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

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As I write this, I am sitting in the sunshine in the Southwest of Scotland where the weather has been more than kind. One damp misty day it two weeks and blue skies the rest of the time and forecast to continue till Easter. Don't tell me this is our summer! Need to get back soon to get the planting done!

You will read this month a response to the 'Jolley Old World' articles. I appreciate input from all quarters and like to think we can have a broad spectrum of views in the magazine.

It does raise a couple of thoughts in my mind and also in the thoughts of another contributor.

If one has alternative points of view that are important to you, express them. They will become a welcome contribution and make the magazine more interesting.

At the same time, it doesn't have to be head-to-head or argumentative with any particular contributor.

The JOW articles never contain any name-calling or unpleasantness.

Also, are not different points of view what keeps minds fresh and the world turning?

Surely the purpose of a village magazine, indeed any magazine, is to entertain as well as inform. Writers are motivated by what interests them. The Sports Nut for example, is no different and for some, his articles contain even less material of local interest, but will be read avidly by individuals who share his interests, whether or not they agree with his sentiments.

To disqualify a contributor on the grounds of having a particular point of view is to risk turning the publication into an advertising circular. (Some think there is a bit of that already!)

JOW articles are characterised by ephemera and topical comment, some serious and some not so much. The assertion that they are "highly politicised" is a very subjective one and depends largely on the extent to which the reader agrees or not! Yes, the writer is having some 'fun'. But it's not compulsory to accept it, or even to read it.

As I have added another view to the debate, that last sentence must surely also apply to this.

Views on all subjects are welcome. Personal confrontation is not so welcome. They say you may disagree with the subject, but the writer always has the right to express it.

Enough said and do keep those views coming.

The rest of the magazine has all the usual contributions and there are notices and invitations to lots of activities taking place over the coming months.

One of the notices you will see is for The Annual Parish meeting takes place on the 15th May and is your opportunity to get an update on what is going on with your Parish Council and to put any questions you may have to them. (Write to the Clerk beforehand and get the answer on the night).

There are activities aplenty going on in Bottisham and the surrounding area, from drama productions to gliding club lessons. From swimming sessions to archery classes.

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Whilst The Cresset may be frivolous to some and too serious for others, it will always try to provide the reader with information of what is going on in and around our village.

If you have events planned, or activities which need participants, then let everybody know, by writing about it in The Cresset. It is what we are here for.

Our cover this month highlights the seasonal appearance of bluebells. There are lots of places near us where you can see bluebells in their natural setting. There are bluebell woods at Brampton Wood nature reserve, Hayley Wood nature reserve, near Sandy and Hardwick Wood nature reserve, as well as many others. Well worth the trip for an uplifting walk.

Enjoy the month, whatever you are doing.

Peter Walker

Cancer Charities Thank you

CANCER CHARITIES FUNDRAISING DANCE IN MARCH

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and came along to the dance. A good time was had by all and the 142s were a fabulous band who made sure that the dance floor was busy all night. I also received many very generous donations and I am pleased to say that the total raised far exceeded my expectations and the total sum of £1700 has been shared between Macmillan Cancer Care and the Cambridge Cancer Help Centre based at Scotsdales in Shelford.

Local business were also very generous and I would like to pay particular thanks to Bill Sumner at Bottisham Stores, Polly and Elio at Il Piccolo Mondo, Alison West for Morgan's Hairdressing and Brian Lewis and staff at Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club. In addition Bottisham W I donated the proceeds of their monthly raffle to the fund.

Please contact me if you are going through cancer treatment or caring for someone who is and would like more information about Cambridge Cancer Help Centre. My email address is meadeann7@gmail.com

Ann Meade

SUPPORTED GYM ACCESS

If you are recovering from an operation, medical treatment or an injury you may be keen to start getting fit but not sure where to start. I have been talking to Bottisham Sports Centre and we are keen to hear of anyone who would be interested in a supported gym session once a week. If there is enough interest a gym team member would be available one hour a week for support with the use of the gym equipment. You may not need to be a member of the gym but could potentially pay a weekly fee to attend depending on how many people are interested. Please contact me on meadeann7@gmail.com



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Please send material to the editor at BottishamCresset@gmail.com

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Bottisham & District Gardening Club

Ian Limmer who is the nursery manager for Peter Beales Roses showed us how to prune all types of roses before his film presentation. He explained the differences between the various climbers and ramblers and modern shrub roses, gave tips for planting and advised that feeding should take place now and then in June. He is involved in the maintenance at several properties and showed pictures of many beautiful varieties and colours and the difference that regular pruning can make. A good rose can last from anything from 15 to 40 years.

