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Welcome to the November issue of your magazine and to a packed magazine with information and articles to read.

This month is noted for several things. 5th November always means fireworks and bonfires, but they often spread that date over several days, depending on which day of the week the 5th falls. This year it falls on a Sunday so that weekend should see a few days of activity.



As always there are cautions to be made and Mike White has a few pointers to make in his regular fire protection article on page 25. Do have fun but be careful.

November also sees the principal date in The Royal British Legion calendar. Full details are on page 33 of the official events. However if you want a more social event to support the commemorative calendar, then I see there is a dinner at the Club with proceeds going to the Poppy appeal and also a race night. All are welcome. Commemoration obviously does not always need to be sombre. It just needs to be thoughtful.

Our cover this month reminds us of two things. One is the fact that we have our own history on our doorstep which is maintained and displayed by the Bottisham Airfield Museum Group. Our cover photograph was taken at their recent open day. The second is the contribution that our American friends made to our own safety in the Second World War, flying fighter planes from RAF Bottisham from the field on the other side of the A1303. Their leader who gave the ultimate sacrifice is remembered in the street address bearing his name, 'Thomas Christian Way'.

This month we have the opportunity to have a direct input into the decisions that our Parish Council want to make about play areas in Bottisham. You will have received with your Cresset magazine this month, a Questionnaire about play areas and their need.

We don't normally carry 'flyers' in the magazine, as it can sometimes feel as if we are delivering more junk mail, but this is important. The PC would like to know your views and want to make the right decisions for us all. Do take time to read it and make your contribution. Details are on the leaflet.

While mentioning the Parish Council, their notes highlight the issue of parking at the triangle and there are some views expressed by readers as to the pros and cons of any changes there.

It must be said that if everyone played by the rules and were not so selfish, we would all be better off. Unfortunately there are elements of society nowadays who seem to say "I'll do what I want and what the **** can you do about it". Sad but true. It is not a Bottisham problem alone, but a society issue.

Other items in the magazine include the monthly listing of the activities put on by 'Cambridge, Past, Present and Future. Every month a full programme of events which are well worth a look.

Paddy James fills the page with useful information about all forms of public transport locally and internationally.

The village college lists their adult classes for the winter season with something for everyone.

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Sports nut gives an entertaining look at lots of sports and there is a following article about our own local football enthusiasts in the Bottisham Youth Football.

Tony Jolley puts into words, once again, the thoughts that many people have but fail to express, or feel they can, for fear of being 'the odd one out', when actually if we all shout at once, the message might get through.

Now a special highlight...

Looking ahead, the WI on page 41, showcase their idea for their centenary year in 2018.

I urge you to read this and to read between the obvious lines.

If ever there was an opportunity for this village, our village to get together and display their pride in where they live and what we are, then this is it.

It only takes an event like this to change the way we think about how we as a village interact with each other. Do we want to slide inexorably into a ghost of ourselves and become the dormitory shell that many villages have become, or do we want to feel part of and to own our own identity, heritage and social wellbeing?

It would be great to see this event take off and become a major event. It needs to start somewhere and the early planning stage is where it can take off. Do give it some serious thought. If you are involved in any of the activities in the village, think about not only how this event could benefit your organisation, but also how your organisation could contribute to the overall success of the event and to build that social benefit.

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Volunteer work party day - hedge laying at Coton Reserve. CB23 7PZ Wednesday.

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Nordic Walking at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Wednesday 1, 15, 29 November: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm start

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Healthy Walking at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Every Thursday: 10am or 10.30am-11am

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Volunteer work party day - coppicing at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Wednesday

15 November: 10am-3pm Learn this ancient technique which rejuvenates trees and increases biodiversity. Wear warm, waterproof clothing and tough shoes, bring a packed lunch and drink. No need to book. Meet at Wandlebury car park notice board. All instruction, equipment and tools provided. Free event but donations are always appreciated. All welcome.

Outdoor Craft and Storytelling for children at Wandlebury. CB22 3AE Wednesday. 15

Nov. 10.30am to 11.30am Vital Spark Theatre is a Cambridgeshire-based company. This monthly event, perfect for pre-schoolers and children up to the age of six, provides fun adventures in nature craft and storytelling. Meet at the stable rooms. Time will be spent outside regardless of weather so please dress appropriately. Booking essential. £8 per family (up to three children and £3 per additional child). Children must remain accompanied. Booking: email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.

Theatre with insitu at The Leper Chapel CB5 8JJ Friday 17 to Sunday 19 November:

8.00pm insitu's latest performance features Richard Spaul telling one of the greatest short stories of all time: The Demon Lover - Elizabeth Bowen's tale of guilt and retribution, as well as Saki's Gabriel-Ernest, and a version of Beatrix Potter's Tale of Jemima Puddleduck as you've never heard it before! Tickets £12 (£10 concessions), available here: www.insitu.co.uk or on the night from 7.30pm. Dress warmly.

