

July 2016

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*Kate Evans, BVC Executive Principal*

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## Dear Readers

Are we in or are we out? We now know, but as I write we don't, so I will ignore it (as many will probably have done anyway!)

Summer seems to have arrived at last and the BBQ has been dusted off. I hope you are making the most of it. The one thing you can be sure of with weather in this country is it is bound to change, so enjoy it when you can.

The Queen's ninetieth birthday official celebrations were quite a spectacle last month. When you see the trooping of the colour on horseguards parade, it is easy to speculate that there is no other country in the world which can stage events as well. And when you see the crowds, the thousands of people streaming down The Mall, it must be a huge tourist attraction. People come from all over the world to be there and when interviewed, express their excitement at just seeing the Queen, making their trip worthwhile. One wonders if successive monarchies will ever have the same pull.

The other person who has my admiration is the Duke of Edinburgh, who is always there in support. Wearing the full uniform and regalia of Colonel of the Grenadier Guards must take some stamina for anyone, but on a hot day at the age of 95 to stand and take the salute as they all march past, you have to take your hat off to him. (He couldn't, could he? And that bearskin is some hat!). They will be a hard act to follow, and in my book, certainly earn their keep, respect and admiration.

Closer to home, things continue apace. The new housing development on the old Crystal structure site is well underway and we will soon be referring to it as Lysander Close. While breaking into song, I can't help but thank them for not calling it Mustang Alley (Geddit?).

The opening floodgates that are the relaxing of planning regulations may soon see housing development all over the place. I am sure we will be under continuing pressure to accept more development, whether we want it or not. We seem to have little or no control over what happens in our own village these days.

You will notice this month we do not have an article on Public transport matters. Paddy James has reluctantly decided to call a halt to her informative and detailed monthly articles. Sadly her husband Jimmy passed away last month and she has decided at the moment to lay her pen down.

On behalf of everyone involved in The Cresset and indeed I know a lot of our readers, I would like to thank her for her unfaltering contributions to your magazine every month. I am sure we may hear from her again, but in the meantime our thoughts are with her. She and Jimmy were great travellers and he will be greatly missed.

Last month's letter from a dog owner highlighted how irresponsible some dog owners can be. A letter this month rightly reminds us that it is not just the mess that dogs leave, but the serious infections that can be transmitted from their waste and left in the ground. Keep up the good work by being one of the responsible owners. Makes me think, it's a pity cats can't be trained.



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Lots of sports activity on the go at the moment, with Wimbledon for tennis, the Open for golf and France for football, to mention a few. Events like these have a direct influence on people young and old to get involved and closer to home there are lots of clubs and organisations which offer the opportunity for everyone to get involved. Don't miss out if you want to make the most of the summer.

Locally there are organisations offering such diverse activities as Archery, Football, Cricket, Clay pigeon Shooting and field sports, Athletics, Swimming, Bowls, Fishing, Rambling, Walking, Rock climbing, Cycling, Dancing, Carpet bowls and more. Don't let anybody say there's nothing to do.

Have a good month and a great holiday if you are lucky enough to be going on one.

*PW*

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- ◆ Care at Addenbrookes and the Rosie
- ◆ The future of older people's health care and adult community services
- ◆ Children and Young people's mental health
- ◆ Crisis mental health care
- ◆ NHS 111 and out of hours GP care



We have also published *Thrive*, our report into children and young people's mental health.

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**COVER STORY** - The Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme battlefields bears the names of 72,194 officers and men of the United Kingdom and South African forces. Over 90 percent of those commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial died in the 1916 Battles of the Somme between July and November 1916.



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**Wednesday 18th July 8.00pm  
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A busy May meeting held at Queens Court with a most interesting speaker, Ruth Pym. She has been involved for several years in the Charity Fine Cell Work which trains men and a few women in prison to do high quality paid needlework in the long hours spent alone in their cells. This fosters confidence, hope and self discipline and the aim is to enable them to acquire new skills, to earn and possibly save money and to find the self belief to stop offending. Teams of 6 trained needlewomen go into jails twice a month and run 2 classes of 10 people - mainly long term prisoners and some serving life sentences. They do mainly canvas work and embroidery and choose their own designs from well known designers and choose their own colour schemes. They also sometimes do commission work for the National Trust. Completed items are sold (including on line) and the money provides materials for further work. The majority of the prisoners have mental health problems and whilst they initially sign up to earn some money they benefit by connecting with others in a calm pleasant atmosphere, learn new skills and how to react with and help others and are mindful of the present moment - you definitely need to concentrate when you are counting stitches. No scissors are allowed nail clippers are used for cutting threads! Several completed items were on show, stitching was excellent (front and back) and very colourful. Mrs Pym was a good speaker with a calm reassuring manner using her own teaching skills to good effect and making a difference as a volunteer.

