017**, when members are asked to bring 3 prints and/or 3 digital images taken over the summer break. Last year's award winning prints and digital images will also be shown during the evening.

Tuesday 19 September 2017 'Lifting the Lid on How' Jamie Hall, (GDT) European Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2016. Jamie is a wildlife photographer based in Suffolk and will give a digital presentation together with an insight into how he produces his images.

Tuesday 3 October 2017 'An Evening with Andy Beel FRPS' Andy is a professional photographer, writer and mentor. He is an acknowledged expert in monochrome photography and will be giving a digital presentation of his Black/White photography.

The club has a friendly atmosphere and new members are very welcome. Personal help and advice regarding all aspects of photography, is available from existing members, whose experience ranges over many years. If attending the 'Welcome Back' evening you may if wished, bring three of your own pictures (any size) that you have taken during the summer.

The club always welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

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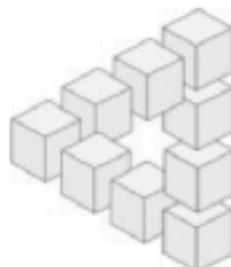
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

As expected, it has been a marvellous summer of sport so far. OK, so I was wrong (July Cresset) about the outcome of the cricket Champions Trophy, my undoing being the rise to form of the unpredictable Pakistanis who dispatched England in the semi-final then humbled India in the final by the massive margin of 180 runs. Don't forget they had been the lowest ranked team in the tournament at the outset! But doesn't that illustrate perfectly what's great about sporting competition?

By the time you read this we'll be mid way through a new test series against the West Indies but, at the time of writing, we're still basking in the glory of a 3-1 win over South Africa in a series of wildly swinging fortunes, memorable for a number of outstandingly good and horribly bad performances from both teams! What would you say was the moment of the series? Roland-Jones' five-fer on his debut? Edgar's obdurate century against the odds chasing a lost cause? Moeen Ali's hat-trick to clinch the 3rd Test (the first by an English spinner since Tom Goddard's in South Africa in 1938)? No – for me it was Jonathan Agnew pranking Geoffrey Boycott in the commentary box on the final morning of the 3rd Test, when he produced a fake press release from the ICC stating that all scores from the England v Rest of the World series in 1970 were to be scrubbed from 'first class' cricket records. Boycott had notched a century in that series so it would mean that his famous 100th hundred at Headingley in 1977 would have been only his 99th! Poor old Geoff: he took the bait hook, line and sinker, with Aggers teasing him about having invited him to a 40th anniversary party under false pretences! Check it out on YouTube when you have 10 minutes to spare. I reckon the recording will go down in Test Match Special history as one of THE moments of radio cricket commentary, alongside Brian Johnson's famous 'leg-over' giggles in 1993.

What do people think about Joe Root's talents as England captain? His decision making has had me scratching my nut at times but I like the way his boyish looks hide the heart of a warrior; and how can we not love his recent comments on success/failure in an interview following England's disappointment in the 2nd Test? "The true measure of success is not simply the result – there are things that are out of your control – but the way you hold yourself. You need to be satisfied with the way you've played the game by giving it your all." A great metaphor for life eh?

I am happy to say I was also wrong to have suggested that Chris Froome's bubble might have burst when it came to this year's Tour de France. He displayed an ever-increasing amount of grit, tenacity, experience and toughness to win his fourth Tour (and third in succession) after a series of mishaps threatened to scupper him: two crashes, one off-road detour, two mechanical problems, the loss of his no.2 (Geraint Thomas)... but, even without having won a single stage, which is highly unusual, he remained calm and calculating and duly arrived in Paris with 54 seconds in hand over Colombian Rigoberto Uran. One feels for poor Thomas, though; this was his first DNF in Le Tour – due to a broken collarbone sustained when another rider crashed in his path – bitterly disappointing for him, in the form of his life and with four days in the yellow jersey under his belt. Wouldn't it be great to see Froome and Thomas pair up again in the Spanish La Vuelta, the third Grand Tour of the year scheduled for 19th August to 10th September?

What did you make of the disqualification of Peter Sagan, the Slovakian sprinter, for his involvement in the crash that put paid to Mark Cavendish's Tour? Now, I am not feeling

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particularly well-disposed towards the French after being manhandled by security guards at the Stade de France whilst trying to enter the stadium with a perfectly valid ticket for England's friendly in June! But the shameful partisanship of the French authorities during their flagship cycle race in July really took the biscuit! Sagan's DQ; Arnaud Demare's reprieve for the same 'offence' in the same sprint; withdrawal of punishments for riders breaking food/drink rules when podium finisher Romain Bardet was found to have transgressed equally.! George Bennet of the Dutch team Lotto Jumbo offered the tongue-in-cheek explanation that it was all a "coincidence", and others will only commit to a Gallic shrug and say "This is cycling!" But can you imagine any organiser perpetrating this kind of blatant bias in any other sport?!

