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“At last came the golden month of the wild folk-honey-sweet May, when the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year.”



- Samuel Scoville Jr.,

On our recent sojourns north of the border, we have had the pleasure of seeing the new population of this year's lambs in what seems like every field between here and the north of Scotland. Each and every one is a character. From the slight shy retiring type to the bully boy tough one. Charming to watch and entertaining at the same time.

It is when they are about 6 weeks old that they start displaying their best side. They clearly have to establish the pecking order in the flock, and any nearby raised 'perch' is the stage they use. The children's game phrase "I'm the king of the castle and you're... etc.", is clearly based on this. You will see a great group of wee lambs racing about the field and jumping up on any available platform. A rocky outcrop, a fallen tree, or an abandoned farm trailer. There they will challenge each other for the top place and then charge off again to repeat the process elsewhere.

For some reason this seems to happen mostly in the late afternoon. Here I see a direct link with human offspring like my grandchildren, who seem to take on a new and exuberant energy after they have had their tea, just at the time when the 'minders' would like to collapse into a chair!

Now to this month's offering.

Reaction this month to last month's letter about cars at the primary school. One received asking not to be published and another in similar vein who asked to be published. As always I try to stay neutral in what I say in this column, but I do think we should as much as we can, by example and deed, encourage children to walk or cycle to school and get out in the fresh air. Driving children to school within a village the size of Bottisham is not the example I am thinking about. Anyway, views have been aired so we will move on.

Good to see that Tunbridge Lane is open and running again. We had the inconvenience of a couple or so weeks where we had to make the detour. Just have sympathy for people like those in Pooley Bridge in the Lake District whose town centre bridge was washed away. For months they had a twenty odd mile detour to get down the main Street !

Upcoming this month there are lots to be interested in. The Annual Parish meeting takes place on the 24th May and we are all invited. We can't complain that no-one has the opportunity to air their views.

There is the social calendar of events that takes place at the Royal British Legion Social Club, now highlighted by the fact that our Club has won a prestigious CAMRA award for its beer. Well done Katy!

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The Gardening Club is once again joining forces with the WI and the Library to stage their fund raising sale of books, plants and cakes. Saturday 13th May is the day, the triangle the place. Get there early before they are all sold out!

On the same day the Bowls Club are holding their open day with an invite to go along and try it out for free. Not only for our elders. The younger generation are getting interested too. Look at the televised competitions and there is good representation from the younger ages. There are quite a few like members at our club too.

All the regular articles are here for you to read as well, and I hope you enjoy it.

Your editor - Peter Walker

Breakfast Club and Afterschool assistants required!

Time to Play based at Bottisham Primary School require Playworkers for our new Breakfast Club. If you are enthusiastic, reliable and enjoy working with children, we would love to hear from you.

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May Day Morris Dancing and Bacon Rolls! Monday 1 May 5am Enjoy watching Devil's Dyke Morris Men perform a traditional English folk dance to greet the summer sun as it rises over Wandlebury. Free event. Bacon rolls £2, hot drinks £1 available to purchase on the day. Donations towards the upkeep of the park greatly appreciated.

Healthy Walking at Wandlebury Every Thursday 10am or 10.30am-11am Join the Walking for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. The walks end at around 11am with tea and coffee in the Stable Rooms. All welcome, suitable for all different abilities.

Spring Wild Flowers Sunday 7 May 2pm to 3.30pm Introductory talk, followed by guided stroll to look for the diverse range of spring flowers. No prior knowledge required. Booking essential, adults only. £3 for members, non members £4. Meet at the car park notice board.

Grasses for Beginners Saturday 13 May 1pm-4pm Spend time in the classroom looking at the main features and ecology of grasses, followed by a walk around Wandlebury Park to practice identification. Booking essential adults only. £6 for members, non members £8. Meet at Wandlebury Stable rooms.

Bourn Post Mill - National Mills Weekend Sunday 14 May 2pm-4pm Come and see inside one of the oldest mills in the country. If the weather is favourable you may witness the mill being turned on its post. Teas and cakes available. No need to book. Free to CambridgePPF members, non members £3 adult, £1 per child. Directions: Off Caxton Road, Bourn CB23 2SU. Accessible by car, or on footpaths from Bourn. OS grid reference TL 312 580

Hinxton Watermill - National Mills Weekend. Sunday 14 May 2.30pm-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! As a special treat today, Hinxton Village Hall committee will be providing teas in the village hall in the High Street Proceeds from teas will be split between the mill and the village hall. CambridgePPF members free. non members £3 for adults, £1 for children. Teas extra. No need to book. Directions: Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD (turn off the A1301 from Cambridge into Hinxton village). OS grid reference TL 493 453

Beginners Tree Identification Saturday 20 May 1pm-4pm Fascinating workshop for adults in the beautiful scenery of the Country Park. Learn to identify trees at the easiest time of year, using leaf shape as well as buds, flowers, seeds, bark and tree shape! Adults only. Booking essential. £8 per person (members £6).

