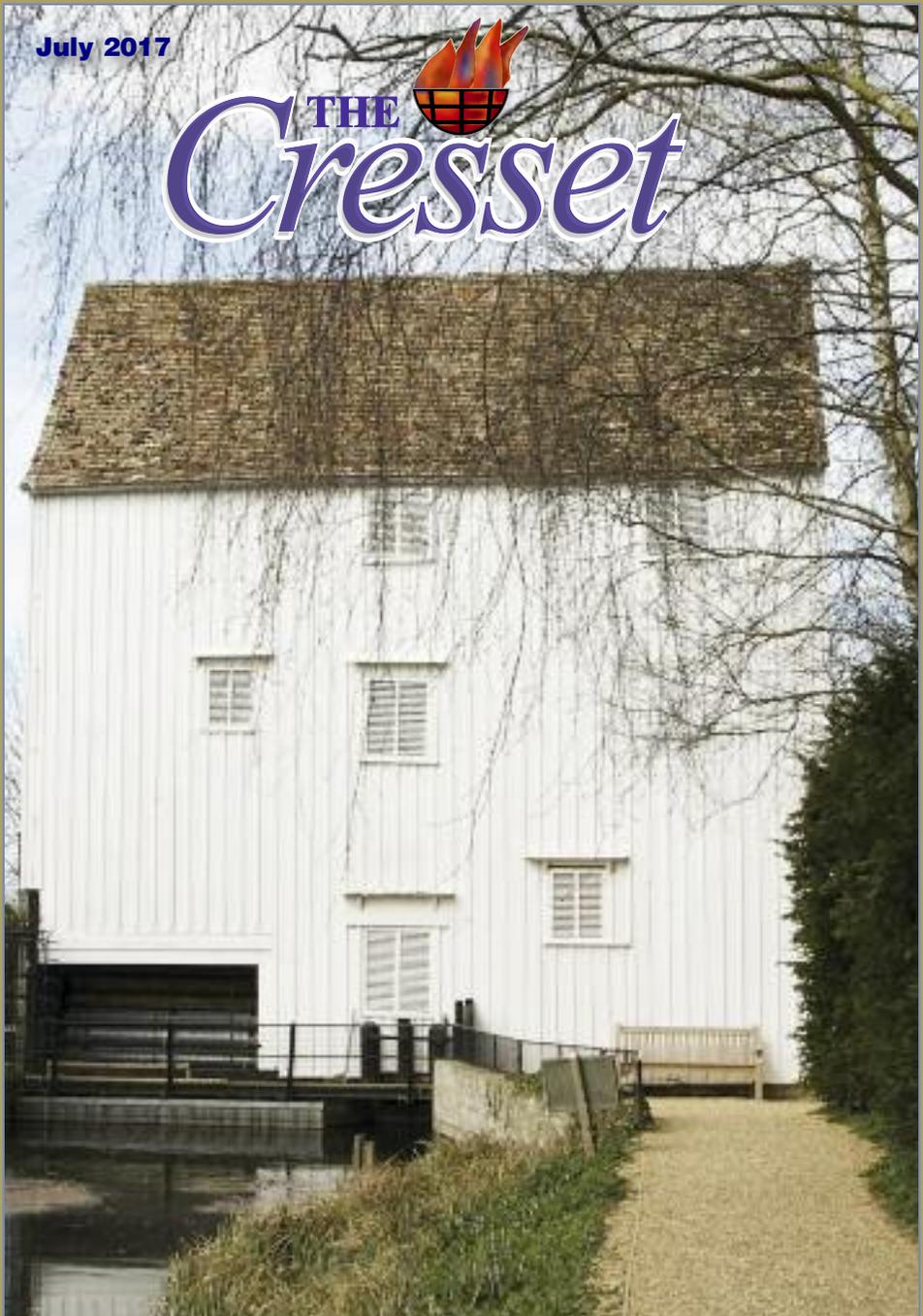


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Well hello again from your Cresset Editor and the team that produce and deliver your village magazine. All together there are over 40 people involved in the production and delivery of The Bottisham Cresset. In addition, no doubt many of the stalwarts who deliver them round the village have family and friends who help and cover for them when holidays etc interfere.



That is a lot of commitment and time given by many people and I would want to thank them all. We also have excellent support and service from our friends, both at ONG and our printers at Falcon Printing in Cambridge. (Perhaps a mention here will get us a discount!)

A larger than normal magazine this month as we are not going to have one in August. We really appreciate the contribution that every single person makes to this magazine and I find that the only issue I sometimes have is trying to fit everyone's contributions in. I am delighted to get the contributions we get and do keep them coming. It is what makes The Cresset what I think is an interesting read. As I sometimes find myself, when the muse gets going it is sometimes difficult to stop.

I find myself wondering what I am going to write about some months and say as much to my better half. She comes back in about forty minutes and on a good day I have a proof for her to read. Let's see how I get on!

This month is easy as there is so much that has gone on and so much more coming up.

I am not going to expand on political matters outside our village as I think we hear more than enough on the telly, save to say that I wish the media would take a step back from pretending to be at the centre of government and get on with reporting facts rather than trying to influence what happens and then skewing it when they get it wrong. Tabloid journalism seems to be the trait of TV news now, whereas one used to rely on the TV to give us the facts.

Back to Bottisham and those who went to the Annual Parish meeting will have had the opportunity to hear and be heard about what is going on in the village, from the Village College, Primary School, local policing and traffic issues, The local charities and District Councillors.

One of the things that were discussed was the wish of the Parish council to establish 'A Neighbourhood Plan'. It is a document into which the community can have a large input. Indeed, the content of the Plan should be dictated by the community. It will enable people to choose where new housing should go and what it should look like. It provides a blueprint for how the village and community will develop over the coming years. But it cannot be done without our help. The active input of the community is crucial. It is not a document that Parish Council alone can put together. They have taken the process so far – in designating a Neighbourhood Area – but now they need your help.

Do you think it is important that the community itself should decide how the community should grow and flourish over the coming years? Should this community have a Neighbourhood Plan? To take this forward the Parish Council need the community to get involved. If we don't, then putting together a Neighbourhood Plan will not happen. If you need any further information, or want to express an interest, then let the PC know.

