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Welcome back dear reader!

Well, that was a nice break. I had forgotten what it was like not to have the regular 'Cresset' clock ticking. However, at the same time, I felt as if something was missing. I emailed all our regular contributors to let them know that there would not be a magazine in August, and I was delighted that everyone took the opportunity to take the break.



I am also delighted that they have all remembered how valuable their contributions are, and we have a goodly bunch of articles back this month as usual.

September is always the time when the delights of summer can still make us think that the warm weather is set to last and sometimes we are rewarded with a couple of months of Indian summer. However given the vagaries of this summer, it may be that we are still hoping for a glimpse of the summer we had hoped for. Mind you, as I write, August is not too bad.

Is it just me, or were the summers of our childhood always hot and sunny? Here speaks a child born and brought up in the West of Scotland, not renowned for tropical weather! I sometimes think our memories play cruel tricks on us.

Some that know say that we need to get used to milder and wetter summers, and milder and wetter winters. Others say that we can expect more extremes of weather with freezing winters and dry arid summers. Conflicting experts! For me, I think it simply means more weather!

Village matters now and it is sad to record the passing of Tony Newman a couple of weeks ago. Tony was a prominent and involved 'Bottsamite'. His family's history of farming in Bottisham and involvement with the village goes back for generations, indeed centuries. Tony's involvement was long, both as Councillor, Church warden and involved resident. Readers will have seen the detail last month of Tony's connection with the church bells which have recently been refurbished. This month's cover of the refurbished clock face highlights the fact that time does not stand still for any of us. Installed in the 1870's, the Newmans are recorded in the original dedication on the back of the clock. Our thoughts are with Will and the boys who carry on the family farming tradition.

Mike Young' who took the cover photograph while bravely perched on the contractor's 'cherry picker' crane, updates us on more about the refurb' elsewhere in the magazine.

September matters now and after a most enjoyable trip to the Outer Hebrides we are back again and things are getting busy already.

Firstly the Annual Gardening Club Show, where we are all invited to get involved with what we do in our garden, kitchen and hobby room. If you have a product of your hobby, whether that is in the garden or elsewhere, share your enjoyment with the rest of us. You may feel that "I am not good enough", but you should know that what you think is only good enough for your eyes would give delight to others and surpass your expectations. And we are not talking about Chelsea flower show here. If you don't win first prize, it's not the end of the world. Given the proliferation of classes and the 1st/2nd/3rd/commended prizes to win, it is likely that there will be something there for your efforts!



Finally, Alicia Hatley sent me a lovely picture to prove that everybody loves the Cresset! Bessie is obviously happy to have been re-homed from Cambridge Cats protection with her mother Blossom.

Enjoy your month.

PW

David Simmons

David Simmons passed away peacefully on 7th Aug, aged 82. A funeral will take place at Cambridge crematorium Wed 2nd Sept 11.30 followed by a reception at Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge to celebrate his life. Donations to the RNLI or UCL Amyloidosis research fund would be preferred to flowers.

David had lived in Bottisham since 1980 and over the years had enjoyed a number village activities including the Bottisham players and village library duty. He will be missed but remembered fondly by his family and friends.

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Holy Trinity Bells

The inner and outer of the tower of Holy Trinity - Bells and clock faces

'The best laid schemes o' mice an' men, gang aft agley' wrote Robert Burns. Go awry they do. The bell that featured on the cover of the last issue of Cresset bearing the name of Tony Newman was due to be returned to us on 24th August and when this paragraph was originally penned we had hoped to have a service of celebration and re-dedication of the bells on 6th September. Sadly, it was the Memorial Service for Tony himself that took place on 24 August. The sad passing of a well respected man. This then, has had a knock-on effect on the return and re-hanging of the bells and the special Songs of Praise service will now be held at 6 pm on Sunday 11 October. Happily we shall not be left, like Burns's mouse, with 'nought but grief and pain' (see below).

In contrast to the long drawn out project to restore the bells, a rather more speedy and instantly dramatic refurbishment has occurred on the outside of the tower of Holy Trinity, although it too had a gestation period. A number have commented on how dull, dirty and shabby the two clock faces had become - difficult to remember when you look at them now (cover photo). They have been repainted, as they were the last time, in memory of Peter Green, who died in the crash of the Turkish Airlines Boeing 747 near Paris in March 1974. We are most grateful for generous support from donors towards the cost. The colour scheme, blue with the numerals in gold-leaf, is traditional and I am grateful to Steve Allen for going into the history to establish the exact shade of blue to use and making me aware of the edict of Henry VII that clock faces on churches should be 'blew with the signs upon them gilt'. There is a suggestion that this colour scheme derives from the description in chapter 39 of the Book of Exodus of the cloak to be worn by Aaron, the first Jewish High Priest: 'entirely of blue clothbells of pure gold ..round the hem'. An alternative explanation is that in the middle ages artists had no simple way of producing a strong blue colour; the only vivid blue came with the use of lapis lazuli, largely from Afghanistan, which was both rare and expensive. Hence, in this period this blue was only used for objects of special value or importance. Irrespective of its historical origins, the combination of blue and gilt still looks stunning. Curiously, the clock faces, presumably contemporary with the clock mechanism, i.e. 1870, originally had a 'black ground, with gold figures and rims', to quote the Trustees Report on completion. Does anyone remember when the colour scheme changed?

