



Dear Editor

I am sure nearly everyone is aware that we have been closed for nearly 4 weeks to carry out refurbishments at Bottisham village store. I just wanted to write and expand on the progress to date and what we can expect when the new store reopens on 10th September.

We stopped delivering newspapers on 25th July 2020 and Newsteam, a nationwide news delivery company now delivers the newspapers. When we reopen, we will have newspapers to sell or reserve, but we will not be returning to delivering newspapers. We have taken in most of the paperboys and girls into shop employment to provide a retail working experience. Please be patient with our new young employees as it will be their first jobs

The post office will reopen as normal with opening hours of 9am-6pm Mon to Fri and 9am-2pm on Sat.

The sorting office has been temporarily moved to central Cambridge. We have made space available for their return on the 4th September but despite numerous emails in the last 6 months Royal mail will not 100% commit to their return or even state what they would like installed in the space provided for the sorting office. Royal mail have said the letter/parcel collection facility will return as normal when we reopen. While we are closed, the letters/ parcels can be collected from Lode post office

The shop will reopen as normal on 10th September with opening hours of 6.30am - 10pm Mon to Sun instead of 5.30am – 9pm Mon to Sun. These opening hours are for a trial period only and we may revert back after review at Christmas

The shop and post office will be closed from 14th August 2020 to 9th September 2020 due to refurbishments. We are very sorry for any disruptions this may cause

We apologise for the length of closure but due to covid-19 welfare and CDM regulations twice the normal time is required to complete the works safely

From 17th August to 9th September Community shopping will be available for vulnerable persons, elderly, disabled, of need and persons without access to transport. Please call the community shopping call line on 07852 549654 between 9.00am to 10.30am Mon – Sat and we will deliver the shopping same day

The new shop will be a Co-op store but with the same ownership, operated as a Co-op franchise store. It will have all the products, services, loyalty schemes and high standards expected of a Co-op store. I hope everyone will be happy with the new store on 10th September.

Bottisham village store for nearly 9 years, had personality, good standards, atmosphere, caring for each other and a feeling that it belonged to every single person in Bottisham and the surrounding villages. This was created by the excellent staff and the brilliant customers of the shop let's do our best to keep that going into the new store.

Bill Sunner BVS



Copy deadline for next issue is 14 September.

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

THE CRESSET IN PRINT AGAIN!!

Welcome to our September magazine and the first in print since March.

As I write this editorial we are having that blistering heatwave that we are not good at coping with. If it would be consistent then we could get used to it, but it is the up and down of temperatures which defeats us. Yesterday we sat in 34 deg. temperatures. Today Alf Laister took our cover photograph which examples just how fickle the weather can be.



I would hope to say that getting back into print is a sign of things getting back to normal, however as I write this editorial, it looks as though we may have to get used to this 'new' way of life for possibly a long time to come, or worse be heading back into lockdown.

On the one hand we crave the ending of the isolation of lockdown and the irritation of social distancing, while in the next breath we can be critical of those 'irresponsible' people who simply seem to ignore all the advice and crowd onto beaches and squeeze into pubs. By all means go out and about but be mindful of the dangers and keep those distances, even. If we feel it won't affect us, we should be mindful of others.

We are clearly being presented with the fact that the figures show that where the guidance is not followed, there is almost always a corresponding increase in cases.

It looks like the classic "you can't have your cake and eat it".

I don't think there is going to be a short or even medium-term solution to this pandemic, or indeed any others that follow. We are likely to have to get used to and be accepting of the fact, that this is what life may well be like for a generation or more to come.

But then do we really need to go to the beach in Spain or a bar in Phuket. It is only in the last 60 years that we suddenly felt the need to globetrot to 'get away from it all'. Before that our own coastline provided all the fresh air and entertainment we wanted. Perhaps we will need to get back to those days or indeed be left with no option.

Locally we are, I believe, very lucky. Numbers in this area are well below the national average and by and large everybody is taking it seriously. Social distancing is also manageable and shops, pubs & clubs are well organised. The correlation is obvious!

Speaking of shops, Bottisham Stores now. You will be aware that the village shop is undergoing a transformation and will be very different shop when it reopens. Two items on this including a reassuring letter from Bill Sunner the owner, as to what is going on and what the new shop might look like. Another is an outline from the supplying coop. Also more on this next month.

You can read all about this and updates on Societies, clubs and other activities in this month's magazine. There is also a comprehensive update from the Sports Nut.