Up and coming things now. You will see that the Gardening Club is calling us to get the trowels out and the oven on to work our magic and display our talents at the Club show in

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September. Plenty of time then to perfect our skills over the summer. Something for everyone and some new categories to keep it fresh. There are all the classic classes to have a go at, but there are other new ones. There is even a class now for Lego modelling. I certainly know there is one young lad I know of, who, going by his enthusiasm for all things Lego, would love to have a go.

Mind you Lego today is not the same as it was a generation back and certainly different from the Meccano that I used to 'engineer' back in the 50's.

There are so many varied classes to choose from, there are a lot of rosettes and certificates to be won. Your chances of winning are high.

Schools break up in July and holidays will be had. Hopefully the weather will give us a good summer and cheer us all up, because before we know it, we will be heading into autumn.

*Have a good time!*

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***Dear Editor,***

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As someone who has come to appreciate the value of walking as an enjoyable and healthy pursuit, I really value volunteers such as Steve Gilson who leads regular twice monthly 'Walks for Health' around the Bottisham area. Steve is an experienced and accredited walk leader. His walks last around an hour and start from Bottisham Medical Practice, usually at 11am. Steve posts the dates and times for his walks within the Bottisham Medical Practice Patient's Group report. I regularly attend and in the past there has been a friendly small group who also come along, however for various reasons the numbers have dwindled, so that it is often just myself and another who attend.

In January of 2016, I found a walking challenge, to complete 1000 miles over the course of the year. For family reasons, I fell short of my target, but still achieved 800 miles. I count these miles over and above what I do in my daily life.

I have developed an enduring love of walking, have discovered so many places in our region that I didn't previously know about and have formed or strengthened friendships along the way.

This year, I am once again doing the challenge and I am very close to halfway to my target. However, you don't need to be doing a challenge to enjoy the benefits of walking. We are fortunate to have many footpaths in the area and it is possible to fit in a lovely circular walk in an hour or under, from your own doorstep.

I regularly see people out and about enjoying their walking around Bottisham and wonder if more people would enjoy coming along on one of Steve's twice monthly walks? We would appreciate the extra company.

Steve Gilson also volunteers his time as one of the 'Walks for Health' leaders, who lead a weekly walk from Anglesey Abbey, every Thursday at 10am. This is very well attended and is a sociable group. The aim is to walk at a rate to raise the pulse, to get maximum benefit from the exercise. If interested read the Patient's Group section for further information and hopefully we may see some of you soon.

*Sarah Brown*

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# **Cambridge, Past, Present & Future**

*- A colourful month of activities*



## **Ghost Stories at the Leper Chapel with in situ theatre company. Saturday 1 July: 8pm**

Don't miss out on a night of fright as the popular 'Ghost Stories' returns for one evening only in the haunting atmosphere of the 12th century Leper Chapel. Book your place now – if you dare! **NB:** Tickets £12 (£10 concessions), available in advance here: [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk) or call 01223 211451 and at the venue from 7.30pm.

**Hinxton Watermill Open Day Sunday 2 July: 2.30pm to 5.30pm** Impressive 17th century working watermill. Located in charming surroundings in the village of Hinxton on the River Cam. Children can take part in the 'Where's Ratty' competition! CambridgePPF members free. non members £3 for adults, £1 for children.

**Tilly the Travelling Tearoom at Wandlebury, Sundays in July. 11.00am to 5.00pm.** Tilly is a lovingly refurbished genuine 1960's Mini Glen caravan, bringing tea to us in vintage style. Owned by keen baker Carol Corfield, Tilly provides a variety of treats, all home made by Carol. Find Tilly by the Tadlow Granary and enjoy drinks, delicious homemade cakes and Ice Cream from the Saffron Ice Cream Company. Tilly will be with us most Sundays throughout the summer.

**Be Absolute for Death at the Leper Chapel with in situ theatre coy. Thurs. 13th- Sat. 15th July, 8pm** As urgent and compelling now as it was when it was written more than 400 years ago. £12 (£10 concessions). Tickets can be bought on the door from 7.30pm, but space is limited, so advance booking is recommended. via [www.insitutheatre.co.uk](http://www.insitutheatre.co.uk).

**Wild Flowers Saturday 15 July - 1.00pm to 4.00pm** Informative workshop helping you learn about wild flowers in the field. £8 (£6 members)

**Archaeology for all. Saturday 15 July - 11.00am to 3.00pm.** Children interested in archaeology? The Cambridge Young Archaeology Club will be at Wandlebury today providing practical activities and guided tours around Wandlebury Iron Age Hillfort. Free event, open to everyone, all welcome.

**Bourn Mill Open Day and Teas Off Caxton Road, Bourn CB23 2SU, Sunday 23 July: 2pm to 4pm** Come and see inside one of the oldest mills in the country, set in beautiful scenery near Bourn village. A perfect location for a picnic. Volunteer guides will tell you the history of the mill and if the weather is favourable you may even witness the incredible sight of the mill being turned on its post. Teas and cakes available. Free to CambridgePPF members, non-members £3 per adult, £1 per child.

**Tuesday 24 July - 10.00am to 12.00pm. Gruffalo Woods- event for accompanied children. Ages 3 to 5.** Re-live the Gruffalo stories looking for homes of the characters in our woods and meet some of the other animals living there. Build stick homes, make a Gruffalo mask and stick/clay animal friends! £8 per child, £6 members.

RENEW Church is hosting another Alpha course ([www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)) starting in September. At the time of writing we are still considering the best venue, day and time to host Alpha.

If you are interested, get in touch with us as soon as possible and we will consider your preferences in our decision making. Everyone has questions. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions about life and faith and share their point of view. Watch what Bear Grylls has to say about his faith being the greatest adventure of his life, at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLQZMIQwuUs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLQZMIQwuUs).

### **WHAT IS ALPHA?**

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Watch the first video here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmeSw6KVweU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmeSw6KVweU).

Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common:

#### **FIRST UP THERE'S FOOD**

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Sessions start with food because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

#### **THEN A TALK**

The talks are designed to grab your attention and inspire conversation. We will be using the new 'Alpha Film Series', a brilliantly produced film around twenty-five minutes long for every week. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions like Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how do I pray?

#### **FOLLOWED BY GOOD CONVERSATION**

The chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Consider this your personal invitation to join us. Check out our website [www.renewchurch.org.uk](http://www.renewchurch.org.uk); contact Alan Brand or Peter Wells; or come along on Sunday morning to RENEW Church for more information and to sign up. We look forward to exploring life and faith with you, you may well be invited by someone from RENEW Church. If you've got questions about life, try Alpha.

