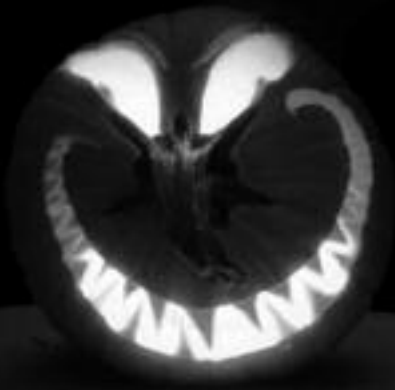


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Welcome to your September Cresset.

If I ever need to assess how many people actually read my monthly ramblings, I only need to include in my editorial some mention of a personal ailment to get immediate feedback. I got a good assessment last month when I reported from America on the sad state of my back.



It seemed that every other person I spoke to when we returned was asking me for an update on the progress of my back. Forgetting about the inclusion of the details in last month's editorial I asked the first questioner "How did you know about my bad back?" It might as well have been on the National news. Good to know that people actually read my efforts.

Speaking of National news, or should that be International news, the result of the Scottish 'Neverendum' has come as a disappointment for some and a delight for others.

I make no apologies for saying as a proud Scot that I was firmly in the No camp. One of the benefits that I have always maintained by being born north of the border, has been that I am British AND Scottish. The fact that I am Scottish I see as an added bonus, just as I think many English, Welsh and Northern Irish are proud to be British and with the added bonus of having that additional identity of their own background.

If Scotland had broken away from the United Kingdom, it would have been a loss for all sides, including those of us on this side of the border, as many have said. It would have left us both diminished, weaker and poorer.

Of concern now in Scotland is the fact that even with the No vote, Scotland and the Scottish people will never feel the same again. In the latter days of the campaigning there were some harsh and ugly words spoken. It is certain that there will be many bruises to heal and promises to fulfil.

However I am sure there are enough sensible heads to put together, to ensure that Scotland, as part of The United Kingdom returns to its place as a major contributor to the continued development and growth of this 'Great Britain'.

Back closer to home, life goes on and we have another offering for you. This month's Cresset heralds the real start of Autumn and while the weather at the time of writing indicates we may be having an Indian Summer, it is the loss of the evening daylight that brings it home that winter is approaching.

Those jobs that need doing in the garden all revolve around tidying up after the summer's growth and pruning, dead-heading and scarifying the grass are the kind of tasks to be done.

Add to that the fact that the clocks will change back to winter time (Sunday 26th October) before you get your next Cresset and we will soon be sitting round the fire trying to keep warm. So do enjoy any remaining warm days while they last.

Also enjoy this edition of the magazine. Amongst the regular articles, Tony Jolley expands on his views on the Commonwealth which given the current highlighting of 'National' issues makes some pertinent comments for the future. The 'Sports Nut' continues his travels and reports back on all things football. Paddy James reports on her travels by public transport and again provides us with useful information. Another sign of winter is The Bottisham Players advertising their first production of the season and tickets go quickly.

Halloween at the end of the month creates more opportunities for fun and several events are planned on that theme. Plenty to be going on with, so enjoy the magazine and the rest of the month.

PW

PS. For those interested, my back is still keeping me off the golf course!



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ST MARY'S CONCERT

Saturday 25th October 2014 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Swaffham Bulbeck

To commemorate World War 1

Orchestral and choral music including Joseph Haydn's mass

'In Time of War'

There will be a retiring collection for St Mary's Church and Help for Heroes.



Holy Trinity, Bottisham - Services in September 2014

Wednesday 1st	8 p.m.	Compline by Candlelight led by Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 5th	11 a.m.	Harvest Service with Baptism Revd Sue Giles
Sunday 12th	11 a.m.	Holy Communion Revd Elizabeth Caswell
Sunday 19th	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Revd Sue Giles
	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 26th	10 a.m.	Benefice Communion Revd Sue Giles

N.B. Since our Harvest Service will be combined with a baptism there will not be a Harvest Lunch this year.