I have said before how much we appreciate the support of contributors to this, your magazine. Without your input, it would not be so interesting and diverse.

If you have updates or information on any of your activities, then please do let us know.

Glad to back in print and hope it continues.

Peter Walker

Black Sack Delivery

Please find the schedule and further information below.

The schedule can be found on www.eastcambs.gov.uk/east-cambs-street-scene/black-sacks

We will deliver a roll of 52 refuse sacks per household, This supply is intended to last until the next distribution in a year's time. We will not issue any further sacks but additional refuse will be collected if presented for collection in suitable refuse sacks provided by householders.

The sacks will be accompanied by a yearly collection calendar. They include dates for Bank Holiday collections as some are scheduled earlier than normal. We have also added a recycling guide and waste reduction tips to help all lessen their impact on the environment.

Please check when to expect deliveries and what the cut-off dates are for reporting non-delivery. Residents can contact us from the week after their scheduled delivery. Provided a non-delivery report is approved, we will deliver sacks within 10 working days from the day of the report.

Delivery area	Delivery dates	Please contact us if you have not received sacks by	Last date for reporting non-delivery of sacks
Bottisham, Brinkley, Burrough Green, Burwell, Dullingham, Lode, Longmeadow, Reach, Six Mile Bottom, Stetchworth, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior	14-18 September	Monday 21 September	Friday 16 October

THE CRESSET NEEDS YOUR HELP.

To assist in the distribution of the Cresset when we start printing again, we are looking for people to join the group who deliver them around the village. With the right number of volunteers this is not an onerous task and takes just an hour or so a month. We always need reserves to cover holidays etc.

If you would like to join us and help out, then please contact Ian Cole on 812573



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Bottisham Library Association

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BE ASSURED THAT NO FINES WILL BE IMPOSED AS IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU CAN'T RETURN BOOKS.

I wrote that 5 months ago and I'm afraid there is no change. The Main Library and the other 9 Community libraries have been open since early August. We must wait until the College reopens (hopefully) in September and obviously we will let you all know when there is something to report.

The new computers were delivered in June but are not set up, tried or tested as yet.

BUT there is something more pleasing to report.

We held a Lockdown Sale on the Triangle on the 8th August selling books, DVDS and jigsaws at 50p per item. A cool morning, shady too and we made a large circle of small tables conforming to social distancing, displaying the many, many items that had been donated and raised the magnificent sum of £180.

Thank you to all who gave and those who helped on the day but mostly thanks to those who came and bought items. The atmosphere was great, very friendly and we have been told it was the first village event of the year. Once we can regain access to the College Library, we may be able to hold another sale with donated items already stored there. It was good to be able to replenish reading matter and especially jigsaws which went like hot cakes, after the lockdown.

Hope you keep well - Sylvia Overton

News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

KEEP ON CARING: Message from our local NHS. By taking care of ourselves and each other, fatalities and infection rates in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have continued to fall. However, while lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted – everyone needs to take action to help us all return to a more normal life.

The Keep Caring campaign outlines the simple things we can all do that have a big impact.

- Caring is keeping your distance - inside or outside
- Caring is being responsible – staying isolated if you think you've got symptoms, or been close to someone who has
- Caring is covering your face – even with no symptoms you might still spread the virus
- Caring is washing your hands - regularly when you enter or leave a new place

Please support the campaign by sharing these messages, but most importantly by continuing to follow the rules. This way we can control the virus and save lives.

DISPENSARY: Please note the dispensary is open all day 8.30am to 12 noon and 2pm to 6pm. The afternoons are busier than the mornings so you may find the service to be quicker if you go earlier in the day. Where possible please register online so that you can order repeat prescriptions which will speed up turnaround time.

FACE MASKS: Patients now need to bring their own face masks to wear when they come into the surgery as there will no longer be a supply available for patients when they attend due to ongoing supply issues.

CLIMB: NATIONAL HEALTH DATA CONSENT SURVEY

HOW DO YOU THINK HEALTH DATA SHOULD BE SHARED AND USED?

Health data is information collected in the course of health care provided by the NHS or HSC. It is used to provide care, and sometimes also for research to improve care for others. However, there are ways of controlling how health data is used.

The University of Cambridge CLIMB team are interested in peoples' views on consent and information sharing between NHS services. If you are interested in taking part in their anonymous survey then please follow this link <https://www.climbproject.org.uk> The survey is voluntary and takes 15-20 minutes but you can take a break. When asked where did you hear about this survey don't forget to tick 'from a GP' and put Bottisham Medical Practice for our surgery.

