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As you will shortly read in the Parish Council report, the current Parish Council website is going to be replaced with a new one by about May of this year.

This has meant that the Cresset e-mail address will no longer be available after that time. So we have taken the opportunity to update our systems and the way we handle communications with our readers. To this end, with immediate effect, a new email address has been set up and is available to use. [BottishamCresset@gmail.com](mailto:BottishamCresset@gmail.com).

So from now on would you please use this email address to contact The Cresset. Both addresses will run in parallel for a couple of months only to make sure that nothing gets lost. But I hope that everybody starts to use the new one from now on.

You will see that the email address also appears in any of the 'Copy Deadline' date panels that appear in the magazine and I have also changed the detail on the 'Useful Information' page at the back. So please make a note of it and keep it handy:- [BottishamCresset@gmail.com](mailto:BottishamCresset@gmail.com)

On to other matters now. The Bowling club held another successful Burns supper last month and I had the honour of giving 'The Address to The Haggis'. I have done it before and people have complimented me on doing it but have added that the Scot's dialect meant they did not have the faintest idea what I was talking about.

So this year I gave apologies to the Bard and gave an anglicised translation which seemed to go down well, but I did not think it gave the occasion the same character. However the next time the gathering hears the traditional rendition, at least they will know what it is about!

I have had lots of comment about the views of correspondents who wrote in response to Tony's 'Jolley Old World'. It was unfortunate that some of those views focused on particular issues relating to immigration rather than the general one, which I think was being made, that ultimately space and resources are finite and growth and development have to go hand in hand if discord and damage to society as we know it is to be avoided.

Widely differing views ultimately do normally meet somewhere in the middle and that is what has happened for decades indeed centuries, and will continue to do so.

Excellent article from The Sports Nut this month, with a summary of the amazing amount of activity going on in the world of sport at the moment.

One thing that hits home locally is his comment about the lack of investment in grass roots sport. It should be of concern to all of us, that in less than a generation and a bit, many local sports groups and activities have diminished, struggled or all but disappeared. Tennis, football, cricket are just a few of those activities that are a shadow of their former self.

Those that do survive do so with the help of the faithful few, who give more of their time and carry the increasing weight of responsibility for those activities they support.

It is a combination of factors. The computer games get a lot of the blame. 'Elf 'n safety' and its jobsworth protagonists put off a lot of those who used to happily volunteer to help. But I think we all have to take a share of the blame and it is not just in sport that this applies.

Nothing gets done if nobody does it, may sound a silly statement, but it is a fact. Too many people expecting things to get done, but expect it to be done by somebody else. So next time you feel like complaining about something you think is wrong in the world, perhaps think about what you might do to help.

But have faith. Watch out next month in *The Cresset* for the next generation showing what they can come up with when asked to be creative for "Clean for the Queen"!

Enjoy your Cresset.

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### *The Rev. Sue Giles writes*

The season of Lent arrives early this year and so does Easter. In the Benefice we will begin our Lenten Fast with a pancake service in Quy village hall on Sunday 14th February at 11 am and you would be very welcome to join us. Lent is not the most popular season for many people. It is often viewed as a rather gloomy penitential season associated with discipline and giving things up neither of which inspire people to get involved. There is, however, another way of looking at Lent. It can also be a time for celebrating God's love and his patience with us even when we get things wrong. Lent helps us to deepen our love for God and a Lenten discipline can create a structure to help us become more open to God and his action in the world. Lent is a time to count our blessings.

Christian Aid have produced some excellent resources for Lent which help both children and adults to recognise the blessings of their lives and to give thanks to the Giver. Each day in Lent we are invited to do simple things such as looking in the fridge, counting the variety of vegetables that are there and thanking God for the food we enjoy. There is also an option to put a small amount of money into a jar as a practical thanksgiving that Christian Aid can use to help other families around the world. Part of helping to build God's kingdom is to ensure that everyone can enjoy God's blessings as we do.