Details of other services in the Benefice are on the notice board in the church.

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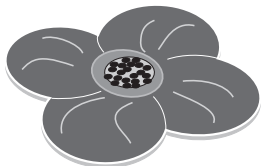
Anyone planning to go to Europe to travel around the WW1 battlefields and cemeteries might wish to take with them a wreath or remembrance cross which we can make available in return for a suitable donation in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Contact John Overton, Branch Chairman on 811792

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POPPY APPEAL

The **2014 Poppy Appeal** will take place
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*The Poppy Appeal is the largest contributor to the
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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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Saturday 1st November 6pm – 10pm

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The re-introduction of the small but extremely rare Tansy beetle made the headlines at the beginning of September. The beetle with its metallic green appearance was last seen on the Fen over three decades ago. Its last stronghold in the country is a 30 km stretch of the Great Ouse, nr York. As the beetle had a good breeding year up North, the decision was made to relocate around 200 beetles to Wicken. It gets its unusual name because it mainly eats tansy, a perennial herb.

Walking is a great way to get out and enjoy the rich colours of autumn. This October we have a range of walks at Wicken Fen as part of the Trust's Great British Walking Festival. We start with **Walk with a Ranger** – a short introductory walk around the fen every Wednesday from 1 – 22 October, 2.30 -3.30pm. **Walking in the Footsteps of Wicken's scientists** – (1 -24 October, 10am -3pm) is a self-guided trail looking at some of the scientists who have been associated with Wicken's fascinating history. If you fancy a longer walk we have **Walk the Fens** on Saturday 18th - the day starts at 10.30am with a five mile walk returning to Wicken for lunch with a further five mile walk in the afternoon leaving at 1.30pm. You can join for either or both walks. Please note this is a social walk with a leader, rather than a guided walk. Finally you have the opportunity to lose the shoes and try our **Family Barefoot Walk** on Saturday 25 Oct, 10am -3pm. The trail will take around 30 minutes with activities and challenges en-route. Trails (£2 per child) will be available from the Visitor Centre.

Our popular Mucky Pups programme for under 5s continues with **Autumn Animals** on 8 & 9 Oct - sessions run from 10.15 -11.45, tickets £4 can be booked from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274. For the half term holidays we have **Autumn Adventure**, a mix of games, craft and outdoor fun on 28 October and **Batty Halloween** on 31 October. Sessions run from 10.30 -12.30pm or 2-4pm, tickets £4.75 per child are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895 – advance booking essential.

Down at Anglesey Abbey, we have **Awesome Autumn** throughout October. This is a chance to enjoy the gardens amazing autumnal colours, create some wild art, play conkers and jump around in huge piles of leaves. You can also learn how to climb trees with professional instruction from the Big Tree Climbing Company. Sessions (minimum age 6+) are being held on 28 & 29 October and cost £16.54 for a one hour session. Tickets can be booked on-line by following the links from the Events page of the Anglesey Abbey website.

Finally, we will be illuminating the gardens for our **Winter Lights Festival** for three weekends starting on Friday 28 November. This year we have an extended route and new lighting and effects to enjoy. Tickets (Adults £11.50 Children £8 Family Ticket £35) are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

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As I write this things are getting tense! It is less than a week to the referendum on Scottish independence. Whatever happens many people are going to be bitterly disappointed. We should be very grateful that this is taking place through a democratic process. All over the world fragmentation is taking place. Countries are divided. People are engaged in bloody struggles for separation; for independence. These divisions may be along racial, tribal, historical, political or religious lines: sometimes all of these things inextricably bound up together. And they result in bitterness, hatred and violence.

Surely it is a fundamental part of our humanity that we thrive best in community? Surely we are better together? Surely we should be breaking down barriers, not building them? Uniting, not dividing?