NEW WEBSITE: The Practice has a new website. We encourage patients who have general queries and have online access to use the new "Contact Us" button on the website in order to speed up dealing with queries.

CERVICAL SCREENING: If you receive a letter offering this service please do book an appointment to have this done.

SOCIAL PRESCRIBER: The Practice's Social Prescriber, Chloe, is at the surgery every Wednesday to provide support to all patients. Chloe has been working hard through COVID to ensure patients have had the support they need through the last few months. Chloe can assist with such things as money management and accessing benefits, mental wellbeing, physical health, social networking and loneliness, lifestyle advice, transport issues, weight management

and carer support. You can self-refer to the Social Prescribing service and further information on how to do this can be found on the website. Alternatively, you can contact reception who will help you make your referral.

APPOINTMENTS: The Practice are continuing to operate by initial phone and video consultation with patients being invited into the practice where face to face consultations are appropriate. The surgery is planning on continuing to operate in this way for the time being. Patients have provided positive feedback regarding the phone and video consultations about how convenient it is and the fact they can speak with a GP the same day. Changes to the service have meant that the practice are doing an additional 125 consultations per week.

FLU CLINICS: Saturday flu clinics are planned for the 17th and 24th October. The Practice is also planning to do lunchtime clinics between 12 and 2pm throughout the winter. Those eligible for a flu vaccination has been expanded this year due to the current pandemic and are awaiting confirmation around this. All those eligible will receive a letter from the practice. The Practice is encouraging all eligible patients to have the flu vaccination.

CARERS: Are you caring for someone? Does the practice know? If not make sure you contact the practice to let them know in order that they can provide you with the help and support you need.

NEXT PATIENT GROUP MEETING: The Chair is currently exploring ways of doing virtual meetings and hope to update soon.

Bottisham Patients' Participation Group

Bottisham Bowling Club

In common with all organisations we have been severely affected by covid-19 restrictions.

We have been unable to play our normal league fixtures against other clubs this season and our green did not open for play until the beginning of July. Since then a number of members have been playing under Bowls England guidelines with appropriate social distancing, cleaning etc. We have been able to welcome some new bowlers during this period and we hope they will join us.

We have been running a mixed singles knock-out competition amongst our members and the final is due to be played on Saturday 29th August.

We are also holding our normal Drawn Triples and Drawn Pairs events and our annual match with the Sports and Social Club on Friday 4th September.

Our greens maintenance team have worked hard during the pre-season and the lock-down period to prepare the green in readiness for play.

We have decided to delay the closing of the green this year to help offset the time lost earlier in the season. The usual closing event, President's Day, will be held Saturday 19th September.

If anybody would like to try bowls before we close please contact the Club Captain, Katy Rowe (tel 813170), President, Jim Carswell (tel 812857) or secretary, Keith Gibson (tel 811049) A small charge of £2 per session is made.

We are unable to run our normal social events with the present covid-19 restrictions in place but we will re-commence these as soon as we are able.

News Release

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE STORE SET TO RE-LAUNCH AS A CO-OP next month following investment and improvements to better serve the local community. The store will remain independently owned and operate as a Co-op franchise with the added benefits that the leading convenience retailer offers.

The store is expected to open on Thursday, 10th September.

The new-look store will include Costa coffee express, ATM and in store bakery alongside a focus on fresh, healthy produce, Co-op's award-winning wines, ready meals and pizzas, free-from and vegan products, Fairtrade, food-to-go and everyday essentials.

The Co-op also provides a funding boost locally and gives back to causes in the area through its Membership scheme, where Members receive a 5% reward on purchases of own brand products, and Co-op donates a further 1% to community causes.

Contactless card payment limits are increased to £45, making it easier, quicker and safer to shop. The Co-op's Food Share scheme works to minimise food waste and make a difference locally, working with local not-for-profit organisations to share food with those in need in the community.

While the Co-op's Community Shopping Card makes it easier for those self-isolating or who have been instructed to stay at home to shop and pay for their essentials - cards can be purchased or topped-up by calling 0800 029 4592, enabling friends, families or volunteers to shop on their behalf in store.

We are delighted to have had the opportunity to make such a significant investment in Bottisham and to partner with the Co-op. We share the values of the Co-op, which is for a local store operating as a local hub, committed to connecting communities and making a difference locally – our aim is to operate at the heart of local life. That is why we also want customers to know that they can become a Member of their Co-op, and that they can also make a difference locally every time they swipe their Membership card when buying own branded products.”