Volunteer work party day: orchard pruning at Coton Reserve. CB23 7PZ Wednesday.

29 Nov. 10am-3pm Enjoy fresh air and exercise at Coton Reserve, as you help to cut out damaged or diseased wood from our fruit trees and encourage healthy new growth. Wear warm, waterproof clothing and tough shoes, and bring a packed lunch and drink. No need to book. Meet at Martin car park notice board. All instruction, equipment and tools provided. This is a free event but donations are always appreciated.

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Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in November

Wednesday 1st	8pm	Compline by Candlelight <i>led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 5th	11am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Professor Gina Radford</i>
Sunday 12th		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	10.50am	Remembrance Service <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
Sunday 19th	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
	11am	Morning Prayer <i>Revd Professor Gina Radford</i>
Sunday 26th		No service in Bottisham
	8am	Holy Communion <i>in Swaffham Prior</i>
	10am	Benefice All-Age Service <i>in Lode</i>

The Remembrance Sunday service is the main Remembrance service, with the associated Royal British Legion parade, for Bottisham, Lode and Qy. For details of the parade see the RBL page in this issue. Benefice services are services shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Qy, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Details of these services can also be found on the Bottisham pages of the Anglesey website (angleseygroupparishes.co.uk). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there, along with details of any funerals or weddings in Holy Trinity

Bottisham WI

We were entertained by Pat and Roy at our September Harvest Supper meeting. A ploughman's meal with cheese and paté was served and then we enjoyed listening to Pat who did the majority of the singing with songs from the Shows covering the last few decades. She was accompanied by Roy on his guitar and he sang a few numbers too.

As part of our centenary celebrations and our involvement with Bottisham Primary School we held an assembly for 3rd to 6th year pupils explaining the history and aims of the WI and showing what we do both at our meetings and our other interests. We have celebrated special birthdays in the past with making wall hangings for Queens Court and the Bottisham Surgery and we will now be working with several pupils over the next few weeks in making one for the School.

We have once again filled shoeboxes for Children in Need under the Operation Shoebox Scheme and will be sending 30 boxes this year. We could have filled more but as we are expected to send £3 per box to cover delivery expenses we decided quality not quantity was best.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st November when Alison Giles will be speaking/demonstrating Molly Dancing**. The meeting will be at **Queens Court at 7.30pm**.

Visitors and new members are very welcome to come and join us

Sylvia Overton 811792

Copy deadline for the next issue is 14 November.

Please send material to the editor at BottishamCresset@gmail.com



RENEW Church is blessed to be placed where it is, and have people from Bottisham, Lode, the Swaffhams, Quy, Burwell, the Wilbrahams and Reach make up our church family. As minister, I feel blessed every day to be part of the community where I live and where I worship. I was considering recently how as a church family we could be a blessing to our communities, and so I have an idea to 'put out there' to see if it reflects a need.

We would like to offer **Christmas Dinner, on Christmas Day**, in Bottisham Community Primary School hall, to anyone from our villages who will be alone, and would appreciate a meal and company. I hope to also be able to arrange transport where needed. There will be no cost to our guests, it would be our honour and privilege to share Christmas dinner with you.

I know how difficult it is to accept an invitation sometimes, and to admit to maybe being lonely, but I urge you, if you would appreciate this provision, please contact me on 01223 812558 / 07896 000796 / or alan.brand@renewchurch.org.uk; we would love to set a place for you at the table. Research suggests there are millions of people in the UK who will be alone and feeling lonely over the Christmas season, RENEW church would like to make a small dent in that statistic by at least giving the opportunity for people in our villages to enjoy hospitality on Christmas Day.

By the way, just in case you're wondering, there's no hidden agenda here, we will not bash you with any Bibles, sign you up for any courses, bombard you with many questions. We are doing this because we are blessed, we have experienced the goodness of God in our lives, and in following Jesus, He tells us to love and care for others. We do care. That's our motivation, but if you join us on the day, all you will experience is a lovely Christmas dinner with new friends, and maybe some folk you know as well.

For planning purposes we need to have an idea of numbers by **Friday 17th November**.

Before I go, here's my new favourite Christmas Cracker joke:

What's the best gift you could possibly buy someone for Christmas?

A broken drum... you just can't beat it!

May you know God's blessings today,

Revd. Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in November 2017.

We have activities for children and young people at all our morning services.

A crèche is available if required. All are welcome.

Croissants and drinks are available before Morning Worship from 10.10 am.