I hope you have a great Summer,

*Revd. Alan Brand*

## RENEW CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 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 10.10am.

**Sunday 2nd July Morning Worship** 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

**Sunday 9th July Morning Worship** 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Followed by shared lunch

**Sunday 9th July Evening Worship** 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

**Sunday 16th July Morning Worship** 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

**Sunday 23rd July Morning Worship** 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

**Sunday 23rd July Evening Worship** 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel)

**Sunday 30th July Morning Worship**

For more information about any of the activities of RENEW Church please contact:

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Or visit our website at [www.renewchurch.org.uk](http://www.renewchurch.org.uk)

## *Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in July & August*

### JULY

**Sunday 2nd** 11 am **Holy Communion** *Revd Elizabeth Caswell*

**Wednesday 5th** 8 pm **Compline by Candlelight** *Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell*

**Sunday 9th** No service in Bottisham

10 am **Benefice Communion in Lode**

**Sunday 16th** Sequence of services in the five churches of the

Anglesey Group *see church notice board for details*

**Sunday 23rd** 10 am **Benefice All-Age Service with Baptism** *Revd Sue Giles*

**Sunday 30th** 11 am **Holy Communion**

### AUGUST

**Wednesday 2nd** 8 pm **Compline by Candlelight** *Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell*

**Sunday 6th** 11 am **Morning Prayer** *Mike Proctor*

**Sunday 13th** No service in Bottisham

10 am **Benefice Communion in Quay**

**Sunday 20th** 8 am **Holy Communion** (Book of Common Prayer)

11 am **Holy Communion**

**Sunday 27th** No service in Bottisham

8 am **Holy Communion** in Swaffham Prior

10 am **Benefice All-Age Service** in Lode

**Note the differing times of the main service in Bottisham!** Benefice services are services shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quay, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior). Details of these services can also be found on the Bottisham pages of the Anglesey website (<http://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.



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## *Bottisham W.I.*

Fran Saltmarsh gave a most interesting talk on “Here comes the Bride – a History of Wedding Garments”. We saw slides of bridal wear from the Arnolfini Marriage painting of 1430 by Jan van Eyck, the painting of 1631 of 10yr old Mary Stewart and 15yr old Prince William of Orange - a Royal Alliance, and of Queen Victoria’s Wedding, complete with 12 bridesmaids holding a 6yard train. This was probably the beginning of the white wedding dress fashion. She had pictures of various family weddings starting with her grandmother and brought many of these to show. They were exquisite and many had been made by Fran. A good speaker and an excellent seamstress.

We had a successful cake sale recently on the Triangle with a marmalade/jam tombola and raised £162 for funds. Thanks to donors and those who supported us.

We lost out narrowly in the quarter finals of the Cambridge Federation Darts competition. It has been an enjoyable season and we hope to improve next year.

About 30 members enjoyed a delicious cream tea at the Swan at Lavenham late in May and had time later to visit the magnificent Church or have a walk around the lovely town.

**It was with great sadness that we have learned of the death of Maureen Rogers, at the end of April. Maureen was a enthusiastic Bottisham WI member and spear headed many local craft initiatives including the wallhangings in the Surgery, Queens Court and the Village College. She was also instrumental in designing and leading a group of members who made numerous quilts for patients of Arthur Rank Hospice. She was a past County Federation Chairman and a highly regarded National Federation Judge of needlework and craft. We will be holding a minutes silence in her memory at our next meeting. Our thoughts are with Hugh and the family at this sad time.**

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 18th July when David Taylor will be speaking about “Women’s Roles and Achievements in Aviation History”** at 7.30pm in the Lecture Room at the College. We will be ending our long association with the College shortly during the present rebuilding scheme and will be meeting at Queens Court for the foreseeable future. We would like to thank the site officers for their help over the years. We hope we may return when new meeting rooms are available.

We shall not be holding a meeting in August as we have arranged a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament on the 21st of the month. As I write there are a few spare places. If you are interested please contact Jenn White (811600) cost £12 leaving BVC at 8.00am and leaving London at 3pm.

Visitors and new members are very welcome to come and join us. As you can see there is plenty on offer

*Sylvia Overton 811792*

## *Janet Marsh*

Laurie, Jane and Sarah would like to thank all those who have sent cards and letters of sympathy and expressed fond memories of their loved one, Janet.

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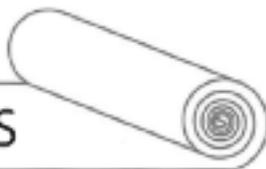


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The 13th May this year saw The EAAA crews attend an astonishing **17 missions in one day**, this is the most call-outs they've been to in a single day! An EAAA Record.

Thank you all for your continuing generous support - please keep it up. **Together we help save lives.**  
**The Cambridge Roar 2017**

The Cambridge Roar is a festival of charity events raising funds for worthy causes and this year this includes The East Anglian Air Ambulance. Since its inception in 2014 The Roar Team, together with support from the local community and businesses, has raised an incredible £55,000 for their nominated charities through holding a huge variety of events in a purpose-built luxury marquee in the grounds of Qy Mill Hotel & Spa..

Their calendar of events is open to everyone - groups of friends can enjoy their Fashion Shows and White Collar Boxing for example, whilst couples will find plenty of evenings out with their Comedy Night or one of their luxury dinners. Their Finale Ball is popular with everyone!

As well as raising money for EAAA, The Roar will also be raising money for The Cambridge United Community Trust and Arthur Rank so please do take a look at their website and see how you can get involved:[www.thecambridgeroar.co.uk](http://www.thecambridgeroar.co.uk) #roar17

*Michael White*

# HELP PLEASE!

**Due to unforeseen circumstance we are desperate for back up to support a dynamic team through the summer to help a disabled person living as independently as possible.**

During the months of July and the first half of August, we really would appreciate your help. If you are able to offer anything between 2 and up to 12 hours (different time slots available to suit), please get in touch. You will need to be physically fit and female to provide support to an enterprising mobility impaired female.

The work normally encompasses personal assistance, housework and leisure activities. But let us know if you only would wish to do personal assistance or housework.