He has worked for Beales for 42 years, his wife has been there for 35 years (he interviewed her!) and together they have travelled to Japan a few times to run training programmes and regularly attend the Belgian Rose Fairs. The company always have a stand at Chelsea and have the medals to prove it. The garden centre at Attleborough is well worth a visit, there is a large rose garden, a wildlife area and an excellent tea room.

Our members rose competition will be judged at our June meeting and our annual Coach outing will be to the RHS Garden at Hyde Hall near Chelmsford on Wednesday 17th July - more details to follow.

We hope that we will be able to hold another Annual Show in September but this is dependent on offers of support from members as the committee is now smaller.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28TH May when David Coop from Elsom Seeds will talk on "Which Compost". It will be in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome.

Sylvia Overton

Holy Trinity, Bottisham - Services May 2019

Wednesday	May 1st	8pm “C by C” (Short candlelit meditative service)
Sunday	May 5th	11am Holy Communion
Sunday	May 12th	10am Benefice Communion at Swaffham Bulbeck (followed by farewell to our curate, Revd Professor Gina Radford)
Sunday	May 19th	8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday	May 26th	10am Benefice Morning Worship
Thursday	May 30th	7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at Swaffham Prior

Benefice services are 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 Anglesey website (www.angleseygroupparishes.co.uk). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there.



LOVE DOES NOT ENVY...

So far in our considering what it means to love, we have considered ‘love is patient’ (March) and ‘love is kind’ (April). Next in the great scripture on love from 1 Corinthians 13 we read, love ‘does not envy’. The dictionary definition of ‘envy’ is, ‘a feeling of discontentment or resentful longing aroused by someone else’s possessions, qualities, or luck; or, the desire to have a quality, possession, or other desirable thing belonging to someone else.’

The Bible says that to truly love someone, like God loves, means rejoicing when others are blessed, leaving no room for envy. Someone who truly loves is content with what they have and focusses on meeting the needs of the loved one more than their own desires.

This teaching is included in the Bible because the church at Corinth was ranking some spiritual gifts as more important than others and envying those who had the ‘best’ gifts. The apostle Paul points out that the different gifts are meant to serve one another and build up the church.

We need each other, and each other’s gifts. No-one has all the gifts, but every believer has at least one. One of the greatest joys in my ministry is helping people to discern their gift(s) and give them opportunities to exercise their gift(s) in and through the church - that everyone might be encouraged, strengthened, built up.

I have spent far too long in my life and ministry comparing myself with others, wishing I was like x, envying their gifts and talents, wishing I was different - that life is so draining! How liberating to accept and rejoice in the way we have been made and live life in all its fullness.

I dream of a world where everyone is content with how God has made them and exercises their gifts, living fully as the people God intended them to be. Not comparing themselves with others, but cheering others on as they move forward on their journey of life and faith. Love does not envy.

You would be so welcome to join us at RENEW Church as we continue to grow in our understanding and experience of following Jesus. The journey is much better with companions on the way. *Blessings!*

Revd. Alan

RENEW SERVICES FOR MAY 2019

We have activities for children and young people at all our RENEW morning services. Everyone is welcome.

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

Sunday 5th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 12th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 19th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Sunday 26th. May. Morning Worship with Holy Communion. 10.30am (at the School)

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

Or visit our website at www.renewchurch.org.uk

You are invited to

“AN EVENING WITH AMOR EUROPE”

Friday 31st May, 7pm-9.30pm RENEW Church, Bottisham Primary School.

The event is hosted by RENEW and is supporting a charity that works in the poorest countries in the world providing water filters, building homes for homeless people, building and resourcing schools in poor communities, training those who work with children. They are a truly amazing team and I have had the privilege of working with them over several years.

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL 2019/20 REGISTER OF ELECTORS VACANCIES

We need canvassers to help compile the Register of Electors for this year. The job involves:

- Delivering Household Enquiry Forms from 25 July through to 9 August 2019
- Visiting properties that have not responded and collecting information about the occupants and their eligibility to vote. (03 October through to the 31 October 2019)

We have vacancies in the Bottisham area to cover 926 properties. The work is part-time and can be done from home. You should not be politically active to take on any aspect of this work. You should not be a County/District or Parish Councillor.

