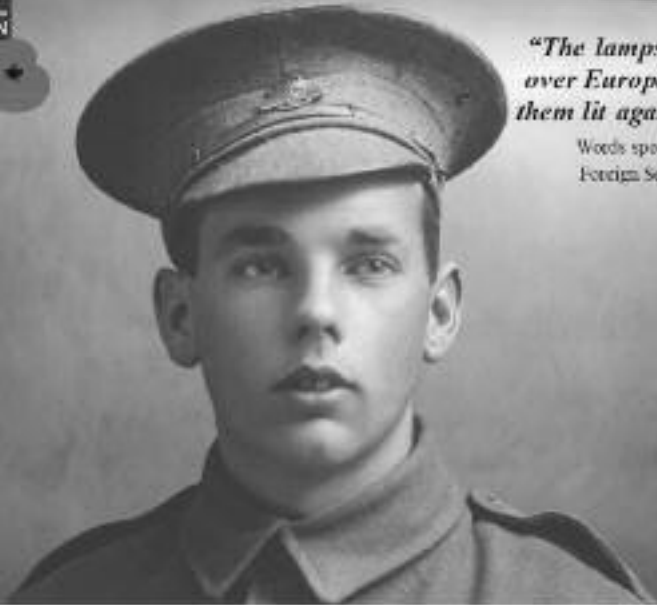


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THE LEGION



*"The lamps are going out all
over Europe, we shall not see
them lit again in our lifetime."*

Words spoken by Sir Edward Grey,
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LIGHTS OUT — One Million Candles to Remember

10 - 11pm, Monday 4th August 2014



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As I write this editorial, I am doing so as an excuse to stay indoors. Outside it is 32°C in the shade, and not much less in the house. However my other excuse is watching The Open. As I watch, Rory McIlroy is playing the most mature round of golf I have seen in a long time. He was destined to win.

We wish all year for weather like this, and then when we get it, it seems to immediately be too much. I am sure somewhere in the world it is 20°C all year round. But then that would be boring, wouldn't it?

Bottisham matters now. (That, just that, would be a good mission statement for the Parish Council!).

A few planning applications are listed in this month's magazine. While East Cambs. District Council are the planning authority, all plans are available for neighbours and Parish Councils to comment on and put forward recommendations, or objections to applications and I hope that all parties affected make their voices known. If you don't speak up, you are never heard. That has to be a mantra for many things in life, but when it comes to matters affecting communities and your neighbours, it is even more important.

Hugh & Maureen Rogers are a well known couple in this village. Over many years they have been at the centre of village life. Hugh, from editing *The Cresset* magazine to chairing the Staine Hundred Society, to writing several articles and books on life in Bottisham, has been at the centre of cultural life here. If you have not read 'The Forbidden Path' or 'Bottisham Second Millennium', then you need to ask around for the loan of a copy. The detail of life past in Bottisham is fascinating. Hugh was one of those people who did what others think of in retrospect. That was to talk to as many of the elder residents and record their knowledge while memories were fresh.

His wife Maureen was a very involved member of the WI, and if you gaze in wonder, at the large tapestry of Bottisham life that hangs in the Bottisham surgery reception, then it is there thanks to Maureen, who organised the making of the panels and put the whole thing together. Between them they have been steeped in all things Bottisham. Now in their nineties, they have moved to Bristol to be near their son. We wish them well in their new home.

One happy post note was passed to me by Wendy Warder. It links to Tony's 'Jolley Old World', where he comments on Hugh's wartime activity in Lancaster bombers. Hugh told Wendy that one of the staff where they have moved to had spoken to him about another chap who lives on the housing complex who is 94 and flew in the War. Only turns out that Hugh knows him because they flew together. Amazingly small world! You can read Jolley Old World on page 51.

Other matters now. Last month saw the traditional Trinity Fair take place in the Church and Churchyard. Bit of a squeeze for some, but the venue lends a unique atmosphere to this traditional event. Fine weather blessed the occasion and your Editor also got blessed by having the winning ticket in the raffle! All round a very good day!

BVC ended the students' year with the now traditional 'Prom'. It is the one night that students let their hair down, in the surroundings that they have 'endured' for most of their young lives. I hope they all had a great night and I also hope that those who live next door were not disturbed too much.

I know the younger folk nowadays are much more relaxed about boy/girl relations, but it is a generation thing. (My daughters put me right about these things). It brings back some memories, of my schooldays when a dance was organised with girls coming from our neighbouring all girls school in Glasgow, to be the main attraction at our all boys school. You wouldn't believe how shy we boys could be. I am sure the girls were of a similar mind. However out of school it was a different matter!

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(Editorial continued.)

I hope you enjoy your summer, and do enjoy this month's magazine which has lots of details of activities over the summer.

Finally I would remind you that one of the most traumatic events of British life was instigated 100 years ago at 11.00pm on the 4th August. We appreciate little now of the impact that had on life in Bottisham, but believe me it was immense. To get a flavour of that, do come along to The Royal British Legion at 10.00pm on the 4th and share in the atmosphere. I shall enlighten you with a sad Bottisham story. PW

Holy Trinity Church

Services in August 2014

Sunday 3rd	11 a.m.	All-Age Service <i>Dr Mike Young</i>
Wednesday 6th	8 p.m.	Compline by Candlelight <i>led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 10th	11 a.m.	Holy Communion <i>Revd Roger Bowen</i>
Sunday 17th	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Lawrie Marsh</i>
	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 24th		No service in Bottisham
	10 a.m.	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Bulbeck
Sunday 31st	11 a.m.	Holy Communion <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>

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Bottisham Patients' Group

For many of us July and August are months for maintaining or even improving our health and wellbeing by going on holiday, so there's little to report about the Group's activities since our July article. However, there is just this one plea from the Medical Practice:

Water, water, everywhere! • No, this has nothing to do with the weather. Our nurses are being inundated with specimens – particularly urine specimens – left in the specimen box on the reception desk, with no indication of why they are there or which doctor asked for them. Some don't even have the patient's name! If you have been asked to bring in a specimen, please write your name and date of birth on it, and the name of the doctor or nurse who requested it. If you have decided for yourself that you should have a specimen tested, make sure your details are clearly shown and why you need a test, so we can ask the lab what to look for. We have some forms to accompany specimens, which are in the red collection box at reception. Please complete one and put it with your specimen in the plastic bag.