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Some of our councillors met recently with a representative from the County Council Highways to discuss the parking situation outside of the shops and how we could increase parking spaces. Due to the proximity of several trees on the 'triangle' area he felt we could only really look at a lay-by on one side, being the side that is the spur from Tunbridge Lane. A lay-by could be installed here for 3 vehicles, if the tree was removed we could fit in 4 vehicles comfortably and this was felt to be the best option. Other grass areas on Lode Road were considered for extra parking but this was not felt to be feasible especially when costs were considered. We await a quotation from him. Parish Council did discuss the possibility of installing a camera outside of The Bell Public House to stop vehicles parking on the double yellow lines and will look into this further. At present we have to rely on our local PCSO who, if you came to our Annual Meeting you will know now has to look after 28 villages!

Leading onto our Annual Meeting, thank you to those residents who attended. As well as hearing from our PCSO, Mrs Rankine, the new Head of BVC also came to talk to residents about the extension to the school and plans for the next couple of years which was interesting to all. As well as giving her annual report, our Chair Christine Bryant spoke about the idea of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the village which would outline to planners/developers in the future what we want from any development and perhaps more importantly what we don't want. This is something that would need to be developed by residents with the assistance of Parish Council. So far, there hasn't been a lot of interest but please do get in touch if you are interested in finding out more. Parish Councillors discussed this further at their June meeting and decided that if no one shows any interest that this will be put on hold for the time being.

You will be aware that we have new grass cutters. A few residents have contacted me regarding areas that have been missed and these should now have been added. The hedges and footpaths haven't been cut as quickly as we would have liked them to have been but hopefully now have been cut back. Some of the graves in the cemetery are very overgrown and are no longer cared for, possibly because relatives are no longer around or have moved away. Over the next few weeks some parish councillors will be meeting up and attempting to tidy these graves. If you have any concerns or wish to help in anyway then please make contact with the Parish Clerk.

The accounts for 2016/17 are now with the auditors. If you would like to see a copy of the accounts please contact me. Enjoy the summer!

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

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17/00467/FUL, The Bell Inn, 16 High Street, Demolition of sheds and fences and replacement with 10 parking spaces and amenity area, demolition of part of boundary wall to create new vehicular .Access from Bell Road and reduction in height of remainder of boundary wall from 1.1m to 0.6m. NEW APPLICATION

17/00666/FUL, 24 Peacock Drive, Two storey side extension, NEW APPLICATION

17/00773/FUL, 113 Lode Road, Demolish existing bathroom, conservatory and outbuilding – erect single storey extension to rear, NEW APPLICATION

17/00821/FUL, 1 Rowley Gardens, Single storey rear extension, NEW APPLICATION

17/00828/VAR, Swynford Paddocks, London Road. To vary condition 3 (materials) of 16/00177/FUL for the proposed two storey side extension and new timber feather-edged boarding to existing dwelling and alteration to porch, NEW APPLICATION

17/00911/FUL, The Gables, 11 Bell Road, Construction of 4 bedroom, two storey detached dwelling with double garage plus a single garage for no. 11 Bell Road, NEW APPLICATION

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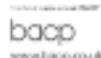
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## *Public Transport Matters*

I have had to be more aware over the past years that not all local villagers have access to the A1303 unlike Quy and Bottisham and, therefore, it is more difficult for them to access the 11 and 12 Stagecoach services to Bury and Ely. This is due to the fact that the readership of the Cresset Public Transport Matters articles expanded to include the Lodestar readers and now we have the Bulbeck Beacon also interested in public transport. A welcome to them! I have often told of useful connections when on the bus when people chat and I learn more about peoples' experiences. Recently I sat with a Burwell lady who does use the 11 and 12 for visits to Ely and Bury by getting the 10 either to Tesco or Newmarket for Ely or to Newmarket for Bury. Tesco doesn't always connect well so she recommended going on to Newmarket. It is also quite a walk for many Bottisham residents to access the A1303 and we would like the buses to go round the village as they used to do. We do need to boost passenger numbers so that services do not get cut back more than they have already been. Let us hope that James Palmer, the new Mayor, is serious in his wish to improve public transport.

The local comments in the press about the problems at the Cambridge central station have now included comments on the new Cambridge North station and also the introduction of new trains by Great Northern. There is a failure of signposting to the new Northern station and people are wandering about trying to find it! Some people from Ely are finding it a useful alternative to the A10 for their commute into Cambridge and appreciate its closeness to the Science Park where they work. I visited it by taking the 2 bus from St Andrew's St. Unlike at the central station, the buses stop right outside the station and run every 10 minutes. There is cycle parking for 1000 and car parking for 450. The complaints regarding the new trains provided by Great Northern relate to the seating or lack of it and passengers are having to stand at busy times. The old 385 class trains have been replaced by the newer 387 class, which are apparently popular in other parts of the country where they are used. In addition to the 2 Great Northern trains which run per hour to King's Cross, there are 4 Greater Anglia trains which run per hour providing services to London, Cambridge and Norwich, with connections to many other destinations. A spokesman has commented that with the new route to Cambridge North station, Ely now has a half-hourly service in each direction all day which adds over 3,300 seats, 40 % more, over the day. Network Rail is working towards upgrades by the end of next year so that Great Northern would be able to double the length of trains from King's Lynn to eight carriages producing another large increase in seats for passengers on this route. Food outlets are due to open at the station and better ticketing facilities are planned. Timetables are on [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk).

Greater Anglia has hired 22 additional trains so that it can provide additional services throughout East Anglia. They are operating many additional summer services so that residents and visitors can enjoy days out.

There are still complaints about the cost of the guided busway and the overspend and the council is still in dispute with Bam Nuttall over some defects which need to be rectified

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although a financial settlement was accepted earlier rather than have more court costs. And now there is the continuing question of whether going underground through Cambridge would help to solve the congestion problems. James Palmer is putting together a feasibility study. Comments in the Cambridge News vary for and against – underground vibrations could damage the architecture of Cambridge due to many buildings already having subterranean levels and a low local water level but the model of the Seattle system is cited.

France is trying to entice us for our summer holidays by renaming the TGV train service as inOui and introducing more budget long-haul rail journeys. The newest line is between Paris and Bordeaux. The more local not so fast services are called Ouigo. This boost is also of benefit to Eurostar. Seat 61 remains a very useful website and people tell me of their journeys simplified by its use.