Small practical steps that help us recognise God's blessings encourage us to appreciate the ordinary things we so often take for granted. Lent this year could be a time to give thanks to God as we seek to develop an attitude of gratitude.

I wish you a happy and joyful Lent.

### *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham*

<b>Wednesday 3rd</b>	8pm	<b>Compline by Candlelight</b> Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Revd Sue Giles
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Benefice Ash Wednesday service</b> in Swaffham Bulbeck
<b>Sunday 14th</b>		<b>No service</b> in Bottisham
	9.30am	<b>Benefice Communion</b> in Swaffham Bulbeck
	11am	<b>Benefice All-Age Service with pancakes</b> in Quy Village Hall
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	8am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Book of Common Prayer) Revd Sue Giles
	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Revd Elizabeth Caswell
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	9.30am	<b>Benefice Communion</b> in Swaffham Prior
	11am	<b>Benefice All-Age Service</b> Revd Sue Giles

Please note the varying times of the services; Benefice Communion services now start at 9.30am and the family-friendly All-Age Benefice services at 11am. Details of other services in the Anglesey Group of Churches (The Benefice) are on the notice board in the church.

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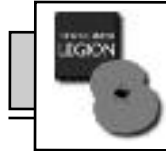
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You may well have noticed the new bus shelter on the High Street opposite Beechwood Avenue. Prior to Christmas the County Council let us know they were holding some S106 developer funding which was to be used to improve bus services along the High Street. As the wooden bus shelter here was quite old and needed regular maintenance we agreed that it would be a good idea to replace it with something more up-to-date that required no maintenance. We have received very positive feedback regarding the new shelter and are now looking into whether the funds could also be used to replace the bus shelter on the A1303 which is just off of the High Street. The funding is only available until mid-February so if we are able to go ahead with this, it will happen quite soon.

You will also have noticed that the new vehicle activated signs are in operation along Bell Road. This has been a long time coming but I think everyone will agree that it does slow the traffic down and make drivers think about what speed they are travelling at.

We have discussed the possibility of using traffic cones outside of the shops to control parking on the double yellow lines. The shopkeeper has now gone ahead with this as drivers have been ignoring the double yellow lines and it does seem to be having a noticeable effect, making it easier for both pedestrians and vehicles. We have had some queries from disabled drivers. To clarify, vehicles displaying a disabled badge are able to park on double yellow lines and there should still be space for them to do that with the cones in place but they must not be within 25 yards of the junction with Bell Road.

Bottisham Parish Council has applied to become a Neighbourhood Area which is the first step towards creating a Neighbourhood Plan. This is now out to consultation and details are available to view either at the library or from the Clerk. After we have been designated as a Neighbourhood Area we hope to then look at forming a Working Party including people in the village, not just parish councillors.

We submitted a pre-planning application for the new cemetery before Christmas with the District Council. We had a letter on the 23rd December confirming receipt of this and saying in principle they were supportive of the application depending on the results of various tests which we wait to hear more of.

The national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday is taking place the weekend of 4-6 March. People are being encouraged to litter pick close to their home and further afield. Parish Council will be doing their bit and hope that other residents will join in. As detailed separately in the Cresset we are also linking in with the Primary School for the children to design a cover for the Cresset to inform the village about the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign.

An early date for your diaries. The Parish Council Annual Meeting has been arranged for Thursday 26th May at the Royal British Legion. All welcome.

*Claire Fullwood - Parish Clerk*

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Taking security steps at home by remembering to always leave your windows and doors locked is a great start but please keep your eyes and ears open and report anything unusual or out of the ordinary. For more information on burglary prevention advice visit: [www.ow.ly/V6uf4](http://www.ow.ly/V6uf4)

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Our local PCSO is Maria Robinson who can be contacted by phone using 101 and then asking for Maria Robinson.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## Fruitfulness In Lent



**Lent!', I hear you say, 'already?'**

Yes, Lent will come early in 2016 – it begins on Feb 10, culminating in a very early Easter.