Funds have been helped recently with a soup and pudding lunch at the Royal British Legion and the cake stall on the Triangle in May which sold out quickly and raised £105. Arrangements were made for the trips to Newmarket Stud and our summer outing to Sandringham in August.

Some members attended the AGM of the County Organisation at Comberton and enjoyed an entertaining and uplifting talk by the Reverend Richard Coles. He spoke about being part of the 1980's pop group the Communards, to being ordained as a Church of England priest and having his own parish as well as appearing regularly on BBC television and radio.

We were unfortunate to narrowly miss qualifying for the darts final this year but are continuing to practice on Monday evenings at the Royal British Legion.

Some members attended the group meeting of nearby Institutes, an annual event, and were lucky to hear Eliza McClelland's lively talk on "To Bead or not to Bead". She is an actress, married to an actor and from a family of actors and in her rest periods she taught herself to do patchwork, decorative needlework and beading. She used off-cuts of material discarded by various wardrobe departments for her first project - a magnificent red, gold and pink patchwork bedspread and has been inspired by things around her such as stained glass windows or the Peter Pan Sculpture for other work. A vivacious speaker.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 19th July with Jacqueline Scherer speaking on "Her African Charity" at 7.30pm in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College.

**Please do come as a visitor**

*Sylvia Overton*





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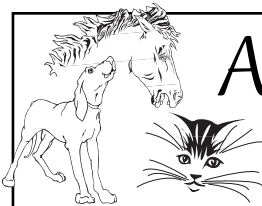
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## *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in July*

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>		<b>No service in Bottisham</b> <i>see below</i>
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	8pm	<b>Compline by Candlelight</b> Led by <i>Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	9.30am	<b>Benefice Communion</b> <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
	11am	<b>Benefice All-Age Service</b> in Lode
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	8am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
	11am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 24th</b>		<b>No service in Bottisham</b>
	9.30am	<b>Benefice Communion</b> in Quy
	11am	<b>Benefice All-Age Service</b> in Swaffham Bulbeck
<b>Sunday 31st</b>		<b>'Benefice Churchathon'</b>

A sequence of services during the day in the 5 churches of the Benefice, including Bottisham. Details will be posted on the church notice boards. Benefice services are services shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). On Sunday 3rd July our new curate, Dr Gina Radford, will be ordained in Ely Cathedral at 10.30 am. The only services in the Benefice on this Sunday will be an 8 am Communion in Swaffham Bulbeck and a 9.30 am Morning Prayer in Quy.



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There is so much I'd like to write about this month especially having just returned from a week in the Jungle, Calais with two of my children; so many stories to tell, some of which you may have heard at the village fete, and there are several really exciting things happening at RENEW, but the main thing I need to highlight at this time is the return of our RENEW Summer Holiday Club at Bottisham Primary School. The club will run from Monday 25th July 'til Thursday 28th July, from 9.45-12.30. Details will be sent through Primary School communication channels and through local churches. A contribution towards costs of £5 per child (for the whole 4 days) or £10 per family where more than one child is taking part would be appreciated. The club is open to children from Reception to Year 6 inclusive based on the school year that is coming to an end. If your child / grandchild would like to take part, please do get in touch with me or Peter & Ann Wells for registration details.

We have so much fun planned, lots of games, crafts, stories, music - it will be a great week. Our theme is 'the 4 points' a series of symbols that help people young and old alike to gain an understanding of and easily communicate the essence of the Good News of the Christian faith ([www.the4points.com](http://www.the4points.com))

It is important for me to make clear that this is a Holiday Bible Club so there will be Christian content; however I can also give assurance that the message will be communicated in a very gentle, age appropriate, sensitive and fun manner, and whilst opportunity will be given to reflect on the themes and to respond in various ways, nothing will be imposed on anybody.