The Times recently ran a story in its Friday Bricks and Mortar supplement on the effect of public transport on local house prices and spoke of the increases in northern Cambridge due to Cambridge North and also in London near to Crossrail stations.

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## **July Bulletin**

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When powering up your BBQs and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips:

- When cooking outdoors, always check barbeques over after winter storage, keep them on level ground and ensure that they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property. (let neighbours know if windows are open!)
- Keep children, pets and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave barbecues unattended
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure that it is properly extinguished when you leave it.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly - never throw a burning cigarette into 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
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent

*Michael White*

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## ***Bottisham & District Gardening Club***

Our speaker at the May meeting was Brian Thurlow, who has a theatrical background and a lifelong interest in gardening and he told us the life history of Mr Potter. Whilst it may not have been true, with his lovely Suffolk accent and plenty of props, humour and gardening tips we really enjoyed his talk. Mr Potter had suffered rheumatic fever as a child and when convalescing he took great interest in the tapestry fire screen depicting a knot garden. As an 11 year old he entered a miniature knot garden for the village show, won first prize and came to the attention of two sisters who owned the nearby Manor House. He was fortunate to be taken on as under gardener in 1913 by the sisters and learned his trade from Mr Clarke. When he died in September 1918 Mr Potter took his place as head gardener and his brother who had returned from the Great War from shell shock helped him regularly. There had been a knot garden in earlier times but it had been greatly neglected and as it had been of interest to one of the sisters, Maud, who was suffering from cancer he decided he would restore it to its former glory. He trimmed the 3ft high box hedge, planted the beds with brightly flowered plants and it was greatly admired by the sisters. Sadly, Maud died soon after this, very sad but at least he had met his wife to be Rose, who had been her nurse carer. He told of the problems caused by the little evacuee children who ran riot during the summer war years, the next owners who had revived the flower show and treated him and his wife extremely well and how proud he had been of his career. But in 1963 the house and gardens were sold to a London builder who had no interest in the garden. He wanted tennis courts and paddocks for his family and within a short time 6 bungalows were built - 50 years of work destroyed in one fell swoop. I forgot to say his most prized wedding present was the tapestry fire screen given them by his parents.

*Sylvia Overton*

My thanks to Sylvia Overton for the above report on the May meeting of the gardening club, which I'm sorry to have missed - it took place while I was on holiday. We now have our summer break with trips to Denston Hall Gardens in June and to Capel Manor Gardens in July and our next club night will be on Tuesday 22 August, when the speaker will be Dr Gwenda Kyd talking about Bach Flower Remedies and their Source Plants.

Plans are well in hand for the Annual Village Show on 9 September. We have tried to keep changes to the schedule to a minimum: pressure on space means that we have to restrict the number of entries in the Photography section to a maximum of two per class per exhibitor; we have altered the Children's' section to include a Lego model and an item of jewellery in the hope that we can attract more junior entries; and there are minor amendments to the Baking section. But the schedule will be available in the library and local shops shortly and we hope you will be encouraged to enter. If you can't get hold of a copy, please let me know and I'll make sure you get one.

*Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary (Tel: 811072)*

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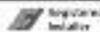
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**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 7th and 19th July and 4th and 16th August 2017. Do join Steve for a walk he would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Meeting:** Meetings have been changed to a Tuesday evening to facilitate the attendance of Practice staff. Next meeting is 25 July 2017 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

We hope you will all have a happy and healthy Summer.

*Bottisham Patients' Group*

*Summer time and the living is no easier than it is at any other time of the year. Poetic license can be taken too far some times.*

*I received a note from a Frank Czucha who has written a small book, 'Memories of Burwell' which he thought might be of interest to Bottisham people who may have a connection to Burwell.*

*It contains 130 pages of information and photographs and is on sale at Tina's shop in North Street (next to the Co-op) priced £12.99.*



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## ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE 2017

### SECTION 1: FRUIT & VEGETABLES

*(Judge: Mr Mike Corbett)*

**Colonel Francis Bowl; Lowlands Nursery Cup; Dole Cup, Ink Stand**

*(In multiple exhibits all fruit and vegetables should be of one variety. Exhibits should be clean but not polished.)*

1. 5 runner beans
2. 3 beetroots
3. 5 carrots
4. 3 courgettes
5. 4 tomatoes
6. 5 onions
7. 5 potatoes
8. 1 truss of cherry tomatoes
9. 1 cucumber
10. Capsicums: (a) 5 chillies OR (b) 5 sweet peppers
11. Any vegetable/s not covered by other classes: 1 large or 5 small
12. A basket or trug of mixed vegetables: 5 different vegetables

13. A container of fresh garden herbs

14. 4 apples

15. 4 pears

16. 3 sticks of rhubarb

17. A display of fruit not covered by other classes

### SECTION 2: FLOWERS

*(Judge: Mrs Margaret Hofton)*

**Mrs Hogben Cup/William Hogben Cup/Rose Bowl/Flower Basket Award**

*(all pot plants to have been in owner's possession for minimum 2 months)*

18. A specimen rose

19. A vase of 5 different garden flowers

20. 3 cut dahlias: one variety

21. 5 cut geranium (pelargonium) blooms

22. A flowering pot plant

23. A foliage pot plant

24. A pot-grown cactus or succulent

25. A basket of summer flowers

26. An arrangement of 3 flowers and foliage (buds permitted)

### SECTION 3: BAKING AND PRESERVES

(Judge: Mrs Marion Sketchley)

#### The Gardening Club Cup

All baking exhibits to be covered in clingfilm or a polythene bag

27. A jar of fruit jam or jelly
28. A jar of marmalade
29. A jar of chutney
30. 6 cheese scones
31. 6 sausage rolls
32. 6 pieces of shortbread
33. Fruit pie: short-crust pastry, may be decorated
34. A loaf of bread (hand or machine-made)
35. A fruit cake: to your own recipe
36. A lemon drizzle cake: to your own recipe

### SECTION 4: CRAFTS (Ms Sandi McPhoenix)

#### Handicraft Cup

37. A hand-knitted, patchwork or crocheted article
38. Any item of embroidery, tapestry or cross-stitch
39. A greetings card (maximum size 15 x 20 cm/6" x 8")
40. An item of jewellery made by yourself
41. A soft toy

### SECTION 5: PAINTING AND DRAWING

(Judge: Mrs Karen Hunter)