Part of our very humanness is sharing knowledge; sharing resources; sharing lives. We read that the first Christians *'were one in heart and mind. No-one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.'* [Acts 4:32]

Yet, in spite of that, when we look into the early church, through the lens of the New Testament, we see groups of believers struggling with division and fragmentation – Jewish Christians against Gentile Christians; groups polarising around different leaders. Much of the New Testament, particularly in the letters to these infant churches, is a plea for unity – that we are better together.

St. Paul likens the church to a body with each part needing the other and no part being able to function alone. The New Testament appeals to us to love, honour, respect, encourage, serve, and forgive one another. To live in peace with one another.

Admittedly the church historically has not always lived up to these high ideals – and probably still doesn't – but the challenge remains with us today, especially to those of us who are seeking to follow Jesus. Our present society is marred in so many ways by division and fragmentation, often resulting in loneliness and isolation; in non-communication and disconnection. We need to work at creating communities where people can find support and friendship, honesty and compassion, openness and trust. The churches need to be at the heart of such communities working alongside each other, and alongside other individuals and organisations. We are better together!

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Peter Wells

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- 12 October 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)
- 12 October 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)
- 19 October 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
- 26 October 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)
- 26th October 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

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Would you also like to take part in some of the activities and events we have planned, either as a participant or a volunteer?

For example please come to our first Community Learning Day focussing on 'Swaffham Bulbeck's War' from 10.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday October 9th 2014 at Red2Green. If so please let us know you are coming – see contact details at the end of this article.

Red2Green have been successful again in securing funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, this time 'to carry out a year-long programme of activities exploring the Second World War and its impact on the village of Swaffham Bulbeck'. These activities will bring together Red2Green's adults with autism, adults with learning disabilities, school children from Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School and Bottisham Village College, and local people, and will include:

- 5 Community Learning Days at Red2Green focussing on Swaffham Bulbeck's War (October 9th 2014), Rations (12th January 2015), Codes (10th February), Lies and Spies (22nd April), and Fashion (21st May)
- Visits to both Duxford Imperial War Museum (10th to 13th November inclusive) and Bletchley Park (16th to 19th March 2015 inclusive)
- Opportunities to record oral and video histories of local people's experiences of the war (over 5 days in late November and early December 2014), and share these (and other discoveries) at a
- Commemoration event planned for 10th June 2015 which will include the burying of a time capsule.

If you want to know more and / or get involved and / or have 'memories' or artefacts to share with us please call in at Red2Green, or phone 01223 811662 or email nigel.fenner@red2green.org.

We look forward to working with the local community to deliver together on this fantastic project. Thank you.

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Bottisham Players are in the last few weeks of rehearsals for their latest performance of **DING DONG!**, the cast are enjoying the laughter created by this crazy dinner party with a twist, director Grahame Radford is pleased with the show and as he is also in the cast, enjoying having all the ladies after him! Val Quy is playing the put on house maid who spends most of the evening tossing a coin to decide the menu, as well as making a pass at Grahame's character Bernard, Robert played by Trevor Kartupelis brings along a substitute wife played by Marion Hadley but has a terrible shock when he thinks his real wife Juliette, played by Sue Tennent arrives, so what started off with Jacqueline played by April Cook having an affair with Robert, who by the end of the play is having an affair with who? Come and find out! shows start at 7.30 each evening, first night Thursday 16th October running for 3 evenings, tickets available from Bottisham Post office, Chris Clark hairdressing and Tina's of Burwell also available on the door. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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We will be at Queens Court again on 7th October to fill shoe boxes with goodies for disadvantaged children in Europe. We filled more than 20 last year. If you want an excuse to buy new shoes we will be happy to have the empty box.

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We have received £353.84 from the two electrical recycling collections in the village and another will be taking place on Thursday 4th December. There was discussion about possible uses for this money ranging from a revised village website to planting for The Triangle, although it was agreed that more frequent cutting of the grass in this area could make it look tidier overall.

