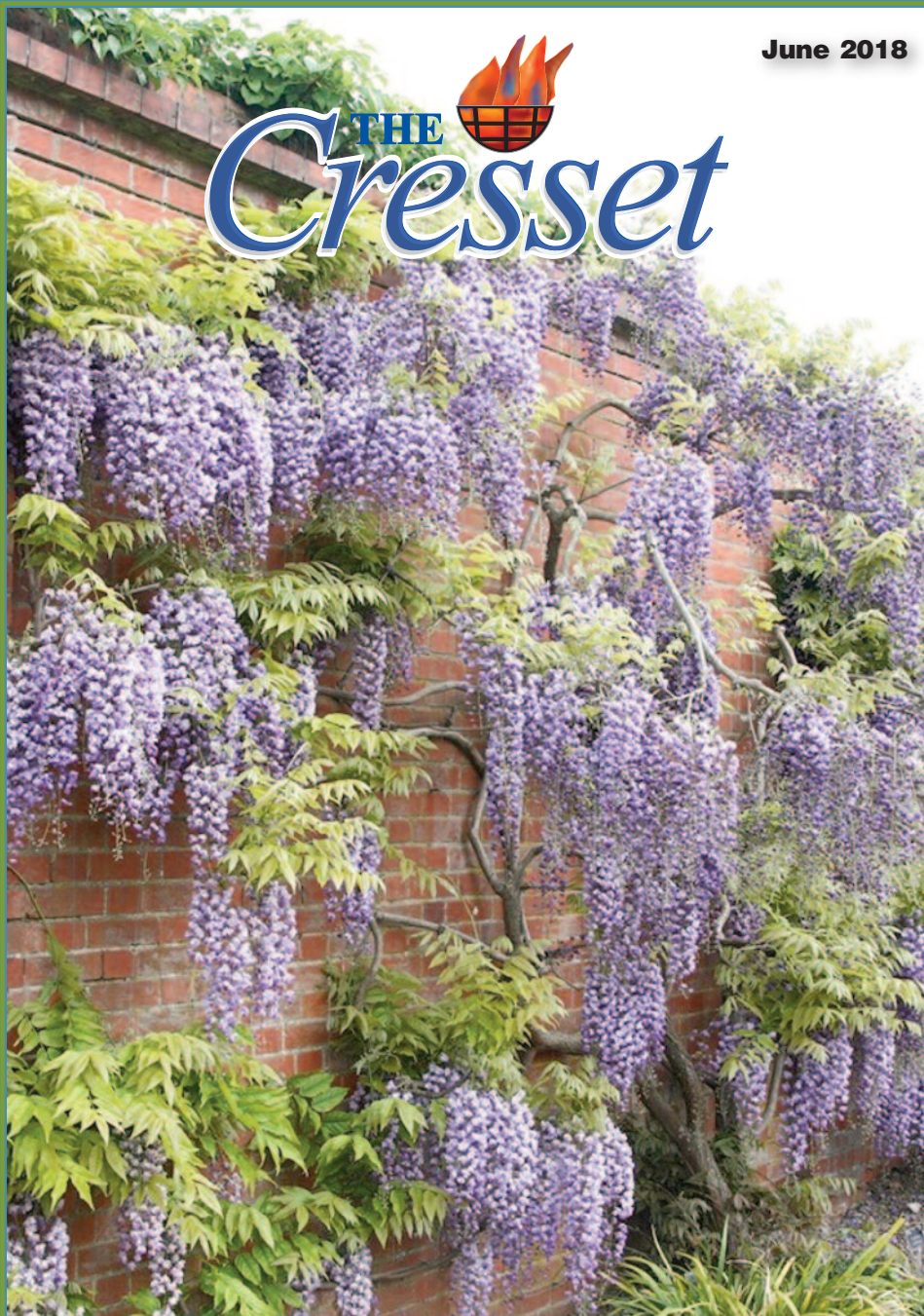


June 2018

THE
Cresset



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June has arrived and half the year is almost done. Summer is under way and hopefully the weather will hold up and we have a good summer.

I attended the annual parish meeting last month, as did a good number of Bottisham residents. I won't dwell too long on the details, as that will no doubt be reported in the parish notes, but suffice to say several informative reports were given by the Primary school, the Village College, our area police sergeant, District and County Councilors. We all had the opportunity to ask questions and it proved to be very informative, for both the audience and in some cases the speakers!



As in previous years, due to holidays and timing issues there will be no Cresset produced for August. This means that if you have items or events taking place in August, details of those will need to go into the July magazine. To ensure publication I need to have copy by 14th June at the latest.

In the meantime this month's magazine has lots of information and articles for you to read.

Not least of these is the latest detail about the Village Fayre, which takes place on the Primary School playing field on the 9th June. Driven by the enthusiasm of the WI in their centenary year, it is a Fayre for the entire village. Lots going on as you can see from the advert inside the front cover and well worth supporting and having a fun day out for all the family. With the sun out and lots of entertaining items, get the kids away from their i-phones and TV and come along to the main village event of the year.

Sports nut gives us his razor sharp insight into all things sporting and by the time you read this we will know who won the FA cup, and we can settle down to a quiet rest from football. AS IF! World cup football will be dominating the TV from the 14th June for several weeks. But to be fair this will be interspersed with lots of other summer sports events, some or more of which are bound to suit everybody.

Lots of people have asked me, as indeed have I, about what work is taking place on the A1303. Thanks to one of our readers I can give you this link which details all the work being done. Thanks Martin. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-projects/a1303-road-safety-improvements/>. If this is too much to type over, go to the online version of 'The Cresset' for June at www.Bottishampc.co.uk and click on the link in my editorial there which will take you to the website.

This work is bound to affect commuting traffic, and bus travel, so we all may have to allow a bit more time to get from A to B, whether that is to get to work or the shops or me to get to the golf course on time. As the bus stop at the Swan is being moved, time to get to the bus stop may also be a consideration.

I am sure Paddy will keep us up to date with any changes that affect the buses, together with all the other public transport matters that she shares.

All the other regular items are here as is the schedule for the Gardening Club show. Not however limited to those who go to the Gardening Club, but is open to all to enter. Too many categories to count, and varied ones at that, so there is an invite to join in the fun. Always an impressive show on the day, even if you don't have your own entry.

Have a great month and hopefully enjoy some good weather.

Cambridge, Past, Present & Future

- A colourful month of activities



Wild Bedtime Stories with Vital Spark Friday 1 June: 5pm-6.30pm Come and enjoy some bedtime stories in a beautiful outdoor setting at Wandlebury Country Park. Wear your pjs, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies!), bring your favourite teddy if you wish. Booking essential. Children must be accompanied. £6 per child, includes hot chocolate (please bring a reusable cup to help cut down on waste if you can). For more information and booking: email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Theatre at the Leper Chapel: Tales of Mystery and Imagination Saturday 2 June: 8pm Folk songs and suspenseful tales from Edgar Allan Poe, including 'The Premature Burial' and 'Thou Art the Man'. Recited by Richard Spaul of the in situ: experimental theatre group in the mysterious setting of the Leper Chapel. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions), available in advance at: www.insituthatre.co.uk and at the venue from 7.30pm. Advance booking recommended. Suitable for ages 16+.