#### Reg Lambert Cup

Paintings: may be in watercolour, oils or acrylic and framed or mounted

42. A portrait
43. A landscape
44. A still life

Drawings: may be in pen, ink, pencil or charcoal and framed or mounted

45. A portrait
46. A landscape
47. A still life

### SECTION 6: PHOTOGRAPHY

(Judge: Mrs Daphne Hanson)

#### Photography Cup

Maximum of TWO entries per class per exhibitor, entries to be numbered e.g. 1a, 1b. Unframed, unmounted and not exceeding 15 x 20 cm/6" x 8"

48. A rural scene
49. Animals: fur, fish and/or feathers
50. Gardens
51. Weather
52. Family and friends
53. Transport

### SECTION 7: CHILDREN AND YOUNG

PEOPLE (Judge: Mrs Rachael Johnston)

(Age to be stated on entry form)

(Vouchers and certificates will be awarded)

#### UNDER 5 YEARS:

54. Four homemade or bought biscuits, decorated by yourself
55. A garden in a tray, maximum size 30cm/12"
56. A decorated hard-boiled egg

#### 5 TO 7 YEARS:

57. A Lego model of your choice.
58. Any item of jewellery made by yourself
59. A painted or drawn picture maximum size 30 cm/12"

#### 7 TO 11 YEARS:

60. A Lego model of your choice
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62. A painted or drawn picture maximum size 30 cm/12"

#### 11 TO 16 YEARS

63. An item of jewellery made by yourself
64. A computer-generated poster of your choice
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**Children are also encouraged to enter any of the classes in Sections 1 to 6**

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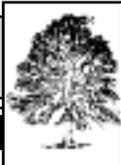
- All classes are open to amateur exhibitors only.
- All exhibits, personal property, etc. shall be at the risk of the exhibitors and no liability will be accepted for loss or damage to exhibits, personal property and/or equipment from any cause whatsoever.
- Exhibits will be accepted from 8.30 a.m. and must be ready for judging by 10.00a.m., at which time all persons must leave the hall unless their presence is required in an official capacity. Late entries will be accepted up to 9.30 a.m. on Show day and will be charged at £1 per exhibit. (See also Rule 8.)
- If a member is awarded more than one place in a class, then points will be awarded only for the highest placed exhibit.
- All entries shall be entered and produced by individual exhibitors.
- The judges may withhold awards when exhibits are considered not to have reached reasonable Show standards.
- Exhibits must not be removed before 4.00 p.m.
- Entry forms (no exhibits) to be sent to Tricia McLaughlin, 34 Lode Road, Bottisham, no later than 12 noon on Thursday 7 September 2017. Late entries may be accepted up to 9.30 a.m. on Show day; if accepted they will be subject to an extra fee. Entry fees are shown at the foot of this page.
- Trophy points will be awarded to MEMBERS as follows:  
1st - three points      2nd - two points      3rd - one point
- Non-members who win trophy events will receive a certificate.
- Vouchers for the childrens' categories will be awarded and will be £5 for first place in each class. Certificates will be awarded to second place and third place in each age group.
- All matters not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Committee for a final decision.

### ENTRY FEES

**MEMBERS:** First 5 entries free, thereafter 50p per exhibit. Late entries, £1 per exhibit. Maximum payment is £5, irrespective of the number of exhibits.

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**CHILDREN:** No charge.



# *Bottisham Community Primary School*

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Now that SATs are over, the Year 6 children are beginning to make the exciting transition to the Village College. In addition, Y5/6 are hard at work preparing for their production which sounds like a healthy response to certain American figures who like ‘alternative facts’: Sleeping Beauty – The Ugly Truth! I look forward to it. They also have a visit to the Houses of Parliament where I imagine they might spot stunned figures trying to resume some sense of order in their working lives!

Pupils in Y3/4 have been immersed in History this term looking at Invaders and Settlers. This includes trips to West Stow and a visit from the Gripping History team who always make a memorable day for the children by immersing them in the daily life of the people they have been studying. Meanwhile, KS1’s topic is the intriguingly titled Stories from around the World and Enchanted Woods: an opportunity to inspire and feed the imagination.

Much has happened this year. Highlights have been the establishment of a wonderfully refurbished library, part-funded by the PTA, as well as the replanting of the school’s Wildlife area, a work of labour and love, which has become a fantastic resource and part of the continuing move to get children outside learning about their natural environment.

I am delighted to say that the school is thriving as we head towards a well deserved summer break. Our new Head, Rachael Johnston, is well and truly established now. An Ofsted inspection earlier in the year commented on the fact that the children were happy, confident and engaged and that parents were also positive and supportive of the school in what is a vital partnership.

Indeed parents make a big contribution to school life and its community spirit, not least through the PTA. As I write, a breakfast is being prepared for Children and their Dads to take place at school for Father’s Day. Other events, which raise vital funds for enhancing the school provision, also centre on having fun and reinforcing this relationship between school and home. The school fair, on Friday 14th July at 5pm, is just on the horizon and is well worth a visit as it gives flavour of the energy and enthusiasm of the school.

Many congratulations to the pupils and staff who have had an active, successful and happy year. There are exciting times ahead and we all, pupils, staff and governors, look forward to being part of that.

*Sarah Wormald (Chair of Governors)*

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## *Sue Giles THINKING ALLOWED*

We recently enjoyed a visit from Nathalie Anderson a poet from the States. Nathalie has been visiting Swaffham Bulbeck for many years and whilst visiting she has spent time looking at the stained glass windows in Swaffham Prior church which were created to mark the end of the first world war. Her poems about the windows are very moving but what was also interesting when she came to read some poems for us was the way one person's view enables others to see a familiar sight through new eyes. As I listened to the poems, Nathalie's words challenged me to look again, to look more closely at those glass pictures and to wonder at the emotions and the events of that difficult period of our past. I also discovered new questions forming in my mind and new emotions surfacing. I began to realise that this visitor had seen meaning in the windows and appreciated their beauty and their story more than we who saw them every week. She had allowed them to speak to her.