Producing the finished job was rather more difficult than may be obvious, since the numerals are not raised above the surface of the disk. This made applying the gold-leaf much more difficult and even more so when it had to be done 13.3 metres up on the arm of a lorry-mounted extending platform in a breeze. The faces are simply nailed to the tower wall, so removing them without causing significant damage would have been a nightmare. We were also surprised when it turned out that the numerals on the west face had been gold paint, whereas those on the south face were gold-leaf. The most likely explanation is that the south face was removed when the walls of the tower was repaired in 1980 and then repainted and gilded at ground level, whereas, as can be seen in the photograph on the cover, the west clock face is still wholly on the original clunch (just) and would probably have been left *in situ*. At least we were blessed with a week of dry weather for the repainting and a splendid result. And by the time this appears the clock may even be showing the right time.

There is a plaque on the clock bearing the names of the Trustees of Clock Fund, including that of the then Churchwarden, Edward Newman, one of a long line of Newmans who filled that office from the late 18th century. With the passing of Tony Newman an era has come to an end. Tony served the church and the village over many years. Others will have their particular memories, but I think of the dark years in the early 1980s, *Holy Trinity Bells continued on page 7.*



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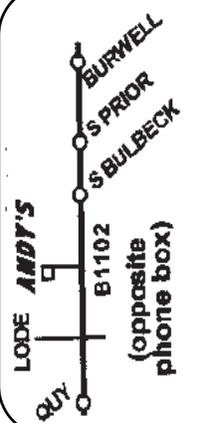
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Holy Trinity Bells continued.)

when the congregation of Holy Trinity fitted easily into the chancel and met there for services. Tony had rigged up an industrial-grade piece of plastic sheeting to separate the chancel from the nave. It came complete, high up, with a very clear footprint of a farmyard boot; Tony's mark. He left his mark on Holy Trinity in less obvious ways with years of loyal and devoted service; an example which is difficult to live up to. We mourn his passing, but give heartfelt thanks for his life. *Tony Newman, 1924 - 2015, Rest in Peace.*

Mike Young

Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in September

- Wednesday 2nd 8 pm Compline by Candlelight** *Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell*
- Sunday 6th 11 am Morning Prayer** *Dr Sarah Maxwell*
- Sunday 13th 10 am Benefice Communion** *Revd Elizabeth Caswell*
- Sunday 20th 8 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
Revd Lawrie Marsh
- 11 am Holy Communion** *Revd Elizabeth Caswell*
- Sunday 27th No service in Bottisham**
- 10 am Benefice Communion in Lode**

Details of other services in the Anglesey Group of Churches (The Benefice) are on the notice board in the church.

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On Sunday 28th June, Bottisham & District Branch of The Royal British Legion held their Armed Forces Day Service at Holy Trinity Church. A good turnout for the service witnessed 8 Standards including Cambridge County Standard and 3 Branch Standards, together with Standards from the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force.

After the service a reception was held at The Legion Social Club, where a warm welcome was made for guests and members of the Burwell detachment of the Cambridgeshire ACF.

Following much work done by Branch member Trevor Cox, who is a Major in the Cambridgeshire ACF, Certificates of Youth affiliation were exchanged between Bottisham & District Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Burwell detachment of the Army Cadet Force. It is hoped that this should bring a more youthful interest to the activities of Bottisham Branch in the future.

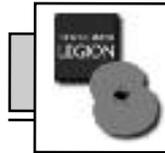
Colin Elsdon DL, TRBL Cambridgeshire County President and Cambridgeshire DL, together with Colonel Steve Martin who is the Commandant of Cambridgeshire ACF, presented affiliation medals to the members of the Burwell detachment of Cambridgeshire ACF.



Colonel Steve Martin, Commandant of Cambridgeshire ACF with members and Standard of the Burwell detachment of the ACF with Bottisham Branch President Mr. Ken York and Bottisham Standard Bearer, Peter Rayment.



County President Colin Elsdon DL inspecting the Standards of the Royal British Legion and the Banners of the Cambridgeshire ACF at Holy Trinity Church in Bottisham. AFD service 28th June.



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At our last meeting in July we co-opted Mr Tony Jolley onto Parish Council, this means we now have our full compliment of 11 councillors. Tony was a parish councillor once before and we welcome him back.

The last electrical recycling collection which was back in May collected almost half of previous collections and generated an income of £89.48. A new date had been set for November but councillors felt we should have it a bit later, after Christmas and this has now been changed to 13th January so if you have the space, please keep any old electrical items until this date. It is a free service and does generate a small income for Parish Council.

The County Council are running a consultation until 21st October on the Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan in line with the requirements of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan was adopted in 2006 as part of the Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011. The draft updated plan can be viewed on the County Council's website and comments are invited via email to transport.plan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The draft document will be finalised for publication in November 2015.

The District Council will soon be delivering rolls of 52 black refuse sacks which are intended to last each household for the year. These will be delivered week commencing 7th September. Please contact the District Council if you have not received your sacks by the 14th September. Any claims for non delivery of sacks must be made by the 9th October.