Directions: Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8JJ. No parking or facilities at the chapel itself.

Hinxton Watermill Open Day – National Mills Weekend Sunday 3 June: 2.30-5.30pm Explore this impressive 17th century working watermill, built on a site dating back to the Domesday Book. Volunteer guides will show you how the mill works and the history of this incredible building. Walks along the river. 'Where's Ratty' competition for children! CambridgePPF members free. Non-members entry £3 adults, £1 children. No need to book. Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD The action-packed Wandlebury Adventurers' takes place on five consecutive Monday evenings each term and you can sign up for a term (£60) or for an individual session (£14).

Woodland Crafts: Printmaking - Wandlebury Adventurers' Club (8-12 years) Monday 4 June: 6pm-8pm Have a blast designing and creating your very own prints with natural woodland materials!

Constructions and Building – Wandlebury Adventurers' Club (8-12 years) Monday 11 June: 6pm-8pm Have a go at making buildings and structures from natural materials.

Orienteering – Wandlebury Adventurers' Club (8-12 years) Monday 18 June: 6pm-8pm Have fun as you orienteer your way around the park, with map-reading team games and a treasure hunt.

Bows & Arrows! - Wandlebury Adventurers' Club (8-12 years) Monday 25 June: 6pm-8pm This fun-filled session sees the Wandlebury Adventurers making their own bows and arrows from sticks, then testing out their creations while trying to hit the target.

For ages 8-12. Places limited, book in advance. Parents are not required to attend the sessions with their children. All activities are run by two of our experienced DBS checked and first-aid qualified Field Teachers. Please wear suitable wet weather outerwear and footwear. Based in the Stable Rooms **Directions:** Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

10th Anniversary Walk at Coton Countryside Reserve Wednesday 20 June: 6.30pm-8pm A guided evening walk around the reserve to enjoy the wildlife and views. Meet in the

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EDITORIAL NOTICE

There will not be a Cresset magazine published in August. If readers have items that need to appear before September, they will need to go in the July magazine and so copy will need to be with me by 14th June. Sorry for any inconvenience.

reserve car park. Free event but please book ahead so we can manage participant numbers. Donations are always appreciated. CB23 7PZ. OS grid reference TL 414 577 GB. Booking: please book online via the website at cambridgeppf.org or with Eventbrite on: tinyurl.com/CPPFCoton10th

Garden of Eden Heritage Walk Saturday 23 June: 11am to 1pm and 2pm-4pm Two guided heritage walks in Cambridge, meet Christ's Pieces, Princess Diana Rose Arbour, end Clarendon Arms pub. Local historian led. Free. Donations appreciated. Directions: Christ's Pieces are in the centre of the city. Booking essential to manage numbers via website at cambridgeppf.org or Eventbrite on: tinyurl.com/CPPFGardenWalk

Bourn Windmill Open Day and Teas - National Mills Weekend Sunday 24 June: 2-4pm See inside one of the country's oldest mills, set in beautiful scenery near Bourn village. See the mill works and learn the history of this incredible building. Have a go at turning the whole mill on its post – an amazing sight. Teas and cakes available. No need to book. CambridgePPF members free, non-members £3 adult, £1 child. Off Caxton Road, Bourn CB23 2SU.

Theatre in Wandlebury Country Park - The ghost in me June 28-30: 8pm Haunted selves, lost sounds, old futures – explore the soundscapes of the haunted places inside and around us. Open air theatre with in situ: Tickets £15 can be booked in advance from insitutheatre.co.uk.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in June

Sunday 3rd	11am	Holy Communion <i>Rev'd Gina Radford</i>
Wednesday 6th	8pm	Compline by Candlelight <i>led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 10th		No service in Bottisham
	10am	Benefice Communion in Quy
Sunday 17th	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Rev'd Sue Giles</i>
	11am	Family Service with Baptism <i>Rev'd Sue Giles</i>
Sunday 24th	8am	Holy Communion in Swaffham Prior
	9.30am	Children's Church in Lode
	10am	Benefice Morning Worship, including Services Day

This service will also be about those who serve and who may be in danger because of their work. It will include not only those who serve in the armed forces but also police, firefighters, lifeboat crews and paramedics.

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

EASTER GIFT DAY

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Easter Gift Day. This is a vital element in helping us to get near to balancing the books; we couldn't manage without it. We have written a thank you note to all those who kindly filled in an address on their Gift Aid form (except for one we have clearly wrongly recorded!), but our thanks go equally to those whose address we didn't have. Your donations do make a huge difference.

Mike Young

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre is proud to present a double bill of entertainment in 2018 - Gilbert & Sullivan's enduring operetta 'H.M.S. Pinafore' together with 'Cox and Box', a one-act comic opera with libretto by F. C. Burnand and music by Sir Arthur Sullivan. This was Sullivan's first successful comic opera.

As in previous years the productions will be staged in the wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NW; dates as follows:

- **Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm - £8**
- **Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.30pm - £9**
- **Friday 15th June 2018 at 7.30pm - £10**
- **Saturday 16th June 2018 at 2.30pm - £7 and 7.30pm - £10.**

Tickets are available via our website, www.sbsummertheatre.com or by e-mailing sbst.tickets@gmail.com or telephoning 07541 554845. For further information about the show please contact Ruth Dennis on 01638 730659.



Hold on to what gives you life...

“During the bombing raids of World War II, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, “Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow.”” (Linn, *Sleeping with Bread*, p.1)

This excerpt is from a book that has really impacted my life. I can imagine the sense of peace and stillness in the camp on the night the children first had the opportunity to hold onto something life-giving rather than the fear, uncertainty, pain and sadness - things that do not give life. The book centres around 2 questions:

1. For what moment today are you most grateful?

2. For what moment today are you least grateful?

I don't always immediately recognise the significance of words shared or events that occur. Sometimes it's only after taking time to reflect over my day that I'm reminded. I always thank God for the joyful moments in my day, and try to thank the people who have been involved too.

I recall time spent with refugees in the Jungle camp, Calais; in a conversation about why they risk their lives hiding in or under lorries attempting to get to England, the refugees responded, 'we are dead already, we have lost everything, we are worthless'. I find this heartbreaking. I pray that refugees around the world now and indeed anyone who feels hopeless, would have a metaphorical (or maybe a physical) chunk of bread to hold through the night, something that gives them hope, something that gives them life.

I want to be involved in conversations and actions that cause people, on reflection, to be grateful for the moments we shared that day. What can you say today? What can you do to bring joy to someone, to make peace? Think over the last day or so. For what are you most grateful? Give thanks. For what are you least grateful? It's important to recognise these moments, learn from them; move forward holding on to what gives life.