Sunday 5th November. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 12th November. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 12th November. Evening Worship. 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

Sunday 19th. November. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 26th November. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

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Remember, Remember the 5th of November...

If ever you need a prime example of ‘any excuse for a party’, Bonfire Night must take the biscuit. After all, we make an effigy of a man, put it on a big bonfire and burn it, and gather round to celebrate the whole thing in an atmosphere of fun and frivolity. Now don’t worry, you’ll get no killjoy ‘We shouldn’t be doing this’ grumbles from me. In all my years from innocent childhood to grumpy old man I’ve enjoyed the fun and fireworks, and whilst I knew of its origins, I’ve never had any difficulty separating the party from its past. That said, the history of Bonfire Night is highly religious so a brief look at it, here in the ‘God slot’, might be in order.

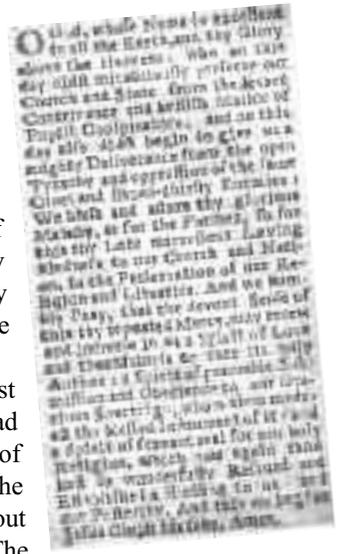
It all started with an act of terrorism. That word didn’t exist in 1605, and neither did Semtex or C4. So for ‘terrorism’ read ‘Gunpowder Plot’ and for ‘explosive vest’ read ‘36 barrels of gunpowder’. The plot was to blow up Parliament while the King (James I) was there for the State Opening - thus taking out the top layer of English government in one fell swoop. The conspirators were Catholics and the King was Protestant, at a time in our history when this mattered to a degree almost unimaginable to us today.

But the government received an anonymous tip-off. The terrorist attack was thwarted, and the conspirators arrested. The best-known was Guy Fawkes. He wasn’t the leader; he was (so to speak) the ‘radicalised jihadist’ - the bomber caught red-handed guarding the 36 barrels in the basement of the House of Lords.

Today’s ‘Guy on the bonfire’ might lead us to imagine that Fawkes and the others were burnt at the stake - but no, actually they were hung, drawn and quartered. Aren’t you glad we don’t have to re-enact that on the school field on November 5th? (The nearest we get is when some of the stuffing falls out of the guy’s waistcoat!) And it’s as well that we don’t delve into the real identity of the guy; it was in fact the Pope. It is a vestige of 17th century anti-Catholic sentiment, but a cause for embarrassment for Christians today. That sentiment was institutionalised in the passing of a law making November 5 an obligatory day of national observance and adding a special service to the Prayer Book, complete with its own special prayer thanking God for his miraculous preservation ‘from the secret contrivance and hellish malice of Popish conspirators’ (picture). These measures survived until the mid 19th century.

Christianity doesn’t have a ‘jihad’ peg on which terrorists can hang their murderous hats, yet murderous acts and hatred have still blemished its history - clear evidence that perversity lies universally in the human heart. The best antidote is the sort of personal relationship with Jesus Christ in which we each strive to follow his example – and it’s impossible to imagine him wearing a suicide vest or being the point man with 36 barrels of murderous gunpowder.

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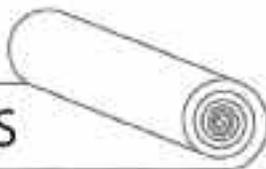


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Parish Council has been looking into the possibility of providing extra parking near the 'triangle' area of the shops for the last couple of years. A County Council Highways Engineer came out and advised that the best option was for a lay-by to be installed. This was talked about in the Cresset in June and July. No further progress other than securing funding for the project has taken place so far. We welcomed residents to the October meeting, many of whom had come to protest about the scheme. Since the meeting we have had several residents contact us who are not opposed to the scheme which makes it a very difficult decision for the Parish Council who are only looking into this in the first place after complaints from residents about parking.

Parking on the double yellow lines outside The Bell and other inconsiderate parking makes the situation much worse. We have spoken many times to our PCSO regarding this but unfortunately the Police do not have the manpower to provide a PCSO to our village as much as we would like. Councillor Jolley has spoken to our local MP Lucy Frazer and asked her to research the powers that a Parish Council has to enforce parking restrictions. House of Commons staff found that some legislation exists which all Councils signed up to apart from 12 including East Cambs District Council. Our MP is writing to ECDC to see if they would be prepared to sign up as this would enable villages to employ traffic wardens to enforce an offence of illegal parking. Our County Councillor Mathew Shuter who was at the meeting pointed out that everyone needed to take more responsibility for enforcing parking to make it work and the village safer. Everyone has a responsibility to speak to people they see parking on the double yellow lines.