Seeing things through others eyes is an important gift and as the country comes to terms with the results of our recent elections it is a gift that is needed in politics and in many other walks of life. As our government begins negotiations on our exit from the European Union they know there are many people who see the world through different eyes. Just as we can become immune to the story of things we see regularly and are familiar with so it is possible for politicians to become so focused on their own agenda and view of how to proceed that they are unable to see the wisdom in others views or permit their ideas to challenge them. A wise leader might consider inviting those who see through different eyes and who have other aspirations to be part of the discussions that will shape our future. They may produce uncomfortable tension and dissent but creative forces are often challenging and difficult to live with.

And it is not only politicians who may need to be willing to see through others eyes. In our own relationships with family and friends there are times when we can benefit from seeing situations as someone else sees them, especially when there are disagreements. For the Christian community it may be important to understand how others see us and what we do. If we were to look at our worship or our mission through others eyes, what would we see? We may think our Sunday worship is welcoming and accessible when others find it complicated or alienating. We may think we are sharing the story of the God of love while others are hearing judgemental statements. Seeing things through others eyes doesn't mean that we have to agree with their view but it does mean we are open to the challenge and willing to consider and understand other perspectives and positions.

## *Bottisham Community Library Association*

The Summer Reading Scheme this year is Animal Agents featuring the illustrator Tony Ross. It will start on Saturday 15th July and all our younger readers are encouraged to participate. I have no further information at present but there will be posters in the Library as soon as possible and information is available on the Internet. 750,000 children in the country took part in 2016 (43% of these boys) and this resulted in many new youngsters joining their local libraries.

Our 14th Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July at 7.00pm in the Library. Mrs Rankine the newly appointed Head at the College is coming to speak. We look forward to seeing you.

*Sylvia Overton*

### **BOOK AMNESTY**

We all overlook things, so from 1st July to 31st August we will place a box outside the library door during opening hours for you to return anything borrowed from the public or BVC library that is over two months old and we will waive the fines.

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On 20th April Sarah Lowther came to speak to us about her role as Volunteer Puppy Walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She brought along her new puppy, Barley, who was just 14 weeks old and placed with Sarah at the age of 7 weeks. She will remain in Sarah's care until she is 14 months old. Sarah explained to us the charity has its own breeding kennels and the good manners, obedience and some of the general familiarity with everyday transport and public environment situations learnt whilst with their Puppy Walker. Each dog then progresses on to Professional Dog Training, followed by Guide Dog Mobility Instruction. A successful Guide Dog completes its training at approximately 2- years- old. Finally, the dog is matched with a person with sight loss, so they can get to know each other and begin their partnership training. Further information can be found at [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

In May Jackie Metcalfe, MU Archdeaconry Vice President, Cambridge, came to talk to us about our Mission as Mothers' Union Members. She took as her text Mark 6: 30-44, The Feeding of the Five Thousand. Afterwards a very interesting discussion took place. We all agreed that we must think of and share with others.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel at 2.30. Our next meeting will be on the 20th July and a member of the Bottisham Airfield Museum will be speaking to us. You are most welcome to come along and join us.

*Jill Jenyns*

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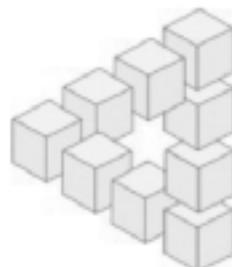
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## *Thoughts of a Sports Nut*

Well, the sporting summer is just beginning to heat up nicely, not least of all – locally – but we'll come back to that after a quick look around the professional scene.

In cycling Chris Froome could only finish fourth in the Criterium de Dauphine, which is usually considered to be a prelude to the Tour de France and a race in which Froome has triumphed in each of the three years he has won Le Tour. Could it be that his bubble has finally burst? We'll know by 23rd July when the riders hit the Champs-Élysées, but look out, too, for Welshman Geraint Thomas who looks in stunning form despite having to withdraw early from the Giro d'Italia in May after being felled by a careless police motorcyclist! Fortunately his injuries were only skin deep and he will again be Froome's trusty super-domestique in France.

At the time of writing, England's cricketers have cruised through to the semi-finals of the 50-over Champions Trophy, having comfortably dispatched reigning world champions Australia in the quarter finals. What is so impressive about the 'new' England is their resilience in recovering from early setbacks. The bowlers have been models of consistency and there was a time when a score of 35 for 3 would have precipitated an embarrassing collapse in the England middle order but, when Stokes and Morgan put on 159 for the fourth wicket chasing 278 against the Aussies, it was all over bar the shouting. The Indians also look mighty in this competition, having humbled South Africa in the quarter final and – if I were to stick my neck out - I'd say that we'll have met them in the final on 18th June... fingers crossed!

Talking of shouting, though, the Bottisham England Fans enjoyed a memorable trip to Scotland in early June for the World Cup qualifier against the 'auld enemy'. The game itself has been well documented with a roller-coaster of high drama packed into the final few minutes of the 2-2 draw, but the thing that left the deepest impression on us was simply being part of the Hampden Park crowd that day. Firstly the minute's silence dedicated to the victims of the recent terrorist attacks was observed immaculately; then (sadly but predictably) both national anthems were lost in a cacophony of jeering and whistling. The atmosphere during the dull majority of the game was best described as intense, but it built to a frenzy in the closing stages when Scotland began knocking urgently on England's door. The 'Hampden Roar' is famous enough but the ear-splitting crescendos of noise that erupted at both Leigh Griffiths' equaliser and his second goal had to be witnessed to be believed! Then Harry Kane's 93rd minute equaliser for England was greeted with ecstatic screams by 4,700 people and cries of anguish and crushing disappointment by the other 47,000.

But there were yet more surprises to come. The two sets of fans had been going at each other hammer and tongs for most of the match, answering each other's insults with increasingly sarcastic songs and chants but, for once, they were laced with more humour than hatred. Then, upon exiting the stadium, the two sections turned towards their adversaries and burst into spontaneous applause for each other's efforts. This was followed by similar mutual appreciation between the police cordon and the England supporters as we awaited our release. The post-match love-in between opposing supporters was continued on the two mile walk back to the city centre where we drank the night away in Glasgow's oldest pub, the famous Scotia Bar, the scene of Billy Connolly and Gerry Rafferty's earliest performances with the Humblebums! Why can't the world of sporting competition always be like this?!

And we returned home (briefly, before departing for the friendly in Paris!), to the news that the England Under 20 team had won their version of the World Cup in Suwon, South Korea,

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by beating Venezuela 1-0 in the final. Many previous winners of this competition (Figo, Messi, Agüero, among others) have progressed to represent their countries at the highest level and we can only hope that this bodes well for full England teams of the future...