At RENEW each week we share our good news stories, and our struggles when we gather for worship. You would be made very welcome at any of our services. There's a place at RENEW for you.

Thank you for reading, - *Rev. Alan Brand*

RENEW Services for June 2018

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

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

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

Sunday 3rd June.

Morning Worship. 10.30am

With Holy Communion. (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 10th June.

Morning Worship. 10.30am(at the School) Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 17th June.

Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Sunday 24th June.

Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Service to be led by our Young People's groups

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

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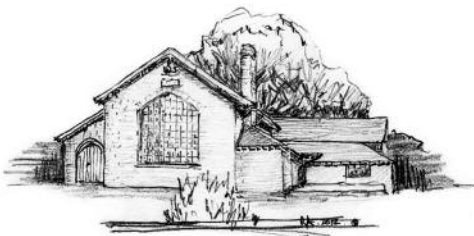
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Bottisham Football Club

With the season galloping to a climax the youth of the village continues to prosper

By the time you are reading this we will have held our presentation evening at the Legion. A big thank you to them for supporting the Football Club. Thanks must also go to our sponsors without which our fees would have to be a lot higher, they are Abbey Tyres, Bottisham Village Stores, Cambridge Stoves, Rathbones, The Shed,

Sadly, the current under 17's are not continuing any further, a big thank you to Mark Bush for stepping in and seeing the season to a conclusion. With the success of last season, I was not expecting any repeat of it, but Greg Foster has successfully coached his under 12's team to Champions of his league.

We have teams at every age from under 5's in training up to and including the under 12's

I must thank the Parish Council for the grant towards a defibrillator for the pavilion hopefully no one using the field will ever need to use it. It should be noted that this equipment is stored inside the building and is not always available.

Under 7's Steven Wilde

Players Player of the year- *Harry Pellegrini*

Most improved - *Oliver Stackhouse*

Managers player - *Harry Cantell*

Under 8's Adrian Hames

Players Player of the year-*Dominic Ng'anga*

-My Managers award *Oran Bridgland*

-Most improved player *Charlie Bowen*

Under 9's Ben Challis

Players Player of the year *Angus McGonigle*

Most Improved: *Liam Challis*

Managers Player: *Isabella Wild*

Under 10's Ben Rayner

Players Player of the year: *Jack Peters*

Manager Player of the Year: *Junior*

Vazhure

Parents player: *Emily Middleton*

Under 11 Girls Nick Pellegrini

Players player of the year: *Eva*

Warrington

Parents player - *Melissa Pearson*

Managers Player - *Anya Hjalton- Rayner*

Under 11 Boys Matthew Robinson

POY - Players Player- *Cian Plaistow*

Managers award- *Joe Austin*

Parents Player – *Ewan Robinson*

Under 12's Greg Foster

Players Player of the year: *Jack Ridyard*

& *Hamish Jennings*

Managers award: *Hamish Jennings*

Merit award: *Rose Sparrow*

WEA News

Following the enjoyable series of lectures by Andrew Sankey on Arts & Crafts Gardens, local villagers may spot changes taking place in gardens of their neighbours. Hopefully, you may get an invitation to view those gardens free of charge and see the changes made. You might even get a free cup of tea as well! All thanks to Andrew for showing us how best to design our gardens if we have the necessary space and finances!

Many of those who enjoyed this course will be pleased to hear that this coming autumn we will be reminding ourselves about the changes that have taken place during our lives. In October, Stephen Corley will be talking about the "Post War World 1945-1973" giving older members the opportunity to reminisce about their own personal experiences during that period. At the time of going to press we do not have full details, but they should be available for the September issue of The Cresset.

For more information on other local and future activities of the Workers Educational Association please take a look at www.wea.org.uk/eastern

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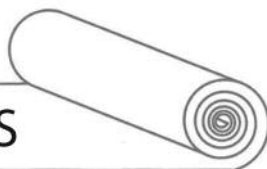


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Our County Councillor Mathew Shuter as the Chair of Highways and Infrastructure updated us on potholes. He reported that from January to March of this year close to 10,000 potholes had been notified by highways teams or members of the public. There were 5,500 for the whole of the previous year so you can see what a problem it has been this year and they have tried their best to solve the situation. They have 11 traditional crews and they now have 3 'dragon patchers' which is a new machine which can carry out 160 repairs a day compared to 20 by a traditional 2 man crew with a wheelbarrow. The repairs are not as robust as the traditional way though but are good for a quick repair. Highways are running an experiment on a new type of patching technique more in line with what utilities companies use when they dig up the roads where they seal the sides which gives a better finish. This way is more expensive but is more cost effective as it lasts longer. They are also looking at the possibility of plastic roads and are working with Peterborough on this. There is a company in Dumfries using un-recyclable plastic that would normally go into landfill as part of the aggregate. If they decide to go ahead with this they have the company's assurance that they would use plastic waste from East Cambs.

The improvements on the A1303 look to be further delayed as at the time of writing they should have started. County Councillor Shuter updated residents at the Annual Meeting on the improvements to expect. The County Council were able to apply to the government for a grant as the A1303 had been identified as one of the 50 most dangerous roads in the country. They were awarded £1.3M to provide safer features on the road which was video surveyed from the Quy roundabout to A14 slip road on the bridge. Improvements will include larger visibility splays, deceleration zones, improved lighting, new bus stop, rumble strips, the road being widened in certain areas and re-surfacing of the road at the Quy roundabout. Some trees will be removed but for every tree that is removed two will be replaced in a safer position.

There is a big purge on fly tipping at the moment by East Cambs District Council who have been travelling round East Cambs removing all fly tipping. They ask that if residents see fly tipping they report it online.

Parish Council have applied to use Section 106 money towards 4 new speed indicating devices similar to the one in Bell Road which flashes red and green. We had looked at using

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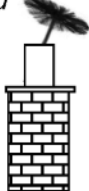


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portable devices that could be moved to other locations but agreed that this was too reliant on people volunteering to move them and re-charge them.

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- c) Lode Road/Bradfords Close
- d) Lode Road/ Pound Close

We have also ordered a new dog bin which will be placed on Lode Road by the field which dog walkers use linking up with Bell Road at a resident's suggestion.

Parish Council have agreed to give a grant of £100 to Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club to help them pay for an exhibition of their work they are organising at the Royal British Legion. They also agreed to give £200 to the Bowling Club to help with advertising for new members and generally promoting the Club.

Councillor Di Lorenzo is organising a meeting in June regarding the pre-school play area questionnaire that many residents filled in at the end of last year. He is hoping to invite those residents that showed an interest in helping out to see how we can move this forward.

Next Parish Council meeting is Monday June 4th, all residents welcome. There is an opportunity to ask any questions at the start of the meeting that you may have.