Walking Group • The PG's August walks will be led by Steve Gilson, our accredited walk leader, on Friday 8th and Wednesday 20th starting from the surgery car park at 11.00 am. Anglesey Abbey walks continue weekly on Thursdays at 13.30 from the Visitors' Centre. All patients are welcome on all these walks.

Another 'Heart Start' session • Our session in February was oversubscribed so we are planning to offer another one of these highly entertaining and useful first-aid mornings. Would you know what to do if your partner, child, or friend needed emergency life support? Learn what to do at **The British Heart Foundation's HEART START** session on a Saturday morning soon from 9.30 am to 12 noon at the Surgery. Watch this space for the date, then you can book your free place by emailing or phoning 01223 811770.

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LIGHTS OUT is an invitation to everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm until 11pm, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection to mark the 100th Anniversary of the date Great Britain entered the First World War.



Available from 4 July

The Royal British Legion in Bottisham invites you to take part in this national moment of reflection and we will be holding a candle-lit vigil to mark the Centenary.

If you would like to please bring one of the special Centenary Candles, available from your local M&S (www.marksandspencer.com). All profits from the sale of Centenary Candles will support serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans of all ages and their families. Please come and pay your respects to all those who sacrificed their lives during this conflict.

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Memorial Poppy Garden

Back in November last year, Mrs Williams and students in the Horticulture group planted the poppy seeds. They tended them until March when the bed was prepared and the seedlings planted out. The garden was officially opened in May in a ceremony attended by Mrs Evans, representatives from the British Legion and members of Year 9. It was a very emotive ceremony, being accompanied by Mr Tooley playing the last post.

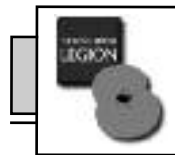
But why a poppy garden?

The use of the poppy was inspired by the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields". Its opening lines refer to the many poppies that were the first flowers to grow in the churned-up earth of soldiers' graves in Flanders. The poem was written by Canadian physician and Lieutenant, Colonel John McCrae on 3 May 1915 after witnessing the death of his friend, a fellow soldier, the day before. The poem was first published on 8 December 1915 in the London-based magazine, *Punch*.

In 1918, American YWCA worker Moina Michael, inspired by the poem, published a poem of her own called "We Shall Keep the Faith". In tribute to McCrae's poem, she vowed to always wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance for those who served in the war. In November 1918 she appeared at a conference with a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed 25 more to those attending. She then campaigned to have the poppy adopted as a national symbol of remembrance. In 1921 the poppy was adopted by Field Marshal Douglas Haig, a founder of the Royal British Legion.

Now, in the weeks before Remembrance Sunday, The Legion holds a fund-raising drive, during which artificial red poppies are offered to the public in return for a donation to the Legion. Every poppy helps us to support the British Armed Forces past and present, and their families.

The Legion now has a campaign to cover the UK with poppies during the centenary period in commemoration of all those who lost their lives in the First World War. B.V.C.'s poppy garden is their contribution to this.



The Royal British Legion Social Club

June saw the Club busy with the World cup and thanks go to Will from **Fable Farm, Quy**, for providing the BBQ at the First England game and his generous donation of profits to the Poppy Appeal. ● The Quiz night was enjoyed by all the teams with the top position going to a newly formed team after a close fought battle. Thanks go to Kate, Rob & Peter for setting the questions, to quizmaster Peter Walker and score adjudicators George Buchanan & Alan Folland. Entry fees & proceeds from the raffle meant that over £160 was donated to the Poppy appeal. ● In July we had the Wing beat Animal Encounters which gave much excitement with all the animals on show. The Ferret racing was hilarious. Look forward to another visit. ● We also had the 'Schools out disco' for 13 to 17 year olds which proved very popular and was well managed. Thanks to all involved.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Line Dancing every Tuesday and Wednesday (except the first Wed. in the month.)
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Monday August 4th

From 10.00pm to 11.00pm The Bottisham Royal British Legion will join the Nation in reflecting on the moment when Britain entered WW1 • Join us at 10.00pm, when a candle will be lit for an hour. See separate notice in *The Cresset*.

Royal British Legion - Bottisham & District Branch



POPPY APPEAL

The 2014 Poppy Appeal will take place between 25th October and 8th November.

The Poppy Appeal is the largest contributor to the Benevolent Fund of the Royal British Legion.

Offers of help from new collectors for house to house collections would be appreciated. It will take only a few hours and it is a very worthy cause. Last year we raised nearly £5000 from house to house, static point collections and donations and I hope we can raise even more this year. **If you have been a collector in the past and are unable to assist this year for any reason please let me know ASAP—telephone 01 223 811792.**

John Overton, Poppy Appeal Organiser

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RE:NEW

Do you recognise my voice?

A few weeks ago I received a telephone call and a man said, 'Do you recognise my voice?' I didn't! Thinking it might be a 'cold call' I was on the verge of hanging up when he said 'I used to live next door but one to you.' After a bit more puzzling I realised that I was speaking to my childhood best friend, with whom I had grown up, and whom I hadn't seen or spoken to for forty years.

I arranged for us to visit him and his wife at their home in Rutland, where we spent a very happy afternoon recalling all the escapades and adventures of our youth, and catching up on the missing years. We parted determined to keep in touch now that contact has been restored.