You should be:

- Able to deal with members of the public
- Conscientious
- Have clear handwriting
- Able to work to deadlines
- Available to canvass properties during the day, in the evenings and at weekends as required

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Payment for Stage 1 is 20p per property only.

Payment for Stage 2 is 70p per property, however If you bring back a completed form from the property for Stage 2 this will be uplifted to £1.20. There is a one off fee to cover mileage of £50.00 (which will be taxable) or alternatively you can record your mileage and be paid 40p per mile (which is tax free).

You will also need to complete detailed canvas working sheets during stage 2.

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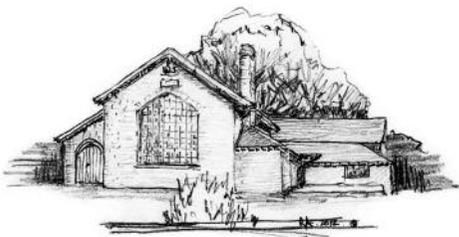
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NEWS FROM 1ST BOTTISHAM CUB PACK

Following on from the Beavers last month, the Cubs have also had a sleepover, but added a hike to their overnight event. Scout leader Pete joined in this event too and gave the following report:

‘So, for my second sleepover of the term I was with the Cub pack. Bigger than Beavers, but not yet Scouts (too much fun to have as Cubs). I foolishly volunteered to join the hike party with my dodgy knees and creaky hips, but felt fine at the start. The Cubs have a great way of hiking as a group, 50, 60, 70 yards between the front and back of the group with Leaders scattered between the intrepid hikers. We followed a circular route from Bottisham, Longmeadow, Lode and back to the Scout hut for our takeaway tea. Although the weather was dry and there had been no rain, the Cubs have an uncanny knack of finding the mud (and bringing it back with them). On the way back up Lode Road (I did say up, as in uphill) 2 or 3 Cubs were starting to dawdle at the back of the group with tired legs. Once I explained that I would eat their tea as well as mine they managed to pick up the pace and finish halfway in the group. A locally sourced Donor kebab for tea went down well for me and a few Cubs, with a selection of fish, sausage, chicken nuggets and chips, and pizza. We watched the film ‘Littlefoot’ (highly recommended) before bedding down and sleeping in the hut. Breakfast and some games in the morning before the Cubs were dismissed. Many congratulations to the Cub Leader team for organising and running a great event and for their hospitality’.

Elsa, from the Cub Pack also told us about the Cubs hike. ‘When I went to the Cubs hike and takeaway, I loved the hike (even though it was tiring) and it really got our body working. We headed towards Lode, but it was extra long because we went on a longer route. We still enjoyed it and we went to Lode park as well! I loved the takeaway at the end and I’m sure everyone else loved it as well’. Well done Elsa and the Cubs for making it to the end.

NEWS FROM 1ST BOTTISHAM SCOUT TROOP

Once again from our Scout Leader, Pete. ‘And, for my third night out of the term we took 13 Scouts and 2 Young Leaders to the Jarman Centre at Newmarket for a sleepover in Hammocks. We arrived at 7pm and had a mad rush to ensure that the hammocks were up and safe asap. Supper was crumpets and marshmallows toasted over an alter fire. The Scouts went to their hammocks (which were scattered over quite a large area) at 11.30pm to get organised and wrapped up warm. The Leaders were spread throughout the woods in case there were any problems during the night. I went to sleep at about 12.20am when all was quiet. Awake 3 times during the night because of the cold, it was a relief when I was woken by the footsteps of Scout at 5.30am. Up we got, relit the fire, and then cooked Sausages, Eggs, Bacon, Mushrooms, Baked Beans (what a way to start the morning). Before we dropped camp, two of our younger members were invested (so they are now real Scouts). The parents came to pick them up at 10.30 am and got to see where we all slept. A well-earned rest over the Easter break is most welcome for the dedicated Leaders of all 3 sections at 1st Bottisham Scout Group (best in the District)’.

Peter Rayment SL

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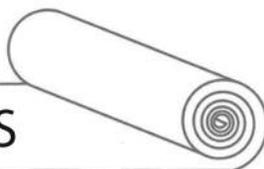
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NEWS FROM THE SCOUT GROUP EXEC

Although Peter reports looking for a well-earned break, work goes on behind the scenes to get ready for the 'summer' term – traditionally one of the most active for Scouting. On top of that, summer camps for the Cubs and Scouts take meticulous planning – imagine, as a volunteer, having to think about catering, accommodation, activities, transport, budgets, risk assessments etc. for upwards of 20 children for, in the case of Scouts, up to a week. A huge thank you goes to all the leaders who give up so much of their time (for free!), so that our children can experience something new, make new friendships and above all have fun.