Some good news from our County Councillor. He reports that the County Council have secured funding of £1.3M from central government to make improvements to the A1303 which was one of the 50 most dangerous roads in the country (yes that is country, not county!). They will need to liaise with other villages including Quy and Swaffham Bulbeck and once proposals are made there will have to be a consultation. C/Cllr Shuter has asked the Highways Department for a list of suggestions for improvements that can be taken forward for consultation. C/Cllr Shuter is particularly concerned about people from the village crossing the road to reach the bus stop and the museum and wants speed restrictions between the 2 junctions entering Bottisham. Speed cameras will also be considered.

It was also confirmed that there will be no cuts to winter gritting of the roads and the routes will remain the same as last year.

We have written to Bloor Homes regarding the open space at the entrance to Lysander Close and the footpath there which is not complete. Although provided the footpath does not link with the footpath through Ancient Meadows. We await a reply.

Please look out for your questionnaire which will be delivered with next months Cresset. This is concerning future play areas for the village and is a topic that comes up very often. To move forward on this we really need a high return rate so please do take the time to fill it in. These can be returned to the Parish Clerk at 26 Peacock Drive or the Village Shop or the British Legion who both have a box for you to put them in. The closing date for return of the questionnaires is Wednesday 22nd November. Hopefully this will give us a clear indication as to what the village wants for the future and we will update you on any further plans.

Claire Fullwood - Parish Clerk

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- 17/01591/FUL First Copy Ltd, 187 High Street, Additional offices - resubmission of 12/00188/FUL NEW APPLICATION
- 17/01216/FUL Land at Bell Road (rear of Public House), Construction of a 3 bedroom dwelling house with car parking, cycle and refuse storage. Demolition of sheds and fences to rear of public house to create 10 additional parking spaces and a new amenity area with a new vehicular access. Reduce boundary wall along Bell Road to reduce height from 1.1M to 0.6M. APPLICATION APPROVED BY ECDC
- 17/00454/FUL Tunbridge Hall, 60 Tunbridge Lane, Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of previously approved 17/00454/FUL for construction of swimming pool changing room/garden room to be built of brick under a slate roof. APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 17/01293/FUL 113 Lode Road, Demolish existing conservatory plus outbuilding and erect single storey rear extension. APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 17/01400/FUL 1 Beechwood Avenue. Construction of a new detached garage following demolition of existing outbuilding, extend roof over existing porch and new roof light in dining room APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Public Transport Matters

As congestion in our cities including Cambridge continues, it is important to look at ways to speed up our travel. South Cambridgeshire District Council plans to spend £50,000 on a study on providing better rural bus services particularly for villages where few buses run regularly. They hope to give people an alternative to using cars. There has been a Bus Services Act 2017 which means areas with an elected mayor such as Cambridgeshire could consider franchising. Routes can be put out to tender. The withdrawal of Whippet services caused many people problems but other small companies have taken on some of these, as I reported last month. I repeat my mantra of 'use it or lose it'. Intrigued by all the moaning about Eddington, the new West Cambridge village being built by Cambridge University, I caught the new Whippet U bus from Silver Street to Eddington. It leaves from the Rosie Hospital and goes via Addenbrooke's Out Patients to the Station and via Brooklands Avenue to Silver St. and onwards to Eddington via the University Library and Grange Road. Its final stop is at the Eddington large Sainsbury's and is adjacent to Madingley Rd. Park and Ride. It runs every 15 minutes. Amongst the Cambridge bid leaflets available in the Grand Arcade and elsewhere is one on transport in Cambridge and it has several useful links listed.

**www.stagecoachbus.com/east www.stagecoachsmart.com or
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/buses**

This latter one mentions the Multibus ticket - this is not available on routes A,B,C,D,R, the X5 or the 11 between Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds. Traveline is also mentioned. Stagecoach offer several special tickets which are displayed in and on their buses and also on their website. These are useful if you are regular traveller. Trains also offer special fares especially if you book in advance - Greater Anglia offers a one way price of £7 to London from Cambridge booked on-line or via the app. greateranglia.co.uk. They also offer GoGroupSave if there are 3-9 of you travelling off-peak and you don't need to book in advance - just turn up ask for GroupSave and go. This is in a booklet they produce called Discover East Anglia by Train, available at Newmarket Library along with other useful travel leaflets. There are Senior Railcards and if you use a hearing aid you can qualify for a Disabled Persons Railcard with anyone travelling with you being nominated as your carer and also qualifying for generous terms. You need to produce your hearing aid battery book.