We are excited for what God has in store for RENEW and have been blessed to regularly welcome new folk into our church family, either as a result of our website ([www.re-new.me.uk](http://www.re-new.me.uk)), these articles, or personal invitation. We would love you to join us.

Please do get in touch with any questions or comments - we are here for you!

*Rev. Alan Brand*

### **RENEW Church Services in July 2016.**

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services. A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

3rd July 10.30am - **RENEW The Bigger Picture**. With Communion  
(Bottisham Primary School)

**10th July** 10.30am **RENEW Café style** (at the School)

**10th July** 6.20pm **Traditional service**. (Lode Chapel)

**17th July** 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)

**24th July** 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)

**Special All-age Holiday Club Commissioning Service**

**24th July** 6.20 pm **Traditional service**. (Lode Chapel)

**31st July** 10.30am **RENEW The Bigger Picture** (at the School)

**All-age Holiday Club Celebration Service** - all parents invited.  
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*For more information about any of the activities of RE:NEW please contact:*

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## *Parish Notes*

One of our Councillors Ros Hall has tendered her resignation after 5 years service. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over this time particularly with her help with the Environment Committee and Planning. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well. This now leaves a vacancy on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in the community they live in, please make contact with either myself or our Chair Christine Bryant - numbers are listed in the Cresset or on the website. This is an exciting and busy time for our village - with new housing developments, plans for a new cemetery and the creation of a neighbourhood plan there is lots going on.

East Cambs District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the District. As part of this, the Council sought suggested development sites for potential inclusion in the Local Plan. This 'call for sites' has just been published. Suggestions are made by landowners, developers and any other interested parties. Some sites in Bottisham have been suggested and Parish Council will be meeting this month to discuss this in more detail and I will report back on this next month. It is important to note that these sites are only suggested sites and have not been discussed by the District Council or Parish Council in anyway. You will have noticed the building work at the Crystal Structures site is well underway. Once the development is complete, it will be known as Lysander Close in memory of the planes that once flew from the site.

Last month we had our Annual Meeting where residents are welcomed to come and hear what Parish Council have been up to and what its plans for the future are. We also had several speakers including Mr Belzar - Primary School Head, our PCSO and the Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch who were very interesting. It was a shame that not many residents took the opportunity to come. Perhaps residents will be interested to meet our local MP Lucy Frazer who is holding an open surgery at the Royal British Legion on Wednesday 3rd August between 6-8pm. If you have any issues you would like to discuss with her please feel free to come along.

Although we are using the same company for grass cutting we have been put with a different branch this year. This has caused some problems, as the workmen are not used to the village. Several areas were missed out last month and overall we were not happy with the cut. Also that blowers were not used after the cut which is what we pay to be done. I met with the manager and gave them a detailed map of the area showing what areas should be cut. They have now re-done the areas that had either been missed or were not up to standard. They also changed the blades on their mowers. The last cut seemed much better, so hopefully the problems have been ironed out but please do let me know if you think an area has been missed. We must also thank Reg Webb who kindly planted the bedding plants opposite the church which look very nice.

With regard to the proposed new cemetery off Lode Road we have now submitted a Tier 1 application to the Environment Agency. This means they can now inform us as to what investigations they wish to have carried out on the site.

The internal auditor has been and audited the Parish Council accounts. If anyone requires a copy then please contact me.

I have been in contact with the County Council asking if they can cut the cow parsley back on the A1303 as the footpath is difficult to negotiate. They have cut the splays at the

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entrances to the village back and I am hoping in these times of cutbacks they will do the rest. Can I use this as a reminder to people to make sure that their own gardens/hedges/trees are cut back and are not overhanging the footpath? I receive so many phone calls at this time of the year regarding this. Thank you and enjoy the Summer!