Planning Notes

18/00442/FUL 20 Tunbridge Close, Proposed front extension and garage conversion, NEW APPLICATION

18/00168/ADI The Stone Yard, Whitelands Farm, Newmarket Road. Erection of internally illuminated 3M high totem at entrance to Eadonstone Kitchens. APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC

Claire Fullwood - *Parish Clerk*

Poppy Progress

You may have read in previous issues about the project to create installations of crocheted and knitted poppies on the tower of Swaffham Bulbeck church and at each of the five parish war memorials for the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in November. We have more than 50 people from all five villages involved already, many of whom have learned to crochet from scratch, and have 400 poppies completed, but we still need more of you to join in if we are to reach our target of 5000 poppies.

You can find us at the regular Anglesey in Stitches meetings: 8pm on odd-dated Tuesdays in the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck. We will also be at the Swaffham Bulbeck Street Fair on June 30th and Swaffham Prior pop-up teas in July and August.

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Public Transport Matters

Well there is only one topic of conversation at the bus stops at the moment – what a mess Stagecoach has got itself into with all the changes to times, the removal of the 11 during the day and the increase in fares. As I wrote last month I was expecting a delivery of a box of timetables and it is the same situation today. I rang Stagecoach 2 days ago, as e-mails seemed to have had no results, and heard that the new timetables had indeed just been delivered and that I would receive some during the coming week when deliveries had been organised. As the buses changed on April the 15th and today is May the 13th we have been a month without the paper timetables on which many people rely. The drivers are fed up as they get hassled by passengers and they don't know what is happening either! I surmise that due to the increase in fares the timetables had to be reprinted – what is all this costing? They tell me that the cuts to the 11 are due to the low passenger numbers but people are now back in their cars and using the park and ride and even driving direct to Bury. I can only repeat what I have long said – use it or lose it – and we don't want it to get even worse!

On April 10th it was confirmed that the free bus passes for older and disabled people would be protected for the future keeping them connected with their local towns and cities. It will not now need to be renewed every five years. The Buses Minister Nusrat Ghani stressed the importance of people being able to keep their independence and play a role in their local community. In addition to the bus pass scheme the government provides £250 million every year for bus services in England, £40 million of which helps to fund routes that may not be commercially viable but which are considered socially necessary. This has been welcomed by Age UK as also benefitting people's health.

Stagecoach has increased its fares by between 20 and 50p but frozen the megarider day plus and reduced the termrider student ticket from £288 to £250 per term from September. The park and ride fares are frozen at £3 and the council has removed the £1 parking charge.

It is thought that the Liberal Democrats' win in the South Cambridgeshire local elections was due in a large part to their wish that the Cambridge to Cambourne busway idea should be scrapped. It is felt that the Mayor James Palmer is still keen to build a metro or busway and there are worries about its effect on the local villages. There are calls for a new 'people's bus service' that could rival other operators and improve the public transport in the city. I used to find the free circular bus which the City council ran round the city very useful and was disappointed when it was stopped. There should be more competition and cover routes which are underserved – should companies like Astra Zeneca contribute to the cost of public transport in the city? The mayor is holding a bus review. There is also a review of the traffic lights system across Cambridge employing new technology prioritising public transport. They also want to introduce electric and lower emission buses on to the streets to improve air quality. This is all as part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

There is much interest in the improvements of rail journeys at the moment and the new bigger, better London Bridge station has just been opened by Prince William. It will carry 54 million passengers through the Thameslink programme. There are new direct services from

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and to Cambridge and the link to Brighton running through the centre of the capital. There will be brand new Class 700 trains – more modern and spacious with fully accessible toilets by the end of 2019. Luton and Bedford will also have some benefits.

Rail passenger fares have also risen and people are complaining about the problems of getting the correct and most beneficial fares. It is suggested in a letter that like Uber there could be a charge per mile with four different rates – for first and second class and peak rate and off-peak rate. People buy split tickets but that may be stopped. Not just our local buses but some train services are axed and then people find they have already bought tickets for them! It should be that they are published 12 weeks in advance but now it is only 6. Compliance with EU regulations could cause problems for voluntary organisations providing transport to older and disadvantaged people as they would become subject to the same regulatory regime as commercial bus companies. Rail companies have paid out record amounts of compensation for delays in the last year and one commuter successfully sued Greater Anglia.

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Your Guide to Local Artists

Below are the artists who are local to the Bottisham area. You will find the information concerning the days and times the artist will be exhibiting as well as their location, the genre of their work and their contact information.

Not all of the artists open their studios every weekend. The codes indicating which weekends the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows...

Weekend (1) 7/8 July

Weekend (2) 14/15 July

Weekend (3) 21/22 July

Weekend (4) 28/29 July

The guide book can be downloaded from the website www.camopenstudios.co.uk or a printed version will be available from June in libraries, local shops, galleries and park and ride sites.

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Three artists exhibiting at The Old Courthouse, 123 High Street, Bottisham, CB25 9BA:

172a Heidi Lichterman - Woven textiles and paintings - www.heidilichterman.co.uk

Ikat-dyed, handwoven silk and wire wall hangings, elegant silk scarves and shawls.

Some abstract paintings evoking the fens. **Weekends: 2, 3, 4**

172b Claire Howieson - Contemporary jewellery - www.clairehowieson.com

Striking contemporary jewellery in silver and gold, incorporating freshwater pearls, precious and semi-precious stones. Commissions welcomed **Weekends: 2, 3**

172c Jeremy Nicholls - Decorative woodwork - www.jeremynicholls.info

Jewellery boxes, mirrors and small pieces of furniture in wood, with original decorative paintings on metal leaf. Some separate paintings on panels. **Weekends: 2, 3**

173 Rebecca-Anne & Denise Boldra - Silver, Swarovski crystal - www.rebeccaanneboldra.com

The Robinson Room, Anglesey Abbey, Quay Road, Lode, CB25 9EJ
Flowing silversmithing designs and sparkling Swarovski crystals in semi-precious jewellery. **Weekends: 1, 2**

174 Adam Bridgland and Lucy Gough - Printmaking and other media -

www.adambridgland.co.uk The Hide, 43 Mill Road, Lode, CB25 9EN Working studio of contemporary artists. Printmaking, sculpture, collage and paintings. **Weekends: 2, 3**

175 Matthew Blakely - Woodfired stoneware and porcelain pots -

www.matthewblakely.co.uk 9 Abbey Lane, Lode, CB25 9EP Rich woodfired stoneware and softly glazed reduction-fired porcelain pots, ranging from mugs to large decorative pieces. Please park on Lode High Street. **Weekends: 2, 3**

There are also artists in Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior, Burwell and further afield. Please pick up a guide book for the full listing.



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- Deliveries to a medication hub near you (currently these are Lode, Great Wilbraham and Swaffham Bulbeck post office shops) weekly on a Friday.
- Dossette box service for those who feel that they would benefit.