As I pondered on that meeting it made me think of my own journey of faith. I had been involved with Sunday School and church for most of the time my friend, Dave, and I were friends together, but then I lost contact with God and wandered far away, forming new attachments, making new commitments, so that God and Jesus were no longer a part of my life. In fact I no longer believed in them at all. But then there came a time when I was surprised by God in much the same way that my friend's phone call took me by surprise. Through various circumstances it seemed as though God was saying to me – 'Do you recognise my voice?' And I did. Contact was restored and the missing years were caught up, and I now have a Friend who I am in touch with every day and who has transformed my life.

Jesus spoke about being a Good Shepherd. In Jesus' times a shepherd didn't drive his sheep with dogs, he led them and called to them and spoke to them. Each flock of sheep recognised the voice of their own individual shepherd and would only follow him. At night all the different little flocks would be brought into a common sheepfold for safety and the shepherds would sleep in the gateway to prevent the sheep straying. In the morning each shepherd would stand by the gate, call out his own sheep and lead them away to pasture.

Jesus said, 'The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.' [John's Gospel, Chapter 10, verses 3-4]

Perhaps there is someone reading this who has strayed away and lost contact with God. Maybe he is there saying, 'Do you recognise my voice?' Perhaps he is calling you. Perhaps now is the time to get in touch again.

At RE:NEW there are many people who have had similar experiences. Why not come and see if this is the time and place where you can hear what God wants to say to you – and maybe to make some new friends too? Peter Wells.

RE:NEW Services in August 2014.

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10 August 10.30am	RE:NEW Café style (at the School)
10 August 6.20pm	Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)
17 August 10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
24 August 10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
24 August 6.20pm	Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)
31 August 10.30am	RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

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at Bottisham Village College**




We are currently fundraising for a baby grand piano which would help to make our main hall a wonderful venue for recitals and rehearsals. Some of you might remember our existing Bluthner piano which is nearly 70 years old, a beautiful piano in its day but unfortunately now too costly to repair.

When we have our new piano, we thought it might be a perfect opportunity for someone from the community to start a musical society for the local residents or perhaps someone has other ideas for a community event or project so that the village college facilities can have a broader use.

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Parish Council Notes

I start off with encouraging news for the village. Parish Council has been actively looking for land to purchase for many years to provide facilities for the village such as a playground. The search for a new cemetery has also become more urgent as the current one nears capacity. We have approached various landowners in the village regarding purchasing some land but this has been unsuccessful. Councillor Altham has been in discussions for some time with the National Trust. At a recent meeting the National Trust were very keen to look into the possibility of us making a compulsory purchase of approximately 2.2 acres of land off of Lode Road. The National Trust has no objection to the land being used as a play area and gradually being brought into use as a cemetery. It is very early days and there is a lot of investigative work to be done still but this is very positive news for the village.

Adam Cobb from County Council Highways came to our July meeting to discuss the plans and costs for the forthcoming traffic calming measures on Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane. He clarified that the speed cushions will be a pre-formed all in one piece rubber instead of the traditional asphalt. Reasons that the County recommended this were because they could not be 100% sure on the location for the Tunbridge Lane speed cushions due to the bend in the road. They had particular concerns about motorcycles coming round the bend and hitting the speed cushions. They would prefer to trial and move location if needed. The rubber cushions can be moved very quickly if needs be. Adam confirmed that the statutory process is now complete and he anticipates installation within the next 8-12 weeks (approximately September).

After failing to get anyone to respond to our correspondence with regard to maintenance of the footpath, the barrier around the ditch and general maintenance at the David Wilson Homes site at Ox Meadow, we wrote to the Chief Executive of the company. Someone came out to look at the site this week and will report back to us as soon as they are able.

County Councillor Shuter confirmed that it has been agreed that a new local secondary school needed to be built by 2018 due to growth in the area. They had looked at using land currently used for allotments in the city but this had been met with resistance. They also looked at the park and ride site in Newmarket Road but Marshalls owns this and were not keen on the idea. The only other option was to build on the greenbelt. There is some opposition to this but it is agreed that this is the only option. It would be an area south of the A14 between the Quy roundabout and the airfield.

Residents may have noticed leaflets and advertisements in the shop explaining proposed changes to the post office. The proposals mean that the counter service will disappear and it will become a local office where a desk will be offered at the front of the shop. There are concerns over privacy and security. A consultation is currently taking place and residents are encouraged to read the leaflets and send their comments in.

There have been suggestions regarding putting some flowerbeds on the triangle area of the village by the shops. This would require a lot of maintenance and we are enquiring as to whether there are any local businesses that may want to sponsor the flowerbeds. Through having their name advertised on a plaque this would pay for the upkeep of the beds.

The proposed application for 24 dwellings on the Crystal Structure site has been refused by the Planning Committee at East Cambs District Council. Reasons for refusal were lack of 2 bed dwellings, insufficient parking provision, unsuitable road layout and lack of employment opportunities. We expect a further application to be forthcoming.

After reading the exciting news that Bottisham may at last get a playground and new cemetery and also that the long awaited traffic calming for Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane will be installed soon, I hope that this will encourage residents to come forward and apply to become a parish councillor. We have had a vacancy for some time now. Obviously there is a lot of work ahead and nearer the time lots of people will have ideas on what the play area should be. Certainly lots of people have contacted me in the past with their ideas. We really need people to come forward and help with this and other projects. It is very hard to instigate and progress projects such as these when we are low on numbers, please contact me or our Chair Christine Bryant *(Parish Council Notes continued on page 23.)*

(Parish Council Notes continued.)

(telephone number in back of Cresset). If you would be interested in joining the Parish Council and taking an active part in the village that you live in.

Please note that Parish Council now have a summer break and the next meeting will be 1st September in the Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion.