*Claire Fullwood - Parish Clerk clerk@bottishampc.co.uk*

## **PLANNING NOTES**

16/00488/FUL Fairlea House, 58 High Street, Extension to existing domestic garage, NEW APPLICATION

16/00492/FUL Bottisham Village College, Installation of 4 temporary classrooms within the school grounds and associated works, NEW APPLICATION

16/00604/FUL, 9 Maple Close, Two storey rear and side extension to existing dwelling NEW APPLICATION

16/00549/FUM, Eden View, High Street, 10 bed extension to the existing 'Eden View' acquired brain injury unit, NEW APPLICATION

16/00564/FUL, Site rear of 7 Bell Road, New detached 2 storey dwelling with detached double garage NEW APPLICATION

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Our May speaker was Roger Hance, FRPS, on Nature through the Seasons. Roger has been a member of photographic societies for many years and has achieved fellowships from the Royal Photographic Society in four areas, the most recent in Natural History. He won the Amateur Photographer of the Year in 1990. As you can imagine, his slides were outstanding. We were treated to a journey, starting in January and working through the year, with slides showing the wildlife and plants which make up our countryside: orchids, fungi, birds, butterflies, moths, foxes, snakes - many (though by no means all) photographs taken from a hide in his own back garden. After an hour he asked if we had had enough – no, we had not, and he was able to continue for another twenty minutes.

We are now entering our summer season, which started with our annual outing on 15 June, this year to RHS Wisley. Our local evening outing is a visit to Clare College Gardens on 26 July. And of course the main event this year is the 40th anniversary of the resurrection of the gardening club in 1976. We will be holding a garden party for all those who have been members during the last 40 years and hope to see as many old friends as possible. The event will take place from 2 pm to 5 pm on Saturday 16 July at the McLaughlin's house, 34 Lode Road, Bottisham. There will be an afternoon tea with suitable celebratory fizz and a special cake. Please do make the effort to join us for the afternoon. We will need to know numbers for catering purposes, you can contact us via the 'Contact Us' form on the web pages, by email (home@mclaughlin34.plus.com) or telephone (01223 811072). We look forward to seeing you on the day.

We have a talk on Peckover House Gardens by Alison Napier on 23 August, 7.30 pm in the Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion, and our summer season ends with our annual Village Show on 3 September, with seven sections covering Fruit and Vegetables, Flowers, Baking and Preserves, Crafts, Painting and Drawing, Photography and the Children's section – something for everyone so we hope the whole village will take part.

*Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary [www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk)*

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Take a gentle stroll with our team around our lovely Country Park and use a bat detector to listen out for some of Cambridgeshire's more common bat species at dusk. Bring a torch. This is free event, donations appreciated towards the upkeep of the Park. Advance booking essential.

## **Wildflowers for beginners at Wandlebury CB22 3AE**

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Starting with an indoor introduction to Wandlebury's chalk grassland wildflowers followed by a stroll around the park with our team to look for and identify flowers in situ. Aimed at adults. No prior knowledge necessary. Advance booking essential. £8 (£6.00 members)

## **Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel CB5 8JJ Saturday 2 July: 8pm**

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## **in situ theatre production at Wandlebury CB22 3AE.**

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**July Children's Summer Holiday Activities at Wandlebury Country Park**

This July we have a range of inspiring and exciting summer holiday activities for children - including an unaccompanied session on Friday 29 July where our team will look after your children for the day.

**Watery Wonders Tuesday 26 July: 10am-12noon**

Nets at the ready as you prepare to dip underwater to discover the rich and diverse range of life in Wandlebury's pond and you can get artistic afterwards taking part in water life related craft activities. Bring a drink and a snack and dress for being outside.

Advance booking essential. £8 per child (members £6), adults free. For ages 5+ Children must be accompanied throughout.

**Gruffalo Woods at Wandlebury CB22 3AE**

**Tuesday 26 July: 2pm-4pm**

Explore and investigate the woodland starting with stories, rhymes and songs. Find out what really lives at Wandlebury and get creative.

Bring a drink and a snack and dress for being outside.

Advance booking essential. £8 per child (members £6), adults free. For ages 3-6. Children must be accompanied throughout.

**Fluttering Butterflies Wednesday 27 July: 2pm-4pm**

Venture out into the park's grasslands in search of the beautiful butterflies that flourish there during the summer months. Learn to spot and recognise different species, and find out how they function and live. Round off the afternoon with butterfly-related art and craft activities.

Bring a drink and a snack and dress for being outside.

Advance booking essential and children must be accompanied throughout. £8 per child (members £6), adults free. For ages 6+

**Wandlebury Woodland Adventures CB22 3AE**

**Friday 29 July: 10am-4pm - For unaccompanied children**

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# ***Bottisham Community Library Association***

**Good News** - we raised over £90 at our book stall on 14th May, a welcome contribution to our funds on a cold spring day. Thanks to helpers, those who donated and those who bought books.