The Co-op picked up the “Convenience Retailer of the Year” and “Food-to-go Retailer of the Year” titles at the latest Retail Industry Awards.

Students who are TOTUM cardholders - the new name for NUS extra – can pocket a 10% discount off groceries at the Co-op.

Co-op is owned by around 4.6M active Members, and alongside Food, it operates: Co-op Funeralcare, Insurance, Health and Legal Services. More information about the Co-op is available by visiting www.coop.co.uk

Andrew Torr Co-op and Bill Sunner BVS

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I hope everyone had a great summer and made the most of the lovely hot weather. Parish Council do not meet during the summer months and it has been very quiet. Our next meeting is Monday 7th September. At the time of writing I do not know if this will once again be an online 'Zoom' meeting, or whether we will be able to meet in person for the first time since March. Agendas for our meetings are available for viewing on our website and on the village noticeboard on the 'triangle' the week before. If the meeting is online the details to join the 'Zoom' meeting will be at the top of the agenda. Any resident is welcome to attend, whether it be an actual face to face meeting or online. Somehow during the lockdown we have managed to get our 2019/20 accounts audited and these are available to view on our website (www.bottishampc.co.uk)

One topic that has been mentioned before in parish notes is dogs. There are a lot more people out taking walks in the village, and I have had several complaints from residents about dogs. If you have a dog please be considerate towards other people who may not be dog lovers, especially children. Dogs should not be running off the lead over farmland and crops. If your dog is off the lead please take control of them when other walkers are nearby. Please also clear up your dog poo and take it home with you. It is not pleasant for other walkers. If you can do this on the public roads and pavements, you can do this in fields/rights of way also. If you have more than one dog, please make sure you can control them when other walkers are nearby. No one wants to have dogs barking and snapping at them, as in a recent case reported to me.

You will have noticed that many of the footpaths in the High Street have been re-surfaced, which is great news. Can residents make sure that any hedging etc. from their properties is not restricting footpaths for pedestrians. Finally Sanctuary have put a new footpath in between Downing Close and the dirthills, which is a great improvement on how it had been left when they removed the old paving slabs.

We received notification mid-July of a proposal to close the road to the Wilbrahams from the A1303 (from where the museum is located). All vehicles would be diverted round the junction at the 'Missing Sock'. This was a proposal by the County Council in response to the central government 'push' to encourage walking and cycling during the Covid crisis and would be in place for 6 months from mid-August. A similar scheme has been put in place in Cambridge to close Mill Road Bridge. We were surprised to receive this, as there had been no prior consultation with us and our County Councillor was not even aware of the proposal. This road is not only an important artery for commuters and school buses, but we were very concerned about the safety implications of having such an increase of vehicles turning across the flow of traffic at the 'Missing Sock' junction. It was also felt that this was not a route that many cyclists or walkers would use, so the benefit would be limited. We did not have the time to consult with residents, but all parish councillors strongly opposed the road closure and the scheme has been withdrawn.

Black refuse sacks will be delivered to Bottisham 14th-18th September. Please contact East Cambs District Council if they have not been delivered to your property by 21st September.

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The situation with litter at the Bottisham Village College site has improved, with a rota of volunteers who have been clearing the site. But the site is still being abused with lots of groups of young people congregating and driving motorbikes on the site.

There was some concern at the beginning of the school summer holidays that the Primary School field was shut up throughout the holiday period and residents unable to access the play equipment. This was due to activities on the school playground during the week and construction works. We understand that there will now be access on Saturdays and Sundays via the side gate opposite the dirt hills. However, we would ask residents to take care of the site and the Parish Council will be asking for volunteers to help litter pick over the weekend.

The application for the proposed retirement village off of the High Street is still on-going with a decision to be made by 7th September. Parish Council have made it clear they oppose this development. An application to build homes on the site on the corner of Lysander Close and Tunbridge Lane was rejected, as originally this land was designated for light industrial use. An appeal is in progress.