The Clerk had received a copy of the letter that Mr Alf Laister sent to the Cresset and had replied saying that negotiations with the National Trust are at an early stage and there are no proper plans for the site at present. Cllr Bryant reminded councillors at the September meeting that the land is being purchased primarily for provision of a new cemetery and that any other uses of the site, such as for a play area or additional allotments, could be considered once the site is in the ownership of the Parish Council.

Cllr Altham said that the National Trust cannot sell the land off of Lode Road to the Parish Council but would encourage us to compulsorily purchase the site. The Parish Council have spent considerable time looking at possible sites within and around the village to identify a site that would be suitable as many potential areas are affected by drainage and watercourses. It was agreed that Parish Council would contact the District Valuer's office to find out the cost of purchasing the land.

The Chair brought Tony Jolley's article in last month's Cresset to the attention of councillors and encouraged them to read it as some had not yet received their copy by the date of the September meeting (1st). It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting.

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The Floral gardens include the Parterre garden which is best viewed from the first floor of the Hall and these have been restored to as it was in Victorian times with 6,000 box plants to form the hedges and filled with 10,000 bedding plants (red geraniums and blue salvias) all grown on site from seed. Latterly some of the beds have been filled with small shrubs to save bedding out plants but these of course need trimming.

Most recently the walled garden has been restored with apricots trained on the walls, an herbaceous border and with many David Austin roses planted in specially prepared beds. The green houses have been repaired. Well worth a visit in any season. There are many lovely trees in the grounds too.

We shall be holding our AGM on Tuesday 28th October at 7.30pm and new members are welcome to attend.

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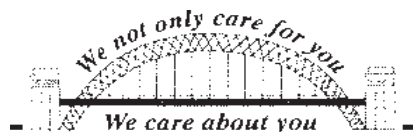
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Enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake, the proceeds of which will go towards buying items to make up incomplete boxes and shipping costs.

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Contributions are required to cover the suggested £3.00 "shipping" donation of each box, which can be gift aided making every £1 worth 25p more. Boxes are made up for either a boy or girl with the age categories being 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.

If you are unable to pop along to St Cyriac's on 18th October but have a contribution, please do contact me, **Janet Willmott, on 01638 743472 or 07833 960678**, and I will arrange for collection.

Thank you so much!

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Public Transport Matters

Having, obviously!, an interest in public transport I was interested to read in The Times an obituary of Werner Franz. He was the last surviving member of the crew of the Hindenburg airship which caught fire in 1937 as it approached the mooring mast at the Lakehurst naval station in New Jersey after a 3-day flight from Frankfurt. He was a 14-year old cabin boy and had already flown to Rio de Janeiro, a 12-day round trip, and also Brazil, when he had passed the sister airship, the Graf Zeppelin, at midnight in the middle of the South Atlantic. I travelled to Canada in 1953 by Cunard liner – now you can even connect to America and Canada from Marshall's airport! How developments have speeded things up.

The new charging method at the Park and Ride sites continues to be a subject of concern in the letters page of the Cambridge News. Local people too are affected and contributing to the debate – some are using the local buses but for some that isn't practicable. The website parkatmyhouse.com has Cambridge addresses. Sadly on the day that my own letter was published – citing the rural buses and 'Use it or Lose it' as you never know when you might no longer be able to drive - my younger son fell and broke his wrist. Needing to commute to London from a village with a very poor bus service has proved difficult. The Dartford crossing method of payment by throwing a coin in a collection box has been quoted but that is due to change from October 14th to the Dart Charge – a remote payment method by telephone or gadget.