PLANNING

- 14/00468/FUL Bendyshe Hall, 84 High Street; Single storey side extension and front porch; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00444/FUL 51 Tunbridge Lane; Two storey front extension; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00475/FUL 109 High Street; Demolish damaged wall and rebuilt; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00537/FUL 122 High Street; Timber cladding to rear extension; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00617/FUL 11 Trinity Close; Demolition of a range of timber sheds and lean to's and construction of a new ground floor side extension; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/000751/FUL 2 Woodward Drive; Conversion of existing detached garage to part garage, part playroom with link to existing chalet bungalow and 1st floor extension above; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00664/FUL 69 High Street; Extension and alteration of existing property following demolition of rear Conservatory to allow division of single dwelling into two separate dwellings; NEW APPLICATION
- 14/00480/FUL 28 Peacock Drive; Single storey side and 2 storey rear extension – resubmission; APPROVED BY ECDC
- 14/00423/CLP 9 Parsonage Barns; Single storey rear extension; APPROVED BY ECDC
- 14/00359/FUM Crystal Park, Tunbridge Lane Erection of 24 dwellings, new access and associated works; APPLICATION REFUSED BY ECDC

BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you wish to apply or find out more information please contact: **Christine Bryant**, Chair – Tel: **811767** or **Claire Fullwood**, Clerk – Tel: **07914 219732** (e-mail: clerk@bottishampc.org.uk)

East Cambs District Councillors' Notes

CRYSTAL STRUCTURES SITE, BOTTISHAM

On 2nd July, the Planning Committee considered the application to change the use of the Crystal Structures Site off Tunbridge Lane from employment to 24 dwellings. The committee visited the site previously in the morning. The meeting heard presentations from the planning officer, the applicant, a neighbour in Tunbridge Close and Claire Jackman of Bottisham Dental Practice. An offer from the Practice to buy part of the site had previously been rejected by the owner. The Practice wished to expand to include other health-related services, and their lease of their current building next door may end. There were also written statements from the Parish Council and Kevin Ellis.

There was much debate by the members of the committee and Robert Stevens gave an appraisal of the situation as he saw it. The committee voted unanimously to refuse permission because of the loss of potential mixed residential and employment use, insufficient parking provision, unsuitable road layout (no pavements were proposed), a lack of two-bedroom dwellings and the lack of employment opportunities.

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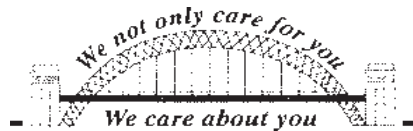
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To the Editor

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There's a lot more information at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk, about the rollout across the county, broadband speed checks, and how to get fibre broadband once your cabinet goes live. Also see the separate article in this month's Cresset.

John Harris

Dear Editor,

As a caring owner of two small dogs (not that size matters) I would like to make my feelings known as to how biased I feel The Cresset's reporting on dogs is. I do understand why people get annoyed, nothing makes me angrier than to see piles of dog poo left where I and others walk, and I personally always carry a pocket full of poo bags with me to pick up my dogs mess.

Now for my gripe, CAT owners who carry no responsibility for their pets what's so ever. And I believe cats would out number dogs by at least 3-4/1 in this village. They already this year have killed two broods of blackbirds in my and my near neighbours gardens then there's the smaller birds what would have perished to them also, not only birds but owners of small pet rabbits have commented on cats stalking their pets whilst having them out in their gardens playing, and now the poo question how many people who enjoy gardening only to unearth or even find it uncovered around their garden and property? (NOT NICE). I also wonder what owners of cars would do if the neighbours German Shepherd climbed onto its bonnet to have a warm kip.

I know cats wander and instinctively hunt, but so do dogs but they have been more integrated into our domestic lives and controlled more in what they do. Yes you get the odd irresponsible owner but on the whole not so. I spend a lot of money on wild bird food trying to keep their numbers up, so I do get annoyed to find piles of dead bird feathers in my garden, maybe a collar on the cat with a bell may help.

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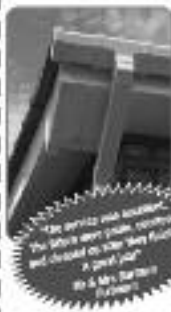
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Bottisham Community Library

The best item of Library news is that we now have **FREE WIFI** connection in the Library. There is a password which changes each week that is shown on the new College publicity and Information screen in the Library

Good news from the book sale on 12th July. We raised over £76 – not a great amount but we sold a lot of books. Thanks to all for their support, volunteers, those who donated books and those who came and bought books on the day.

We had a larger attendance than in previous years at our AGM on 1st July where the committee was re-elected en bloc with the addition of new member Ali Jones. Valerie Leake has returned as Chairman and Helen Cole was thanked for steering us through the past 4 years. Ed Compton Head of English at the College with responsibility for the Library gave an inspiring talk and explained his and the College commitment to the Public Library Service.

There is once again a Summer Reading Challenge arranged by Cambridgeshire Libraries. The subject is **Mythical Maze** and is designed for young readers. It will follow the same lines as previous years and more information can be found either from the library or on the following website www.mythical-maze.org.uk.

We are hoping to recruit some new volunteers to cover sessions. Comprehensive training and support is provided and there is flexibility in the number of hours and sessions worked. Please volunteer if you can. New members are most welcome and it only costs £1 to join the association.

Sylvia Overton

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Bottisham & District Gardening Club Annual Show Saturday 13th September 2014 – 2-4 pm

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To be opened at 2 pm by Richard Ayres MBE



*Plants and flowers, fruit and vegetables, baking and preserves,
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Refreshments - Raffle - Produce auction

Section 1 Fruit and vegetables

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 potatoe
8. 1 truss of cherry tomatoes
9. 1 cucumber
10. 5 chillies
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 apples
15. 4 pears
16. 3 sticks of rhubarb
17. A display of fruit not covered by other classes

Section 2 Flowers.