Beverley Weller-Lewis Dispensary Manager.

Patients' Car Service: Drivers who donate their expenses to Magpas have raised £171.00 over last six months, bringing the total so far to £3684.00.

AGM: This was held on 26th April. Red to Green explained their work and their plans to start a community café in Bottisham in their new premises at the College. Dr Shackleton gave the reasons why the Surgery Pod was suggested as the next item for the group to save for and also answered questions. The Chairman's report and minutes of the meeting will be published on the Practice website in due course.

Bottisham Patients' Group: The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice website for further information. We would welcome help with running the group. Look out for us at the Bottisham WI Fete on 9 June and Lode Fete on 17 June.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 8 and 20 June, 13 and 25 July, 2018. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Thursday 26 July 2018 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

The Arthur Rank Hospice

The Arthur Rank Hospice supports people in Cambridgeshire who are living with a life-limiting illness and those who need end-of-life care. We have recently opened a new charity shop on Burleigh Street in the heart of Cambridge and are looking to recruit new volunteers to help us run the shop.

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Used as a market garden in the 1950s, it sadly fell into decline, the glasshouses were taken down and the garden became completely overgrown with brambles, shrubs etc. until it was rediscovered by a member of the Cambridgeshire Garden Trust. A new trust, the Ramsey Abbey Walled Kitchen Garden Trust, was formed in 2004 for the purpose of completely renovating the kitchen garden. With a total of only 15 volunteers, they cut back, removed and re-laid out the gardens. The Garden Trust member who rediscovered the garden was John Drake, a good friend to Bottisham Gardening Club and owner of the national aquilegia collection at his house on the High Ditch Road at Fen Ditton. Sadly John died in 2012 but he left a generous donation to fund rebuilding the old greenhouse and the kitchen gardens. His legacy has resulted in a 25 metre long greenhouse and display area and the now fully planted gardens. The kitchen garden is open to the public from April to October, with free admission.

Volunteers are hard at work in Bottisham too, preparing for the WI Centenary Fayre to be held in the Primary School grounds on 9 June. The gardening club will be running their annual plant stall there and we have more plants than ever this year - lots of perennials (including salvias, hostas, day lilies etc.), and plenty of bedding plants. Donations of your spare plants would be gratefully accepted, if you have any please bring them along on the day. We are also hoping to set up a plant crèche behind the stall so that you don't have to carry your purchases around the Fayre.

You will also soon be seeing copies of the schedule for the Annual Village Show which will be held on Saturday 8 September. It will appear in the July issue of The Cresset, which is delivered at the end of June, and will include an entry form. A more colourful version will also be available in village stores and the library.

DIARY DATES

9 June: Plant Stall at the WI Centenary Fayre, 2 to 4 pm

26 June: Gardening Club evening outing to Dulcie's garden, Quercus, Burrough Green, 7.30 pm

18 July: Annual Summer Outing to Geoff Hamilton's Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland

Non-members are welcome to join any of the events listed, please telephone for details of the outings.

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The EAAA after Care Team keep in touch with patients, as an ongoing and important part of their recovery. It is also good for the crews to see what a difference their missions and actions can make. Around 45% of all missions are funded from the proceeds of our Lottery - why not join today?

And why not come along to support us at Bottisham Summer Fayre on Saturday 9th June at 2pm on the Primary School Field and bring the family too?

Michael White

Bottisham Community Library Association

Good news concerning the opening of the new School and Public Library – we shall be moving on 18th October 2018! – a lot sooner than we expected. There is a lot of work involved in making sure all the current facilities we have will be available and the committee and volunteers are working with the College to ensure this. We shall keep you informed.

We are sorry to hear that Sarah Speed and Katherine Adams are unable to continue helping to run (with Colin Bryant) the Saturday Art Club after the end of this term. I should like to thank them for all they have done in the past two years.

Is there anyone or two out there who could offer help so that the Club can continue? Please come and talk to us for more information either at one of the Library sessions or at our Book Sale at the Bottisham Village Fayre on 9th June. Good quality books and DVD's still needed.

Our AGM is to be held in the Library on Wednesday 27th June at 7.00pm when Sue Willis from Cambridge Library services is coming to speak to us. We hope members will attend but all are invited.

Did you know that "A book is a dream that you hold in your hands" seen on a coffee shop window in Antwerp?

Sylvia Overton

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

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals, etc
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to overcome, even if you are a strong swimmer
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold - even on the hottest days of the year - and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you become stuck or in trouble
- If you are using waterways do ensure that they are approved for you to use and that people know where you are at all times
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location
- NEVER go into the water to attempt a rescue - use a lead, a branch or anything to hand but otherwise await assistance.

Despite it being summer please do not forget to continue testing those smoke alarms - smoke kills !

CFRS hope to attend, service commitments permitting, Bottisham Summer Fayre on Saturday 9th June - do come along, with the family for a good day out !

Michael White

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Bottisham Community, Sports & Social Club

At a special general meeting held at the British Legion Social club on Monday 30th April a ballot was taken under TRBL rules to ascertain if the membership wished to disaffiliate from The Royal British Legion (TRBL). From the official figures received back from TRBL over 95% of the membership voted and of those almost 97% voted in favour. As a result the club will no longer be a Legion Social Club and will become Bottisham Community Sports & Social Club. This will not happen overnight as obviously a lot of paperwork needs to be done, so the committee are aiming for 1st July 2018.

This does not affect membership of the Bottisham & District Branch of The Royal British Legion for those wishing to retain their Legion membership, but membership of the 'New' Social Club does not now require membership of TRBL.

The club is open to new membership with a joining fee of only £6 for membership until 1st October, the club's official annual subscription date. The annual membership from 1st October will be £20 for a full year. Membership forms available from the bar.

Come and join us and enjoy all the club has to offer, darts, pool, bar billiards, snooker, billiards, cards, football and other sports on a big screen, Friday night members draw (you have to be there to win it), play your cards right (cash prize £1,500 as at 5th May) and other entertainment.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH AT THE BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY, SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Line Dancing every Wednesday (except the first Wednesday in the month.)

Bingo every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Member's draw, Meat draw and Play you cards right every Friday

OPENING TIMES Mon-Thurs 5-11pm : Fri 5-12pm : Sat-11.45-12pm : Sun 12.-11pm

**Saturday 28th July,
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ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

from 2 to 4p.m.

Bottisham Community, Sports & Social Club (The Legion)

To be opened at 2 p.m. by

RACHAEL JOHNSTON

HEADTEACHER, BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Presentation of trophies/certificates at 3.30 pm

Refreshments available throughout the afternoon

ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE 2018

SECTION 1: FRUIT & VEGETABLES

(Judge: Mr Mike Corbett)

Colonel Francis Bowl; Lowlands Nursery Cup; Dole Cup, Ink Stand

(In multiple exhibits all fruit and vegetables should be of one variety.)

