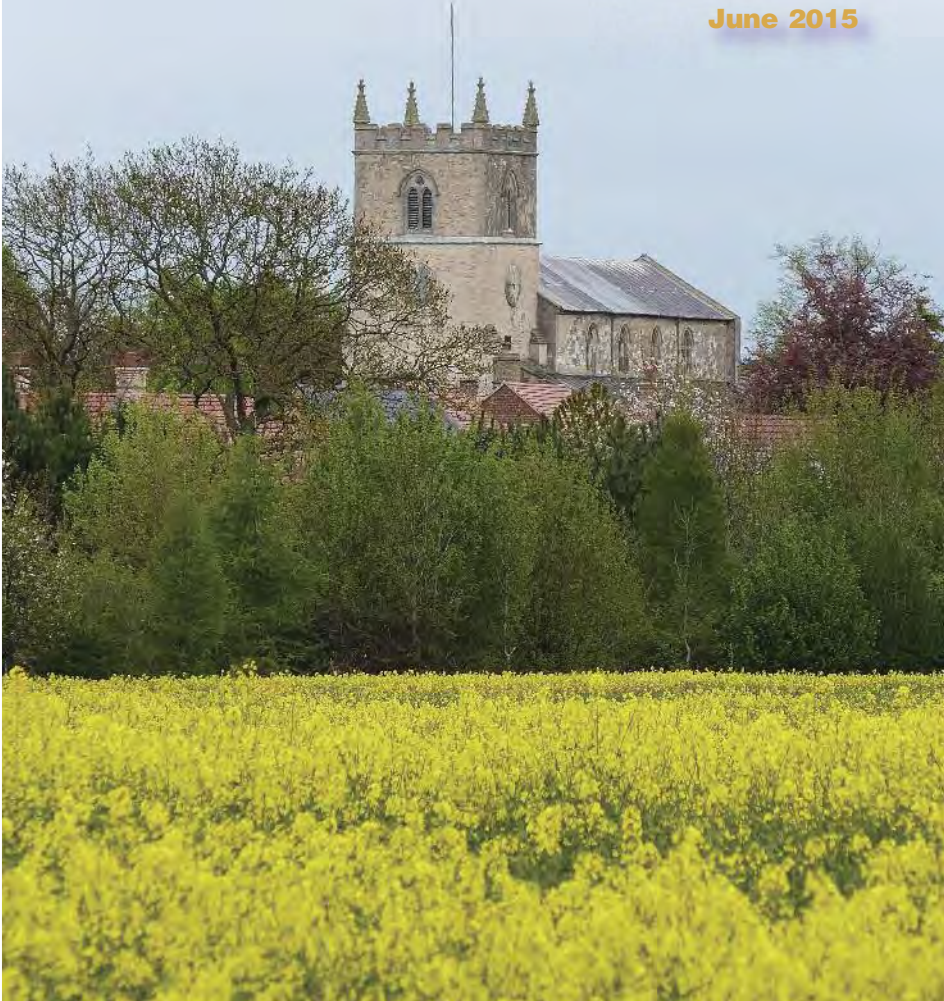


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'Flamin' June!'

Fortunately the circus that is election time has passed and the powers that be can get on with managing the country. Whatever your political outlook, I hope that our new M.P., Lucy Frazer, will serve us well. Closer to home we have two new district councillors and some new names on Parish Council. I am sure that the Annual Parish meeting on the 4th June will give us the chance to put a face to those names. Don't miss the opportunity to air your views directly to your Parish Council.



Well, May proved to be a lovely start to the summer, which again makes you wonder if it can last. I say a lovely start, apart from one particular day when I was involved in a golf society day out and got absolutely soaking wet and freezing cold. Wall to wall sunshine before and after, but miserable on that particular day. Paying your money for a great day out and ending up literally throwing in the towel after about 6 holes spoils the day really.

But I have to admit it was much needed by the garden. The ground was beginning to look parched and that rain transformed the growth of the grass (and the weeds of course).

However, on other days we have been able to enjoy the garden with BBQs and 'picnics' with the grandchildren, so much to be enjoyed.

Much to be enjoyed this month in your village magazine as well. Look through and read the details.

The Church Fayre is on this weekend and is always popular. Incidentally those of you who went to the Church open day will have had a very interesting day. The amazing task being undertaken to update the bells and fix the problems with the tower was explained very clearly in the excellent presentation by Steve Allen. Those brave enough to climb the precarious stairs and steps up the tower enjoyed a unique opportunity. A big thank you to all those who organised that day.

Several sporting triumphs being reported this month, with one particular family putting us mere mortals to shame. The Darling family seem to have more than their fair share of successful athletes. I know there are a lot more success stories out there, not just in sport and we would love to hear more about them.

It seems to me that the most successful people in sport and in other walks of life, both work and play, don't shout about it very loudly, yet others would delight in their success. Do let us know when achievements are made, either by yourself or people around you. Sharing your success can also inspire others.

Our sports nut reports on lots of current events in the sporting world from cycling to cricket, but also the sad loss of one of Bottisham's cyclists, Dave Crossfield.

Another sad loss last month was a lovely lady who was well known to most kids at the primary school as well as many Bottisham people. 'Aunty Dot' Whiting was always at the window of her bungalow at school time and responded to the passing kids with a cheery smile and a wave. That window seems very empty now.

This month sees a culmination of the events that have been celebrating the anniversary of VE day, the end of WW2. One of these locally is in Swaffham Bulbeck on the 10th of June, completing their series of events titled War Detectives. Well worth a visit to the event on the day.