**Bad News** - we have been told by the Cambridgeshire Library Service that there will be a re-introduction of a reservation fee of £1 for adult borrowers from 13th June. This will not affect children's requests. We are sorry about this. It is a common charge in other Libraries and will be used to maintain the service.

To counteract this we will be giving a voucher for one free reservation to all our Community Library Association members when they join.

**Other news** - Please come and borrow from our stock of good books especially the many large print up to date books we have on the shelves.

**Kate Evans will be attending our AGM on Tuesday 12th July at 7.00pm in the Library to speak on the Future of Bottisham Village College. Please come**

*Sylvia Overton*

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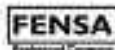
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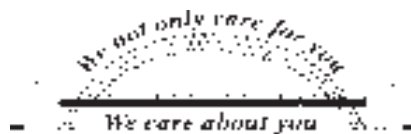
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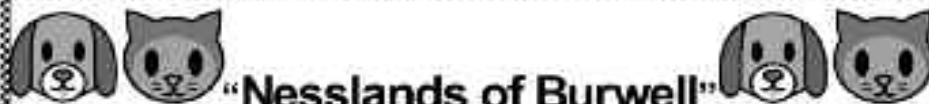


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**July Bulletin**

WE are starting to see the first glimpses of summer and the hot weather - long may it continue.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters’ top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.
- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground and use them well away from fences, sheds and foliage. Never pour accelerant on them .

If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly extinguished before you leave it.

- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly - never drop a lit cigarette in a field or wooded area.
- Don’t forget to stay safe around our county’s waterways and, if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location.

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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

It's uncanny, in the monthly writing game, how often an interesting story breaks immediately after the latest manuscript is submitted to the editor. In May, it was the postponed last game of the season between Manchester United and Bournemouth, dramatically called off when a 'practice' explosive device was found in the toilets as the stadium was reaching capacity. Credit where it's due: nearly 60,000 people were evacuated from Old Trafford peacefully and efficiently - a valuable exercise in itself, I should think. But the statement issued in the aftermath was, at once, alarming and hilarious!

Alarming because the device had lain undiscovered for five days; alarming also because it begs the question - why in heaven's name does a fake bomb need to look so realistic that it is indistinguishable from the real thing (wouldn't a cardboard box with 'fake bomb' written on it suffice)? And hilarious because the official statement said that it was accidentally left behind after a "training exercise involving explosive search dogs". Sounds like a dangerous (and messy!) business, doesn't it?!

Then in the same month, Manchester United managed to embarrass themselves yet again over the shameful sacking of Louis van Gaal, as they not only allowed the forthcoming appointment of José Mourinho to be leaked to the press before LVG had even been told, but they did the dirty on the Dutchman exactly one hour after winning the FA Cup! 'Man U', once a great club who stood for everything that was decent and sporting in the game, has been here before of course - only two years ago with the departure of David Moyes - so it seems they have either learned nothing from their follies, or simply don't give a stuff about anybody.

Whatever one thinks of his odd personality and somewhat cautious playing style, Van Gaal has enjoyed a quarter of a century of successful management at top club and international level, winning trophies in four different countries, and he might have expected a little more respect from the Old Trafford hierarchy. No need to wonder any more why they're called the Red Devils, eh!

And - as a footnote to this unedifying sideshow - how sad is it to think that, nowadays, finishing in 4th place in the Premier League is more important than winning the FA Cup?!

Back to stadium safety, which has been very much on people's minds recently, with the Hillsborough inquest jury returning a verdict of unlawful killing and (surprisingly?) placing the entire burden of blame for the tragedy on the incompetent and negligent policing. It's a sobering thought that, although this is a decisive moment in the story of the tragedy, there will be no peace for the victims' families for the foreseeable future now that prosecutions will inevitably follow...

With the Bottisham boys away supporting England in the Euros, let us hope that the safety of spectators is of paramount importance to the French authorities, following not only recent terrorist activity, but also in the light of the sickening scenes in Marseilles before and after the match with Russia. England will, of course, have completed the Group Stage of the Championship by the time you read this and, despite a lukewarm series of home friendlies, pre-tournament, our endless optimism affords us hope - even expectation - that we will be returning for the latter stages during July! Naturally, that optimism was tempered somewhat by England gifting Russia a 92nd minute equaliser in their opening game but, as always, we

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hope that the manager really does know best despite effecting some odd selections and substitutions versus Russia. Let's face it, if he gets it wrong again (I'm thinking here about our 'wasted' 13,000 mile round trip to Brazil in 2014!) he's history!