1. 5 runner beans
2. 3 beetroots
3. 5 carrots
4. 3 courgettes
5. 4 tomatoes
6. 5 onions
7. 5 potatoes
8. 1 truss of cherry tomatoes
9. 1 cucumber
10. Capsicums: (a) 5 chillies OR
(b) 5 sweet peppers
11. Any vegetable/s not covered by other classes: 1 large or 5 small
12. A basket or trug of mixed vegetables: 5 different vegetables
13. A container of fresh garden herbs
14. 4 dessert apples
15. 4 cooking apples
16. 4 pears

17. Plate of 5 plums
18. 3 sticks of rhubarb
19. Plate of 7 berries (any of blackberries, gooseberries, raspberries or strawberries)
20. Any fruit not covered by other classes

SECTION 2: FLOWERS

(Judge: Mrs Pauline Miller)

Mrs Hogben Cup/William Hogben

Cup/Rose Bowl/Flower Basket Award, RHS Grenfell Medal

(all pot plants to have been in owner's possession for minimum 2 months)

21. A specimen rose
22. A vase of 5 different garden flowers
23. 3 cut dahlias: one variety
24. 5 cut geranium (pelargonium) blooms
25. A flowering pot plant
26. A foliage pot plant
27. A pot-grown cactus or succulent
28. A basket of summer flowers
29. An arrangement of 3 flowers and foliage (buds permitted)

SECTION 3: BAKING AND PRESERVES

(Judge: Mrs Marion Sketchley)

The Gardening Club Cup

All baking exhibits to be covered in clingfilm or a polythene bag

30. A jar of fruit jam or jelly
31. A jar of marmalade
32. A jar of chutney
33. 6 cheese scones
34. 6 jam tarts
35. 6 pieces of shortbread
36. Fruit pie: short-crust pastry, may be decorated
37. A loaf of bread (a) hand-made;
(b) machine-made
38. A fruit cake: to your own recipe
39. A tea-time sponge cake: to your own recipe

SECTION 4: CRAFTS

(Ms Sandy McPhoenix)

Handicraft Cup

40. A hand-knitted, patchwork or crocheted article
41. Any item of embroidery, tapestry or cross-stitch
42. A greetings card (maximum size 15 x 20 cm/6" x 8")
43. An item of jewellery made by yourself
44. A soft toy

SECTION 5: PAINTING AND DRAWING

(Judge: Mrs Karen Hunter)

Reg Lambert Cup

Paintings: may be in watercolour, oils or acrylic and framed or mounted

45. A portrait
46. A landscape
47. A still life

Drawings: may be in pen, ink, pencil or charcoal and framed or mounted

48. A portrait
49. A landscape
50. A still life

SECTION 6: PHOTOGRAPHY

(Judge: Mrs Daphne Hanson)

Photography Cup

Maximum of TWO entries per class per exhibitor, entries to be numbered e.g. 1a, 1b. Unframed, unmounted and not exceeding 15 x 20 cm/6" x 8"

51. A rural scene
52. The animal kingdom
53. Gardens
54. Weather
55. Family and friends
56. Transport

SECTION 7: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

(Judge: Mrs Rachael Johnston)

(Age to be stated on entry form)

(Vouchers and certificates will be awarded)

UNDER 5 YEARS:

57. A Lego (or similar) model of your choice
58. 4 homemade or bought cupcakes, decorated by yourself
59. A garden in a tray
60. A painted or drawn picture max. A4 size

5 TO 7 YEARS:

61. A Lego (or similar) model of your choice.
62. Any item of jewellery made by yourself
63. 4 cupcakes made & decorated by yourself
64. A painted or drawn picture max. A4 size

8 TO 11 YEARS:

65. A Lego (or similar) model of your choice
66. Any item of jewellery made by yourself
67. 4 cupcakes made & decorated by yourself
68. A painted or drawn picture max. A4 size

12 TO 16 YEARS:

69. An item of jewellery made by yourself
70. A sponge cake made & decorated yourself
71. A drawing or painting of a plant or flower

Children are also encouraged to enter any of the classes in Sections 1 to 6



ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW 2018

ENTRY FORM

Completed entry forms (no exhibits) with entry fees should be sent to:

Tricia McLaughlin, 34 Lode Road, Bottisham, CB25 9DJ

no later than 6 pm on Thursday 8 September 2018

Please note entries are welcomed from the general public, this is an open show, open to all

Members: first 5 entries free, 50p for all additional exhibits. **Children:** Free

Non-members: 50p per exhibit **Maximum fee: £5** **Late entries** may be accepted from 8.30 am to 9.30 am on the day of the Show and will be £1 per exhibit.

Exhibits will be accepted from 8.30 am and must be ready for judging by 10.00 am, at which time all persons leave the hall unless their presence is required in an official capacity. (See Show Rules 2018)

Name: _____ MEMBER: YES / NO

Address: _____

Telephone number _____ Age (if still at school) _____

Email _____

Class number	Class name	Fee
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED		£

Class number	Class name	Fee
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE PAGE IF NECESSARY		TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED £

SHOW RULES 2018

1. All classes are open to amateur exhibitors only.
2. All exhibits, personal property, etc. shall be at the risk of the exhibitors and no liability will be accepted for loss or damage to exhibits, personal property and/or equipment from any cause whatsoever.
3. Exhibits will be accepted from 8.30 a.m. and must be ready for judging by 10.00 a.m., at which time all persons must leave the hall unless their presence is required in an official capacity. Late entries will be accepted up to 9.30 a.m. on Show day and will be charged at £1 per exhibit. (See also Rule 8.)
4. If a member is awarded more than one place in a class, then points will be awarded only for the highest placed exhibit.
5. All entries shall be entered and produced by individual exhibitors.
6. The judges may withhold awards when exhibits are considered not to have reached reasonable Show standards.
7. Exhibits must not be removed before 4.00 p.m.
8. Entry forms (no exhibits) to be sent to Tricia McLaughlin, 34 Lode Road, Bottisham, no later than 6 pm on Thursday 6 September 2018. Late entries may be accepted up to 9.30 a.m. on Show day; if accepted they will be subject to an extra fee. Entry fees are shown at the foot of this page.
9. Trophy points will be awarded to members as follows:
1st - three points 2nd - two points 3rd - one point
10. Non-members who win trophy events will receive a certificate.
11. Vouchers for the childrens' categories will be awarded and will be £5 for first place in each class. Certificates will be awarded to second place and third place in each age group.
12. All matters not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Committee for a final decision.

ENTRY FEES

MEMBERS: First 5 entries free, thereafter 50p per exhibit. Maximum payment is £5, irrespective of the number of exhibits. Late entries, if accepted, an additional £1 per exhibit.

NON-MEMBERS: 50p per exhibit, maximum payment £5 irrespective of number of exhibits. Late entries, if accepted, an additional £1 per exhibit.

CHILDREN: No charge.