Kindness to us dithering oldies is always appreciated – we took the 727 National Express coach to Norwich from Newmarket. We do not know Norwich well and were hunting Jarrols in the centre of town. We checked with the local bus driver that we should alight at the first stop, alighted and then stood wondering in which direction we should go. The cheerful driver then alighted and informed us that if we went downstairs and out of the back door of Boots, by which we were standing, we were nearly there! The returning coach was cancelled due to a fault so we had a half hour wait but were relieved to be back in Newmarket just in time to connect to the no. 11 at 6.10. We had noticed when waiting for the coach in Newmarket that the shelter no longer had information about National Express services – the 727 and 490. Indeed on the stop sign by Hughes there is just a broken part of a sign saying 'al' – presumably the former National Express one. I contacted National Express regarding this and they have replied with thanks and are getting it organised. I also pointed out that we were only at the Newmarket stop because they have refused to allow us to hail the 727 on the A1303 at the Bottisham stop. It is again being considered for future review.

Having local bus knowledge can be useful – returning from an afternoon in Bury St. Edmunds there was again a cancelled bus (this is usually quite rare!). We saw the 16 to Newmarket through the villages awaiting passengers and told people near us in the long queue that we were going to take that route instead. A pleasant ride back through the Fornhams, Red Lodge, Mildenhall, Kennett and Kentford was enjoyed. We waited just a few minutes at Newmarket Bus Station and then were joined by all the people on the replacement bus who told us of their long wait standing in the queue!

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To the Editor

Dear Editor,

We wish to thank all the many friends who have telephoned or sent cards to wish Peter a speedy recovery after his unexpected operation at Papworth Hospital.

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us both, and it is good to know that such a caring community still exists in our village which we are so lucky to live in.

Many Thanks

Wanda and Peter Bullock

Dear Editor,

The Bottisham surgery dispensary – an individuals view

I read with interest that the surgery will welcome Beverley Weller-Lewis as the new Manager for the Dispensary. I also read that there is an acknowledgement that the dispensary has been under some pressure for several months.

It's hard for me to understand how the Dispensary can justify the waiting time of 48 hours or more if over the weekend for a repeat prescription. Most of the time the medicines what you require are on the shelf behind them why can't they simply pick them off and give them to you. Because of the competition in Pharmacies these days this is what they do with some even delivering them to your home for free.

I understand in some circumstances a Doctor may need to be consulted and 48 hours is not unreasonable in these instances.

The normal repeat prescription should be immediate, yes I repeat you go to the counter and get it straight away like any other product.

If this is not possible then a reason why would be welcome, we get lots of information informing us of the dispensing times and the need for us as the customer to be patient, such a request would be unthinkable in a retail shop, but we get no valid reason as to why it takes longer to get your prescription from our surgery than anywhere else.

In the current climate business is consistently re-looking at service levels to its customers and monitoring its staffs productivity with a view to giving improved service to their customers and our Surgery's Dispensary should be no different.

S.Bennett

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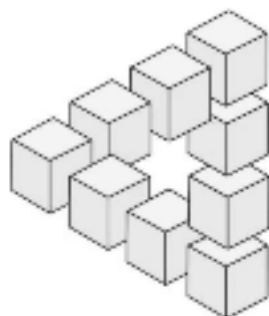
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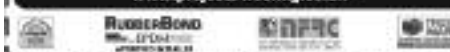
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

This edition found your scribe sitting in the sunshine outside a bar in Münsterplatz, opposite the beautiful cathedral in Basel, in something of a reflective mood. But it wasn't the impending Switzerland v England Euro 2016 qualifier I was contemplating; the idle chatter of friends over a beer brought me closer to home, thinking of absent friends.

We have sadly lost a couple of local stalwarts of our community recently, two remarkable gentlemen who I had the privilege of knowing mainly through the sporting family. I'm sure everyone will join me in offering heartfelt condolences to their respective families and friends.

Firstly there was Harry Boal, bona fide WWII hero, entrepreneur, sportsman and Derby County fan. Having narrowly avoided an ill-fated RAF mission to Germany in 1944, Harry possessed an enviable joie de vivre and proved an outstanding companion, whether frustrating you on the snooker table, joining the lads on a charity bike ride, or tramping through Hitler's back yard at the Kehlsteinhaus en route to the Munich Oktoberfest. I will never forget Harry telling a new German friend in Munich that this was his first visit to Germany with a passport! A life well lived... Harry we miss you!