Eurostar is also offering great railway trips in Europe - avoid the airport crowds they say - and, I add, also the recent Monarch/Ryanair problems! Amsterdam, Namur, Bordeaux, Bruges, Maastricht, Strasbourg, Poitiers, Paris are listed. Nenta traintours suggests joining them for the day on the 9th December for a pre-Christmas Day Trip by Special InterCity train to York for the St. Nicholas Fayre, Castle Howard, Durham for their Christmas Festival or Xmas at Beamish or Newcastle. Book by post or telephone 01692 406152.

There is much promised by Greater Anglia on improving the service they offer. They are investing £1.4 billion on 169 new trains in addition to the 111 trains to be built by Bombardier and a further 58 trains to be built by the Swiss company Stadler. They hope to increase the morning peak capacity by 55 per cent when these trains are introduced. There has been an online consultation as to what travellers want to see in these new trains. Mike Kean, their deputy managing director, says they have put a lot of effort into the design - good air conditioning, plugs, USB ports, thick and comfy seats, no tables but seat back tables to help with peoples' use of tablets. They have built a mock-up which they say is better than just looking at the design on paper. They have been able to increase the number of seats. A

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service by Govia Thameslink (GTR) is to be introduced on the Cambridge to King's Cross Line from May 2018 as part of a £7 billion improvement scheme. The new Class 700 trains are being built in Germany and are part of the Government sponsored Thameslink Programme which will see Cambridge directly linked to central London, Gatwick Airport and beyond, travelling as far south as Brighton. The trains are already in use in London but will soon be extended north and serve Cambridgeshire commuters. They will have 8 or 12 carriages - a full 12 coach train can hold up to 1,700 passengers. It is apparently like a bendy bus and you can see all the way down - they say it feels more like a London tube train. It is important to keep trains running and Network Rail is investing in equipment to solve the perennial problem of 'leaves on the line'. They have successfully piloted cutting-edge anti-slip wheel technology. Wheel Slide Protection (WSP) will now be rolled out to Greater Anglia's new fleet of 256 Class trains which run from Cambridge to Liverpool Street. Trains have been fitted with a monitoring system that reports when and where a train experiences slipping. Six rail-head treatment trains run during the autumn season to clean the rails and add a layer of sand-like substance to improve grip. However, Network Rail has been stripped of its monopoly to upgrade the railway and some major projects have been opened to competition says the Dept. for Transport.

India is starting work on building a bullet train capable of speeds of up to 220 miles per hour. The project includes a 4-mile tunnel under the Indian Ocean near Mumbai and will link Mumbai with Ahmedabad cutting the journey time from 8 hours to three. It is being financed largely by a loan from Tokyo.

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Fireworks:

- Buy only fireworks marked BS 7114
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- Never throw fireworks or put them into your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
- Always consider animals and wildlife nearby when holding a firework display.
- For more information on Firework Safety, please visit: www.hse.gov.uk

Bonfires:

- Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather conditions, particularly when it is windy
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display, smoke drifting near or on to surrounding roads can have devastating consequences
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Do not leave bonfires unattended. Keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy just in case
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries, plastics, etc
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

And, please remember to continue the habit that you all have now acquired! Test your smoke detectors Regularly! Also, please be aware of neighbours and friends who may not be as 'safety aware' and assist where possible.

Michael White



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Our September speaker was Zsuzsanna Serer, talking about Tropical Plants. Zsuzsanna is a Hungarian with a lifelong interest in gardening/horticulture. She came here to study and for fun grew a variety of plants which eventually outgrew her home so she sold the spare plants to get rid of them. She found a huge market for tropical plants and set up an online business three years ago.

So what are tropical plants? They include potatoes, tomatoes, chillies, cucumbers, spices, as well as those more well-known to us – Birds of Paradise, orchids etc. The tea plant (camellia) is a tropical plant and she advised drinking loose tea for better quality rather than the dust - her words - in tea bags. Aloe Vera, which many of us have, is a medicinal tropical plant. To use externally, split longwise and apply the juice to cuts and burns. It is always cool inside and it creates a layer on the skin to allow it to heal. I have a lot of aloes in the greenhouse and I will be bringing them to the November meeting to share with members.

Orchids became very popular in the 1980s. They take five years to grow to full size and don't like to be too humid. She feeds her plants with normal tomato feed. To water orchids (and I will now be doing this), dunk the pot in rainwater, count to 10, drain and leave for seven days before watering again. This was a fascinating talk with many tips for us to follow.