Bottisham Village College

Dear Local Resident

Leavers Ball – Friday 29 June 6.30 -11pm

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

The Bottisham Ball – Saturday 30 June 7pm – Midnight

The Bottisham Ball on Saturday 30 June is a fundraising event organised by The Friends of Bottisham Village College. The purpose of the evening is to support the Year 11 Ball by funding the cost of the marquee, which provides the wonderful send off for the students. This is a thoroughly enjoyable evening, including good food, entertainment and a live band. The evening begins at 7pm and finishes at midnight. For ticket details please email friends@bottishamvc.org

Please be assured that arrangements are in place for the smooth running of both events and we would like to thank you in advance for your kind cooperation for these special events.

Jenny Rankine - Principal

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Centenary Birthday month for Bottisham WI started in style at the Newmarket Golf Club when members, husbands and friends celebrated with an excellent lunch on the actual birthday date. Sally Kingman Chairman of the Cambridge Federation raised the toast to our institute - the first formed in Cambridgeshire. Whilst 30 Institutes started that year only 3 have met continuously - 100 years 12 meetings a year - even during the war and we were the first. Lode were a few months after us.

Our meeting 2 days later was special too. We remembered 1918 and all wore hats, took part in a flower arranging competition (won by Jean Tierney), some dressed in Georgian dresses and enjoyed refreshments (wine and a cake in 2018) and had a motto chosen for members to abide by. "If you can't say a good word about somebody don't say anything at all."

One of our members Maggie Harrop took us back in true Dr Who Time Lord fashion to Monday 15th April 1918. It was wash day she had no servant and she was up at 5.00am to collect pails of water for boiling, there was no soap so she used a mixture of ash and lime, no starch so she made her own by straining water from the potatoes. She had developed muscles she never knew she had. She was very despondent, her husband was fighting the war in Kut in Mesopotamia, she worried for her 17year old daughter - would there be any young men left to marry her but mainly she was concerned as to when the war would end. When she hanged the washing she realised how there were more darns than sheets. No new ones were available and she had had to learn how to do without so many things. She gave herself a mental shake and decided to walk to the shops and try to buy lace to brighten up her daughters well - worn drawers.

On the way she met Mrs Clark and Mrs White who asked why she was so glum. They asked her to come to the meeting that night suggested by Mrs Jenyns from Bottisham Hall to try and form a Women's Institute. She balked at going to the Hall and was relieved that it was to be in the school hall. She went along with 50 others (coincidentally our present membership is 51 members) and the rest is history. She found help and support and made many new friends.

By the way her husband returned from the war a broken man only half his previous weight and only half his mind after the massacre at Kut.

Flowers were presented to Jenn White who has been an officer for the last 33 years and to Carol Bangs who joined the WI in 1983 our longest serving member.

Our next meeting will be on 19th June when Sylvie Short will be speaking about Two Churches together - a history of Swaffham Prior.

Visitors are most welcome to come to the meeting at Queens Court which starts at 7.30

Don't forget to come to the Special Community WI Centenary Fete we have planned for 9th June at Bottisham Primary School.

Sylvia Overton 811792

Items covering July and August need to be with the editor by 14th June for inclusion in the July magazine.

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



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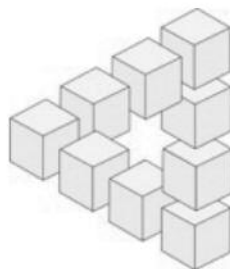
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

The encroachment on my turf by Jolley Old Tony in last month's Cresset, I can assure you readers, did not go unnoticed! The trouble is, I happen to agree with his sentiments regarding the damage inflicted on the skills of 'proper' (Test) cricketers by the short versions of the game. It remains to be seen whether the proposed 100-ball inter-city cricket will take off and, although some professionals such as Stuart Broad are said to be welcoming the new approach, there are serious concerns as to whether the ECB can protect established County Cricket sufficiently to preserve – even improve(?) – the performances of the England Test team. Whilst I understand the commercial imperatives of limited overs cricket, and the need to bring spectators, TV and filthy lucre into the game, surely, five day cricket remains the ultimate test in the sport? A wise friend of mine observed to me recently that "If test cricket is Bridge, T20 is Snap!" Exactly! So perhaps I can return the 'favour' to Mr Jolley by indulging in some encroachment of my own, on the fringes of local political debate! A little bird told me that, at the Parish Council meeting, a degree of exasperation was expressed about cyclists continuing to use roads despite the (expensive) provision of cycle paths; and I believe that some are bewildered, if not irritated, by cyclists not using cycle paths. Firstly, may I say that there are many different types of cycles and cyclists. A commuter on a robust bike with heavily treaded tyres is a lot more adaptable to changes of surface than the Middle Aged Men In Lycra who ride lighter bikes on skinny tyres at higher speed. But, from personal experience, I'll offer ten good reasons why some cyclists prefer the road (despite the appalling pothole situation):

- cycles are vehicles perfectly entitled to use roads
- random start/finish of cycle paths and lanes, forcing you onto roads anyway
- enforced stops at side roads
- cycle paths on only one side of a road force cyclists travelling in opposite direction to cross oncoming traffic
- poor state of repair of many cycle paths
- excessive amounts of debris
- proximity of thorn-shedding bushes/hedgerows, especially when cut (e.g. Bottisham to Quay!)
- limited space for overtaking slower cyclists on narrow cycle tracks
- danger to pedestrians (and cyclists) when track doubles up as footpath
- cycle paths are not designed to cater for road bikes which are built for road speeds

I am not going to enter the debate about whether cycle path funding could be put to better use in support of other services, as I could agree and disagree with both sides of the argument! I just hope my comments help to bring a little perspective to the behaviours in question... We have a long way to go before we can match Holland for road/cycle safety!

As indicated last month, I was privileged to be able to meet England football manager Gareth Southgate recently, at a forum for supporters traveling to Russia for the World Cup, and I found him an impressive and knowledgeable man. He spoke with considerable passion about his plans for England and his ideas for developing 'his' style of play, and he was refreshingly honest about his "over cautious" approach to the matches that ensured England's qualification for the WC finals. He wants to build on that solid start now and give those who can deliver his vision of how the game should be played an opportunity regardless of age and experience. And, if you look at the way the England Youths are playing at the moment in the Under 17 European