I have been asked to remind people that if they advertise an event please could you make sure you remove the advertising posters afterwards. It looks so untidy and a local resident has been spending a lot of time going round removing offending items from lamp posts around the village. Also on the subject of lamp posts, if you notice that a light is out it is very easy to report this to the County Council and they will come out and repair very quickly. You can either ring on 0800 7838247 or click on 'report a streetlight repair' on the Cambs County Council website.

PLANNING NOTES

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District Councillor's Report

The strains and efforts of April/May are truly confined to the bin together with the information overload endured over the immediate aftermath. Subsequently our new Councillors, Campbell & Chaplin are now firmly in a position to launch themselves effectively at all tasks, knowing the overall plan, their various roles in the overall plan, what resource they have available to them, where to find such resource and how best to utilise such support, allowing our elected Ward Councillors to deliver results which reflect the interests of all our constituents.

The message to all Conservative members from Council Leader James Palmer was clear, "No longer can any of us fight a hard, successful election campaign to simply sit back and vote for the policy presented before us, those days are gone. We all, without exception, must be pro-active whilst delivering a sustainable long term service to the council and the people of East Cambridgeshire".

Campbell was hard on this ethos from day one after the election. Prior to thrusting his character to the various positions on the council and Outside Bodies, as promised on the doorstep in May, doors in every Parish have been knocked on as the ongoing campaign to increase the quality of life for Bottisham Ward residents continues. Several constituents have touched base with Campbell with personal issues to be resolved. The success rate throughout the Ward has proved to be high in a fashion which should now be taken as the given template. All constituents who took the opportunity to engage in debate will be pleased that they are indeed not to be abandoned in the days, months and years of this term.

Irresponsible Parking

All residents in Bottisham will be aware of the school/college term daily outdoor madness. This practice involves parents/guardians parking in the most inappropriate fashion whilst attempting to ensure the safety of their children at the end of each educational day. The plain facts are that the very chaos this behaviour creates simply further endangers the well-being of those who we wish not to hear tragic news. In addition to this issue, the residents of Pound Close, Jenyns Close and Arber Close either run the gauntlet attempting to gain access to Lode Road or feel compelled to implement a self-imposed curfew during this period of each educational day. Furthermore, this chaotic behaviour detracts the speed and efficiency of any emergency service who need to access these areas or choose this area of Lode Road to access elsewhere.

Albeit a matter more so for the County Council to be concerned with, Campbell will deal with this issue. Pleas from the School and College to parents seems to have had little effect, therefore Campbell has initiated the assistance of Cambridgeshire Police who have been present on the ground and are willing to continue in the future to resolve this issue of the utmost importance. A meeting of several governing groups will be called in due course on a date suitable to the safety officer of Bottisham Village College. One way or another, this madness will cease. Our Lucy Frazer MP has been most helpful in this matter. County Council will be approached and their assistance will be taken as readily available. Campbell is not here to make friends, but to serve.

Amey Cespa Waste Management Plant

Mark Shelton, Waste Education Manager of the AmeyCespa waste/recycling plant is eager as always to run tours of this site for groups of no less than 6 free of charge. Children are welcome and have a number of recycling activities to make this a worthwhile visit as the parents can be easily convinced to improve *(District Councillor's Report continued on page 16.)*

(District Councillor's Report continued.)

their recycling management with a glad and happier mind-set. The sheer size, cost and mechanism of this service will truly astound anyone who wishes to attend. Of course, it is advisable dress suitable for the environment which can be stuffy accompanied by an odour. Many schoolchildren have visited from all over the County and participated in competitions to improve the way they view their outlook on recycling. Let's not get left behind! Please contact Mark at AmeyCespa East, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9PG or telephone on 01223 815467 or 07917 405246.
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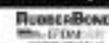
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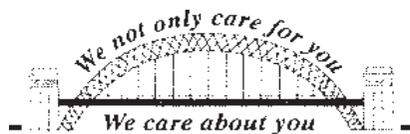
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The **Bottisham Airfield Museum** has been busy putting the building blocks in place for future success. We are now a registered charity, the charity now owns the land and buildings and we have just been granted planning permission to change the use of the buildings to a museum and erect a Nissen hut in its original 1944 position.