Every Lent the parish churches in the Anglesey group of villages (Quy, Bottisham, Bulbeck, Prior and Lode) and RE:NEW with Lode Chapel join together to run a series of studies on some aspect of the Christian life. This year we'll be following a course called 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' - developing ideas about how Christians can make a positive difference in their communities, schools, workplaces, wherever life takes them.

See: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyMMfyy3FDE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyMMfyy3FDE)

We meet in small groups - about 10 people each- over a six week period from the second week in February to the fourth in March - with a choice of days, times and locations to suit almost everyone.

Details will, of course be available in the churches, but the reason for this more public announcement is to invite all Christians in our villages - even those who don't normally worship at our particular churches - to join us for these highly inclusive Lent groups. Interested? Please contact Coral Hatley 01223 811457 [coralhatley@gmail.com](mailto:coralhatley@gmail.com) for more information or to register your interest.

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## *Bottisham & District Gardening Club*

We saw the old year out in style with a talk on 'Water' by Sylvia Overton, followed by the Christmas party with mulled wine and mince pies and the Christmas raffle.

This year, 2016, is an important year for us as it is the 40th anniversary of the resurrection of the gardening club in 1976. We hope to celebrate this in various ways. Our suggestion of a memorial garden at the new cemetery is on hold pending the purchase of the land on Lode Road, Bottisham, but we hope to contribute to its development in the future. In addition to our varied programme of speakers and events we will be holding a celebration garden party for past and present members during the summer, venue to be announced. If you are a current member you will receive details via our newsletter and at club nights. We will keep you informed of the date so that past members can be in touch to let us know whether they would like to join us for the event. You can contact us for further information via the web pages, by phone, or write/email any of the committee members. Better still, come along to our meetings and see how we are doing forty years on.

We have a varied programme of speakers, starting in January with Mike Petty on James Withers, the remarkable life of the Fordham Gardener/Poet. Our outings this year include the Spring Lunch at Newmarket Golf Club, the annual trip (this year to RHS Wisley), and an evening outing in July to see Clare College Gardens. The Annual Show will take place in September and the annual Plant Stall will be held again on the Triangle in mid-May. We are also hoping to start a Gardening Club Allotment, to be divided and shared between members of the club. It will be another busy year.

Finally, congratulations to our President, Ken York, who has recently been awarded the Chevalier Legion d'Honneur, the highest decoration in France, for his service in the Second World War (giving him a total of 10 medals). Ken joined the Royal Marines in 1937 and has seen service all over the world, including China. He took part in the sinking of the Bismarck, patrolled the Atlantic for 2 years, and was part of the D-Day landings. He served in the Marines for 23 years, until 1960, and came to Bottisham in 1964. He was Chairman of the Gardening Club for 17 years, is currently our President and is still an active gardener, having won Best in Show for his trug of vegetables at last year's Annual Show. At the age of 96 we think he's an amazing man and we are lucky to have him on board.

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## *Bottisham Primary School*

We had a busy but very happy Autumn Term and have begun the Spring term with renewed enthusiasm. Our community of pupils, staff, parents, volunteer helpers and governors continue to work hard to provide a happy, stimulating and successful environment in which our children can thrive.

Where possible, teachers like to bring the curriculum to life. Highlights of last term were the Castle Day in October - an opportunity for the younger children to experience life in a castle without having the inconvenience of traditional medieval plumbing or the risk of a siege! The children also made their own wonderful models which were proudly displayed. A History Quiz in November enabled teams of children to pit their wits against each other in a lighthearted way.

The children are always encouraged to think about the needs of others and they had great fun on Roald Dahl Day at the end of September, dressing up as their favourite character from the stories and raising money for various children's charities along the way. They also joined in with the nation on Friday 13th November to raise money for Children in Need.