Later in the month, on the 28th, The Royal British Legion will be holding their Armed Forces Day Service in recognition of those in service defending this country. The service in Holy Trinity Church is at 5 pm (leaving your day free!) followed by a reception at the Club with refreshments. Everybody is welcome to join them, so why not show them your support.

Lots more to read this month and I leave you with this thought.

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." *Allen Saunders*

The Bottisham Bells

It was a pleasure to welcome such a good turnout to the Launch Day for the Bell Restoration Project on 9 May. It was even more of a pleasure for those of us involved on the organising side that same number who started the trip up the tower to see the bells arrived safely back on terra firma again. Those who did make the trip will have seen for themselves that the preparatory works that we outlined in the last issue of Cresset have all been completed. There are now two steel beams in the belfry above the two lines of bells to aid lifting, another steel in the ringing chamber under the clock-chamber floor, and a new floor in the belfry. Getting the two sections of the steel beams (1/3rd and 2/3rds of the length) high up in the belfry was no mean feat, let alone then managing to insert them into opposite pockets in the tower walls and bolt them together - exciting viewing. The next key date is Monday 8 June, when Nicholsons arrive to remove the six bells from the tower. They estimate that it will take them 3 days to do this and that they will be taken back to their works in Bridport, Dorset, on the Thursday morning. This is not a trivial job, but they exude an air of confidence, well-practiced as they are in this activity, that they will keep to this timetable. All being well, there should then be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the bells without having to climb any stairs or ladders. Watch that space!

And before then, don't forget the Trinity Fair/Church Fete on Saturday 6 June in the church and churchyard, 2 to 4 pm!

Mike Young



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The Trinity Fair
Saturday 6 June
In the Church & Churchyard, 2 pm
Stalls, Games, Teas
Winners of the Grand Raffle to be drawn at 4 pm
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Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

Our last meeting was on 5 May 2015, when The Roger Human Trophy Competition (print) was held. This was followed by our social evening dinner on Friday 15 May, when the cups & trophies for the year were presented.

During the summer the annual club outing is to The Black Country Museum, Dudley, West Midlands, on Saturday 4 July. Just to give you an idea of the timing on the day, the coach will depart Burwell at 8.30 am and return from Dudley at 5 pm. The coach cost is £17.50, entry is £14.50 Ea. (Group rate), concessions £11.00. Anyone who may be interested in joining the club next year and would like to accompany us, please contact our Secretary Daphne Hanson (see below) to see if space is available. There is obviously only a short window in which to enquire.

The club is now on summer break and will commence our 43rd year on 8 September 2015 at 7:30pm at Lode Chapel CB25 9EW. This evening, as with all our meetings, new members are welcome to attend. The current members will be bringing 3 prints/digital images that they have taken during the summer for viewing. Last year's award winning prints will also be displayed.

Our programme for the year 2015/16 is wide and varied which is always our aim.

Tuesday 8 September See above.

Tuesday 15 September Permajet Colour Management Presentation by Ian Windebank from The Imaging Warehouse. Stratford-upon-Avon. During this evening, monitor and printer profiling will be discussed along with Permajet papers and their uses.

Tuesday 22 September Taken on the Club Outing'. A new competition for this year - "The Metcalfe Trophy" donated by Gerry Metcalfe who has been Chairman for the past ten years. The competition is to consist of four projected digital images taken on the day of the annual club outing.

Our Hon. Secretary for many years: **Daphne Hanson** DPAGB APAGB was earlier in the year elected as president-elect of the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF) and will take up her Presidency next February to serve for two years. Daphne previously served as President from 1998 – 2000. The EAF is the umbrella organisation for all the photographic clubs in East Anglia and was founded in 1910, with 127 current member clubs.

Further details of our programme can be viewed on our website, see below.

The club welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW** from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00. Refreshments 50p. For further details contact: **Mrs Daphne Hanson** T: 01638 741106 www.bottburpc.org



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Holy Trinity Bottisham

Services in June 2015

Wednesday 3rd	8 p.m.	Compline by Candlelight led by Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 7th	11 a.m.	All-Age Family Service Martin House
Sunday 14th		No service in Holy Trinity
	10 a.m.	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Prior
Sunday 21st	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Revd Sue Giles		
	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer Dr Sarah Maxwell
Sunday 28th	10 a.m.	Benefice Communion Revd Sue Giles
	5 p.m.	Armed Forces Day service Revd Sue Giles

Benefice services are joint services with the other churches in the Anglesey Group (Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck & Swaffham Prior). Details of other services in the Anglesey Group are on the notice board in the church.

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Don't forget the **Triangle Book Sale** on **Saturday 13th June**. Stock up on some holiday reading for little cost. It's not too late for further donations of good quality books.

Please see the advert we have elsewhere in the magazine for new helpers for our Saturday morning Art Club.
Sylvia Overton

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We have been meeting each Wednesday morning **from 10.30 to 12.00pm** in the Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion since early March. We have been pleased to see many of our regulars from our time at Queens Court and have also welcomed several new people.