Claire Fullwood – Parish Clerk

Planning Notes

20/00929/FUL, Stocks 76-78 High Street, Change of use from part residential/part curtain showroom to 100% residential. NEW APPLICATION

20/00923/FUL, Brian McKay Commerical Vehicles, Newmarket Road, Erection of building for vehicle sales, repair and office use. NEW APPLICATION

20/00488/FUL, 43 Beechwood Avenue, Single storey front extension. APPLICATION APPROVED

BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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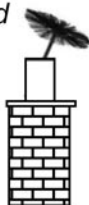
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District Councillors' Report

building a crematorium, woodland burial centre and pet crematorium at Mepal to replace the Mepal Outdoor Centre. It was agreed to pursue this project even though the location is fifteen minutes away from an existing crematorium, and it would mean the loss of the Mepal Outdoor Centre. This proposal was opposed by John; Charlotte cannot take part as she has to declare a pecuniary interest, relating to her employer. A Mepal resident has started a petition to keep the Mepal Outdoor Centre www.change.org/p/ecdc-mepal-outdoor-centre-to-remain-a-leisure-centre. John is aware that many young people in Bottisham ward have enjoyed the activities at Mepal Outdoor Centre and feels the District has a need for an outdoor adventure activity centre. The next proposal will come to the Finance and Assets Committee for detailed consideration.

At the recent Finance & Assets Committee, on which both of us are members, the consideration of the Draft Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2019/20 was deferred until the September meeting of Committee. This statement is a legal requirement in which the Council confirms that it has been operating properly throughout the year and the draft statement gave this confirmation. However, there were several errors and omissions in it as well as significant concerns about whether financial procedures had been followed. The committee therefore agreed with Charlotte's proposal that the statement be deferred to allow the errors and omissions to be addressed.

At the same meeting, the Draft Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy 2020-2023 was deferred until the September meeting of Committee, to allow for issues raised in the meeting to be addressed. Cllr Whelan as well as John and Charlotte felt the draft brought to Committee was not ready to go out to consultation, not least because it did not have a clear purpose which covered all protected characteristics and it contained little about inclusion.

At the same meeting, the motion that Black Lives Matter was passed and incorporated into Council policy. Unfortunately, having referred this motion from full Council to the Committee, it was amended to remove any statement that Black Lives Matter. This weakened the motion which had been seconded by Charlotte, but we supported the amended motion despite this because it still contained commitments which will reduce discrimination.

The East Cambs District Council Reception remains closed, but you can now pre-book face to face appointments for Customer Services and the Housing and Community Advice Service. You can request an appointment by calling 01353 665555, or by emailing customerservices@eastcambs.gov.uk

Some people have been asking when the mobile library service will start again. Unfortunately, the County Council have decided it is difficult to run this in a Covid-19 safe way. However, they do have a Library@home service and the eligibility for that has been extended. So people missing the mobile library service should call customer services on 0345 045 5225 and ask for the library at home service, or email volunteers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The County will seek to reintroduce mobile services as they can do so safely.



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Bottisham and District Gardening Club

Not a report of a meeting but just an up - date on what is happening.

We had hoped that we could continue with plans for our usual August garden visit and several of us were looking forward to it. A return to normality, and a rare entry in the diary, but we could not reach the required minimum numbers. We were unable to share cars which did not help.

Meetings will resume at The Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club when Government restrictions are lifted to allow larger groups to meet.

We will let you know but I expect the Village grapevine will make you aware when we can resume.

We are still in the great unknown so “We’ll meet again, I know where but not when”

Please take care and look after yourselves

Sylvia Overton

Bottisham WI

Well it’s a while since I did a report for the magazines. Would you believe it was February for the March magazines, some of which were only issued on line.

This is rather a curate’s egg with good and bad to report.

The committee (who have continued in office since our Annual Meeting was not held in March) have met in members gardens and arrangements have been put in place for a change of venue and time of meetings. When we have the government all clear we shall meet on the **3rd Wednesday of every month in the Main Hall at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club.**

We are grateful to Queens Court for the use of their facilities over the past few years.

We have had a 3month extension on our subscriptions for 2020/2021 and the next subscription of £44 will now be due in April 2021.

Sadly the proposal has been made to close Denman College in Oxfordshire which has offered day schools and residential courses in cookery craft and lifestyle since 1948. Several of our members have been there and we had a coach visit for members a few years back. A shame.

Our Friday morning walking group which in the past met monthly (we shared cars to different venues and always finished with coffee) has changed in that we are meeting weekly at the Triangle and take our bottled water with us. We have had several villagers join us too and it has been good to meet, catch up and get some exercise

Future meetings are in the lap of the gods.

Keep safe until we can meet again.