Our very active PTA last year raised an amazing £10,000 for projects which will include developing our outdoor teaching area. In the Autumn term they were able to fund an enjoyable visit from the M & M Theatre Company who performed 'Alice In Wonderland' to the whole school. Later, in December, their efforts helped support the whole school to go to see 'Cinderella' at the Cambridge Arts Theatre: this was a great treat. A fellow governor and myself were able to join staff, children and parent helpers and join in the fun.

Each governor is linked to a class and we try to visit when possible so that children gain some awareness of who we are and so that we are better able to appreciate the range of activities that the children do and help celebrate their achievements. A highlight in the past, for example, was being asked to judge stories from each class member for a creative writing competition. In this way we are able to see for ourselves the vision and ethos of the school in practice.

This term there are the three residential trips to look forward to. Year 4 is off for a night to Burwell House, Year 5 spend 2 nights at Flatford Mill and Year 6 spend 4 nights at Hilltop. Each year these action-packed events help cement friendships and create many happy memories. Governors enjoy hearing accounts of these successful trips from staff and children and seeing the photos.

The school is hosting two information opportunities for parents this term. On 26th January there is an e-safety talk at 6pm and there are also 3 sessions to help parents support their children with Maths taking place at 9.15a.m. on Monday 2nd, 7th and 16th March.

I look forward to another happy and productive term.

*Sarah Wormald, (Chair of Governors)*

**Visit the School Website, [www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.bottisham.cambs.sch.uk) for further information about the school, including key dates.**

**Copy deadline for next issue is 14 February.**

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- **Saturday Art Club.** Good news to start the New Year Liz Cook is to be joined by Colin Bryant and Sarah Freed so the group will be able to continue. They have worked out a timetable so that none of them are involved every Saturday. We are grateful to them and hope they will enjoy working with the youngsters. Another volunteer has since come forward so all should be well.
- **Lots of completed Christmas Quizzes,** thank you to all who took part and to Janey Gostlow who compiled it. The lucky winner is Jean Turney who has received a cheque for £25. Sarah Bailey and Jenny Callanan were the runners up.
- **We are looking forward to our Quiz evening later this month.** Bill Sunner from the Bottisham Village Stores and Post Office has been very generous and provided the main raffle prize and bottles of wine for the winners on the evening.

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*Sylvia Overton*

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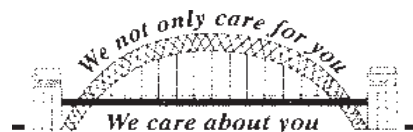
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**RELAY BATON**

I've just arrived home from a very good leader's meeting at Lode chapel; the RE:NEW church family is in the middle of a phase of praying, planning and preparing for the year ahead. I had placed on each table a relay baton, I didn't even refer to it on this occasion, such was the nature of the meeting with constant discussion and contributions from those gathered; however I still think that the baton served a purpose.



The relay baton reminds me (I often carry one in my work bag, hold one when I'm praying, sometimes even when I'm preaching) that I am part of a team: God's team, and that involves running with others with the same goal, dream and vision for the race ahead. We may be different personalities, have different running styles and techniques, but we are all part of the same team. A relay team needs to know each other really well, needs to train together, needs to know who is most gifted at running which part of the race. What teams are you part of? What part do you play? What parts do others play? Do you have a shared vision, goal, hopes, dreams, aspirations? Do you genuinely love and care for one another? You cannot run a relay race alone.

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The relay baton reminds me that when someone chooses to follow Jesus, they are entering a race, a relay, a journey of life that has a purpose, that requires us to "Go", "Reach", "Share the Good News," "Tell of what God has done in Jesus Christ". On Sunday morning 7th February we have a Believer's Baptism service (10.30am at Bottisham Primary School). Two of our young people will be baptised and will share something of their story of life, including how they came to follow Jesus and the difference He makes in their lives. I would love you to join with us. Come and hear the Good News of the Christian faith, come and see for yourself. Will you come?