And whilst on 'thank yous', a huge one goes out to all who donated and/or came along to the Jumble Sale. We hope you got yourselves a bargain! A big thank you too for all the parents and children who came to help run the event. We couldn't run these events without you.

GRAND CAKE SALE - SATURDAY 18TH MAY

Our next fundraising event will be a Cake sale on Saturday 18th May on the Green in Bottisham (near the shops). We will be selling lovely cakes and biscuits from about 9-11am, so do come along and help to support the local Scout Group.

Linda Jones lindakinglouis@aol.com Chair of Exec, 1st Bottisham Scout Group

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We have had a letter from Anglian Learning regarding the licence for the primary school play area and are pleased to report that they are moving forward with this. The County Council also report that work on the new bus shelter on the A1303 will start at the end of April/beginning of May. Our County Councillor reported that up to the end of March 1677 potholes had been filled and there were 793 reported potholes outstanding. It has been a milder winter than the previous year and they have managed to keep on top of the problem with the help of new machinery, which is good news.

The cemetery gate has been repaired, repainted and refitted and look much better. Residents are still reporting dog fouling issues. We have fitted some warning notices around the village (with more to put up), though, notice that some of these have gone missing already! Can residents please be vigilant for dog walkers who refuse to clear up after their pets. Grass cutting has now begun for the season. I have had a few overhanging branches reported to me, so please can residents make sure their hedges etc. are cut back and are not impeding the public footpath. Another resident has asked me to remind people that there are 2 bins in the cemetery for refuse and green waste (flowers).

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be Wednesday 15th May, 7.30pm in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club. All residents are welcome to this event to find out what has been happening over the last year and to meet our District and County Councillors.

Claire Fullwood, Parish Clerk

Planning Notes

19/00302/FUL, 3 Peacock Drive, Single storey rear extension, NEW APPLICATION

19/00351/FUL, The Stone yard, Whitelands Farm, Newmarket Road, Change of use of two related buildings to Building 1 to B2 workshop and Building 2 to showroom/office, NEW APPLICATION

19/00387/FUL, Homelands, 5 Bradfords Close, Single storey rear and side extension, new windows and render to exterior, NEW APPLICATION

18/01353/FUL, 11 Bell Road, Erection of dwelling with 2 car spaces, revised access from public Highway and 2 car spaces for existing dwelling, APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC

18/01354/FUL, Land rear of 11 Bell Road, Detached dwelling and garage with new access and extended bin collection area to Woodward Drive, AMENDMENT TO REDUCE SIZE



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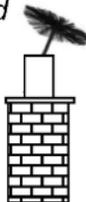
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Public Transport Matters

The Cambridge News recently wrote about changes to bus timetables in May but I have checked today {7/4} and there is so far no mention of changes to the 11/X11/12. People do seem to have got accustomed to the changes to the numbering system for the 11/X11/12. I find it useful to be able to hear of peoples experience of local bus travel when I am at the bus stops or on the bus. I report it to Stagecoach if it is likely to be of interest or help to them. I do, of course, hear of problems in Bottisham but have recently spoken to a lady from Quy and one from Swaffham Bulbeck so that was interesting to hear how the villages are affected, who don't have the option of the 12 as many of us in Bottisham do.

The B word here is not just the national one but is B for A1303 Bus stop delay. The excellent Lucy Frazer M.P. is now again on the case and I have received a copy of a letter from Matt Staton of C.C. Highways dept. that she had received and passed on to me. It is all now planned – they have to 'order and mobilise the works in conjunction with the rest of the programme so it will not be until April/May'. The stop will be approx. 50 metres from the junction to give good visibility to be able to cross the A1303 safely. I am not sure that I agree with this. He appreciates this will impact on elderly people but thinks the benefits of safety outweigh this. There will be a new bus stop sign. The parish council have also been involved in negotiations. We had wanted it to be done in time for the winter weather last year but now it will be spring and hopefully fine weather before it is done!