We also found that Lewis Hamilton had rekindled his challenge to Sebastian Vettel for the Formula 1 drivers' championship with an 'untouchable' win in the Montreal Grand Prix, leading from start-to-finish. Vettel's advantage in the championship is now only 12 points and Hamilton has clearly regained his best form, equaling Ayrton Senna's record of 65 pole positions in the process. Come on Lewis!

Meanwhile, back in Bottisham, have you noticed that the building of the new '3G' All-Weather sports pitch on the Village College grounds is now complete? One-third funded through the Football Foundation, the area contains a full-size football pitch marked for seven different sizes, plus two tennis courts. The surface is dressed with sand and topped with a rubber crumb to give a suitably forgiving surface for either trainers or studded boots (not metal studs or blades though) and it can be cordoned off into two training/activity sections using a net curtain. As far as booking is concerned, Cambs FA has a number of coaching and playing activities planned for Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, but the pitch will be available for public bookings at most other times. Contact Ben Hill, Sports Centre Manager on 01223 811121 for further details.

I have the pleasure of working with Martin Hegley, Cambridgeshire FA's new Development Officer with specific responsibility for the new £788k facility in Bottisham. With a background in the legal profession, Martin is a Level 2 football coach and has run a youth team at Bottisham FC, now at U11 level, for the last 5 years. He is responsible for the promotion, relationships, and administration of the site with a view to increasing participation opportunities for all; and he is particularly keen to establish a zero-tolerance approach to disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour here. This is a dream come true for Bottisham and I would like, publicly, to wish Martin the very best of luck in his endeavours.

*TFN - Gerry Daish*

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Now where was I? Ah yes, it seems a long while ago now but it's Friday 17th February and after a choppyish ferry crossing from Picton we arrived in a very rainy and windy Wellington on New Zealand's North Island. Thankfully we had a fabulous hotel in the form of Rydges - right on the waterfront and an easy five minute walk to the central rail station in one direction or into town in the other. Our first priority was to unpack, shower and meet for a 'Happy Hour' drink before wondering off into town to find somewhere for dinner. The following morning we went back to the waterfront to watch the annual dragon boat race festival. Crews made up from local schools, colleges and clubs all competed in various classes of event. The Te Papa Museum is a must for any visitor to Wellington and is a place where you can immerse yourself in the history and culture of the Maori people. Being a history buff the highlight for me was the 'Treaty of Waitangi' signed by the Maori chiefs that saw New Zealand become a British protectorate. The Treaty of Waitangi is the founding document of modern 'Aotearoa' - Maori for New Zealand. It was signed in 1840 by representatives of the British Crown and more than 500 Māori chiefs. Te Papa also has a number of fantastic exhibitions including one about the disastrous Gallipoli campaign. It tells the story of the World War I campaign through the eyes and words of eight ordinary New Zealanders who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. You can also visit a mock-up of an earthquake house and experience the vibrations and the eerie noises that go with an earthquake. Now, having travelled on the Rocky Mountaineer through the Rockies I was really looking forward to the next part of our adventure that took us from Wellington to Auckland via a twelve hour train journey on Kiwi Rail. Alas, in my opinion, it was disappointing from a vista perspective but, on the upside, we found the journey relaxing and we did see some diverse features of the impressive North Island landscape.

We are now in Auckland - the largest of the New Zealand cities - and again our hotel is situated within a reasonable stroll of the centre. The location was also close to the Sky Tower which dominates the skyline standing above all other high rise buildings at 1000ft above street level. From the top you can take in the beautiful views which, on a clear day, can extend up to 60 miles in every direction. After a day finding our way around we hired our first car of the trip - an automatic. I'd never driven an automatic before and found confusing switches and levers in opposite positions to a UK model. Nonetheless it enabled us to venture north with a three hour drive as far as Russell in the Bay of Islands and then on the following day, having driven back to Auckland, a three hour trip east into the Coromandel peninsular. Russell holds an important place in New Zealand's history, being the country's first sea port, its first European settlement and New Zealand's first capital in nearby Okiato. The town's streets retain their original 1843 layout with many of its historic colonial buildings and street names. In contrast the Coromandel area is rustic, mostly unspoiled and relaxed and cloaked in native rainforest. An added bonus is 'Hot Water Beach' where you can 'dig you own hole' in the sand and experience bath like water temperatures and complemented just down the road by the dazzling white sand beaches such as nearby Cathedral Cove. But before we embarked on our next leg R and I took a ferry over to Waiheke Island - just a short thirty five

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minute hop from Auckland harbour. What this island is about is art, food and wine – in any order you like. The beautiful 15 mile-long island is best explored on a local bus that stops at different wineries and beaches. Unfortunately we were caught out because most of the wineries closed at 4pm so tasting was limited. But we did manage to visit the Bach vineyard which is said to be one of the best - do get there if you can and taste the sumptuous Pinot Noir and with views to die for!

After a spruce and shine we set forth to enjoy our next destination and a spot of well-deserved R and R over four days. Our objective was an Indonesian Island called Bintan. After an overnight flight from Auckland to Singapore we took a pre-booked taxi ride to the ferry terminal (pre-booking is recommended) and then an hour long sea crossing. But this also necessitated arrival cards and then departure cards twice over and then the same in reverse – it all takes up valuable time... And then we found that Saturdays is the day that a lot of Singaporeans do the same ferry journey. Nerves became frayed and tempers had to be held in check as hundreds of people jostled to get onto the ferry. But the Angsana Tree hotel on the other side was outstanding - they arranged collection of our luggage and transported us to and from the hotel in style. On arrival we were met by a reception team offering a traditional Indonesian welcome with much needed cool drinks and a hot towel. A lazy four days of self-indulgence then ensued spent mostly on the hotel beach with the odd interlude for meals, sleep and other necessities. A diligent team kept the beach spotless and we had our own restaurant and bar staff as we were the only ones using the beach side restaurant. This continued even to our last day when lunch was rudely interrupted by a monsoon storm that seemed to develop out of nowhere. Then it was time to settle our multi-million Rupiah bill and to thank the staff - who took immense pleasure and pride in simply keeping us happy – before we repeated the ferry crossing back to Singapore and our flight back home to good ole ‘Blighty’.

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