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*Alan Brand*

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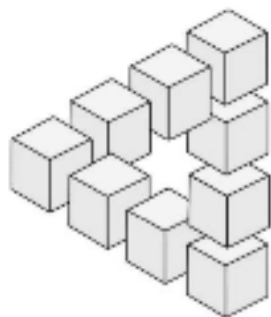
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*Michael White*


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### GEORGE PEARSON

Janet, Mark and Matt would like to thank everyone for coming to church to say goodbye to George. It meant so much to us all to see you there. We would also like to say a big thank you for the donations to E.A.C.H. which totalled £466.65. It will go a long way to help their wonderful work in our community. Last but not least thanks to our vicar Sue Giles for her help and support and Katy and her team for the wonderful reception laid on afterwards at the British Legion. It was a fitting farewell.



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## Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Ever since my first introduction to business management in the 1980s, I've always liked the idea of looking back before looking forward. Review to preview, as it were. Thinking how things might move on and learning from both good and bad judgements of the past.

So what did we learn in 2015? In vaguely chronological order: we learned that drug taking in athletics is alive and kicking; that the Darlings are a formidable athletic family (without chemical assistance!); that it's possible to win the Tour de France clean (again); that Kevin Pieterse's England career is dead as the dodo; that the Aussies need to send a better team for the next Ashes series; that the best driver in the best car is nigh on unbeatable in Formula 1; that world champion cyclists Lizzie Armitstead and Peter Sagan proved that bridesmaids can sometimes be brides; that the Southern Hemisphere is still stronger half of the rugby world; that rugby referees are no longer unimpeachable; that, whilst the top footballers accumulate unimaginable wealth, adult grass-roots football is dying on its feet through a dearth of volunteers, lack of funds and a generation of 'maybe' players; that managers of all skin colours can get the sack; that, after a 'perfect 10' Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, followed by a friendly defeat in Spain, we still don't really know if England are of competitive quality; and we learned that unlimited money can buy you almost anything (such as a top football club or £5bn worth of television rights) but not immunity from embarrassment (José Mourinho) or integrity (FIFA - aaaargh!).

I wonder if any of that that will help us appreciate what 2016 has in store. What a year it could be...!

At the time of writing, England are one up in the Test series in South Africa and the remainder of the series promises to be a compelling, evenly-matched contest following Ben Stokes' and Hashim Amla's run-plundering exploits in the drawn 2nd Test. It's such a shame that crowds are dwindling globally in this (I would say 'proper') form of the game when the cricket can be at its most interesting and exciting. Sri Lanka are visiting us in May-June and Pakistan are touring in July-August, so let us hope that the home crowds turn out in force to keep the five day game alive.

The Six Nations Rugby tournament is starting imminently and new England coach Eddie Jones is bringing in seven uncapped players into his squad in the quest to put last year's disastrous World Cup experience behind them. Meanwhile, former England assistant coach Andy Farrell is to be coaching the Ireland defence this year, so stand by for a particularly intriguing match at Twickenham on 27th Feb!

A massive year in athletics culminates in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in August and September. Is anybody going? I challenge Bottisham gal Hollie Coles-Lewis to report back on her experiences as a multi-lingual games-maker when she returns from her volunteering adventure in Brazil!

With Chris Froome signing to stay with Team Sky until 2018 and talking about his colleagues as 'a family' wouldn't it be stupendous if he can become the first Briton to win back-to-back Tours de France? At age 30 he should be approaching the peak of his strength but he has to forget that his nickname was once "Crash"! Hopefully, Sky hard man Geraint Thomas will show up well, too, at the Tour. Why not whet your appetites beforehand with the World Track Championships in London in March and the Giro d'Italia in May?

In June, the Bottisham boys will be off to France so support England in Euro 2016. The organisers have maintained their usual level of consideration for spectators by sending England to Marseilles, then Lens, then back to St Etienne. It could hardly be worse for the travelling fans but we hope to make two of the first three games, then – (*Sports Nut continued on page 47.*)



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*(Sports Nut continued.)*

after that – who knows...?! Can Roy justify his extended contract and take us a little further than usual? Don't forget also, it's Ryder Cup time at the end of September, this one in Minnesota. Can Europe pull yet another rabbit out of the hat under the captaincy of Darren Clarke?