All the transport questions under review are still in the news – the proposed £4 billion trackless train to run under Cambridge and reduce congestion was mentioned in The Times and compared with a scheme opened in 2017 in Zhuzhou, China. It could generate up to £4 in economic benefits for every £1 invested. It could start in 2 years and be completed by 2029. The Newmarket Journal queries whether it could be extended to Bottisham, Burwell, Fordham and Isleham. Locally in the Cambridge Independent there is the view from Smarter Cambridge Transport that the £4 billion metro is poor value for money. We need better bus services now and also a Cambridge South station – Cambridge North station has proved popular and successful. 5,000 travellers use it each week. The Thameslink service from Cambridge to Brighton will from this summer have 2,000 extra seats on commuter trains. It will go via Hitchin and Welwyn garden City and through London. There will also be extra trains on Saturdays and Sundays. The Oxford-Cambridge development area plan is also being criticised – housing spoiling the countryside and the road/rail links.

The HS2 project is also often in the news. We are told that heat from the HS2 trains could warm 500 new homes but MPs have delayed approval for the spending due to the spiralling costs. A decision has been put back until December. It is said that it will deepen the regional divide as the north of the country loses out. Chris Grayling is being criticised for his attitude to Crossrail. It is likely to open 2 years late and £3 billion over budget so will need a bail-out. The delays are being caused by signalling systems, the redevelopment of stations and the provision of new trains. Govia Thameslink has been fined £5 million by the rail regulator due to its poor handling of the chaotic introduction of new rail timetables. I never understand how these fines, e.g. NHS too, help improve difficult situations. The govt. is faced with a court challenge over its failure to heed the warnings regarding higher levels of noise and pollution if there is a third runway at Heathrow. It is an attempt to scrap the £14 billion plan which would

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Thousands of jobs in the north-east could be at risk despite a £100 million order for Hitachi to build the rolling stock for a new £25 each way rail service between London and Edinburgh. It is a cut-price service proposed by First Group and they have placed an order for new intercity trains similar to those run by Great Western Railway. Hitachi's Newton Aycliffe plant is due to run out of work in a year although the First Group order is a help. They employ 730 workers and 70 % of parts come from the local supply chain. Stagecoach, the train and bus operator, has raised its profit forecasts due to strong growth in its UK bus operations and the Virgin Rail group, in which it has a 49 p.c. stake. There will be delays with billions of pounds of engineering work needed to keep rail services moving as Network Rail have recruited only a tenth of the 682 extra full-time staff required to deliver a huge inventory of upgrades – renewal of tracks, signalling and lineside infrastructure to improve Britain's ageing and overcrowded railway. Passenger numbers have doubled in the past 20 years.

Happy travelling – I recommended Shearing's coach holidays to a recently widowed friend. She had a very happy trip to middle England a few months ago and is now just back from a trip to Scarborough due to a friend she made on the first trip contacting her and suggesting they meet up for the Scarborough one! I am off to Cornwall soon with Shearings and will enjoy time with my son.

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Happy travelling! - Paddy James



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Bottisham Community Library Association

Not a lot to report as thankfully all is running smoothly. We have recently had a rearrangement of duties and Veronica Hanke has taken over some of the responsibilities formerly managed by Helen Coles.

There is a separate advert promoting our new Lego club starting on Saturday 4th May.

We shall be having a book stall at the Community Fete on Saturday 8th June and would be pleased to receive donations of good quality books that we can sell. Please bring them to the Library during one of our sessions.

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Our guest speaker in February was Sarah Maxwell who gave us a talk about her life in teaching. Sarah always wanted to become a teacher, playing schools with her collection of dolls being a main pastime as a child. She brought along her collection of small dolls for us to see, all of which were dressed differently in 1960's and 1970's fashion. Having attended private school in London she went on to study Teacher Training at Homerton College in Cambridge, and soon came to realise her interest in Theology. Sarah's first teaching post was at St. Mary's School Saffron Walden – teaching all subjects to a class of 30, 8/9 year-old pupils.

Initially she found it difficult to make friends with teaching colleagues, but was soon befriended by an older teacher who encouraged Sarah to join a Gilbert and Sullivan Society where her interest in singing began. Some fellow society members worked in Cambridge and informed her that St. John's College School had a vacancy for a teacher of Religious Studies, Humanities and Latin. Sarah applied and to her amazement was offered the position. This started a career at the School, which lasted 38/39 years, and where she was extremely happy. During those years she became Head of Religious Studies, caretaker of the Chapel, and Lay Chaplain.