I knew Gordon Brown less well, but the former coal merchant, accountant, businessman and multi-talented sportsman was highly respected in the local villages, particularly in the football world, having run the Swaffham Sunday side for a number of years. Another life well lived. One of his last acts was to support his Veterans team at the Nifty Cornell charity football tournament at Lode Passage at the end of August, and one hopes that future events will remember and celebrate the life of Gordon as well as Nifty, both having been taken way too early.

So here we were, the growing band of Bottisham England Fans – 5 of us this time – enjoying Basel, living in the day, for the day! True, we were still shaking off the disappointment of both our early exit from Brazil and also the dull, sterile performance against Norway in the previous week's friendly at Wembley; but we were strangely optimistic over the prospect of meeting Switzerland, a match anticipated to be the toughest test in the entire qualifying campaign. Perhaps it was the return to competitive football, perhaps it was the easy-going nature of the Swiss, or the wonderful, clean, cultured atmosphere of Basel, but – whatever it was – we couldn't wait to see what Roy Hodgson's new blend of youth and experience, captained by a suddenly matured Rooney, would produce. (Did anyone notice Rooney's TV interview after the announcement of his captaincy? Elocution lessons, methinks! Credit where it's due – well done Wayne!)

Well, England played with heart and verve and determination and were a proper 'team' for a change. Players who had been devoid of confidence began to grow in stature and Wellbeck finished the two decisive moves of the game with a certainty that probably reflected his new status in Arsenal's ranks. Sterling's quicksilver movement and inventiveness suggests that he will be unlocking international defences for years to come and Aston Villa's Delph made a very energetic contribution on an outstanding debut. Thus the infamous 'diamond' formation finally worked a treat for Roy Hodgson and the three thousand plus England fans left the St Jakob Park stadium deliriously singing his name and dreaming of Paris in 2016.

Incidentally, whilst wandering round Basel the day before, we were filmed by an ITV camera crew for part of a montage they were compiling as an introduction to the game. Once the footage was 'in the can' the camera man called after us, "I suppose your wives do know you're here do they? Because they will soon!" So we had a quick laugh and a chat with them and they confided that they chose us because "it was nice to see some England fans without lagers in their hands"! We hardly had the nerve to tell them we were walking between bars at the time!

Carpe diem, people!

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What Better Cause...

It's now late-August and I have to start this article for the October Cresset now as we will be away when the September deadline is reached. I have however been pre warned by 'Sports Nut' that in light of the 'Commonwealth Games' he questions the point of the Commonwealth and asks what purpose it truly serves.

But before I pen a response to this let me firstly say how appalled and disgusted we should be with the manner in which South Yorkshire Police and the BBC connived on what some would deem unethical spotlighting of an as of yet innocent man. If a suspect is to be named then 'fair play' let alone the 'rule of law', both strong traditional British Values we are told, insist they must be charged with an offence first. This is of course the very point I was alluding to in a previous article – it's just a matter of time before the mischief makers and the compensation seekers and the grudge bearers jump on the bandwagon. How long then before all public figures and celebrities of that era are under suspicion – easy targets perhaps! Surely, on the revelation of the recent brutality and atrocities performed by British nationals in Northern Iraq and the unmasking of sexual abuse of young girls in Rotherham, the Police, the BBC and the Political class should instead concentrate their efforts on weeding out the 'fanatics' that the 'tolerance' and 'political correctness' of this country has ashamedly cultivated and has now become infamous for!