Mrs K Hogben Cup; William Hogben Cup; Rose Bowl; Flower Basket Award

18. A specimen rose
19. A vase of 5 different garden flowers
20. 3 cut dahlias - one variety
21. 5 cut geranium (pelargonium) blooms
22. A flowering pot plant
23. A foliage pot plant
24. A pot-grown cactus or succulent
25. A basket of summer flowers
26. 3 flowers & foliage (buds permitted) no more than 12"/30cms wide

Bottisham & District Annual Gardening Club Annual Show

Section 3 Baking and preserves

The Gardening Club Cup

All baking exhibits to be covered in cling film or a polythene bag.

27. A jar of fruit jam or jelly
28. A jar of marmalade
29. A jar of lemon curd
30. Apple pie: short-crust pastry, may be decorated
31. 5 fruit scones
32. 5 pieces of shortbread
33. A fruit cake: your own recipe
34. A sponge cake: your own recipe
35. A loaf of bread: hand or machine-made

Section 4 Crafts

Handicraft Cup

36. A hand-knitted or crocheted article
37. A piece of embroidery, tapestry or cross-stitch
38. A hand-made cushion
39. A pin cushion

Section 5 Painting & drawing

Reg Lambert Cup

40. A painting: any medium
41. A drawing: any medium

Section 6 Photography

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Unframed, unmounted and not exceeding 17.5cms x 12.5cms; maximum of 3 entries per class per exhibitor.

42. Plants
43. Animals
44. Family and friends
45. Local architecture
46. Something magical

Section 7 Children's

These classes are open to primary school-aged children; please state age on entry form.

47. Any of the above classes

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Public Transport Matters

I do get asked all sorts of questions regarding these articles. Most of my information comes from various newspapers and I rarely need to press lots of buttons and speak to companies direct. A recent article in the Financial Section of the Mail on Sunday alerted us to the fact that 'ferries could be left stranded by pollution rules'. There are to be strict new EU emission targets ref. sulphur. The M.P. for Hull East has warned of lost jobs, higher fares, effects on tourism and more freight on the roads. We then read that DFDS had already announced that their ferry service from Harwich to Esbjerg in Denmark would close at the end of September. We have travelled the North Sea with DFDS for many years – the Hamburg and Cuxhaven routes were closed and now Esbjerg is to close too. We decided on a sentimental journey with them – joined as it turned out by many passengers in the same frame of mind. We all swapped stories of happy holidays touring Scandinavia. People were, however, very cross – families losing a close link, etc. It has already cost DFDS £100 million for new technology for their ships. Our route to Harwich by train from Newmarket via Ipswich and Manningtree proved interesting! Our conductor advised us of the best connections and we had a nice cuppa at Manningtree but then we hoped there weren't many unimpressed foreigners on the train to Harwich as the announcements had got totally out of synch. and were always announcing the one we had just left! We were taken back in time by doors not being automatic on the trains and having to exit in the old way by opening the window and using the handle from the outside. Something that always panicked me as a young teenager travelling alone – could I do it in time! On the return journey we were told on arrival at Ipswich that an earlier train to Cambridge had been delayed and so we were in time to catch it despite our late arrival. This turned out to be false info. too! We retreated to the café and got the later train but were given a customer comments card to fill in for Abellio greater Anglia! DFDS and PO ferries are also facing problems with their Channel services due to the MyFerryLink run by Eurotunnel. The Competition and Markets Authority is on the case (The Times).

The Cambridge News is, of course, a great source of information – and yes, I know that you can't believe all you read in newspapers! Mike Petty's Looking Back articles often mention our area – recently the Beeching closure of the Bottisham/Lode station in 1964. It had been used by dairy farmers as a centre for milk distribution but would now become offices. There had originally been a stationmaster, three clerks, two signalmen and an assistant porter said the porter, the only remaining staff member. Mike also writes of the small branch railway line from Ely to St. Ives constructed in 1866. There is quite a story of its history – a war-time bomb, arson. There is now a facebook site as enthusiasts try to revive interest in it or contact Brian Watson on 01353/777006. 'The Ely & St. Ives Railway' by Peter Paye is published by the Oakwood Press at £14.95. It is a 100 years since Edward Thomas wrote the poem 'Adlestrop' about a sleepy platform in the Cotswolds – stations where you had to stick your hand out to stop the train (The Mail). As we remember 1914, we are reminded too that he would be killed in the war. We are told too of John Betjeman as being the patron saint of threatened branch lines and of his poem 'Ditton Marsh Hall' – 'for in summer the anglers use it, two and sometimes three, will bring their catches of rods and poles and perches to Westbury, home for tea'.

It was in 1848 that coachmaker George Shillibeer introduced the first regular London bus service (The Times). I wonder what he would have made of Oyster cards. Stagecoach offer special fares to regular travellers. I have heard again from National Express – they won't stop at the A1303 bus stop. I have shown the correspondence to Hilton Park staff. We came from London to Parkside at 7.30 p.m. and found the 727 about to depart for Norwich and Newmarket via the A1303. I pleaded for a lift in vain! We had a taxi. A variation of the Newmarket/Bury bus connection is to take the rural route of the no. 16 run by Suffolk rider. We recently returned on it from Bury and then connected easily at Newmarket with the Bottisham bus. Seeing all the new-build houses in the Red lodge area was interesting –

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so little parking available and the poor old bus driver having to negotiate round parked cars. It also goes to Newmarket railway station.