Sarah's pupils included the 20 boy choristers of St. John's College Choir. She talked us through the chorister's daily routine, fitting in their choral commitments around their studies. The boys are very dedicated to their choral practice and get much satisfaction from singing in the world famous choir and are very sorry when the time comes for them to leave.

During her career Sarah has made annual scrapbook journals containing photographs, clippings, notes from pupils, and various snippets of memorabilia. A number of these she brought along for us to see and look back on her most satisfying career.

Richard Ayres came to speak to us in March about snowdrops and winter interest plants. The talk began with how snowdrops established themselves at Anglesey Abbey following the loss of Elm trees to Dutch elm disease in 1975. This fed Richard's interest in the species and the consequence of the numerous varieties in the Abbey gardens today. We were shown wonderful close up slides of varying species. Including those named after Lord Fairhaven, Lode Star (after the magazine), and Richard himself. Following on from this Richard explained how the 'Winter Walk' was developed and the plants and trees chosen for maximum effect during the winter months.

On 25th March our branch hosted the Deanery Lady Day Service in St. James' Church Lode, followed by tea and delicious cakes. The offertory was in aid of the Wisbech Family Project.

In April we held our Spring Social and bring and buy.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm. Please come and join us, visitors always welcome.

Rev'd Professor Gina Radford will be speaking at our next meeting on the 16th May before she moves to her new parish in Devon.



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At our recently well-attended AGM we reviewed the past year and all the excellent events we have held to celebrate our centenary year. These have been reported in this magazine during the year and I won't write about them again. Except we all have great memories of the Community Fete which was enjoyed by one and all. We are so pleased that this is to be held again this year and hope it will become an annual feature of village life.

Thanks and flowers were given to Sandra Clarke, our retiring President for her commitment over the past 4 busy years and to all the committee for their hard work and brilliant ideas for our centenary year. Pat Howard is our new President and we wish her well.

After the business part of the meeting we had cheese and wine and social time. Queens Court with its round tables proves to be an excellent venue for such an event.

At our next meeting on 21st May Peter Hains- previous Warden of Bottisham Village College will tell us about Literary Cambridge. He is now a Blue Badge Guide.

We meet at Queens Court at 7.30 pm and visitors and new members are most welcome

Sylvia Overton 811792

Dear Editor

I wonder if I am the only reader of *The Cresset* who each month dreads reading the – singularly inappropriately named – Jolley Old World article. I have been motivated to raise this question because of Mr. Jolley's evident delight at having “ruffled feathers” with his twin attack in March's edition on the scientific consensus that global warming is indeed linked to climate change and the higher profile that the LGBT+ community has now than in the past.

I do not intend here to challenge Mr. Jolley's views on these two issues. This was ably done by contributors in April's *Cresset*.

I wish to challenge the concept of having a regular contributor, i.e. Mr. Jolley, who clearly has a particular view on just about every aspect of modern life and just as clearly enjoys making controversial and sometimes unsubstantiated remarks in a free magazine which is distributed to every household in Bottisham.

A village magazine, I feel, should above all exist to provide residents with information and ways of contacting each other and local services and organisations. I do not think it should provide a platform for one particular viewpoint to be pushed in our face (to borrow a phrase recently employed by Mr. Jolley) each and every month. Are the other village magazines in the area similarly home to a monthly discourse on any subject under the sun from a highly politicized viewpoint?

Should the answer be to invite someone with a different political stance to contribute regularly to balance Mr. Jolley's articles? I genuinely do not think so. That route will lead only to an increasing number of “outraged of Bottisham” letters. Surely we have enough disagreement, name-calling, unpleasantness and so on in our national media and press!

Yours sincerely, Dr. David Bush

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Michael White

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Your local cricket team are starting their 2019 season in May. We have a Saturday and Midweek team and all our home matches are played at Lode. Listed below are our home fixtures for May, we would love to see some new faces, so if you are interested in playing or just watching, please come along and see us. More details are available on our website: www.bottishamlode.play-cricket.com

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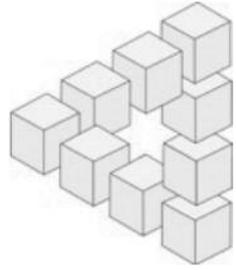
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