We will have had our Annual General Meeting by the time you read this. It has been a successful year for us, our membership numbers are good and we have had an interesting programme of speakers and outings. But we have a problem. I am happy to continue running the Plant Stall and the Annual Village Show and will remain a committee member, but to reduce my workload I will be standing down from the post of Secretary. So far we have had no success in finding a replacement. The club cannot continue without a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and the fear is that without a full complement of officers to run the club it will fold (as has happened to another club in the district). What we are asking is not too onerous - someone to do the agendas and minutes for our quarterly meetings, that's all. If you feel you can help, please let us know. If you would like to discuss this further, please have a word with any committee member or contact me on the number below.

DIARY DATES

28 November: Your and My Need for Plants, Robert Brett, Curator of Hyde Hall, RHS gardens.

19 December: Christmas Social. Talk on Iceland, Sweden and Norway by Sylvia and John Overton, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

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To the Editor, (with response from the Parish Council)

With reference to “Parish Notes” in the September issue of the Cresset.

My concern is with the report of the County Councillor to the Parish Council which addresses the regular flooding of Lode Road in heavy rain. The main elements of this report are: “it’s a problem not easily solved”; “draining under the road was inadequate for the type of rain we get nowadays i.e. usual months (sic) rainfall in one day”; “size of pipe which takes away the water is not wide enough”; “County Council are aware of the problem and size of pipes in other villages”; “County Council say it’s unlikely to cause flooding of property and that recent work at the Village College hasn’t added to the problem”.

To paraphrase Scotty the engineer in Star Trek the cry is “the drains cannae take it Captain”. That they can’t is blindingly obvious, as is the observation that it’s probably due to the size of the pipe. Additionally, whatever County Council knows about other villages is irrelevant.

The contention that the drains are inadequate for “the type of rain we get nowadays” and that we get a month’s rainfall in one day is an interesting one. Having lived here for 18 years and driven through the floods many times it’s not clear to me what time span “nowadays” actually refers to. Having consulted the website of the Meteorological Office for East Anglia I see no data to support the general statement about a month’s worth of rain one day either.

The new work at the Village College means that all buses will turn in at the area which always floods. This will make trying to get past on the pavement without getting a soaking even more interesting during a peak traffic period. It’s bad enough that nothing is done about the flooding in this area, but fobbing off the people of Bottisham with platitudes and self-evident statements is not the way forward.

The problem isn’t that “it’s not easily solved”. The problem is that Parish Council and the District Councillors do nothing about it. Many of us have seen what effect Parish and District Councillors have on local matters when they have a common interest. Having waited 18 years for a playground it would be nice to see a different problem successfully addressed.

Yours Faithfully - Dr V Malinek

Dear Vlasta

Thank you for your letter which I have copied to our County Councillor Mathew Shuter. You may want to make contact with him. Anything to do with the roads is the responsibility of the County Council.

Regarding a playground I am sure you are well aware that the Parish Council owns no land in the village whatsoever so providing a playground is problematic. It is however something which we have continually looked into and I am sure you will have read in last month’s Cresset that a questionnaire regarding play areas will be coming through your door next month so please take the time to fill it in. Parish Council have worked hard to make sure a play area will be provided at the new development that will take place off Bell Road and are looking into other options presently.

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Michael White

Bottisham Community Library Association

- We had 35 young readers who completed the summer reading challenge this year and certificates were given out on 16th September. Congratulations to all the medallists.
- We have ordered the Booker Prize list set of books and will also have some new books relating to Halloween shortly. Richard and Judy books are on the shelves
- We recently put out flyers to the new residents of Lysander Close and have been pleased to welcome some new borrowers.
- Don’t forget our Christmas Card sale on Saturday 11th November. We shall also be having a book sale on that day. Please support us in this venture.
- We have set a date for our next quiz – it will be on Saturday 3rd February. Make sure you put it in next years’ diary.

FINALLY WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS.

It has been difficult over the school holidays because of our own holidays and illnesses to maintain the rota. We have also lost Tom Sullivan who has been with us for several years and who has returned to University. Thank you to him. SO PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

Sylvia Overton.

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Why is our Parish Council so intent on despoiling the historic centre of our village for the sake of an extra couple or so car park spaces?

Cutting down mature trees to cut out sufficient of the grass surface to form a layby (or two) will turn the Triangle into an empty space surrounded by parked cars, which will result in higher health and safety fears.

Extra parking around the Triangle will not alleviate the village centre problem. The spaces will simply be filled and we will be back to where we are now and worsen as the years go by.

Apart from this, there is the additional indebtedness the PC will be taking, albeit at low interest rates on Government grants, which Parishioners will be paying off over untold years.

This will be on top of the monies already spent and to be spent on the planned cemetery, car park and childrens' playground on the National Trust 3.3 acres along Lode Road, which PC hope to compulsorily purchase, again with Government grants at low interest rates.