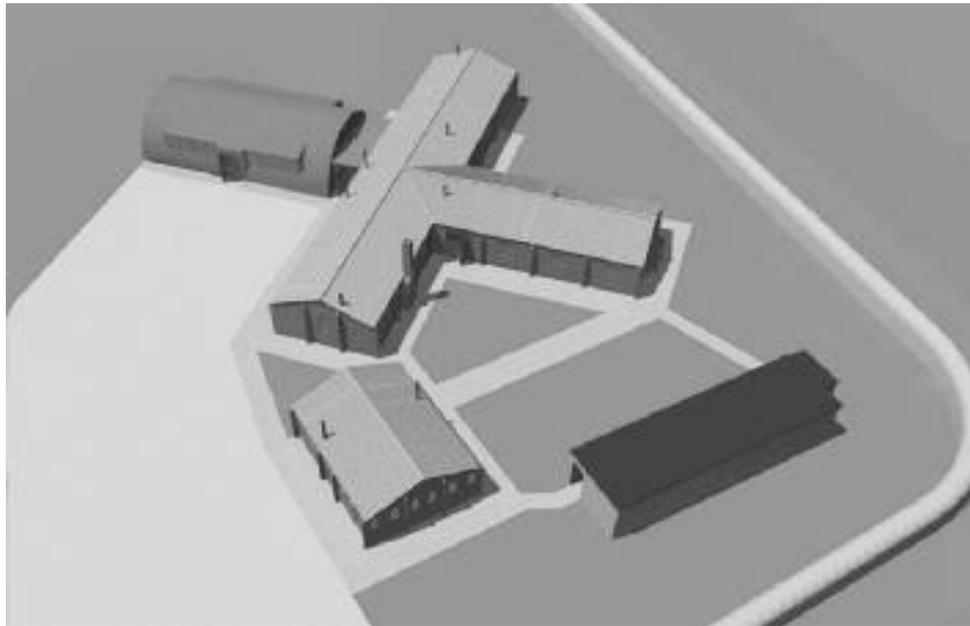
Phase 1 of the work will include the erection of the Nissen hut which will provide a multi-functional museum space and a show home for our future efforts. We will also refurbish the original wartime latrine buildings which will give us proper facilities for the site including disabled toilets. It is hoped to complete this phase by September this year so we can begin to open the site to visitors.

For the refurbishment of the main buildings we are applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund and this could take up to 3 years. Once completed we hope to have a museum that we appeal to all including school children. Part of its appeal will be a balance of traditional displays and audio visual presentations that will make more of an immersive experience.

Our recent focus has been returning the buildings to their original 1944 configuration and there has been much work (most of it carried out by volunteers) removing the modern fittings and fixtures associated with the Smokery. However we also planning some events. The foremost of which will be another Open Day on Sunday 27th September 2015 where we hope to have all the usual attractions including 1940's music, re-enactors, military vehicles and perhaps even a small scale air display.

To make this all happen we need volunteers to help us. If you are interested in helping us whether its couple of hours serving teas and coffees or whether its administering our membership records or helping run our website – any help would be greatly appreciated!

Please get in touch with Jason Webb, Chairman of the Trustees on 07791 971799 or email jasonwebb@bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk



Looking back ... and looking forward!

RE:NEW has a new minister! This month Rev. Alan Brand, his wife Tammy, and four children, Faith, Reuben, Benjamin and Grace, will be joining the RE:NEW Church family. They are moving down from Stockton-on-Tees and will be living in Lode. We are really excited about what God may have in store for us as we set out on this next stage of our RE:NEW journey together.

Our church has its roots in the history of Lode Chapel going back over more than 200 years. The first minister at Lode was Rev. Thomas Reynolds, who presided over the building of the original chapel in 1810. The fellowship grew rapidly in the early years, with new converts being baptised in the river by Drover Bridge in Lode. By 1828 the original building needed to be enlarged, and in 1855 the Sunday School rooms were added to the building.

Over the years the church has known periods of growth and also of decline. It has known times of great joy, but also times of upset and division. All of this is reflected in the church archives which record that several times in the past the church has needed to be re-formed, and a fresh start made.

However, our aim and purpose is not to be looking back to the past, but moving forward into the future. The church which Alan and Tammy will be joining is a lively, outward looking group of people of all ages, who enjoy being together and are learning how to live as followers of Jesus in the topsy-turvy world in which we live.

RE:NEW holds its regular Sunday morning services at Bottisham Primary School, while continuing to have a monthly traditional evening service in Lode Chapel.

The church family continues to grow, and Lode Chapel remains a focal point within the village of Lode, with a traditional service once a month, and the building being used by various community groups and organisations during the week.

Alan Brand will be bringing new gifts and ministries, a new vision and new challenges to us all at RE:NEW. We are looking forward to it! If you are looking for something new and different; if you are looking for a challenge; if you are wanting a new sense of purpose and direction in your life, then RE:NEW might be just what you are looking for! Why not come along and give us a try? You'll receive a warm welcome, and a cup of coffee! There's nothing to lose, and maybe a lot to gain!

Peter Wells

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13th September. 10.30am – RE:NEW Café style (at the School)

13th September. 6.20pm – Traditional service. (Lode Chapel)

20th September. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

27th September. 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (at the School)

Please note that owing to the closure and sale of Great Wilbraham Chapel there will be no more services held there.

For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact:

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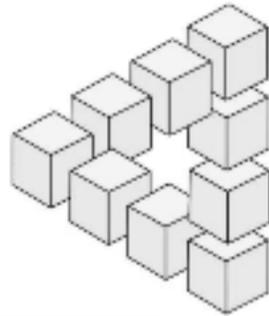
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

While most of us have been waiting for the meteorological summer to begin, I must say that we have been served up a bountiful season of sport in the last couple of months.

The Tour de France, for instance, was an absolute epic, and the resulting victory of Chris Froome supported by the tenacious Sky team, was the third English triumph in four years! Oh, how the French hated that! And oh, how they tried to undermine the validity of that effort, with their smears and innuendos about chemical assistance. In this respect, 2015 has got to have been the cleanest Tour in living memory and it was heartwarming to see our boys treat the naysayers with the contempt they deserve and maintain a dignified, respectful – yes, British – stance throughout. (What a shame other sports have not been as robust as cycling in eradicating the drugs cheats.)