Let me offer a moment of perspective for poor old Andy Murray who must be sick of the sight of Novak Djokovic after losing to him yet again in the final of the French Open in June, his 24th defeat in 34 meetings. Djokovic is a formidable opponent: he became the first man since Rod Laver in the 1960s to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously, reaffirming his World No. 1 status and establishing himself among the all-time greats of tennis. And he conducts his interviews in 5 different languages - what a guy! And on the subject of 'greats'...

### **RIP Muhammad Ali "The Greatest" 1942-2016**

What can one say about Muhammad Ali that hasn't already been said? Like many of you, I suppose, I was brought up with the sound of Ali ringing in my ears. I remember my first fascination with sport was ignited by Ali's (then Cassius Clay of course) fights in the early 1960s; sitting with my Dad in a dark dining room, leaning over an old wooden radio set listening to crackly commentaries on the Light Programme. Little did we realise that we were witnessing the emergence of an icon, not just of boxing, not just of sport, but of all humanity. This man was far from perfect, but no sportsman will ever touch as many souls across the globe as Ali. "I shook up the world! I shook up the world!" he exclaimed after despatching Sonny Liston to become World Champion in 1964. He sure did!

TTFN - *Gerry Daish*

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### **Put ‘Quality of Life’ first!**

By the time you read this article, that is assuming you read JOW, the country will have decided whether its destiny is safe left in the ‘corridors’ of the EU or to once again venture out into the big wide world as a fully independent sovereign nation. We all had rationales I’m sure, which determined the way we voted and that is of course what real democracy is all about. Whatever the consensus of the nation let’s pray that it will offer the next generation and those that follow the best opportunities to maximise their potential in the world and to be proud of their individualism as virtuous Britons.

Whilst I’m grateful and encouraged by the support occasionally given to JOW I cannot personally condone dogs using the ‘Playing Fields’ for a number of reasons but none more so than the danger to health contained in even the smallest traces of excrement. As has been mentioned in JOW previously, the playing fields at the eastern end of the College site have been used conscientiously by the people of this village over many decades and I for one would encourage the village to safeguard this historical privilege by continuing to act responsibly.

Now, how many of you I wonder have noticed the following headlines in the local press recently! “Rapid growth needed to keep City in global race”. “Build 1000 extra homes a year”. We need to build affordable homes”. “Disaster if housing forces businesses out of city”. “Backlash over City Deal plan”. There are so called ‘property experts’ urging evermore ‘housing expansion’ in the city and its environs and demanding that developers be ‘let off the leash’, even suggesting that new build sites equating to the size of Ely are needed if the Cambridge area is to ensure continued expansion and economic growth. And then we also hear of purported ‘transport experts’ putting forward the ‘City Deal’ proposals to ‘reduce’ traffic congestion - congestion most likely self-inflicted by years of mediocre local government that seemingly can’t think beyond its immediate term of tenure.

What is missing to my mind in both cases is the infrequently referred to aspiration known as ‘quality of life’ which, in my opinion, far outweighs this constant scream to build, build, build - with the latest ‘solution’ to the congestion problems, shaped by Cambridge’s ever ‘profit hungry’ developers, to close roads, remove trees, add more cycle ways, move bus stops and to charge local firms for employee parking. Small businesses in particular single out the romance with cycle lanes as impairing traffic flow in and around the city and that collectively these measures have done nothing other than to jeopardise the ability of small businesses to survive and to make the problems of people getting from here to there far more acute. Aren’t these new ideas then yet more examples of self-inflicted mayhem? Cambridge has decisively carved out its global niche and thus cemented its place in the world with its expertise in the fields of education, research, medicine and high tech. Dare I therefore suggest that Cambridge does not need growth or expansion in order to retain its internationally celebrated status.

And staying on the topic of development; East Cambs DC is now working on a new Local Plan for the District to 2030, and has recently called for sites to be put forward as possible locations for development. Details of the sites are in the public domain and if you

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are interested can be found on the East Cambs DC website. Unsurprisingly there are new speculative suggestions for development in Bottisham mostly coming from Cambridge Colleges and from the farming community. But whether these proposals get adopted or not is now with the District Council. If the rules are applied fairly, and in accordance with the set criteria, Bottisham should not be as badly affected as some villages in the district.