Before closing, I must just congratulate Andy Murray on his second SPOTY award, which surely proves that, contrary to what many jingoistic Englishmen believe, he is not a sour-faced, humourless, Scottish misery-guts but a British record-breaking athlete who single-mindedly employed his sparkling talent to regain GB's place at the top table of tennis after three quarters of a century in the doldrums.

Finally, talking of awards, I am not a fan of the New Year's Honours List, which is a whole can of worms in itself. It was described as a "grandstanding, backslapping yawnfest" by a broadcaster recently! But I was delighted to see that the electrifying skills and cheeky wit of Denis Law CBE were belatedly recognised this time, albeit due to his tireless work for health-related charities. Did you catch his subsequent interview? He was asked if he thought his Manchester United team of the 1960s would beat the current team. After a moment's consideration he replied that his team would scrape through, probably 1-0. The interviewer was puzzled, "Why so modest Dennis?"

"Well, we're all in our 70s now!"

TTFN - Gerry Daish

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## Jolley Old World

### Will 2016 see the revival of the 'Engineer'?

Firstly though it was pleasing to see a goodly number of people observe and enjoy the coming in of the New Year at 'The Legion'. Our party group decided to make it a 'black tie' event; however on arrival our attire seemed to cause copious mirth for some of the seasoned 'supporters' of the bar. Even so it was all taken in good spirit and well done to Katie and staff and to everyone else that chipped in to make it a most enjoyable and convivial evening. An immense thank you also to the chaps at Classic Spice who provided us with the customary sumptuous feast at our annual Christmas Eve gathering - some twenty three of us this year spanning four generations...

And bravo also to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip for his comment; "everything not made by God has been made by 'Engineers'! Such a simple yet profound statement - how right you are Sir. When I look back at my days at school I clearly recall learning the dexterities of metalwork, electrics, woodwork and construction all with a dusting of physics. Clearly the 60s and 70s were the decades that carried on the long tradition of people that 'made things' especially the British 'engineers' responsible for many of the world's inventions and engineering techniques taken for granted today. Clive King being a local example of a modest yet very significant metallurgy engineer who sadly left us in November. And of course Rank Bros Engineering - another exceptional example of a local niche engineering company.

But I get the impression that regardless of aspiration our children today are under pressure from whatever quarter to go to 'university' come what may, with schooling seemingly about the attainment of targets and performance table positions. But to whose benefit - that of our children? I had the privilege of working with a head teacher who reintroduced vocational courses for educationally challenging Year 9s. 'We are here to provide the best education possible for all of our pupils not just those that are academically bright and can pass exams', was the call often heard in one guise or another. And what a positive difference that attitude made to the self-esteem and learning behaviour of those underperforming children. I recall one disruptive lad who was given the opportunity of going off site twice a week to learn carpentry. It didn't take him long to realise the importance of maths and English and that to have a working knowledge of physics were all necessary attributes if he was to pursue a career in his chosen craft. An university education is not necessarily the right path for everyone contrary to the educational mantras of the political class. And the many technical colleges and poly-technics that have consequently morphed into 'Universities' have created a substantial 'skills' vacuum in today's much needed vocational trades. Perhaps more could or should be done to promote the equal value of vocational opportunities in higher education and maybe in this way we might safeguard the technical skills required to actually invent, make and repair things...

Now, how many of you I wonder bought your Christmas presents online? If like me you did most of your present shopping on the Net then, like me, you probably came up against numerous advertisements that did nothing other than to slow down the page of the site I was visiting. How I wished I could get through the jungle of advertisements and just do my shopping without being prompted that I was previously looking for 'ladies lingerie' and here are the sites that can supply untold variations and sizes of it. No I wasn't! And may I add that our computer is a 'family shared' device. It was then and with much interest that I read about recent developments with 'pop up' blockers. My mind initially ran amok...