Sylvia Overton



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Our current opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday 17.00-21.00

Friday 17.00-22.00

Saturday 12.00-22.00

Sunday 12.00 – 14.00 and 16.00-20.00

These could change so please refer to the website.

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INDOOR GAMES

We announced at the end of July that pool, bar billiards and snooker would resume. Please come along and make use of the indoor games facilities but please observe the Covid guidance on the posters adjacent to the equipment.

We look forward to seeing you.

If you are not a member, we would welcome you joining.

The membership year runs from 1st October and membership renewal will be £20 but anyone joining now can enjoy all the benefits of membership with a renewal date of 1st October 2021. Initial membership costs £21. That is £20 annual subscriptions plus a £1 share. Please come along and join us, we would be very pleased to see you.

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We are hoping to start bowling at the Village College after the October half term. The committee is working at having both Wednesday and Thursday evenings as Club nights. We will keep members informed.

Anyone interested in joining us on a Wednesday or Thursday evening, 7.15 pm at the Village College, please contact any of committee members listed the below

Peter Hofton 01223 811191

Richard Nichols 01223 812158

Nora Watson 01223 812121

Letter to the Editor

Hello,

I work for, Cambridge Carbon Footprint and we have a free community event coming up this September/October. We wondered if it might be suitable for inclusion in the next edition of the Bottisham Cresset?

Open Eco Homes – Autumn Season

Has spending more time at home got you thinking about home improvement? The upcoming government Green Homes Grant offers homeowners and landlords grants up to £5,000 covering two-thirds of the cost of many home energy improvements.

Local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient with their Open Eco Homes Autumn Season. After 10 years running live events, this year they've offering their home tours and talks online. There are 8 tours and 3 talks to choose from, running between September 14 to October 20. Details and registration at openecohomes.org/autumnseason.

With best wishes, Alana Sinclair - Cambridge Carbon Footprint

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Bottisham Adult Learning Association (BALA)

After consultation with the Bottisham Sports and Social Club it has become evident that, following Government guidelines, group meetings cannot currently be held.

We have tutors booked for the next two terms but it seems unlikely we shall be able to meet in the Autumn term. However we will keep you informed of any changes via the village magazines. We look forward to seeing you all again when Government guidelines allow us to meet as a group.

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While lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted – everyone needs to take action to help us all return to a more normal life. But, the most important thing we can continue to do is to stay alert, control the virus, and, in doing so, keep people safe and help save lives.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is getting behind the local #KeepCaring campaign led by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, and supported by partners. The campaign outlines ways that people can take care of themselves and each other, to help control the spread of coronavirus.

Here are some ways you can keep caring:

- Caring is keeping your distance - inside or outside
- Caring is being responsible - staying isolated if you think you've got symptoms, or been close to someone who has
- Caring is covering your face - even with no symptoms you might still spread virus
- Caring is washing your hands - regularly, when you enter or leave a new place.

We're also asking residents to keep caring by being fire safe at home, and on the roads when out and about:

- Caring is testing your smoke alarm – and reminding your loved ones to do the same.
- Caring is being careful in the kitchen – not getting distracted while you're cooking and keeping items well away from the hob.
- Caring is discarding your cigarettes responsibly – so you don't accidentally start a fire
- Caring is not having a bonfire – that could easily get out of control, putting you and others at risk.
- Caring is being a considerate driver – driving at the appropriate speed, not drinking or taking drugs if getting behind the wheel, making sure you and your passengers are wearing seatbelts and not using your phone while driving.

Help us help you, and keep caring.

Comprehensive advice on current government rules is available on the gov.uk website.

Test your smoke alarm!

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

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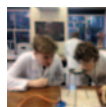
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Dear Editor

There is an epitaph in the War Cemetery in Kohima that commemorates the fallen of the Battle of Kohima in April 1944 – a battle that turned the war in Asia in the Allies' favour which also helped to bring an end to the Second World War. I would imagine that like many I was tremendously inspired and moved by the 'VJ Day 75' act of remembrance held on 14th August. It brought home to me just how much British and Commonwealth troops sacrificed of themselves to ensure we all, regardless of colour, creed or origin, had a tomorrow that safeguarded the democratic freedoms enshrined in Magna Carta.

There could not have been a more poignant moment than at the end of the TV broadcast when Sgt Arthur Lawson, a survivor of Kohima, in his soliloquy said: "The UK is a great democratic country in which we enjoy many freedoms which we tend to take for granted. We surely have made the world a better place... I hope that the current and future generation appreciate the value of the freedoms which we enjoy and will take on board their responsibility to preserve those freedoms and do all they can to respect them and to keep them. Remember with gratitude and reverence all those that fought and died for these freedoms".