I'm kicking off with the Six Nations Championship, even though it feels like ancient history now but, on the basis that writers should write about what they know, I'll exercise a degree of restraint! Firstly, congratulations to Wales, who were the most solid and consistent, if not the most entertaining team this year. But... what on earth were England playing at? It seemed to me that, by abandoning the style of play that had brought them success in the previous matches in favour of a (poorly executed) kicking game against the eventual Grand Slam winners, England effectively handed the crown to Wales as easily as they conceded possession at the Millennium Stadium. And as for the debacle versus Scotland at Twickenham in which they threw away a 31-point lead, only securing a draw in the dying seconds, well – it was a dereliction of duty in my humble opinion. Credit where it's due... the Scots found some firepower from nowhere and destroyed a lacklustre England in the second half, but coach Eddie Jones has his work cut out if he is to turn his outfit into World Cup winners in a few months' time. Or, if it's his relationship with his players that's gone stale, maybe it's time for a change at the top?

Having also seen the England cricketers make such a mess of the away test series in the West Indies recently, one wonders if there's something missing in the English psyche that inhibits the killer instinct when we're (supposedly) on top. Are we better suited to the role of perennial underdog? ...Discuss!

On the other hand, the fortunes of the England football team seem to have taken a much more optimistic turn in the Gareth Southgate era, don't they? Fresh from a 5-0 thrashing of the Czech Republic at Wembley in March, the Bottisham boys travelled to Montenegro, via Albania (a long story!), to witness an even more impressive quintet of goals in defeating the Montenegrins in their own stadium for the first time. Well, that's if you can call it a stadium! It's actually a 15,000-seater, reduced to 11,000 for some unknown reason, which meant that only 650 England supporters had legitimate access to the match. Fortunately, we were amongst them, but the ticketing arrangements were actually scandalous, with the unclaimed home tickets immediately finding their way onto the black market, only for those unfortunates who purchased them, to be refused entry at the turnstiles for being unable to speak the local language! We did hear of one enterprising chap, though, who successfully pretended to speak only German!

On the social side, we met with quite overwhelming hospitality from home supporters in a local bar (away from the main body of England fans), something that tends to restore one's faith in humanity; but what a pity that this feeling was subsequently spoiled by the hostility inside the stadium. One hopes that the Montenegro FA will be severely punished for the horrendous racist abuse meted out to our black players by the home crowd. Unfortunately, some cultures appear to be polluted with such ancient prejudices and I think that throwing a team out of a competition or suspending it from playing for, say, a year would not be too draconian a punishment until they can demonstrate that they have entered the 21st Century.

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Also speaking out recently were Kelly Holmes, Paula Ratcliffe and Sharron Davies, who entered the 'transgender' debate with some vigour. Demanding a "safe and fair place to compete", the three are writing to the International Olympic Committee asking not only for urgent research into the residual effects (on strength and prowess) of male to female transitioning, but also for action on the "attacking and bullying" which is said to exist between groups and individuals with contrasting views. In a politically correct response, the IOC is reportedly consulting stakeholders with a view to updating guidelines on gender, transgender, hyperandrogenism and testosterone issues. In the meantime, women who were once men – complete with larger limbs and muscles – continue to compete with women on a supposed 'level playing field' provided they artificially lower their testosterone readings. A nonsense? Er, discuss..!

Well, they did it! The Sky cycling team will henceforward be known as Team Ineos following Sir Jim Ratcliffe's commitment to pump in something approaching £40 million a year into the world's most successful team. Neither the team nor Sir Jim are strangers to controversy, the cyclists for the unresolved ethical questions that have dogged them in recent years, and Ratcliffe – Britain's wealthiest individual - for both his company's record of Environmental Agency violations and for moving his operations to Monaco (thus depriving the government coffers of c. £4 billion of tax revenues – ouch!). Obviously, news of the Ineos 'rescue' package has been welcomed by the riders and supporters of Team Sky, who employs around 80 people, but others have not been so enthusiastic. Friends of the Earth described Ineos as a "planet-wrecking company" seeking to "greenwash" their reputation; and sections of the professional peloton are afraid that other teams' budgets of 'only' £15-£20 million will leave them unable to compete, rendering road cycling as "too predictable"... "You're purchasing the ability to win" says Jonathan Vaughters, manager of team EF Education First, in suggesting budget or wages caps, but I wonder if he has noticed the distinct lack of success of financial constraints in other sports! It ain't going to happen... I'm sorry but, sadly, it IS about the money!