We have been very impressed with the kindness and welcome we have received from Katy and her staff and **it has been decided to continue at this venue.**

Meeting Point was set up to be 'A place where you can meet old friends, make new friendships, relax, chat and enjoy coffee, tea, biscuits and cake in a friendly atmosphere'. This is what it is. There is no charge for refreshments but people are free to make a donation and thanks to people's generosity we have been able to support many local funding appeals.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us - whether they come regularly or just occasionally.
Sylvia Overton

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At a Glance

JUNE

- 2/9/10/16/17/23/24/30 BRBL- Line dancing
4 Annual Parish Meeting – The Poppy Lounge
6 Trinity Church Fayre
7 Indoor cycling at Fassage hall.
10 WW2 commemoration day event Swaffham Bulbeck
10 GC - Evening visit to Abbot's way gardens Homingsea
13 Lib - Library Book sale on the triangle
12 Primary School PTA, Wine Tasting Social Evening 7.30pm
16 WI Beating the Cistern – tips from a lady plumber
26 BVC- Leaver's Ball
27 BVC- Friends of the college,- The Bottisham Ball
27 BRBL- Quiz Night
28 Lode Open Gardens day
28 BRBL- AFD service at Trinity Church followed by reception at the Legion

JULY

- 7/8/14/15/21/22/28/29 BRBL Line Dancing
2 WI Evening walk to Swaffham Bulbeck and meal

AUGUST

- 4/11/12/18/19/25/26 BRBL line Dancing
18 WI Outing to Burghley House
25 GC Andrew Harper-Scott - container planting for autumn and winter.

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 - Non Member £2; 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. • This list is a 'quick
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In 2009 the Government decided that henceforth the last Saturday in June should be known as British Armed Forces and Veterans Day. This is to enable us to recognise the dedication and sacrifices of our present serving Armed Forces who do a sterling job in defending our country and our liberty. The Day also seeks to recognise those Veterans who have served their country in the past and continue to do so by serving their community in their everyday lives.

To mark this occasion and to show our recognition and appreciation of all that our Armed Forces and Veterans are currently doing on our behalf

**The Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion
will be holding a commemorative church Service
in Holy Trinity Church Bottisham
on Sunday 28th June commencing at 5.00pm.**

After the Service there will be a reception and refreshments in
The Royal British Legion Club.

Everyone is invited to join us for this occasion.

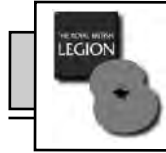
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Sunday 28th June

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East Camb District Councillor's Notes

These are my last notes after eight years as a District Councillor, as I decided not to stand for re-election. I should like to thank everyone and give my best wishes for their future. Kevin Ellis has moved to Suffolk so could not stand again.

CRYSTAL STRUCTURES SITE •• The Council has now given full planning permission for this development. There will be nine affordable homes for shared ownership or for rent for those with local connections, and fifteen homes for sale on the open market.

There is also outline permission for 600 square metres of land for non-domestic institution or business employment use. This follows completion of a legal agreement for the provision of the affordable homes and off-site open space provision and maintenance. An Appeal against the refusal of a previous application has been withdrawn.

LOCAL PLAN •• The Council has finally passed its Local Plan. This will be its new planning policy that will apply in East Cambridgeshire and guide planners and potential applicants.

RECYCLING •• The District has received Government funding to encourage more recycling by giving prizes to households putting blue bin materials out for collection.

54 prizes ranging from £10 to £250 will be given each month. Parishes will be surveyed at least every five collections and at random. Households not putting recycling out will not be eligible and will receive a leaflet through the letterbox. There will also be checks for content. The scheme will run for two years but could continue, financed from credits for increased recycling from the Government. We have also been given a Golden Carton Award for our much improved recycling of cartons.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING •• Following consultation with Parishes, the District Council has added several projects to the list of those it would help fund from levies on new developments throughout the District. Formerly the list only covered large projects in Ely, Littleport and Soham. Four projects have been added which includes the Lode-Quy Cycle Path, following a submission from Lode Parish Council. This project has been agreed by the County Council, financed from Government funds, but hopefully will stay on the District list should there be a problem with funds from this source.

LODE SOCIAL CLUB BUILDING •• Following a visit in April, the Planning Committee met to determine the application for alterations and extensions to the building. Following a previous objection from County Highways on parking and traffic safety implications of more intensive staffing and use, the agent for the applicant had then formally stated that the premises would be run in a similar way as before. The agent and a neighbour spoke, and questions were put to them and the officer. The agent confirmed that the building would be used as a social club for members. The committee discussed parking and viability issues and I said that the club committee, its members and those responding to the application, had expected the premises to be used as a pub and restaurant.

It was explained by the planning officer that if it were to be so, it would require another application. The committee approved the application for the alterations and extensions, subject to conditions covering the parking and manoeuvring layout, external venting (needing a further application), noise, hours, deliveries, collections and bin storage etc. Please note that, despite a report elsewhere, there has never been an application for a change of use of the premises, or mention of a pub or restaurant in the application. There was, however a separate application to determine its lawful use, which was established by the Council to be a Social Club.

Ex Dist Cllr Robert Stevens

Parish Notes

First business on the agenda at Parish Council's May meeting was to elect a Chair. There were 2 nominations for this role and after a vote Councillor Christine Bryant was declared the Chair for the next term. Vice Chair will be Councillor Jon Ogborn. We welcomed 3 new parish councillors. They are Sarah Brown who lives in Beechwood Avenue, Julia Latif, also of Beechwood Avenue and Roman Maczkiewicz of Peacock Drive. This leaves us with only one vacancy. We also welcomed one of our new District Councillors Vince Campbell and congratulated him on his recent success at the polls. Parish Council has a structure of different committee's and we will be working over the next couple of weeks to allocate roles on these committee's for all parish councillors. Councillor Ogborn has offered to take over from the work that Robert Altham had been doing with regard to the new cemetery as he has now stepped down from Parish Council.