The Kohima epitaph reads: "When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us and Say, For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today."

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Two chaps were talking and one said he knew where the bus would be as he was the driver. He directed me to ER 4 stop on Emmanuel road and I arrived home safely. I see the buses go by from my kitchen window and I have felt sorry for the drivers with no passengers and now just a few. Stagecoach will have suffered loss of income.

Shearings, however, are now back in business having, I think, linked with Leger holidays. They are advertising many holidays.

There is a suggestion that sleeper trains might use the Channel tunnel. Network Rail might take over the railways in England. This is being considered by the Department of Transport. Locally there are plans to set up a company to keep the CAM Metro scheme on track. It might now include smaller vehicles to cut the cost. I am still not convinced about having an underground section in Cambridge centre.

Stevenage station is to be upgraded. The Soham plan goes ahead. Crossrail is again delayed due to cost rises. Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton have a Community Rail partnership to improve things in their area. It supports disabled access. They have accredited status and access to funds. Cambridge station celebrated 175 years. Queen Victoria was on the throne. Robert Peel was prime minister. It went to Bishopsgate in London.

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Keep safe. Keep well - Paddy James

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MEETING POINT

Unfortunately due to the current situation Meeting Point will not be running for the foreseeable future. Social distancing in the kitchen and the Poppy Room would be very difficult. We must consider everyone's safety in line with government guidelines.

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On Mary Sumner day (9th August) we usually celebrate our founder and all she has achieved through our movement. Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 pandemic celebrations could not take place as they normally do. However, we contemplate on how Mary worked to found The Mothers' Union and what she achieved in her lifetime.

Born in 1828 near Manchester, Mary Heywood moved to Hertfordshire with her family in 1832. Whilst concluding her education in Rome she met George Sumner, youngest son of the then Bishop of Winchester. They fell in love and were married 1848, 18 months after his ordination.

In 1851, together with their two baby girls, they moved to Old Alresford, which is 9 miles north-east of Winchester. Later the family was added to with the birth of a boy, Heywood.

Witnessing the responsibilities of their eldest daughter's motherhood spurred Mary Sumner to form a group of mothers drawn from all the social classes of Old Alresford. The group first met at the Rectory in the summer of 1876. On that occasion they were addressed by George Sumner on the subject of giving religious teaching and leadership in the home. After the formation and early growth of Mothers Union, George was appointed first Archdeacon of Winchester, then Bishop of Guildford, then a suffrage post within the Diocese of Winchester. From 1885 they lived in The Close at Winchester.

For the first nine years, the Mothers' Union remained a parochial organization, a format copied in a few places around the country. However, Mary addressed the women's meeting of the 1885 national Church Congress and focused on the two ideas central to her Mothers' Union group: being a good example to children, and keeping prayer central to the life of the family.

That speech led to Mothers' Union being commended by the Bishop of Winchester, Harold Browne, as a pattern to be developed across the Diocese. From there it spread rapidly in Britain and across the Commonwealth. Within a year it was operating in four continents and by the turn of the century it had 169,000 members. Mary Sumner was unanimously elected president of this international organisation in 1896 and remained actively involved in the organisation until her death in 1921.

The Mary Sumner Prayer

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

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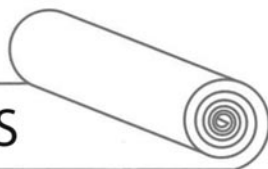


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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Well a 'normal service' of sorts has been resumed since the easing of lockdown. In no particular order: Liverpool duly won the Premier League title; Lewis Hamilton extended his commanding lead in the Formula 1 Championship; Ronnie O'Sullivan has been serving up top class snooker and controversial interviews in the World Championships; social media abuse continues to be a problem for elite sports performers, particularly women; Manchester City predictably overturned their European football ban under the Financial Fair Play rules on a legal technicality; Newcastle United's ownership issues are still perplexing their long-suffering supporters; and the FA Cup Final was marred by nonsensical referee/VAR involvement! Yawn...

So, it has been left to cricket to entertain us under the blistering summer sun over the last couple of months. And what entertainment it has given us! Firstly, I should join many others in expressing gratitude and admiration to firstly the West Indies, then the Pakistani tourists for committing to their respective series whilst living in so-called 'bio-bubbles'. There was drama even before the first ball was bowled when Jofra Archer broke his lockdown with a silly home visit, thus sacrificing his place in the England team; and then the selectors decided to drop Stuart Broad for the first test against the West Indies, much to the player's chagrin.