There is a Super Off-Peak Return for £16 from Cambridge to London – firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/explore. Advt. in the CN. The Mail informs us of the new service available at some railway stations – click and collect stores – pick up your internet purchases as you travel. It is called Doddle!

www.greenerjourneys.com – new research shows that if you invest in Britain's bus network, you open the door to economic expansion. Could there be a new tax allowance – the Bus Bonus? Employees could have vouchers to help with commuting by bus. The unemployed and the young could be helped by public transport to work. KPMG analysis shows it could boost the UK economy by £74.8 million a year (The Times).

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Paddy James



Superfast broadband is coming soon

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New green cabinets in this area are going live with fibre broadband between September and December 2014 which means many homes and businesses will soon be able upgrade to faster internet services.

You can find out about when your postcode area is expected to be connected and if your nearest fibre cabinet has gone live by visiting the 'my area' pages on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk

Click on the 'my area' button on the home page and select your parish or area from the A-Z list. Each page has links to the coverage map showing the status of new fibre cabinets serving each postcode area and useful information about how to get superfast broadband.

Meanwhile, look out for Openreach engineers installing new green cabinets in your area. Connecting Cambridgeshire 'Fibre broadband is here' stickers will be applied when they go live.

Need help using the Internet? Your local library can link you up with someone to show you how, or call Cambridge Direct Contact Centre on 0345 045 5200 to find your nearest access point.

Q: Do I automatically get superfast broadband when the cabinets have gone live in my area?

Broadband speeds on the existing infrastructure will not automatically increase with the fibre upgrade. Residents and businesses will need to contact their existing or a new Internet Service Provider (ISP) to discuss options to get new fibre broadband services. You can check this by contacting ISPs directly or using a comparison website such as BroadbandChoice.co.uk, CompareTheMarket.com and ordering a fibre package.

Q: Do I have to order superfast broadband from BT?

No. The fibre broadband infrastructure is available to all Internet Service Provider (ISP) to use. We have made ISPs aware of the high demand for better broadband across Cambridgeshire to ensure that services will be available from as wide a range of providers as possible, but ultimately it is up to them to provide a service.

You can check who is offering a service in your area by using a comparison site such as BroadbandGenie.co.uk, CompareTheMarket.com. It is up to you to find the best broadband package for your needs.

Q: What speed will I get?

The speed of your broadband connection can depend on how far your home or business is from the cabinet. Generally, premises within a 1 kilometre radius of the new cabinet can expect to be able to access speeds in excess of 24Mbps. However, speed can also depend on the service ordered from your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and the condition of existing cables both inside and outside your home.

You can find out more about broadband speeds here: <http://www.increasebroadbandspeed.co.uk>

When the superfast roll out is complete more than 90% of the county will be able to access speeds above 24Mbps.

Q: Will all premises in an area get improved broadband at the same time?

Not always, and this could be for several reasons:

- Some villages will be served by more than one exchange and those exchanges may be upgraded at different times.
- Each exchange area may have different types of fibre or other technology deployed and some will take longer than others to plan and deliver. These will include Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC), Fibre To The Premise (FTTP) and alternative technologies such as satellite.

The technology needed for remote locations and exchange only lines will take longer to plan and roll out so premises in these areas may have to wait until later phases to be connected. Take a look at our 'my area' pages for more details on timescales for the roll out in your area.

Q: Where can I find out more?

A very useful and frequently updated guide to superfast broadband (and broadband services in general) has been developed by telecoms expert Mark Heath, a Broadband Champion for Connecting Cambridgeshire is available here: <http://www.increasebroadbandspeed.co.uk/about-fibre-broadband>

You can find lots more information on the Questions and Answers page on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk

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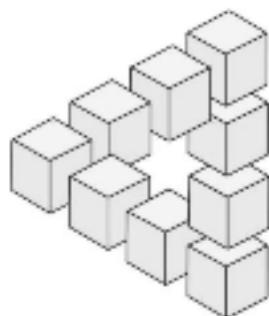
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

In the midst of one of the most intensive periods of international sport this country has witnessed for many a long year, your Sports Nut finds himself pondering a myriad of could haves, should haves, what ifs, might have beens, eggs and baskets! In the space of a few crazy weeks, we've had the World Cup, Wimbledon, Test Cricket and Le Tour de France and it's no exaggeration to say that the British contestants, and sadly the English in particular, have failed to inspire!

The cricketers have been in the doldrums for a good while now, not having yet recovered from their drubbing in Australia last winter when they surrendered the Ashes so meekly, leaving confidence at a low ebb and serious question marks against both the batting form and the captaincy of Alastair Cook who, surely, must soon be relieved of his terrible burden, despite Root and Anderson finally giving us something to cheer in the First Test v. India.

Then normal service was resumed at Wimbledon as Novak Djokovic underlined his supremacy again by taking the men's championship, whilst Murray flattered to deceive until encountering Gregor Dimitrov, the lean and hungry young Bulgarian, in the quarter final. Disappointingly, Murray's triumph last year is resigned to the flash-in-the-pan file and, after 37 years, we still seem no nearer to unearthing the next Virginia Wade!

At the time of writing, the Tour de France, so enthusiastically welcomed to our doorstep on 7th July, has proved an unmitigated disaster for our countrymen as first Cavendish, then reigning champion Froome, crashed out within the first four days. The latter's exit precipitated considerable criticism of Sky's David Brailsford who left Sir Brad out of the team's TdF line up on the basis that the terrain was better suited to others and the team leader favoured his own chosen lieutenants. "What, no plan B?" they cried; "Fancy putting all your eggs in one basket!" they lamented, as Tasmanian Richie Porte was asked to fill Froome's shoes as team leader. But Brailsford's record does not suggest that many of his big decisions are wrong, now, does it? Sharp and ruthless as ever, he pointed out with a shrug that "Normally, the guy with the best plan A tends to win."