Our great grandchildren will be paying for these ideas!

The PC are promising a "referendum" regarding childrens' playgrounds.

I trust they will hold one concerning the Triangle and the Lode Road development. After they have told us of the amount of monies involved.

Alfred Laister.

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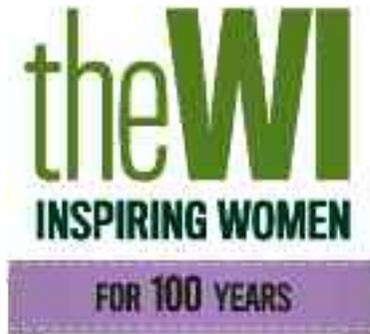


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We will be holding a planning meeting in the New Year to co-ordinate things and we would ask that a representative from your organisation attends.

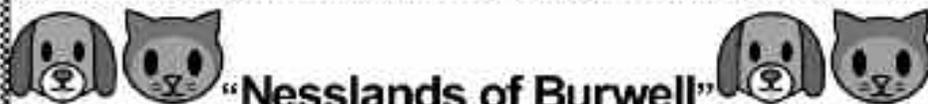
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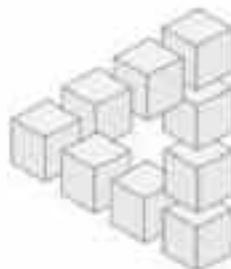
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Notwithstanding the exploits of the dreaded FIFA for a moment, have you ever encountered an organisation more incompetent and economical with the truth than the dear old English Football Association? You remember the racism and bullying allegations leveled at England Women's Football team manager Mark Sampson recently? And The FA's extraordinary pay-off to his accuser despite Sampson being cleared of any wrongdoing by two separate investigations? After wriggling on the hook for a couple of weeks, The FA were finally overcome by a wave of political correctness and sacked Sampson anyway. The reason? Well, this is where the waters becomes a little muddy: supposedly for some "inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour" in his previous role as manger of Bristol Academy – behaviour which was not viewed at the time to be deserving of any action and not, apparently, serious enough to bring to the attention of The FA at the time of Sampson's England appointment! There is now talk of an unfair dismissal claim by Sampson, so watch out for news of further shenanigans...

The England & Wales Cricket Board, the ECB (how long will it be before some Celtic pressure group insists on the inclusion of a 'W' in that acronym?!), has also embarked on a journey of political correctness over the Ben Stokes debacle, and is in danger of shooting itself in the foot because, now, Stokes' inclusion (or exclusion) on the forthcoming Ashes tour is very much in the balance. In a nutshell, Stokes whacked a thug who was attacking his mate with a bottle. Yes, yes, I know he's a public figure and a role model, etc, but if ever I am similarly attacked, I would like to think I had a Ben Stokes alongside me, wouldn't you? The ECB, in their wisdom, are simultaneously suspending him from playing until further notice, AND renewing his central contract to continue playing for England! You couldn't make it up, eh! The Australians must be rubbing their hands with glee at the thought of facing an England without the services of arguably the world's best all-rounder!

I must include a word about Peter Sagan, one of my favourite sportsmen and one who transcends national or team loyalties. You may remember I have sung the praises of this cycling prodigy previously but, in September, he became the first man in history to win three successive World Championship Men's Road Race titles. Now 27 years old, Sagan is entering his prime as one of the sport's greatest entertainers. He can climb, and time-trial AND sprint. In fact, he out-sprinted out-and-out sprinters in the 267km World Championship race – winning from Norwegian Alexander Kristoff by less than half a wheel's length! "Amazing!" declared GB's Ben Swift who finished a very creditable fifth.

From the sublime to the ridiculous... Who has heard of the Darwin Awards? The idea is to recognise the efforts of people who risk removing themselves from the human gene pool by undertaking acts of extreme stupidity and danger, thus improving the human genome for everyone else and resulting in stories of tragedy and hilarity in equal measure! I would like to propose Welsh hooker Scott Baldwin. He wasn't successful in completing his own demise on this occasion but gave it his best shot by petting a lion in a game park whilst on tour in Bloemfontein with his Ospreys team. He luckily escaped with stitches and missed the

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(Sports Nut continued.)

subsequent Guinness Pro14 Ospreys' match versus the Cheetahs, but there cannot be many ways of missing a game that are more idiotic than this, surely!