A reminder that our Annual Parish Meeting which all residents are invited to is on Thursday 4th June. This will be a report on the Parish Council's activities for the past year and will outline what is happening in the forthcoming year. We also have some speakers attending including representatives from the primary school, the community library and United Charities as well as our District and County Councillors. The meeting is in the poppy room at the Royal British Legion, 7.30pm. All are welcome.

PLANNING NOTES

15/00354/FUL; Land to rear of no. 69 High Street; Erection of single dwelling house following demolition of existing outbuildings; NEW APPLICATION

15/00391/FUL; Dalkeith, 60 Lode Road; Erection of attached garage, alterations to front porch and single storey rear extension. Temporary standing/use of caravan for duration of building work; NEW APPLICATION

15/00393/FUL; Bottisham Heath Stud, London Road; Erection of stables, horse walker and horse showers (retrospective); NEW APPLICATION

INVITATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF BOTTISHAM

BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2015, 7.30PM POPPY ROOM, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

All residents of Bottisham are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to hear what the Parish Council has been up to in the past year and also to see what they have planned for 2015/16.

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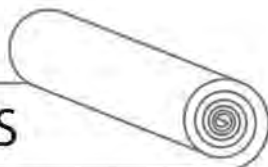
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I am writing this just after the General Election. The result has been a shock to almost everyone. Some people are jubilant, others are devastated. The full implications of what has happened will take time to become clear.

Mark Twain wrote: "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."

Our hope must be that all our politicians and the parties they represent will take that time to pause and reflect. But also that we will all take time to reflect on what has happened, and what it is going to mean for our future. As many commentators have said, the political map of the UK has dramatically changed.

There is a passage in one of Paul's letters in the New Testament which reads: 'I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour...' [1 Timothy 2:1-3]

I take this to mean that as Christians we should be praying for justice, truth, fairness, respect and integrity from our political leaders, not for a quiet, undisturbed life for ourselves. We should be disturbed whenever we come across injustice, poverty, corruption, abuse and all the other things which are a blight on our society today. It is worth remembering that Paul wrote those words whilst living under the brutal military dictatorship of the Roman Caesars, at a time when Christians were experiencing severe persecution, and only three or four years before he himself was beheaded in Rome during the reign of the Emperor Nero.

Jesus himself often disturbed people. He challenged the status quo. He was angered by the hypocrisy and complacency he saw in the religious leaders of his day. His call to his followers was to help establish a different kind of society, based on righteousness, justice, love and compassion. He called it the kingdom of God, but it was meant to be established here in the world.

Bishop Desmond Tutu once famously stated: "When people say that the Bible and politics don't mix, I ask them which Bible they are reading".

The Jesus manifesto is a manifesto for change. A change of attitude, a changed way of life, a changed way of thinking, a changed way of looking at the world. If we are going to change society, we can't just leave it to the politicians! The changes we need to see won't come about through laws and Acts of Parliament. It is hearts, minds and lives that have to be changed. One by one, person by person. Caring for one another; helping those less fortunate than ourselves; loving our neighbours; giving and forgiving. Christians, the church, need to be modelling this transformed way life, this new society. Looking outward, not inward. Sadly, if we're honest, we don't always succeed, but we continue to try, and with God's help we will one day see His kingdom come.

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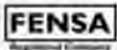


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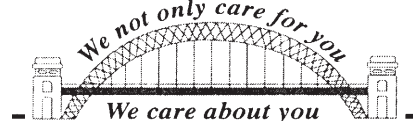
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Discussions on an upgrade of Newmarket railway station continue but Kennett is to have a £500,000 range of improvements funded by Abellio Greater Anglia - resurfacing of platforms, replacing slabs at the platform edge, new waiting shelters on both platforms and cycle parking hoops. Abellio Greater Anglia are sponsors of the Eastern Angles drama group based in Ipswich - they travel the region putting on shows in local community facilities and we like to visit them when they are in Haverhill. There is a bus link via Cambridge but of, course, we no longer have the late evening return bus from Cambridge.

The problem of congestion in Cambridge continues to get worse and we hope that the new councillors (results coming in as I write this) and M.P.s (welcome Lucy!) can give this problem some consideration - we took a taxi to the railway station recently at 5 p.m. thinking it would be quicker than the buses but we were stuck in traffic for an hour. Perhaps if more people could consider bus use and bus routes were better planned, things could improve. Tunnels, trams, cable cars and other forms of travel are all suggested.

The Department of Transport has been running an international competition led by the FutureRailway programme team to develop designs for a new generation of passenger rolling stock. 42 Technology of St. Ives is named as one of 3 winning companies - carriages that can be reconfigured to carry passengers or freight according to occupancy levels - commuter trains returning to the suburbs could take freight. Seats can be moved and stowed.

There is much competition for orders amongst train building companies. Derby based Bombardier has the order from the govt. for Crossrail trains having lost out previously to German company Siemens. A Scotrail tender has been lost to Hitachi, Alstom of France and CAF of Spain are in the game and CAF has won the order for the Caledonian Sleeper rolling stock. And now the Chinese train builders are taking an interest. Bombardier is exploring ways of running electric trains on unelectrified lines using the energy stored in the on-train batteries - Liverpool St. to Manningtree and then branching off to the port of Harwich. German owned bus and train operator Arriva has seen a 7.4 p.c. rise in annual sales. Let's hope Stagecoach can afford some newer local buses!

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(Public Transport Matters continued.)

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Condor Ferries has a new vessel for travel to Guernsey and Jersey - Condor Liberation. It is a trimaran - three hulls to offer greater stability and the ability to operate in heavier seas. Welcoming my elder son home from France recently, I was telling him about the local gales and he then told me of his experience! The ferry had had to use tugs to be able to enter port at Dover due to the rough seas.