The 'eggs in one basket' metaphor brings me nicely to the topic you're waiting to hear about! Did it strike you that so many of the teams in the World Cup – especially the supposed 'top' teams – were over-reliant on one player who they expected to carry them to victory single-handedly? Italy (Pirlo), Uruguay (Suarez), Portugal (Ronaldo) all made early exits, and even Holland (Robben) eventually failed to break down a resolute Argentinian defence which tied up their cheating, 'flopping' (as the Americans call it) talisman. But the starkest example of this weakness was, of course, poor Brazil who lost all belief, shape, ability and pride in facing the impressive Germans in their semi-final without their golden boy Neymar. Poor Neymar, too, who had a fractured vertebra courtesy of a horrible, knee-first challenge from Colombia's Zúñiga in the brutal quarter final tie.

One can't help thinking that the deliberate softly-softly approach of the referees throughout this competition was partly responsible for Neymar's plight. If the violence had been dealt with more robustly, earlier, then perhaps the Colombian would have thought twice before perpetrating such a vicious assault.

By the way, at the risk of being totally negative about one of the most spectacular events in football history, I know I am not alone (am I Tex?) in wondering if the art of tackling is becoming lost for ever! Why do most man-on-man tussles result in fouls? Why are so many players incapable of making a clean tackle without wrestling or diving in through the man? What are the elite refereeing authorities thinking of, being so selective on applying the laws of the game? There seems no such thing as persistent infringements any more. And don't get me started on diving, dissent and manhandling of officials! Watch out you grass roots players and referees...

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So, what did the intrepid Bottisham Four make of the Copa do Mundo Brazil 2014? Well Manaus was memorable, Sao Paulo was perishing, and Belo was beautiful! Up in the north, when we still had hope in our hearts, we laughed off the 90% humidity, marvelled at the River Amazon and the jungle, enjoyed the splendid 'Amazonian basket' stadium, and even harboured some optimism over England's 'unlucky' opening defeat. Then we flew south to the concrete jungle housing the 20 million people of SP, where our world cup dream died at the hands of a serial biter, while we froze on the rickety, exposed, temporary Corinthian Arena stand. The magnificent English supporters were mostly 'demob happy' by the time we watched the bore-draw versus Costa Rica in Belo Horizonte and it does them credit that there was not a single 'boo' to be heard. On the contrary, we sang our hearts out as the sheepish squad came to wave goodbye at the end before they went home to count their money. We actually stayed in the same hotel as the England team here, but I guess their journey back was slightly more comfortable than our sweltering walk-bus-walk-taxi combination and they were long gone by the time we showed up!

Anyway, congratulations to Germany for being worthy champions (they really were the best team weren't they?), and we sincerely hope that the lovely, kind, Brazilian people recover quickly from their disappointment and rediscover the fierce pride in their country that keeps them smiling despite the huge socio-economic and political challenges they face every day. The real legacy of the world cup, in my humble opinion, is the way that sport brings people of all nationalities, creeds, colours, ages and genders together and promotes the concept that, whatever your affiliations, you are a part of something much bigger, more powerful and more important than anyone as an individual.

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Jolley Old World

Why should we be bothered?

Firstly may I use this column to say a fond and appreciative farewell to Hugh and Maureen Rogers. They are leaving the village to live nearer to their son in Bristol. Both have contributed an awful lot to the life and character of this village and I know they will be sorely missed by many. Should you ever watch aerial footage of the sinking of the German Battleship Tirpitz while it was in the Norwegian Fjords in 1944; remember that it was Hugh flying the 'Lancaster' that did the filming. And of course Maureen - a very talented seamstress who gave a lot of her time to the Village College and to the WI. Very best wishes to you both on your new adventure.

Not surprisingly you might say I've had my ear bent by the 'management' at home over the length of my last article - referred to as 'the sermon'. So just in case others felt the same may I apologise for the duration of the last discourse, I'll try to keep this one much shorter. However having said that so much is going on around us, internationally, nationally and parochially, that I've found it very difficult to know just where to start and in particular how to find a balance that doesn't suggest a bias one way or the other. After several attempts I've failed dismally to remain indifferent. So here goes with some alternative arguments put forward by some commentators who are apprehensive with the direction of populist opinion on a couple of sensitive topics troubling us all nationally.

Let's start with this media driven clamour to delve into purported physical and sexual abuse by 'people with power' going back over fifty years or so. Certain incidents of what modern day society now labels 'abuse' were considered years ago to be part of 'growing up' and becoming 'street wise', but where contemporary society has become guilt ridden because of perceived past failings. Rather than let paranoia set in it is suggested we remain level headed and be very careful not to judge those occurrences by the rules applicable nowadays. No of course it doesn't make what allegedly happened acceptable but surely a line has to be drawn beyond which we let sleeping dogs lie. Some psychologists have a serious anxiety that if we persist along this path it will cause immense emotional damage to those people who in private feel they were abused but who want it to be kept that way rather than have the past raked up. Take the case of the forty something woman who committed suicide last year over some form of abuse at her school as a teenager. She was married and had children and had 'privately' learned to live with the past. Was it the actual abuse itself that caused her to take her own life or was it the fallout from the investigation rummaging into the past?

Following on from this there is the debate as to whether a person should be publicly named before they are charged with an offence. For it is argued that by so doing you are declaring a person guilty until proven innocent. Naming a person suspected of 'abuse' to see who comes forward with allegations is said to be an open invitation to mischief making. What of professional people have had their lives and careers destroyed even though cleared of the charge. And what recourse in law does this person have on the 'system' that made the allegations, and if there is some form of reparation how will this restore the person's worthy reputation and upright character to where it was before the mischief making started?

Just possibly, if not held in check, we could be seeing the start of a very slippery slope!