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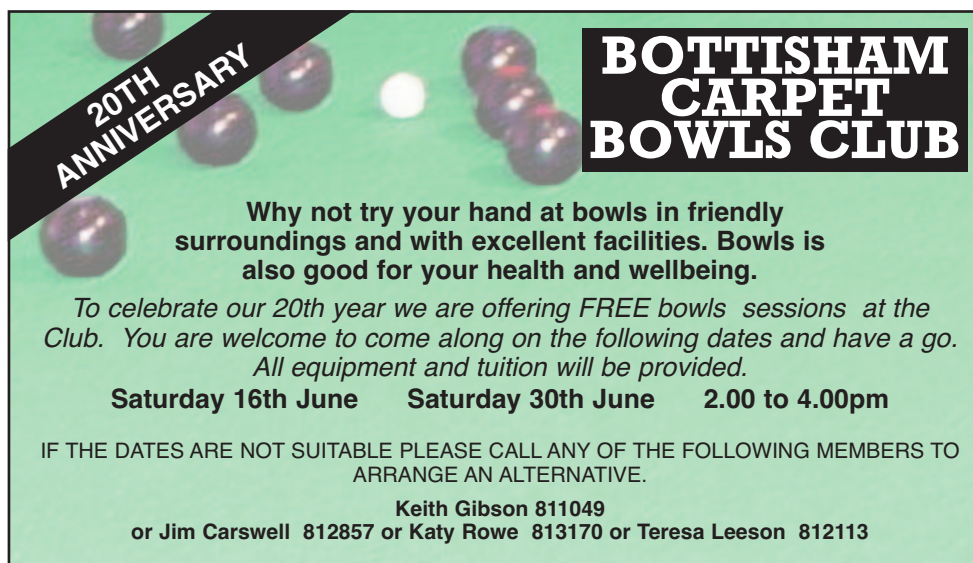
Championship (semi-finalists at the time of writing), you can see a distinct similarity with the style of the senior team... possession, possession, possession, then attack with pace and flair when the opening arises. I like it, but – as GS says – it's always a work in progress!

As well as engaging in a Q&A session on stage, Southgate – with endless patience and humility – also made himself available for individual chats with attendees after the main event, at which time I took the opportunity to challenge him and the team to go public on their disgust at the hooliganism of some of England's followers (particularly in Paris last year and Amsterdam, this). Understandably, he didn't commit to anything specific but we enjoyed a brief discussion of the challenges of attending games abroad and he assured me that our efforts were well and truly appreciated by the players. He wouldn't be drawn on issues of team selection of course but he did reveal that he would not rotate the captaincy in Russia unless compelled by injury... so, my guess is Henderson then! What do you think?

Talking of impressive individuals, it's a shame that Sir Mo Farah couldn't conduct himself with a bit more class in his dealings with our own Bottisham legend, Chris Darling, at the London Marathon in April. After foolishly picking up the wrong water bottle at the station where Chris was on duty, he publicly blamed the volunteers for damaging his performance on the trumped-up accusation that they were only interested in taking his photograph! One does not expect such hubris from a Knight of the Realm but I suppose people often only show their true colours in moments of stress...! TV 'personality' Katie Price, by contrast, showered Chris and his colleagues with appreciation when they rescued her from media harassment after she crashed out of the race with a knee problem. You never can tell, eh?

A quick word about the breaking news that The FA is considering a bid from American businessman Shahid Khan to purchase Wembley Stadium! Already owner of NFL side Jacksonville Jaguars and Fulham FC, Khan has apparently offered a paltry £900 million for the 'crown jewels' of English football. Obviously, there is a lot of this story left to run so, in the meantime I'll limit my comments to a simple **"NOOOOOOOOOOO!"**

TTFN - *Gerry Daish*



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'We want authenticity'

I was rather taken a back the other morning by something the chair of trustees of the charity 'Act for Change' said. It was on the BBC Radio 4 'Today' programme where she applauded 'Twitter' for forcing Sierra Bogess out of the role of Maria in the forthcoming Proms performance of West Side Story. Why? Well as one 'Act for Change' supporter tweeted; "You are a Caucasian woman and this character is Puerto Rican. Stop taking roles from actors of colour." Ayesha Casely-Hayford then declared; "... it shows that we want more diversity on our stages, and not only that, we want authenticity." She went further by accusing the producers of the West Side Story production of 'whitewashing'. And then when questioned about non Caucasian actors and actresses performing typically white European roles, for example in the BBC's production of 'Troy', she implied this was OK because we should celebrate and encourage diversity!!

What a sinister, incoherent phenomenon then this belief in conspiracy theories is. Until I heard Casely-Hayford speak I had not fully grasped the haughtiness of the "whitewashing" mind-set. Furthermore, the extent to which this arrogance and that of 'no-platforming' has become such a driving force in our universities and modern-day media. When this topic was recently covered in one of the 'broadsheets' (Guardian?) the position advocated was that this same mind-set rebukes any one dressed up as someone from another culture and or as someone not of their own ethnicity - referring to this as 'cultural appropriation'. It seems that those who hold these convictions consider themselves cerebrally superior; believing that any criticism of their favourite cause is biased and that the sheep-like masses who disagree with them are either corrupt or brainwashed. They try to appear noble in action even to the extent where their actions tend to be self-defeating and destructive of the judicious social order around them.

My twelve years working with pupils in secondary education taught me to be very wary of the pernicious influence social media has on minds both young and not so young. I believe recent events involving Facebook et al clearly vindicate my mistrust and I make no apologies for continually haranguing unaccountable 'Web' based media platforms. A mistrust that Michael Deacon, writing in the Telegraph, also shares when he writes of how; "furious fantasies' can attract a following of uninformed millions." But of course the freedoms of expression must be defended and in a free society people should be at liberty to act upon their cherished values – but only as long as they don't prohibit others from doing likewise. Nonetheless there are surely ethical limits to the right to protest. Dissent can be defiant or disruptive but its aim should be to raise awareness, change policy or challenge institutions – not to intimidate moral beliefs and certainly not to persecute individuals.

Sierra Bogess has undergone tremendous media pressure stirred up by 'Act for Change' to quit the role which she has now done in a selfless and gracious manner saying; "I had signed on to lend my voice to honour Leonard Bernstein in his centennial year, with an orchestra I have loved singing with for years, following in the long list of (both Caucasian and 'of colour') sopranos who have all sung the score before me." Because she has been 'bullied' out of the role there will be many concert goers bitterly disappointed that the very talented Bogess will not be performing.

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Markers of race are seen as genetically inherited surface features that should be treated as insignificant. Our nation's history, the good and the not so good, has enabled us an insight that has enjoined humanity to look through such differences thus affording a balance between protecting free expression and preventing harassment. In the Bogess matter the line has clearly been crossed. Yes, let's by all means celebrate and encourage authenticity and diversity - but in an enlightened and cultured society it goes both ways.

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Wasn't it Martin Luther King who said, "Judge people by the content of their character, not the colour of their skin".

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club 45th Anniversary Exhibition took place on Saturday 12th May at Bottisham British Legion Club. The event was well attended with a steady stream of visitors throughout the day both taking in the images and enjoying the tea and home-made cakes which were also available.

The President of the East Anglian Federation, Paul Radden, officially opened the Exhibition and was also given the honour of choosing Best Print in the Exhibition from the 193 high quality entries. The winner was "The Lure of the Sea" by Ian Kippax. Alongside the prints there was also a continuous display of projected digital images which had been entered in the Club competitions throughout the 2017/18 season.

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