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Paddy James



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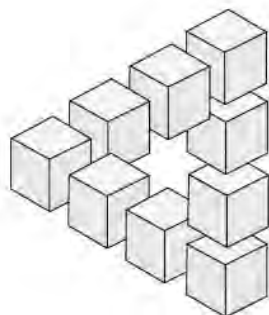
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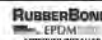
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

I write this month's article with a heavy heart due to the tragic loss of a third member of our local cycling fraternity to cancer in as many years.

A mere 11 months ago, an elite group of CB5 cyclists took on the infamous Mount Ventoux, scene of many dramatic Tour de France stage finishes including Chris Froome's historic victory in the yellow jersey in 2013. Among the CB5ers was an extremely tough guy called Dave 'The Neighbour' Crossfield. This quiet, intelligent, unassuming man was introduced to our group several years ago by Dave Barrett at a time when every other rider seemed to be called Dave. We had various monikers for identifying the different Daves so, when Mr Barrett announced that this skinny lad from Yorkshire with a bum narrower than his handlebars was his neighbour, the nickname stuck!

Dave was fit and effortlessly quick on the bike, especially going uphill. I have many painful memories of watching his aforementioned backside disappearing into the distance, easing over the summits of Suffolk and Essex (which are hillier than you think!) like a hare on wheels, as I hauled my groaning body upwards like a tortoise without the stamina! In fact, when I saw him for the last time, we shared a joke about how nice it was for me to see his face for once! Brave and stoical to the last, Dave finally succumbed to a particularly sudden and virulent form of cancer in April, surrounded by his lovely family, to whom our hearts and best wishes go out. RIP our dear friend.

I understand that it was Dave's wish that future melanoma patients should have access to improved treatment methods and recommended Melanoma UK (www.melanomauk.org.uk/donations) as a suitable cause for those seeking to make a charitable donation.

Whilst I'm thinking of cycling, did you notice the hilarious pictures of Mark Cavendish receiving his prize on the podium for winning Stage 1 of the Tour of Turkey at the end of April? He was presented with a bunch of bananas so enormous that it took two men to carry it! He finally got a grip, himself, and posed for his photographs with a face that can only be described as an amused but bewildered grimace! Perhaps he ate them... because he went out and won Stage 2 the next day! His form looks good, too: at the time of writing he has repeated his 'one-two' in the Tour of California to claim his 11th victory of the season to date and – at least for the time being – the leader's jersey.

Back closer to home, the Darlings were up to their tricks again in April, with Julia and Graham completing the Manchester Marathon, and Sophie and Chris racing – yes racing! – in the London Marathon. Sophie posted the incredible time of 3.15.32; congratulations Sophie, that's impressive. And, as the Legion TV audience watched with bated breath, Chris tore home in the quite astonishing time of 2.35.35, a full minute and ten seconds in front of the legendary Paula Radcliffe. That's less than 6 minutes per mile! Just think of trying to run a lap of a 400m track in under a minute and a half... I think you'd agree that most people would find that pretty challenging. Then imagine doing it another 104 times without stopping for a rest! What a performance... what a family!

At a national level, I'd love to know on which side of the great divide people stand. No, I'm not referring to the general election, but to the great Kevin Pietersen debate! Personally, I'm heartily sick of the sound of his name and his voice, but I must say that I think the ECB have been clueless in the handling of recent events! Firstly the new Chairman Colin Graves offered KP the lifeline that he would be re-considered for England if he relinquished his Indian Premier League contract and scored runs in the English county game for Surrey. Then they appointed ex-England captain Andrew Strauss as Director of Cricket, before disgracefully leaking the sacking of national coach Peter (*Sports Nut continued on page 49.*)

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(Sports Nut continued.)

Moore's two days before Moore's himself was told. I hold no candle for Moore's who, in my opinion, was way out of his depth at international level in his second term as coach, having failed to get the best from the talent at his disposal in successive one-day and five-day competitions. I only hope that his replacement is not some ambitious Aussie (e.g. Jason Gillespie and Justin Langer are already bookies' favourites) looking for a stepping stone to a 'real' job in his home country... I don't see much strategic thinking in that.

So what of Pietersen then? For all his underhanded protestations and lobbying for England to play its 'best' eleven (smugly aided and abetted by the odious Piers Morgan), KP has been a maverick, controversial and divisive influence wherever he's been in the past and there is precious little evidence that he's outgrown the self-centred, attention-seeking, irascible, unpredictable and unreliable aspects of his complex personality. He burned his boats long ago with his South African texting odyssey and his abrasive autobiography and, at 35, he's hardly one for the future anyway, methinks. He should remember that cricket is a TEAM game.

Hopefully, Andrew Strauss will bring some sense to this unholy mess soon. I remember sitting at Lords in 2004 with a certain other Cresset scribe watching Strauss make a gritty, obdurate century on his England test debut. TJ and I agreed immediately this was a man of substance. Let's pray that he proves it again this summer.

TTFN.

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Jolley Old World

Well, well, well! What an interesting variety of opinion to the small questionnaire I set up a month or so ago. It officially closes at the end of June so if you're still interested in putting forward your (anonymous) point of view you can still access the questionnaire by typing the following into the address bar of your browser: www.surveymonkey.com/s/w5km93n So far there's a consensus for a 'forum' to organise 'wide-ranging village activities' that fall outside of the remit of those clubs and societies with a specific focus. But what is meant by 'wide-ranging village activities'? When this question was recently put to a few others they immediately referred to the lack of celebration to commemorate St George's Day and VE Day as examples of where village organisations could to be brought together. They cited a few villages around us that did put on some form of rejoicing for at least one of these important events. Indeed a group of us from Bottisham went to an excellent VE 'Big Band' celebration and war time supper in the newly built Isleham Community Centre - we marvelled at the achievement of the community there. If these sorts of events are something you identify with for Bottisham then please do put your comments forward by responding to the questionnaire mentioned above.