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*(Jolley Old World continued.)*

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Before I conclude a thank you to my friend 'Mr Nut' for creating mischief by exfoliating his woes on the topic of 'soccer' refereeing. As he knows very well I was not having a pop at refereeing per se. The problem is my friend that a certain referee's reputation in rugby 'football' preceded him. Why Joubert was given a quarter-final game when it was known he was not among the top four ranked referees in the group is bewildering. Even his employers have now conceded the manner of the decision and the style of his exit from the pitch was specious. TJ

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**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 5th and 24th February, 11th and 30th March, 8th and 27th April. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Meeting:** Patients' Group will meet on 17 March 2016 6.30pm at the surgery. Come along to learn more about the Patient Group or if you would like to join us. The AGM will take place on 28 April 2016.

**Healthwatch Cambridgeshire:** Elsewhere in The Cresset you will see an article from Healthwatch Cambridge which provides a much wider brief on health and social care matters. For details please see their item. *Bottisham Patients' Group*

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## *Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club*

After the Christmas break members attended the first meeting of the New Year on the 5 January 2016. Our weekly programme runs until our year ends in May 2016.

I have written previously that Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB who is the Honorary Secretary of the club, has been elected as President of the EAF. Daphne has been a member of the EAF Executive Committee for a number of years and had been the President Elect for the last two. Her term of office runs for the next two years. Daphne was previously the President from 1996-98.

The Club would like to congratulate Daphne on her appointment and wish her every success in her new position within the EAF. We hope that with her many years of experience of photography she will be able to facilitate the further development of the organisation in the future.

The EAF - East Anglia Federation of Photographic Societies, is an important organisation in the world of photography and was founded in 1910. It is a constituent founder Member of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB). The PAGB is the umbrella organisation for camera clubs and photographic societies throughout the UK and there are 15 geographical Federations.

There are about 120 member clubs and societies within the EAF and in excess of 4500 individual members. The EAF is now the largest federation in the PAGB covering the areas of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and part of Hertfordshire.

Seeking to promote the advancement of photography, the EAF facilitates contacts and exchange of opinions between members of one society and another. It also promotes exhibitions and competitions, maintaining a list of photographic judges and lecturers. Additionally it organises courses, workshops and events which may be of help to member societies including their individual members.

### **Future Club Events:**

- Tuesday 9 February 2016. 'How to Sell Your Photographs' Members are asked to donate photographs for sale at the Burwell Print Centre, to raise funds for this worthy local charity.
- Tuesday 16 February 2016. 'Foto-Fusion' by Jim Hartje ARPS DPAGB APAGB EFIAP, Peterborough Photographic Society. A miscellany of digital imagery, tips & ideas. Sponsored by Photodex .
- Tuesday 23 February 2016. 'Practical Portrait Photography' Demonstration of lighting techniques for modern portraiture, by Richard Clarke ABIPP.
- Tuesday 8 March 2016. 'An Evening with Leigh Preston FRPS MPAGB EFIAP' Digital presentation. A selection of A2 prints will also be displayed.
- Tuesday 15 March 2016. 'Some of our Best Bits' by Liz & Barry Hatten. Mainly retrospective but with helpful hints & tips along the way.
- Tuesday 23 & 29 March 2016 - Break for Easter Holidays.

Further details of our programme can be viewed on our website, [www.bottburpc.org](http://www.bottburpc.org). The club welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW on Tuesday's 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: Secretary. Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB T: 01638 741106

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Not such an interesting year for the Federation as last year when we celebrated our centenary throughout the country, but we have a good programme arranged for 2016, we have monthly walks, a craft meeting each month and we also enter the Cambridge Federation Darts Competition so we practice weekly.

Our next meeting is Tues 16th February with Anne Hardy speaking on "Treasures of the Earth" referring to gemstones at 7.30pm in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College.