And so, moving swiftly onto the topic of the Commonwealth. 'Sports Nut' has set a challenge by suggesting the Commonwealth is an anachronism – tough talking indeed. But before I say whether I agree with him or not let's first remind ourselves of what the Commonwealth is:

The Commonwealth or Commonwealth of Nations is essentially a group of 53 countries formed from the old British Empire who, despite de colonisation and independence from the 'mother country', wish to remain united primarily in language and in a set of shared values involving democracy, human rights and most importantly the rule of law. None of these countries has been obliged to be part of the Commonwealth – it's of their choosing, and in all cases the foundation of their written constitutions can be found in Magna Carta. Our Queen is the head of the Commonwealth and is also Monarch to 15 other Commonwealth countries in addition to England. Until Britain joined the EU trading bloc you could add to the above list of attributes trade affiliations.

Of course the most recognised characteristics of the Commonwealth are the Commonwealth Games and the Commonwealth Heads of Government legislature. But it also comprises the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the Commonwealth of Learning and the Commonwealth Business Commission to list but a few.

If you're following these 'Jolley Old World' articles you have no doubt read in previous submissions my references to matters and all things quintessentially English or British – sport is no exception. And many would argue that Britain has invented and provided the rules for the most popular sports played around the world.

Indeed research has shown that many Commonwealth nations play similar that are considered quintessentially "British" in character, rooted in and developed under British rule or authority, including , , , and . This has led to the development of friendly national rivalries between the main sporting nations of the Commonwealth that have often defined their relations with one another outside of sport. Undeniably these rivalries have preserved close ties even as the Empire transformed into the Commonwealth. Playing these sports is seen to be a sign of sharing a certain Commonwealth culture; the adoption of is seen as symbolic of the country's chosen move towards Commonwealth membership. But not only this – some of the lesser developed countries of the Commonwealth *(Jolley continued on page 57.)*



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(Jolley continued.)

would not be able to generate sportsmen and women capable of Olympic competition if it were not for the opportunities and financial support presented to them by participating in the Commonwealth Games.

The 'Games' in particular has produced many medal winners from the lesser developed nations that have gone on to become Olympic medallists and champions. These triumphs have thus surely bolstered world recognition not only for the medal winners themselves but also for their countries. Equally it will have elevated the self believe, aspirations and esteem of their fellow countrymen. But have we forgotten that, and should we be thankful for, the close ties between Commonwealth nations in providing a stabilising influence amongst these nations' relationships globally. This steadying influence is achieved through a 'Charter' which brings together the values and aspirations of democracy, human rights and the rule of law which unite the Commonwealth.

The 'Charter' expresses the commitment of member states to the development of free and democratic societies and the promotion of peace and prosperity to improve the lives of all peoples of the Commonwealth - of greater importance now than ever before with the threat of 'extremism' coming from a number of quarters and on the very doorstep of many of the developing Commonwealth countries. The Charter also acknowledges the role of civil society in supporting the goals and values of the Commonwealth whose policies are shaped individually and collectively by the member countries.

Nonetheless and to conclude on a slightly more cynical note, some would suggest that if the UK ever left the EU it would turn to the Commonwealth in an endeavour to restore a trading alliance - a growing market covering 25% of the world and a third of its population generating 17% plus of world Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

So 'Sports Nut' aka GD - no! I don't think I can agree that the Commonwealth is an anachronism - not just yet anyway. **What better cause than these!** *TJ*

Bottisham Community Library

The summer reading challenge the **Mythical Maze** has now finished and those who read 6 books over the summer holiday received their medals and certificates in late September. It is encouraging that we had so many youngsters taking part in this scheme especially as we read that fear of being labelled "a geek" by their friends means that just three in 10 enjoy a book in their own time. Remember that young people that read at home on a daily basis are 13 times more likely to perform above the level expected for their age in literacy.

The Winner of the World Cup Quiz was Stephanie Clarke of Milton and a £20 cheque has been sent to her. Hopefully a local resident will win our next quiz.

Fran Platten is holding a **JUMBLE SALE in FASSAGE HALL LODE on SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER FROM 2 - 4PM** and has kindly agreed that the proceeds will be shared between Sustrans and our Library Association. We are grateful to her. If you have any jumble for these worthwhile causes please take it to the hall on the morning of the 11th between 10.30 and 12pm.