TTFN - Gerry Daish



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I was therefore rather intrigued listening to Radio 4 the other morning as I heard two ‘experts’ discussing the merits or otherwise of the UK economy. One was a high flying academic at the University of Cambridge and the other an entrepreneur and owner of a small business. The individual views expressed couldn’t have been further apart. The platform used by the academic was based on the opinion of ‘professional researchers’ whose predictions pointed to the UK economy taking a dramatic hit during and beyond leaving the EU club thereby causing serious financial instability and a reduction in financial wealth. The entrepreneur on the other hand brought into play her firsthand understanding of the psyche of UK businesses and used published economic activity to underpin her argument. She further suggested in response to the loss of financial wealth that the country would likely suffer a reduction to the growth of financial wealth rather than a loss of financial wealth itself. One clearly had a pot half empty the other half full...

So, faced with the two initial but differing premises which one I wonder is nearer to reality – the one based on expert analysis and projections or the one that believes in the resilience of British businesses to overcome challenges?

Well, it is true that we are seeing efforts by international conglomerates to move their corporate operations over to mainland Europe together with the jobs and wealth that go with it. We have also seen far eastern carmakers foregoing their UK investment to entrench back into their home country. And there are also pressures being exerted from other multinationals that could realistically result in them also moving off shore with the loss of a lot more jobs and a hit to our GDP.

But with the exits also come the new arrivals such as one of the world’s most respected investors, Norway’s Sovereign Wealth Fund, who reckons Britain is a good long term bet regardless of its position in or out of the EU. And most importantly all three major UK market sectors of Services, Technology and Pharmaceuticals are exhibiting robustness regardless of the changes and moves being seen in other sectors.

Reading more widely the consensus in the financial market place is that regardless of the protestations of large and multinational companies the UK economy is looking increasingly hardy: employment is at record levels and real wage growth is at a two year high. What's more, Britain attracted record foreign investment in 2018 and for the second year running Forbes (a leading source for reliable business news and financial information) has judged

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(Jolley Old World continued from page 53)

the UK to be the best place in the world to do business. Now compare this to Germany and France says 'The Telegraph' whose economies are on the brink of recession. The European commission's own economic indicator shows declines in four of the Eurozone's big economies – Germany, France, Italy and Spain. Furthermore says 'The Telegraph'; due to the UK's relatively young demographic profile the UK is on course to supplant Germany as Europe's biggest economy. And by the way and as an aside; research recently carried out by Oxford University has shown that since 2016 the UK has become a happier place overall thus bucking the international trend - really!!

So, quite clearly then, the UK economy has not taken the dramatic hit that was so widely predicted by the theorists. The pound is still relatively strong (as I write), the FTSE has remained comparatively stable and international trade is on the up. Amongst the smaller entrepreneurial companies, i.e. those operating at the 'coalface' and that thrive on innovation and the minimum of petty regulation, the UK is still a 'nation of shop keepers' with a hunger for unshackled worldwide trade being at the core of its DNA.

Of course looking pragmatically to the future no one really knows how the UK economy will fare - but I know with whom my faith lays...

Finally; I was somewhat uneasy with the rather caustic letter sent in by a Cresset reader. May I be permitted to broadly suggest to any reader that it's not compulsory to read the JOW articles. But seriously, if you disagree then put together an articulate and constructive argument rather than promote confrontation and censure.

JOW

“Hv gvn p vwls fr Lnt” – Cited in The Times.

Rhona Dearsley

The family wish to express their sincere gratitude to friends of Rhona who were able to join us at her funeral on Friday 5th April at Cam Valley Crematorium and afterwards at Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club.

Kind words and thoughts received since her passing on 8th March have given us much comfort and illustrates just how she touched your lives.

A collection in favour of Cam Sight, a local charity which helped Rhona and many others with poor and deteriorating sight raised £150.00.

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Now that we have celebrated our first year at the café we are delighted to say we plan to continue with the project. Feedback from our learners is that they have really enjoyed preparing and serving refreshments and home-made snacks whilst learning new business and social skills which in some cases might help them prepare for future employment or volunteering opportunities.

Aaron was a Red2Green learner who became a café volunteer and now he has a job. He says "I really enjoyed my time at the café and it really helped me with the confidence to get my job". Aaron still feels part of the café community and visits weekly to tell us about his work.

We received a 5 star hygiene rating from East Cambs District Council and are open every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-2pm serving very reasonably priced homemade sausage rolls, soup and bread rolls, cakes and cream teas.

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