Froome did the damage - both to his opponents and to his place in French affections - with a blistering attack in the first day in the Pyrenees on Stage 10. I remember writing in my nerdy private notes on the day “Tour won today?” Well it was, but the drama of Sky defending their leader’s advantage for the remaining week and a half, was a nail biting tale of repeated attacks by the teams of his rivals, culminating in an incredibly plucky two-day offensive by the Colombian Quintana who clawed back half his lost time to finish a close second with Froome on his knees. Thus, Brailsford’s team of outstanding talent, relentless training and marginal gains - not to mention Geraint Thomas, who survived a ‘head-on’ collision with a telegraph pole on Stage 16 - prevailed again. Incidentally, I might add that although I have no axe to grind with Quintana’s honesty, I find it ironic that he can scoot up the steepest mountains two days running without a hint of criticism, whilst our lad had poison (not to mention punches, spit and urine) raining down on him for a single day’s effort.

There were times during the Tour when the armchair sportsmen - er, sportspeople - had to multi-task as the main event of the cricketing year took shape! Having rescued some of our confidence in the entertaining mini-series against the Kiwis, England launched into a rollicking Ashes campaign with a conviction that surprised everyone, including the hapless Aussies. With Root in imperious form, England simply outscored the visitors in Cardiff to go one up. But we all know how dangerous a wounded animal can be and, true to type, Australia leveled the series with a 405 run thrashing of the equally clueless England. Then it was England’s turn to bounce back. In front of an effervescent crowd at Edgbaston, first Broad, then Finn turned the screw on the Aussie batsmen, leaving Bell (possibly saving his test career) and Root to mop up the runs for a 2-1 series lead.

At the time of writing, it remains to be seen whether England prolong their bizarre sequence of alternating win/lose Test match results – seven matches so far – but, whatever the outcome of the series, it’s a spectacular advertisement for Test cricket. Some would question the quality of the batting and bowling alike and some would even suggest a reduction to four day tests if the players cannot make four innings last. Whoever heard of 5 runs an over at this level and matches completed in three days? But I say, live for the moment; the name of the game is ‘Entertainment’, and so far, it’s breathtaking!

In fact, it’s just what we need isn’t it? Something to inspire us and give us the impetus to give sport a go? We’ve heard a lot recently about the failure of the 2012 Olympics to create a legacy of increased participation and all the media men are jamming the airwaves speculating as to why sports have failed to engage with today’s participants. Even the nation’s favourite activities like swimming (yes - that’s our number one apparently!) and football are suffering a mortal decline. We hear that sports are selling the next generation short by not offering sufficient opportunities or adequate facilities. “Build a new pool/court/pavilion/stadium: people will come...” But will they? They didn’t in Lode. (*Sports Nut continued on page 45.*)

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(Sports Nut continued.)

Could it be that the obstacles are far more powerful than the commentators think? Surely they are more cultural than anything. And culture is about people, is it not? What participants need is people to lead them, people to set an example and people to inspire them to be the best they can be. But successive generations have found easier ways to have fun. They have drifted into a technological age of instant thrills for least effort, together with saturation coverage of broken role models who are a million miles removed from the kid in the street.

Have a look locally. We are now a village of what - 2300 or thereabouts? What is everyone doing? You'd think the open spaces for which we clamour would be hives of activity? Why are the greens at Ox Meadow, Ancient Meadows, the Dirt Hills and BVC playing field almost always empty? It's about time folks of all ages stopped asking what sport can do for them and start thinking what they can do for sport.

TTFN - Gerry Daish

WEA

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Jolley Old World

Onward and Upward...

I trust you all had a good summer break either at home or abroad, or even both if you were lucky. And took time out to share it especially with family and friends – where would we be without them! But sadly as I write this piece I've just received a poignant phone call from Tony Newman's daughter to say that Tony slipped away in the early hours of this morning - Wednesday 12th August 2015.

I was fortunate and privileged to have had a few chats with Tony about the history of the village and about the role the Newman's had and still have in the life of this community. Listening to how others spoke of him and from my own experience Tony was beyond measure the quintessential English 'gentleman' farmer who devoted many years of public service to Bottisham and, I'm sure, to the immense gratitude of villagers past and present. Coincidentally it was through talking with Tony that the idea of a renaissance of Bottisham village traditions was talked about and out of these tête-à-têtes the 'Bottisham Forum/Society' seed was planted.

Well, your opportunity to submit your responses to the 'survey' came to an end in June and so it's a big thanks to those of you who took the trouble to offer some very constructive comments and observations. Not a vast response by any means but at least a refreshing 'can do' attitude came through with a number expressing their frustration at what other villages around us are able to accomplish.

The interest shown and comments offered suggest to me that it would be appropriate to take the idea of a 'Forum or Society' to the next stage. This proposed step would be to meet with all those who expressed a willingness to help grow the concept; the idea being to consider the benefits such an enterprise would bring to the village and how collectively we might take bring this scheme to fruition. But before a get-together of interested parties can be planned I would appreciate having some contact details for you. Therefore please email me so that I can update you; burytenor@gmail.com or alternatively leave a message on 812911.