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 7 WI Shoe box filling
 9 WEA meetings start 7.30pm
 10 Healthy walking group 11.00am Surgery car park
 11 Jumble Sale in Lode
 16–18 'Ding Dong' by the Bottisham Players
 18 Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes at St Cyriacs SB
 21 WI Dr John Walters on The English spirit distillery BVC 7.30pm
 24 Addenbrook's Charity tea part for breast cancer.
 25 Poppy Appeal starts
 27 Saplings fund raising fun day.
 28 Gardening Club AGM, Poppy room 7.30pm
 29 Healthy walking group 11.00am Surgery car park

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 1 BRBL Family disco
 2 Lode Marathon
 7 Swaffham Bulbeck Firework party
 8 BRBL Poppy dinner
 9 Remembrance Sunday service Bottisham
 25 Gardening Club, Poppy Lounge 7.30pm

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On September 9th Bottisham Medical Practice welcomed Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspectors to the surgery as part of a pilot project to inform the inspection of GPs' practice which will commence formally in England this month. During the day the inspectors spent with the doctors, nurses and Practice staff, the Inspection Team Manager interviewed the Patients' Group's Chair and Secretary. She questioned us in a friendly way for one and a half hours, listening attentively to our answers, noting our comments in detail, and encouraging us to share the PG's views about how patient participation can be enhanced to benefit patients more. The full report of the inspection will be published in three to six weeks' time and will be available at the surgery and on the Practice's website: www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk.

• **Heart Start session** This session on 13th September, offered by the British Heart Foundation to help people learn how to cope with life-threatening situations, was postponed for lack of interest. We plan to offer it again after Christmas.

• **'Flu Clinics** Yes, it's that time of year again! If you are over the age of 65 or are in the clinical 'at risk' groups, i.e. have a chronic health condition or are pregnant, you are recommended to have a 'flu jab every year. Bottisham surgery will be open to give you your jab on:

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• **Healthy Walking Group** The PG's October walks will be led by Steve Gilson, our accredited walk leader, on Friday 10th and Wednesday 29th, starting from the surgery car park at 11.00 am. Anglesey Abbey walks continue weekly on Thursdays from the Visitors' Centre starting at 10.00 am; not at 10.30 am as advertised here last month. We apologise for misleading walkers. All patients are welcome on all these walks.

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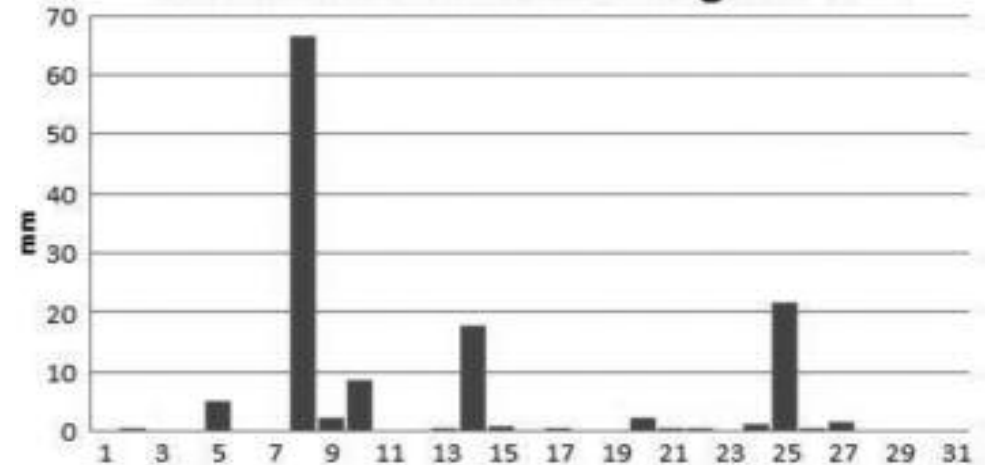
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Bottisham Rainfall for August 2014



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