You will probably have heard that our Parish Council was elected unopposed and that there will be some new faces sitting on the Council as from the first PC meeting in May. Good news indeed for no matter how committed Councillors are aspirations can go stale and longevity of community service can instil complacency. This is also the time when Councillors elect officers from within their ranks such as Chair, Vice Chair, etc. I'm sure we all wish them well and at the same time offer them much encouragement to proactively get on with the tasks ahead during their custodianship of our village. There are those amongst us that believe an immense amount of toil will need to be given to heal the wounds that overdevelopment has inflicted on our rural infrastructure and social wellbeing. This can only be achieved by communicating with the community and by carrying out the wishes of the community without diluting the necessary fervour with personal agendas. Parish Council has a good website; www.bottishampc.org.uk which allows it to disseminate information into the community in-between meetings. The website also offers the facility for polls to be taken on important matters affecting the village. Just an idea but perhaps each Councillor should produce a list of three things that to their mind are priorities for the village and from these lists PC agree an 'action programme'. A 'champion' to be nominated for each priority and each 'champion' to publish a blog on the PC Website and in the Cresset...

You may recall that I was seeking to find out why the Bottisham S106 levy on developers put aside for Community Infrastructure (CI) projects cannot be used to acquire new land for outdoor playing space. After some extraordinary yet interesting conversations with various parties I have to admit to losing the battle - so far! The unyielding position of East Cambs is that new outdoor playing space is considered by them to be Public Open Space (POS) not CI and therefore cannot be funded from the CI pot. Conversely the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) doesn't regard 'outdoor playing space' to be the same as POS, and neither does Play England - the latter specifically referring to 'outdoor playing space' as being part of CI in the context of S106. It was interesting that a 'sympathetic' officer at East Cambs directed me to East Cambs own Play Audit conducted in 2012/13 that revealed Bottisham was (and still is) deficient by some 25 or so acres for recreational purposes. Personally I can't think of a single amenity this village has gained from S106 monies for absorbing new housing. If it's known that the village is deficient in so much outdoor playing space why isn't this being considered when S106 agreements with developers are being set up? It does seem on the face of it that our District Council is seriously out of step with the policy makers on 'outdoor playing space' and perhaps this is an issue our new District Councillors would like to pursue?

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(Jolley continued.)

On an indirectly related topic no wonder the number of new houses to be built around Cambridge is being overstated. According to our local press those that are being built are being bought up by foreign investors - I think many of us have known this for some time. Anyway, the unscrupulous practices of 'buy to leave' and 'buy to let' are matters our newly elected MPs and Councillors should be encouraged to raise at the highest level.

And so as I write the country has spoken and party politics has been given a good firm kick up the backside. But of course we still have those minority parties crying 'foul' about the 'first past the post' electoral system. Proportional Representation (PR) does nothing for me - what is the point of splitting the 650 seats based on percentage of vote achieved by each party. As it stands each constituency votes for the candidate and or party they feel will best serve them. The winner based on votes counted then goes on to take his or her seat in the British Parliament. The party with the most bums on seats forms the Government - all quite proper and sensible, in my opinion! Slim though it may be we now have a majority Conservative Government which suggests the nation in general has subscribed to the notion that a prosperous Britain requires a strong and healthy economy. TJ

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Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

At their **AGM** on 23 April Chairman Sylvia Thomson gave her report on the year's activities, this will be on the Practice website. She then presented Dr Higham with an Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor purchased by a grateful patient following the fund raising initiative carried out by the Patients Group. Further equipment will be purchased with the Red Bucket money.

Dr Rashid then gave an enthusiastic presentation to those present on "The Mediterranean Diet - could it help you live longer". This diet is based on the way Mediterranean villagers ate in the 1950s and 1960s and not on modern day Italian dishes. Research has proved that incidence of heart disease, stroke, cancer, Parkinsons Disease and Alzheimers is reduced in those following the diet. Fish, olive oil, pulses, nuts, wholegrains, using herbs and spices instead of salt, lots of fruit and vegetables and also enjoying meals together are the basis of this diet. Website "How to Follow the Mediterranean Diet" www.patient.co.uk/health/how-to-follow-the-mediterranean-diet provides useful information.

Uniting Care Partnership: Andrea Grosbois gave a talk on the NHS Uniting Care Partnership (UCP) (made up of Addenbrooke's Hospital and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust) which is now responsible for providing all older people's healthcare and adult community services throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

This means that care in the community will be delivered by integrated teams of mental health, physical health and community health professionals working together for one organization. The aim is to treat older people in their own homes as much as possible and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions. There will be a smooth transition and new services include a 24/7 helpline and community emergency teams. These will respond within two hours and can provide overnight support if necessary. The care will be organized around Neighbourhood Teams based on groupings of GP practices so the community teams can more easily get to know the needs of the people they are caring for and can co-ordinate more effectively with health and social care colleagues. You can contact UCP on unitingcare@cpft.nhs.uk or 01223 726774. Leaflets are also available in Bottisham Surgery.