As I have mentioned in previous articles; it seems that much needs to be accomplished if we are to stand any chance of closer communal involvement in community events and activities. Playing its part in mid twentieth century history has dealt Bottisham a cruel blow that has left the village devoid of benefactors and without a feeling of 'villageness' once enjoyed by previous generations – the sort of 'villagey' things that seem commonplace elsewhere. Yes, hindsight is a wonderful thing and looking back in time it was perhaps naïve of our forebears to have had faith in 'gentlemen's agreements' and in 'reciprocal arrangements' for, although officially recorded, these have all now been conveniently forgotten by successive local government and educational administrations. Personally I don't hold with the 'progressive' view that we are now a secular society and thus should let go of our traditions and folklore. A new and just balance must somehow be found to claw back what has been involuntarily forfeited...

But now to a topic that will have considerable ramifications for this village if it ever gets approval. Some may have read about or heard of a proposal to introduce a Cambridge Congestion Charge during commuting hours - the idea being to 'force' people out of their cars onto bicycles or onto public transport. I don't know about you but I always marvel at how accessible Cambridge is by car during peak hours when the City schools are on holiday! This one simple fact alone suggests commuters' cars are not the real problem here...

What seems to have been naively forgotten in this debate is that Cambridge's economy serves and is served by people other than those who live in the City of Cambridge. Unless Cambridge can provide an efficient, reliable and affordable rural (*Jolley Old World continued on page 50.*)



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and urban public transport infrastructure Cambridge's economy will falter and furthermore you will not persuade motorists out of their cars. For goodness sake, it's cheaper to drive four people into Cambridge and park than to use Park & Ride. The millions being spent on the Huntingdon Road for a tiny section of the City's population and the millions proposed to be spent on the 'City Deal' are beyond a joke. Surely it's obvious that traffic congestion in Cambridge is the result of over engineering accompanied by an unhealthy bias in favour of the City cycling lobby. At a time of austerity these 'nice to have' initiatives continue to appear unabated whilst the 'must have' needs of hard pressed community services are being deprived of basic cash. Install as many cycle lanes, road narrowing schemes and traffic lights as you like – they will only continue to make the congestion problem worse. Can you remember the uncomplicated yet exceptionally effective 'tractor tyre' in the middle of the road serving as a mini roundabout! I'm sure Will Newman has one or two he can surreptitiously place at particular junctions in the village!

I'm no transport expert but at the risk of being accused of unoriginality might I suggest a 'radical' rethink on transport rather than the current narrow-minded approach such as the 'City Deal' adopted by local politicians and planners. Smarter rationality; as exemplified by CambridgeBOLD, linking outlying towns and villages with Cambridge's commuting infrastructure involving the reintroduction of branch lines, tram networks, possibly a metro system, and a 'standalone' cycle grid (one that doesn't spill over onto the road network) must all go into the melting pot. To my mind we should also include reducing A14 traffic by using other transport options. Perhaps John Austin has some views he might like to share? The repetitive diatribe from a particular Cambridge business leader (so called) about the road being 'unfit for purpose' is becoming rather banal. And now we have a new Cambridge MP but we read that he too is a massive 'cycling' supporter. When will Cambridge get some respite and a chance to effect some damage limitation? *TJ*

"Every blade of Bottisham grass built upon is another bit of England lost" Anon.

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Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

In July we invited members from our link branch at Impington to join us. Our guest speaker Libby Aluwahlia, Chairperson of The Friends of Whitworth House came to tell us more about the charity which is supported by Ely Diocese Mothers' Union. Whitworth House was opened in

1998 after a major fundraising appeal to provide a home for homeless young women aged 16-25. The House provides a home for fifteen young women. The accommodation has twelve small units and an extension of two small flats which provide moving on accommodation before moving out to independent living. Today the day-to-day running of the house is managed by the Orwell Housing Association. The Friends of Whitworth House serves to support residents in the absence of any other existing agency. This can involve grants for transport, work clothes, education and training, amongst other things. It also provides items to make living units more homely such as bed linen and table lamps, as well as personal items and toiletries. The Friends also ensure that each occupant receives a present at Christmas. This very worthwhile charity is run by a very small committee of four members. They have almost achieved their latest project target to obtain a mini-bus which will provide transport for outings. Members made a collection during tea and presented Libby with over £50 that will go towards licence fees for the vehicle. For more information please visit their website: www.friendsofwhitworthhouse.org.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month starting at 2.30 at Lode Chapel. On September 17th Ruth Pym is coming to talk to us on "Fine Cell Work". You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Ann Langran

Bottisham Community Library Association

We are so pleased that our Saturday Morning Art Club can continue. Liz Cook and a friend have volunteered to jointly run it. We hope they enjoy it and that the members enjoy it too. Kate Vadhia and her helpers Indy Vadhia and Ashleigh Leech were presented with vouchers at our recent AGM for running the Club so well for the last four and a half years.

The committee and all volunteers were thanked by Jill Terrell from Cambridgeshire Library Service who spoke at the AGM. Our statistics are good and contrary to belief the advent of e-books has not replaced the physical book. The value of the Library Service is recognized throughout the County but the service is looking to save 40% next year!

The AGM was well attended – finances have been helped by a successful Jumble Sale and a Quiz Night in January (we hope to hold another one) and we have been fortunate in having several people come forward as volunteers during the last year

The National Library Service Summer Reading Scheme entitled "Record Breakers" continues to run until late September. Several young readers have joined and those successful in reading at least 6 books will receive medals later in the month.