*Sylvia Overton*

## *Public Transport Matters*

As the weather turns colder, it is good to see the installation of a new bus shelter on Bottisham High St. opposite the entrance to Beechwood Ave. This has been organised by the Parish Council after the award of some funds. Stagecoach have been informed and are organising the timetables board.

I hope that your travel plans at Christmas and New Year went smoothly. Great Northern and Thameslink trains issued an apology after trains were cancelled just after Christmas in areas including Cambridge, Peterborough, King's Lynn and Bedford. They are busy training 190 new drivers. National Express ran services over the holiday period unlike the train companies. We travelled on Christmas Eve from Parkside to Stratford and were then ferried by our elder son to the Ibis Hotel at Greenwich. We stayed 2 nights and then, full of turkey and pies after a happy day with our son and family nearby, we travelled on Boxing Day back to Cambridge. No buses, of course: the taxis were busy!

Chris Elliott in his Looking Back column in the Cambridge News recently had an item from the News of 1945 saying what a joke Cambridge railway station was - this was criticism from Cambridge Town Council. LNER were asked to provide an additional platform. They knew Cambridge was famous for its ancient buildings, they said, but there was nothing more archaic than the railway station! Well, things are improving at Cambridge. Abellio Greater Anglia has completed an upgrade of the fleet of trains that operate from Cambridge to Liverpool St. 96 carriages have received new seat covers and renewed flooring, interiors resprayed and new signage. This £1m upgrade, completed ahead of time, is part of £30 million to be spent before October to improve customer service and cleanliness. Apparently the number of people using the railway in Cambridgeshire and the wider region, as released by the Office of Road and Rail suggest that 10.4 million people used the station in 2014/15 - an increase of 600,000 or 6% on the previous 12 months, making Cambridge once again the busiest station in East Anglia.

Peter Wakefield, the chairman of campaign group Rail Future East Anglia said that we need more and longer trains to cope with the situation. The new Thameslink trains will have a 1,700 capacity. There will be a respite when the new Cambridge North station is built next year. Other user increases were - Ely 2million users, up 4.7%; 4.5million users at Stansted Airport, up 22 %; Waterbeach had 381,000 users, up 10.6%. The station at Newmarket was

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called a lost opportunity with just 290,000 users. However, Matthew Hancock, the MP for Newmarket, is on the case! Priorities under review are improved facilities, direct connections to London, half-hourly services to Cambridge and better bus connections to the town and racecourse. Lucy Frazer, our local MP, attended a Commons debate on the Cambridgeshire and wider regions as the bid for the East Anglia Rail Franchise closed at the end of December. She stressed the importance of securing upgrades to the existing rail infrastructure. She also raised the need for the Ely North Junction upgrade to go ahead as soon as possible as well as doubling the track between Ely and Soham. She pointed out that Cambridge is unique in that it is a net contributor to the Treasury and we need to be able to continue delivering economic jobs, growth and investment and we, therefore, need improvements to our rail services from whoever secures the franchise - improved efficiency, reliability and necessary upgrades. Cambs C.C. and ECDC are working with National Rail to take the Soham station project a step forward using the 'GRIP 3' process - developing detailed plans and looking at levels of investment needed. Concerns have been raised by Milton councillors about the level of parking spaces to be provided at the new Cambridge North station. 3,000 journeys are estimated to take place from the station each day. Fresh plans are now being looked at - the 450 space car park could be moved so that, if required in the future, it could be turned into a multi-storey. Completion December 2016 or May 2017? Stansted Airport station is to have a direct bus service to central London operated by ComfortDelGro and terminating at King's Cross. There are also to be new additional weekend services from Cambridge rail station to Stansted.

Nenta Train Tours brochure now available - 01692 406152. Eurostar from St. Pancras to Brussels is featured in the newspaper as offering rail enthusiasts the chance to visit a new attraction - Train World (trainworld.be) historic, old locomotives and carriages from Belgian railways and a display of the future of trains. The London Transport Museum has a new gallery - London by Design - featuring early pioneers of transport design including Harry Beck, Edward Johnston and Charles Holden.

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