As Sylvia Thomson then retired from the committee a new chairman, Steve Gilson was elected. She was thanked for her hard work over the last 3 years. There were no other changes on the committee, full details of which will be on the Practice's website as soon as possible. (<http://www.bottishammedicalpractice.nhs.uk>) The members of the committee are your representatives and are there to help you, so please do not hesitate to contact them if you want to raise an issue. The present committee would welcome new members, especially those who could represent the younger generation, however any patient of the Bottisham Practice is eligible. The committee meets every two months, normally on the last Thursday of the month at 6.30pm at Downing Court Swaffham Bulbeck. Contact Steve on 01223 811021 or email patientsgroup.@outlook.com if you are interested.

Healthy Walking Group: There will be 2 Patients' Group walks in June led by Steve Gilson, our accredited walk leader, on Wednesday 10th and Friday 26th starting from the surgery car park at 11am. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays from the Visitor Centre starting at 10am. All patients welcome on these walks.

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In April we were shown a beautiful video of the Ely Cathedral Flower Festival, which took place in June 2013. As a number of members had been unable to go to the Flower Festival, this was much appreciated.

You may remember that Rita Lane and Pam Harper came to speak to us in February last year about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. They brought along two puppies they were socialising called Theo and Bailey. Rita has been in touch to let us know that Theo has been placed with a gentleman in Leeds, who has retired in his 50's due to disability; Bailey has been placed with a client in Scotland.

Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Jill Jenyns

WEA News

Members, and anyone else who is interested, will be pleased to hear that the Cambridge office of the WEA have advised us of the tutors and courses we will be having over the next twelve months. This autumn, Marina Burrell will be presenting a course entitled "**Russians and the Russian Culture in the USSR through the Witness's Eyes**". Marina will be covering aspects of life in the USSR during and after the Cold War, including family life, education, work, health service, travel, art, pop culture and many other topics. A native born Russian, Marina will also be showing us how easy it is to learn the Russian language!

In spring 2016, Wendy Barnes will be presenting a course entitled "**A Brave New World!**" about the English settling in 17th Century Virginia.

Gerry Cowley

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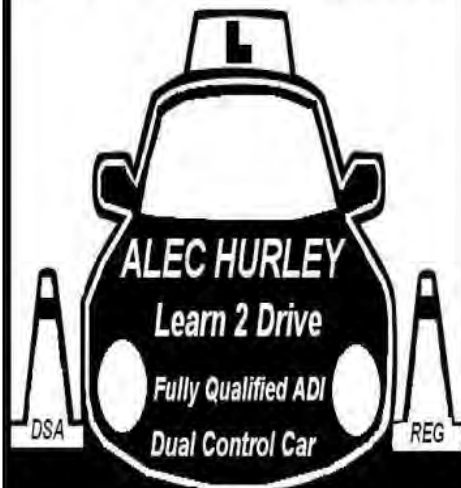
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It is being held on **Sunday 1st November 2015** at 10 a.m. - our race HQ is the Passage Hall in Lode. The Family Fun Run will start at 10.15 a.m.

The course is flat and takes you from Lode village, along the "Lodes Way" to Wicken Fen and back, with water stations along the way. Trophies will be awarded and each runner who completes the course will receive a medal. (see our website for further details - www.loderunners.co.uk or contact Tessa Shrubbs on 01223 811812 or email: lodefarm@aol.com)

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Bottisham WI

We had a most enjoyable meeting in April. Our new President, Sandra Clark, cut a special cake at refreshment time to celebrate our 97th Birthday.

Our speaker, Jo Hall, explained and demonstrated her skills as a caricaturist. Not for her the big noses, ears and teeth used by many artists and perhaps considered to be cruel but more an emphasis on the sitters attributes, interests and foibles to give a rounded picture. She demonstrated her talk by using a flip chart to explain her way of working using our past President, Miriam Ogborn, as the sitter and presented her with a lovely small framed caricature that she had prepared earlier. She had been a missionary and illustrated several children's books for disadvantaged children in the Philippines and she circulated these together with birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards she had produced for her family. And she was an accomplished flautist!

We all enjoyed it greatly. For those interested her website is Lemon Moggy which explains further what she can do.

Joanne Croxford from Cambridge Blue Belles WI (recently formed and with a long waiting list) asked for our help in providing blankets and other craft items for patients in Ward S at Fulbourn Hospital. The ward cares for women suffering from Mental Health problems who have few creature comforts.

Rosemary Magellan reported on the Cambridge Federation Annual Meeting when David Whitely from the BBC Inside Out Programme and Prue Leith entertained over 400 County members. Prue is finalising the next series of The Great British Menu which celebrates the importance of the WI both currently and in celebration of our Centenary this year.

We have outings arranged for an evening walk to Swaffham Bulbeck on 2nd July, followed by a meal at The Black Horse. Our 18th August meeting will be a visit to Burghley House in Stamford.

Our next meeting will be on **16th June** when **Sarah Oliver** will give a talk entitled **Beating the Cistern – tips from a lady plumber** in the Lecture Room starting at 7.30pm.

Please think about joining the WI. Come as a visitor and see what you think. We are a friendly group of women with varying interests and backgrounds who support and encourage one another, learn new things, help the local community and have fun while doing it!

Sylvia Overton

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SATURDAY MORNING ART CLUB

The Library Association is looking for 1 or 2 volunteers with experience of working with children to run the thriving Art Club from September.

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If you are interested please contact:
Valerie Leake 01223 811324 or Helen Cole 01223 812573 for further details.