Talking recently to one of the planning officers they hinted that one of their frustrations was the ongoing objection to housing development in rural villages and in some places the hostility toward the reclassification of Green Belt. I suggested that the resistance from residents within established communities is because current planning policy is seemingly allowing the rural character of their villages to be systematically destroyed. Probably the majority of people living in such villages moved there to be part of a rural setting rather than be assimilated into a small ‘dormitory’ town with inadequate infrastructure and unsustainable new development. Unfortunately for villages such as Bottisham, within the proximity of Cambridge and close to major road networks, this is a real danger and planners wonder why there is opposition. I don’t believe anyone is suggesting new housing of the right mix is not required but if there is such a high demand and a proven need to build so many new houses then why not think ‘smarter’ and look to build new towns rather than wreck quintessentially rural agricultural communities.

If what is proposed for Cambridge ever takes hold the city and its surrounds will suffer decades of cranes littering the skyline, construction traffic noise and pollution and yes - even more traffic congestion chaos. You only have to look at the developments at Cambridge Station, Madingley Road and Huntingdon Road to get a foretaste of what could be in store. Surely, anybody who suggests that new housing developments will see people forgo their cars in favour of their bikes is, quite frankly, living on planet ‘daffy’. Is it reasonable therefore to conclude that the Cambridge area is being deliberately engineered to become the stage for egocentric corporations and a speculative investment playground for the super-rich where the ‘Quality of Life’ of the indigenous population and its surrounding villages doesn’t mean a jot...

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## To the Editor

Dear Editor,

I could not agree more with “Antony of Lode Road” concerning the speed of traffic on Lode Road around the Bottisham Village College.

However, I would take issue with him concerning his last paragraph concerning the exercising of his dog on the BVC site. I thought the reason dogs were not allowed on the playing fields was a health issue; to stop the spread of *Toxocara canis*, a roundworm that can cause blindness in children. Both issues, slower traffic and no dogs on the playing field are for the safety of the children who go to school there and it is the responsibility of all of us to keep the children safe.

*Martin Ibbitt*

Dear Bottisham Residents,

I am pleased to have met many constituents and councillors and been able to visit many of the villages in the constituency over the past year since I was elected in May 2015. Last year in the summer recess I was very lucky to have the opportunity to hold open meetings in approximately half of the villages in the constituency through the parish councils. It was a great way of hearing about what issues people cared about locally.

This summer I plan to hold open meetings once again and I look forward to meeting many more of you and hearing about what matters to you. I will be visiting **Bottisham on Wednesday 3rd August** and will be in the **Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion from 6-8pm**. I hope you will come along to discuss any concerns or matters you may have with me, or just to say hello.

*Lucy Frazer QC MP, Member of Parliament for South East Cambridgeshire*

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The programme for our 43rd year, which commences on Tuesday 6 September 2016, has been finalised and is available on our website - [www.bottburpc.org](http://www.bottburpc.org) which also shows a gallery of members' photographs including the winning entries from competitions for the year.

**Tuesday 6 September 2016** 'WELCOME BACK' First meeting of the 2016/2017 year will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2016, when members are asked to bring photographs (3 prints or 3 digital images) which have been taken over the summer break. Members' winning prints & digital images (PDI's) from last year will also be on display.

**Tuesday 13 September 2016** (apologises, date was omitted from previous issue) 'THE WAY I SEE IT' Digital presentation by Gerry Coles ARPS DPAGB EFIAP BPE5 who will explain techniques used to create his pictures. His prints will also be displayed during the break.

**Tuesday 27 September 2016** 'IF IT MOVES SHOOT IT' with a camera of course! Digital presentation by John Bulpitt, Cambridge Camera Club.

**Tuesday 11 October 2016** 'GHOSTS IN THE WILDERNESS' Talk by Tony Worobiec FRPS on his prints and style. He is on tour from the Southern Counties Photographic Federation. Sponsored by Fotospeed.

If you are finding that you now have more time or are relatively new to photography and would like to develop your skills further, why not consider joining us on our 'Welcome Back Evening'?

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The club meets at Lode Chapel CB25 9EW from 7:30-9:30pm. Guests are always welcome to any meeting at our venue. Fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

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