Root was also missing from the 1st Test owing to childbirth(!) and England failed to find any rhythm with either bat or ball in losing to the WIndies under Ben Stokes' first crack at captaincy. It was a different story in the 2nd Test, though, when an "angry and frustrated" Broad took 6 wickets with the ball and was unbeaten with the bat, to support the Ben Stokes 'Superman' show, bringing England a resounding victory. And Broad joined the 'Greats' of the English game in the 3rd Test with a 10 for 67 performance with the ball and an innings of 62 with the bat, claiming his 500th Test wicket, plus Man of the Match and Man of the Series in the process; not to mention the series win! Talk about proving a point! What should the selectors do now? Never, ever drop Broad again? Or drop him once per series to make him angry?!

If we thought that was entertaining, what about the opening Test versus Pakistan...? It looked all over for England, conceding a first innings lead of 107, but vital contributions with both bat and ball by Broad and Man of the Match, Chris Woakes, secured an unlikely triumph on an enthralling fourth day at Old Trafford.

A number of questions remain for England though. They were not really at their best here, and were saved by some individual heroics stemming from an obvious strength of character and togetherness in the squad. Is Anderson at the end of his career at this level? His famous swing seems to be fading. Buttler redeemed himself with the bat but his mistakes behind the stumps, which contributed to Masood's massive century, need to be eradicated urgently if he is not to relinquish his place. And young Archer remains something of an enigma thus far. He's fast but has not yet found the consistency to maintain the necessary pressure on opposing batsmen. Even Root could do with underlining his

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obvious class with some big runs in the near future. There is no doubt that Pakistan represent a stiffer challenge than the Windies, so England will have to be at their best for the remainder of the series in order to resist the backlash which I am sure is coming! Great stuff... I can't wait!

40-year-old former Brazilian superstar, Ronaldinho, is in a class of his own as a footballer: the only player in history to win the World Cup, Champions League, World Player of the Year, Ballon d'Or and the Brazilian Copa Libertadores. So it was with some sadness that I read that he is currently under house arrest in Paraguay – albeit currently in a luxury hotel – after having spent a month in prison for passport irregularities. It seems that his talents have not extended far upwards from his feet and his recent history is littered with multi-million-dollar lawsuits ranging from building an illegal pier in a conservation area, to supporting a cryptocurrency pyramid scheme. He is not the first footballing genius to suffer such a dramatic fall from grace and he won't be the last, but don't you just wish such marvellous entertainers could find the sense, somewhere, to surround themselves with more intelligent advice?

The reference to advisers reminds me of an uncomfortable stand-off in July between Football Association Chairman Greg Clarke, who wanted yet another review of FA Board diversity, and the Board itself, who took the view that the last shake up in 2017 had provided adequate cover for all interests. Even as a former employee of the FA, your scribe was surprised to learn that minority representation on the Board was already 10% BAME, 10% LGBT+ and 40% female, but with no figure given for Disability! (Would that not be a more important minority category than sexual proclivity?) But it's all about Race at the moment isn't it? Clarke was apparently keen to build on the existing sympathy with the somewhat abstract Black Lives Matter 'movement' by promoting Paul Elliott from Inclusion Advisory Board Chairman to full Board Member.

Now Elliott is an interesting character: he never stayed at any of his six professional football clubs for longer than three years and never made more than 66 appearances for any club. He tried, unsuccessfully, to sue Dean Saunders – then a Liverpool player – for the challenge that ended his career and, as recently as 2018, he departed from roles in both the FA and Kick It Out, after admitting using a racial slur against a fellow footballer, but not before he had received an MBE and a CBE for services to diversity! So, perhaps the FA Board's resistance to Mr Clarke's initiative was not so much in fear of diversity, but more in fear of having an ambitious-but-mercurial loose cannon among their number!

I cannot imagine why anyone would want to stand in the way of reasonable diversity on governing bodies but, as a father of mixed-race children, I am heartily fed up with the current obsession with skin colour! Will we all have to subject our family trees to scrutiny in order to work in sport administration in future? And perhaps declare our sexual preferences so we can be protected from any perceived unfairness? By the way, if anyone can tell me how much racially mixed blood is required in someone's veins in order to qualify for BAME status, I should be pleased to be enlightened.

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