We have many new books, the Biographies are now more accessible and we are one of the few volunteer run Libraries that can offer non-fiction titles as we are based in the College Library.

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Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

The club will be commencing its 43rd year on 8 September 2015 7:30pm at Lode Chapel CB25 9EW. This evening, as with all our meetings, new members are welcome to attend and bring some prints taken in the summer (any size). Current members are asked to bring 3 prints or digital images that they have taken during the summer for viewing. Last year's award winning prints will also be displayed.

If you are new to photography or would like to develop your knowledge further, why not try our club? This may help you to achieve your aims and have an enjoyable evening, at our comfortable venue. Members use a wide range of cameras to take their photographs— DLSR's, Smartphones, Mirrorless and Compacts. They also have a very wide range of experience over a number of years and can offer guidance to newcomers.

Early next year the club is supporting a new venture in which club members will be asked to donate photographs to the long running Burwell Community Print Centre (Registered Charity No.1053026). Hopefully this will enable the charity to raise additional funds to support their valuable work for people with learning disabilities. Further details to follow later in the year.

Our programme for the year 2015/16 is wide and varied, which is always our aim. The initial programme will be:

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 DPAGB, 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.

Further details of our programme for the year can be viewed at, www.bottburpc.org

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 subs: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00. Refreshments 50p.

For further details contact: Hon. Secretary. **Mrs Daphne Hanson** T: 01638 741106

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.

Our well established Art Club has been running for the last ten years every Saturday morning during term time from 10.15-11.15.

It is held in Bottisham Library for children aged 4-10 years.

If you are interested please contact:

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ENTRY is now open so if you are a runner please get your entry in as soon as possible. If you are not a runner but would like to help with **stewarding** please get in touch.

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 have had 2 meetings since I last wrote a report.

In June Sarah Oliver a Lady Plumber entertained us with a talk on Beating the Cistern explaining the water and drainage systems in our homes. She had trained once her children started school and was 1 of only 20 females doing this job. She gave us many tips – the most important one was to turn the stopcock tap every 3 months to stop it seizing up, WD40 or olive oil would loosen it. The outside water tap must be turned off in the winter months in case we have a severe winter.

In July we had a talk on EMMAUS by Selwyn Image one of the Founder members of the Charity based at Landbeach. the first in the UK. The charity began in France after the Second World War by Abbe Pierre who cared for homeless and impoverished people in his own home. When the French Parliament reduced the rough sleeping allowance and a lady was found dead in the street in the freezing winter with an eviction notice in her hand he appealed for funding in a radio broadcast and the Charity was formed. Selwyn went to work in 1960 in one of the branches mainly to improve his French.

In 1989 beggars appeared in the streets of Cambridge and soup kitchens opened. A beggar who was a graduate told him that "he needed somewhere he belonged, some meaningful work and his self respect back" so Selwyn with others including the Lord Mayor George Reid decided to do something. They purchased a field with cowsheds for £45,000 at Landbeach from the County Council and have never looked back. Accommodation was built and items from house clearance sales were collected and repaired as necessary and sold. There are now 25 communities in Britain which are all economically viable and profits are passed on to promote new communities. It is a non secular international organisation but they have yet to be set up in the USA where 25% of the population are below the poverty line. This was a most interesting talk. Do visit the shop— the cafe is known for its large pieces of cake

We have recently had a most interesting tour of the American War Cemetery at Madingley and a walk through Bottisham Park with a meal at The Black Horse .

We are looking forward to Afternoon Tea at Bottisham Hall (by kind permission of Jill and Roger Jenyns) on 19th September to celebrate the Centenary of the WI, our shopping trip to Norwich in November and a Christmas Meal in December at Newmarket Golf Club

The darts team played really well, winning the Cambridgeshire Federation quarter final and semi final matches against Chrishall and Wimpole respectively. Unfortunately our team lost in the final against Cottenham. Although the score was 2-0 it was a close match and could have gone either way. The Cambridge News gave good coverage of the event held at the Royal British Legion in Bottisham. We shall keep practising and try again next season!

Malcolm Busby will be Telling Cambridgeshire Tales on 15th September at 7.30pm in the College Lecture Room.

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

Copy deadline for next issue is 14 September.