At the time of writing, your local troop of Bottisham England fans has just returned from an excursion to the Baltic. We visited two charming countries, shaking off their shackles of occupation and oppression, full of friendly, hospitable people making a go of their independence as relatively new members of the European Union. Having purchased tickets for the big game in the Tourist Information office in the beautiful city of Riga, we braved the foul weather to join a crowd of some 4,000 watching the World Cup qualifier between Latvia and Andorra. The match was not a high quality affair but both teams did their best to minimise the number of mistakes in the slippery conditions and punt the ball forward to their respective attacks. Latvia - spurred on by the dozen or so hard core fans singing behind the goal - emerged 4-0 winners but, alas, it was too late for either side to qualify for Russia 2018 because Portugal and Switzerland had already run away with the top two spots in their group.

Naturally we had arrived a few days early to take in the Lithuania v England match too, but, although England triumphed by virtue of a Harry Kane penalty, the performance was a carbon copy of the dull, laboured, prosaic, sterile showing against Slovenia at Wembley three days before, and was hardly worth the effort of describing it. Ah well, at least we qualified... now we just have to work out how to visit Russia next year and come back alive and well!

TTFN Gerry Daish

Bottisham Youth Football

The football club continues to grow in popularity. Last season saw the under 16 girls finish their football careers with Bottisham by winning their league. The under 16 boys not to be outdone also won their league and for the first time in my memory we have a side playing in the league at under 17.

Saturday morning football continues with sides from under 6 all the way to under 12 a mixture of boys and girls all enjoying their football.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this the kiosk at the pavilion by the football pitches will be serving bacon rolls and teas and coffees from 9.45 to 11.30 at very reasonable prices.

Saturday morning games are struggling to find referees so if you fancy a challenge then you could earn £10 per game. You only need to be over 14 and no upper age level applies at this standard of football. There are courses run by Cambs. F.A., that once completed the football club will reimburse you and provide a half time drink. Anyone interested in helping with refereeing please contact me.

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A communal imbalance!

Often JOW articles prompt responses sometimes in writing but mostly during conversations with people I meet. I received two letters last month, one from a reader who lives in London and one from a local reader, plus a number of other comments, all concerning local issues. More often than not I've found that people's angsts can easily be resolved if we were all to be a little more thoughtful and considerate rather than adopt what I refer to as a 'ME' philosophy.

As we all know, Bottisham has undergone significant growth over the past twenty years or so which has witnessed many young families setting up home in the village and has also seen our two 'Care Homes' develop to provide for those of mature years. Therefore with an expanding village comes pressure on existing amenities and infrastructure and a demand for better and new amenities. But those new to the village may not know that, despite many appeals to local landowners, Bottisham - unlike many villages - is not blessed with land that can be used to improve the village's infrastructure or to correct the scarcity of social and recreational facilities. We therefore have to make the best of the very little we have and thus always look at every opportunity that comes along that could be applied to meet our hopes and desires...

The shortfall in village amenities and infrastructure is constantly being made known to those who have the capacity and influence to remedy these things whether it is the provision of communal land, long term planning or in every day planning decisions. But as it will be pointed out to you, none of the issues plaguing Bottisham are recognised nor acknowledged as being 'planning considerations'. The fact that our local schools are oversubscribed is not a planning consideration. The extra traffic generated by the expansion of schools and housing is not a planning consideration. The fact that the local infrastructure is creaking at the seams and cannot cope is not a planning consideration. Not having enough open space and play facilities is not a planning consideration. Instead these matters and more are often escalated to others to resolve, with little or no acknowledgement nor importance given to the deficit in amenities, loss of social cohesion or the general well-being of the community. And all this in pursuance of the drivers needed to deliver undifferentiated centrally mandated targets. Meanwhile we all plod along trying to put a brave and tolerant face on the gradual decline of a once close knit rural parish. With all these pressures festering away it is surprising then that something has finally snapped!

And so it is that after ceaseless expansion of communities within a community, over which none of us has had any control (with possibly yet more to come) our once small charming village has become the victim of a phenomenon I would describe as a 'communal imbalance'. But as I see it the indicators of this communal imbalance are triggering some sections of the community, probably without realisation, to become rather narcissistic. I would however like to single out one particular group of local society and that is those 'numbskulls' - male and female (oops, am I allowed to use gender specifics!!) - that, despite the speed and school warning signs, habitually 'hammer it' through the village. These individuals are all probably the same 'puffed-up' beings that have 'special privileges' to park

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dangerously and illegally on bends, opposite junctions, on pavements and outside the shops and schools.

So what is the answer if indeed there is one? Well far be it for me to tell others how to conduct their lives but the way I see it; we all have a duty to take responsibility for what we do and what we see, we all have a duty and responsibility to be considerate toward others and we all have a duty to act responsibly. But above everything else we all - every one of us - has a duty and a responsibility to play our part in getting this communal imbalance put right...

TJ

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