To the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Darling Family Marathon Challenge

Last October both Chris and Sophie ran in the Peterborough half marathon and achieved championship qualifying times for the London marathon and this gave us the idea that the whole family should take up the challenge to run a marathon. Julia and I missed out on the London marathon ballot (you have around a 1 in 8 chance of getting in) so we decided to enter the Manchester marathon, a week before London.

The long hard training plan started around Christmas time and we all had injury setbacks from time to time but there was a determination that none of us wanted to let the rest of the family down. I can assure you that if you want to run a marathon in a decent time the training is punishing. We all ran in a 20 mile road race at Wyomondham in March. This was a very good test which went very well for us all, with Chris winning the race.

On the 18th of April we all went to stay in Salford Quays, Manchester in preparation for the race the following day. Race day came and we made our way to Old Trafford for the start of the race and I must admit we were extremely nervous. The race itself was a fantastic experience with tremendous support from the people of Manchester, Altringham, Salford and all the surrounding areas. It really helped both Julia and myself as 26.2 miles is a very long way to run. We both had tough times in the last 4 miles or so but seeing Old Trafford in the distance spurred us to the finish line in Sir Matt Busby Way. I finished in a time of 4 hours 6 minutes which was way above my expectations and if you could have told Hum, Dod and Digger that I could run that far in such a time 30 years ago they would have rolled about laughing. Julia finished in a time of 4 hours 31 mins which was a fantastic time for her first marathon run. Chris and Sophie kept popping up and down the Metro line to find places to support us. It was a great day.

The following week it was Chris and Sophie's turn and we went down to London on the Saturday before where the excitement around the event was electric. We went to the Expo Centre to collect their numbers and chips and stayed in Greenwich the night before to prepare. In the morning Chris and Sophie went to the start both excited and confident. The race had an amazing atmosphere and we saw Chris and Sophie at the 5 mile mark both going very well. Then I received a couple of texts to say Chris was on TV running with Paula Radcliffe, chatting with a fellow competitor. We then saw them both again at the 23 mile mark; both were digging deep and looked to be struggling. They both managed to push on and finish in remarkable times. Chris finished in 2 hours 35 minutes which now ranks him number 1 in the UK for his age category. In fact it looks like it's the quickest time by a 20 year old for around 10 years. He was also pleased that he finished in front of Paula Radcliffe. Sophie finished her first marathon run in 3 hours 15 minutes which ranks her 7th in the UK for her age category. This was a tremendous achievement for her after suffering last year from an achilles injury that impaired her training schedule.

It was an amazing 2 weeks for our family and an experience we will never forget.

The next challenge is for Chris and Sophie who are both representing GB in the European Aquathlon Age Group Championships in Cologne in June. That is a lake swim followed by a run. Many thanks to all the people who sponsored us. We have raised in the region of £1,700 for Arthur Rank House, in memory of my mother.

Also, many thanks to the staff and coaches at Bottisham Village College, Hills Road Sixth Form College and Cambridge Triathlon Club who inspired Chris and Sophie to take up running and compete at the highest level they can.

Graham Darling and Family

(To the editor continued next page.)

(To the editor continued.)

Dear Editor,

Bottisham Village College

Leavers Ball – Friday 26 June 6.30 -11pm •• Following a long tradition, the Year 11 students culminate their time at Bottisham Village College by celebrating with the Year 11 Leavers' Ball. The Ball takes place in a magnificent marquee on the Principal's Lawn. The evening begins with students arriving in an array of various transport modes, traditionally watched by parents and local community, followed with a buffet and disco, coming to an end by 11pm. The evening is attended by members of the teaching and support staff, many of whom have taught the students since starting at the college.

The Bottisham Ball – Saturday 27 June 7pm – Midnight •• The Bottisham Ball on Saturday 27 June is a fundraising event organised by The Friends of Bottisham Village College. The purpose of the evening is to support the Year 11 Ball by funding the cost of the marquee, which provides the wonderful send off for the students. This is a thoroughly enjoyable evening, including good food, entertainment and a live band. The evening begins at 7pm and finishes at midnight. For ticket details please email friends@bottishamvc.org

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

Kate Evans, Principal

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

David White's talk was entitled "A Packet of Parsley". Not a talk about herbs with growing tips and ideas for their use but a talk about his interest and love of gardening. He enjoyed watching both his grandfather and father maintain excellent gardens and as he grew older was able to help. Aged 6 he was given a small area to use as HIS garden prepared the ground and set his packet of parsley. He sold the crop to the local butcher for his window display, sales there improved and he was invited to start as a delivery boy with them once he left school. He worked at weekends cutting lawns (over 30 of them) and gardening for a Czech Jewish refugee.

He was fortunate in 1971 to gain an apprenticeship with the Royal Parks at £11 per week. He had many stories from his time at Buckingham Palace, Clarence House and the rear gardens of Downing St. This led to training at Kew Gardens a three year intensive course to degree level – not bad for a boy from a council home whose school report noted "that he would succeed in life as long as there was some involvement with horticulture". He eventually worked for the Department of Transport with responsibility for roadside tree planting. He disliked the travelling involved and being apart from his young family and with the financial backing from his Czech refugee employer and friend he was able to buy a garden centre near Chatteris. This was sold after 30 years and he now runs with his wife a travel and training company and also resources and sells plants. He had brought several unusual plants for sale. Mr White was an amusing speaker with an interesting tale to tell.

We are on the road for the next few months – on June 10th members will have an evening visit to Abbots Way gardens in Horningsea with a tour and refreshments. We have a coach outing planned for July to Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire and more details will follow.

Our next meeting in the Poppy Room will be on 25th August when Andrew Harper-Scott will talk about container planting for autumn and winter. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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