Anyway, a quick word about Wimbledon. Andy Murray struggled manfully – almost comically - as far as the quarter final, battling a hip injury that clearly restricted his movement despite his protestations that it didn't! And Federer played like a king to win his 19th Grand Slam tournament. Garbine Muguruza was brimming with class and power and movement in the Women's final to outgun a tired Venus Williams who, herself, had outclassed our own Johanna Konta in the semi. But what a fighter Konta is! She believes she can be "in a position to win a title like this one day". I certainly would not bet against it!

A race too far..? In a quirk of fate, the 2017 World Athletics Championships saw the curtain fall on the careers of two of the greatest athletes in history. Neither Usain Bolt nor Mo Farah left the stage clutching gold as they – and we – would have liked but they reminded us that, no matter how great you are, Father Time will always win eventually! However, whilst some doors close, others open. I don't suppose the GB men's 4x100m relay team are concerned with matters of ageing at the moment, having written themselves into the history books with the third fastest run of all time. Can we look forward to a golden age of (drug-free) British sprinting over the coming years. I certainly hope so, but I don't see why they have to compete with the likes of Justin Gatlin in championship races; and, by the sound of the boos that greeted the American in the London Stadium during the championships, there seems to be widespread support for that view.

TTFN Gerry Daish

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You may have heard of or read about the animosity levelled at Sarah Champion who dared to call the abuse of 'white' young English girls in Newcastle for what it really is. And also the shocking name-calling and hatred directed at staff at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital over the young Charlie Gard affair. But in particular the intolerance directed at Tim Farron by the 'politically correct' brigade because of his traditional beliefs. I don't necessarily agree with Farron's politics but I was sorry to see him resign because his 'traditional beliefs' were said not to be compatible with leading a modern day political party. Being the cynic that I am I don't believe for one minute that this is a decision Farron would have made had it not been for the increasing acquiescence given to 'progressive attitudes' - often portrayed to their extreme in 'soap operas' - and shamefully repeated in both the Charlie Gard and the Sarah Champion situations. Yes, I'll repeat it again; today's modern media conduit is primarily responsible for this advance in fanatical attitudes and is solely responsible for a lot of what's wrong with society today. We are seeing and reading articles attacking, and even mocking, traditional views but never any that appear to question, let alone criticise, liberal views. It's even being suggested by some broadsheet commentators that we've become a nation tolerant of 'politically correct' crusades the likes of the National Trust's decree to some of its volunteers to wear the 'gay pride' badge.

The latest survey of British social attitudes shows that this progressive culture is predominantly advocated by young, highly educated metropolitans. But does being highly educated necessarily endow you with the wider intellect and the indispensable 'University of Life' mentality for full participation in everyday society. Sadly this side of liberalist culture doesn't seem to comprehend that its mind set is being manipulated and conditioned by modern media stimuli. So much so that many in higher education for instance demand 'safe spaces' where they can't be offended and 'no platforms' for those commentators who hold unacceptable views. Furthermore there are those who believe it right and proper to hide behind anonymity to verbally abuse, persecute and stalk individuals who do actually speak of uncomfortable or unwelcome things - another target being the feminists' rights campaigner Germaine Greer, and her comments that gender is a biological fact rather than a social hypothesis.

This recent social attitudes survey points alarmingly to the fact that, as a society, we're on the edge of forgetting one of our basic rights and that is the freedom to openly, honestly and decently state and debate our beliefs in public forum. Surely then we cannot simply stand aside and allow a generation to become naïve or complacent about the fundamental role that the freedoms of speech, expression, thought and debate play in upholding the democratic process.

Tim Farron should have stood his ground - leaving it to the ballot box to decide whether he's a fit person or not to lead a political party. Like many others in the public spotlight he's fallen victim to the ceaseless intolerance and hostility coming from pressure crusaders who believe tradition and free speech are 'cuddly' terms used to soften the concepts of prejudice, discrimination and sexuality - where no view other than their own is the right one. It would seem then that there is no room in so called 'liberal society' for the many people who still hold traditional views on social issues such as marriage, abortion, sexuality, keeping Sunday different, the family construct, etc...

And there was even more uncomfortable and unwelcome news for those who use any opportunity to have a go at central government over the NHS. The UK health service was

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praised, yes praised for its safety, affordability and efficiency. The research by the Commonwealth Fund looked at twelve countries across the world, including the US, Canada, Australia, France and Germany. It's the second time in a row that the UK has finished top above all other European countries, even Scandinavia. Three years ago, when the survey was last done, the UK was also number one. It comes despite the NHS being in the grip of the tightest financial challenge in its history with lengthening waiting times due to a surging population. The NHS was praised for the safety of its care, the systems in place to prevent ill-health, such as vaccinations and screening, the speed at which people get help and the equitable access regardless of income.

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