Please send material to the editor at cresset@bottishampc.org.uk

Public Transport Matters

I hope you have all had a good summer with convenient public transport as required. People are complaining about the use of self-service ticket machines at railway stations. I prefer direct contact and we have recently had an extremely efficient - and surprising - experience with Voyages SNCF (0844 848 5848 voyages-sncf.com) for a short visit to central France. I explained that we wanted to go to Poitiers via Lille using Eurostar from St. Pancras and then their TGV trains to Poitiers. She checked through the times that I had already researched and then said that she could do a round trip fare which would involve keeping all the tickets together. She then laughed and said was it OK to return from Poitiers to Lille Europe First Class as that was the cheapest option – we thought that was indeed OK. I usually use Deutsche Bahn for our German trips as the national railways know all the special deals. The only snag was that on our way to Poitiers we had to change at Lille Europe and walk through to Lille Flandres – about 15 mins. at our pace. Returning from Poitiers 3 days later we enjoyed the First Class comfort but the train was slightly late but did go direct to Lille Europe. As we alighted, 2 chaps in red sweaters, who were helping a lady in a wheelchair, saw that we weren't the most agile couple, commandeered a luggage trolley and said to follow them. My husband is not too keen on handing over responsibility to young men and when one of them asked for our Eurostar tickets at the Eurostar entrance and then disappeared he suggested they were now being handed to some immigrants! However, the chap reappeared with our tickets and a little Eurostar Assistance form and promptly ushered us to the head of both the passport check queues and through customs. We were then handed over to a young woman at our carriage and shown to our seats. Then a chap with a tiered trolley appeared and started handing out 'plats du jour', bottles of water and tea or coffee – all gratis! I checked with the company later and it turned out that we had had a higher grade of ticket on Eurostar as part of the deal. We were met at St. Pancras and escorted to King's Cross, where a very organised chap took over, when I enquired at Information, and got us seats on the already nearly full 19.14 commuter train by requesting that two young men vacate theirs! Kind fellow travellers offered to help us to a taxi at Cambridge but by then we were quite happy to potter along at our own pace! Quite an interesting day! We were not affected by the Calais problems. Eurostar are threatening to sue for £200 million if the govt. decide to close the tunnel overnight due to the threat from the immigrants. They have had a record quarter this summer carrying 2.8 million passengers in the three months to the end of June - its highest ever in one quarter and a 3pc year on year increase. I wrote recently of the trolley service on our trip to Portsmouth - Southern have now announced, to commuters dismay, that this service is to cease!

London is due to have Chinese electric double-decker buses from October to add to the present green buses to cut the pollution on London's streets.

Plans for increased and improved rail and bus services throughout the UK and locally continue to feature in the press. A 'Brain train' to reach Oxford from Cambridge in one hour and to include a station at Addenbrooke's should be decided on in 2016 - possibly via Bedford and Hitchin. In our area there is £750 million scheduled under the City Deal - stations at Addenbrooke's, Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn? Soham train station - March 2018 - £6.2 million? Double tracking of line between Ely and Soham - March 2019 and improved parking and interchange facilities at Ely station - 2018 - £1 million. Leaflets have been distributed around Haverhill to gain support for a Rail Haverhill to be presented to Suffolk, Essex and Cambs. Councils. Boris Johnson is pushing forward Crossrail 2, a north/south route - it was interesting to see the underground construction of Crossrail east/west in the recent BBC TV programme 'Britain beneath your feet'. Bikebus from Cambridge south to places like Wimpole NT celebrates its first year of operation.

(Public Transport Matters continued next page.)

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Happy travelling!

Paddy James

PS. There is a happy get-together on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 -12 midday for tea or coffee and biscuits at the British Legion. Interesting discussions - holidays, local history, books, family matters, general chat. Open to all - nice view of the bowling green - do come and join us! See you there?

Bottisham and District Gardening Club

Our summer activities included an evening visit in June to Don and Sally Edwards' beautiful gardens at Abbots Way, Horningsea, overlooking meadows to the Cam. Club members and guests rounded off the evening with refreshments and cake. The July trip took us by coach to Castle Ashby near Northampton, where we had a guided tour of the 25 acres of gardens and enjoyed the plant centre and tea rooms.

Our speaker for the August meeting will be Andrew Harper-Scott, from Scotsdales at Horningsea, who will be giving us advice and a demonstration on *Container Plants for Autumn and Winter*. He will also judge this year's Members' Competition for the best begonia, grown from a corm provided to members by the club.

Preparations are well in hand for our Annual Show on 12 September 2015, with seven sections covering Fruit and Vegetables, Flowers, Baking, Crafts, Painting and Drawing, Photography and the Children's categories. Our motto this year is 'Something for everyone – give it a go' and we hope you will. This is a major event in the village and we are hoping for a record number of exhibits and visitors on show day. Schedules were published in the July issue of *The Cresset*, further copies are available in village stores, at the library, and on our website at www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk.

New members to the club are always welcome; we have a wide variety of speakers and social occasions including the Spring Lunch, the trips as outlined above, and the Christmas Social. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion, Bottisham.



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This month, the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit will be out looking for motorists breaking the law. Driving while using a phone is one of the 'fatal four' driving offences, along with speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and drink or drug driving.

Inspector Mark Rogers said the mobile phones of drivers involved in crashes could be analysed to determine whether they had been used at any point before the collision.

In March 2013, a 31-year-old woman from Peterborough caused a fatal collision on the A47 at Thorney Toll, near Peterborough, after texting and making calls from two phones. She drove her Jaguar X-Type into the back of a Peugeot 206, shunting it into the path of an oncoming articulated lorry, killing the driver, a 27-year-old man from Leicester. Police seized her mobile phone, which she had denied using, and a second phone from the car. Examinations showed she had sent and received both texts and calls shortly before the crash. The woman, who had previously been caught using a mobile phone at the wheel twice, pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and was jailed for six years at Peterborough Crown Court in July last year. She was also banned from driving for eight years.

Insp Rogers said: "This case demonstrates the potentially horrifying consequences of being distracted from driving by mobile phones. "And it shows that any use of mobile phones will be picked up by officers investigating the causes behind the collision.

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