And so to matters more parochial:

After the long debate in the Cresset concerning access to village recreational space and play areas we hear that Parish Council had declined the offer from the College on some tenuous grounds that the area would be difficult to 'police' and would cause a nuisance to residents. I'm sure most of us would accept with gratitude the offer made by the Village College and thus move forward to create a 'recreational' benefit for the village that can be *(Jolley continued on page 53.)*



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(Jolley continued.)

enjoyed now rather than in years to come.

It has also been revealed through the hard work of Bob Stevens, one of our District Councillors that the Public Open Space (POS) in Ancient Meadows was always intended to have nursery play equipment installed there under the conditions placed on the developer. Interestingly Parish Council has always argued to the contrary and is reluctant to take on the responsibility for this area. Hopefully Bob's 'informed' research work will enable this decision to be constructively reviewed in the very near future.

And so to the long awaited Traffic Speed Calming for Bell Road and Tunbridge Lane which was again reviewed by Parish Council at its July meeting – this time the reason being that Councillors could not bring to mind the 'engineering' of the schemes and what is being done and why. I hear that the revised installation date is now September – hopefully this year!

I do accept and appreciate that we are lucky to have people that give of their time to matters local and that in the main Parish Councillors work hard for the village. Having attended Parish Council meetings as an observer and as an occasional contributor I do wonder sometimes though at the discourtesy shown to members of the public and in particular to our District Councillors. Furthermore the quality of debate and the direction given and the course taken is sometimes totally bemusing. To delay decisions today in the hope of something better being round the corner tomorrow is to my mind imprudent. There's neither time nor place for complacency or 'roundabout' discussions when there is an urgent responsibility to deliver the amenities this village continues to ask for and so badly needs. I'm sure we'd all offer encouragement to Councillors to seize opportunities when they arise and to ensure village business is delegated and conducted in a timely manner with enterprise, proactivity and drive - as one resident put it to me; "where there is a will there is a way".

So, why should you be bothered? Well, put quite simply; because this is your village too. We all expect appropriate amenities to be provided that will sustain a good quality of life for us and our families. Too many of us talk about what needs to be done rather than getting off of our backsides and getting involved with what actually needs to be done.

Come on! Let's all be bothered about what happens in our village and get involved! TJ

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8 BPG Walk 11.00am at the Surgery
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SEPTEMBER

- 2/9/10/16/17/23/24/30 BRBL Line dancing
9 BVC Adult evening class enrolment
9 BBPC Welcome back meeting 7.30pm
13 GC Annual Show
16 BBPC Kite aerial photography

OCTOBER

- 7/8/14/15/21/22/28/29 BRBL Line dancing
25 Poppy Appeal starts

GC = Bottisham & District Gardening Club meets at BRBL Poppy Restaurant at 7.30pm

BRBL = Bottisham Royal British Legion Social Club

BBPC = Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club meets Tuesdays at Lode Chapel 7.30pm -
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WI = Meet at the BVC Lecture Room at 7.30pm

Lib = Bottisham Community Library Assoc.

MU = Mother's Union meet at Lode Chapel 2.30pm Third Thursday

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There is now a diverse selection of digital cameras available and some of you may be interested in developing your knowledge further. You are welcome to join the club, or attend any meeting as a guest – see below.

The club has a friendly welcoming atmosphere and during the evening there is a break, when members are able to exchange knowledge and experiences. The members are a wide group of photographers and invited guest speakers give presentations on a range of topics. In addition there are member's practical evenings and internal competitions, leading on to Inter-club and national events.

At the Welcome Back evening, members/visitors are invited to bring 3 prints (visitors any size) or 3 digital images on a USB stick (ideally sized as 1400 X 1050 sRGB) of photographs taken during the summer. Members who were competition winners last season are also invited to display some of their prints/images

We congratulate Daphne Hanson, Hon. Secretary to the club for many years, who has been awarded the prestigious 'Distinction in Awards for Photographic Merit' - DPAGB by The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. In addition, in February 2014 at the AGM of the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF) Daphne was elected President Elect of the Society and will take up her post as President in 2016. Daphne previously served as President from 1998 – 2000.
Barry Coles, Publicity Officer

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Welcome Back: See above

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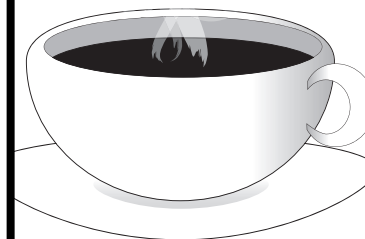
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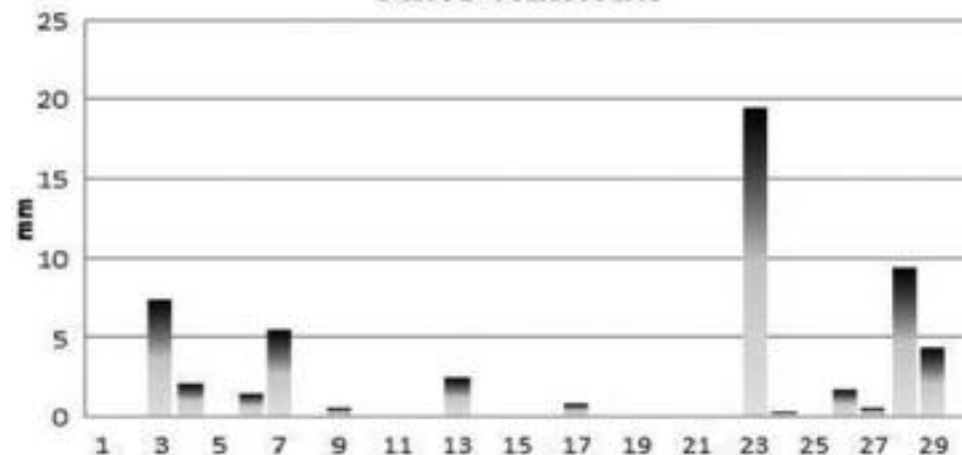
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June Rainfall



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