Vital Spark Theatre - Theatre workshops at Wandlebury Country Park Tuesday 30 May 10am, 11am and 12pm start. Vital Spark Theatre Company Three drama holiday workshops for various age groups. 10-10.45am or 11-11.45am: Preschool adventures, 2-5yrs - £5 per child. Children must remain accompanied. 12pm to 3pm - for primary school ages. Physical theatre, nature and imagination for unaccompanied 5-11 yr olds. £20 per child. For more information and booking: visit www.vitalsparktheatre.org or email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Living Wild! - half-term event for unaccompanied children. Wednesday 31 May 10am-4pm For a real hint of adventure, set the children loose for a day of independence and fun that teaches all the bushcraft skills they will need. Bring a packed lunch to eat around a camp fire. Dress for being outdoors and according to the weather. For unaccompanied children aged 9-12 years. This is a popular event so early booking is recommended. Booking and payment in advance is essential. £45 per child (members £40). Meet at the Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in May

Wednesday 3rd	8pm	Compline by Candlelight <i>Led by Dr Sarah Maxwell</i>
Sunday 7th	11am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Sue Giles</i>
Sunday 14th		No service in Bottisham
	10am	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Prior <i>Revd David Lewis</i>
Sunday 21st	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) <i>Revd Lawrie Marsh</i>
	11am	Rogation (in the churchyard, unless wet) <i>Revd Elizabeth Caswell</i>
Thursday 25th		Ascension Day
	7pm	Holy Communion in St Cyriacs, Swaffham Prior
Sunday 28th		No service in Bottisham
	8am	Holy Communion in Swaffham Prior
	10am	Benefice All-Age Service in Quy

Benefice services are services shared by the five churches in the Anglesey Group (Bottisham, Lode, Quy, 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.

The Appointment of the Revd Sue Giles as Rural Dean

The Bishop of Ely is pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Susan Giles as Rural Dean for the Deanery of Fordham and Quy. Sue is currently Vicar of the Anglesey Group.

The Archdeacon of Cambridge will commission Sue on Wednesday 3 May 2017. We welcome her to her new post.

A note from Bishop Stephen: "I am delighted to announce to you that Sue's name has emerged most strongly from the consultation. I am delighted to appoint her. Sue will formally meet the Deanery and its representatives at the Deanery Garden Party in my garden in Ely in June. She will take up her duties before that after Easter, with a hand over period with the Revd Mike Banyard.

"I take the opportunity to express my warmest appreciation to Mike for his service as your Rural Dean and I pray that he and Helen will have a fruitful and joyful retirement."

Mrs Anne Billings-Smith - PA to the Archdeacon of Cambridge

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Rachel's Memorial Fund

A Memorial Fund with Epilepsy Research UK (ERUK) was established following the sudden death of our daughter Rachel in November 2010. Rachel had suffered from epilepsy from the age of 11 and was one of the 30% of sufferers who do not respond to drug treatment. Epilepsy changed Rachel's life and ultimately took her life at the age of 31. She grew up in Bottisham, attended the local schools and at the time of her death was married with two young sons.

Epilepsy can start at any age, and 75 people are newly diagnosed every day. There are over 450,000 people in the UK with epilepsy and every year 1000 people die as a result of it. Over 60% of people with epilepsy cannot be given an explanation as to why they have developed it. Despite these statistics Epilepsy research receives very little government funding and not knowing the cause makes finding a cure that much harder. ERUK was selected as the charity in Rachel's memory as it concentrates purely on research. The vision of the charity is one of a future where epilepsy is controlled and people can live seizure free (www.epilepsyresearch.org.uk)

Since we established the Memorial Fund we have been involved in many different fundraising activities, the toughest without doubt being the Boxing Day Dip in the North Sea... so cold! We are now however delighted to inform our very generous supporters and friends in Bottisham that we have now raised over £20,000. What a tribute to 'our girl' and your generosity. *Thank you.*

A fundraising venture will take place at The Shed, Lode on Saturday June 3rd.

This is a non ticket event, with no entry fee but there will be charity collections taking place during the evening. It promises to be a great night out so please come along and have fun whilst supporting this valuable charity.

Regards - David & Dawn Rahman, Tunbridge Lane, Bottisham

East Anglian Air Ambulance



People across East Anglia are, by now, well aware of the activities of EAAA - we see and hear flights as they fly to or from incidents. Statistics confirm that the service is proving invaluable, even life-saving, to many more who might otherwise wait much longer before they receive crucial treatment.

EAAA is grateful for the huge support afforded by so many across the Region, and beyond. With a big THANK YOU comes an ongoing big ASK for continuing contributions however they are made - our Lottery, red boxes, gifts and bequests. All are very worthwhile and gratefully received.

Keep up the good work.

Michael White

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Two young brothers were playing in the garden, talking about their father. "I think I'm wiser than father," the older brother said. "I'm not sure." said the younger brother, "Father is very wise." "I'll prove it." the older brother exclaimed as he caught a small bird from the hedge around the garden. "I will take this bird, cupped in my hands, into father's study and will ask him if it is dead or alive. If he says 'alive' I will crush it in my hands and reveal a dead bird; if he says 'dead' I will release the bird to show it is alive.

The two brothers approach their father in his study and the older brother says, "Father, in my hands I have a small bird. Is it dead, or is it alive?" The father pauses momentarily before responding, "The answer, my son, is in your hands."

Often we find ourselves lamenting situations we find ourselves in, longing for things to be different; or with choices to make. Sometimes we can be so focussed on our lament, on asking and waiting for someone to intervene, or on the different options, that we lose sight of the fact that, sometimes, the answer is in our hands. I believe we often have a part to play in the answering of our prayers.

My experience of following Jesus is, more often than not, that when I'm praying for more patience, rather than immediately bestowing patience upon me, God gives me opportunities to be patient. If I pray for courage, He gives me opportunities to be courageous. When I pray for relationships to be restored, He gives me opportunities to demonstrate love, to listen, to understand, to say sorry, to forgive, to be reconciled.

Sometimes the answer is in our hands.

I say sometimes, because of course there are things that are beyond our control, things that only God can do. We need to be wise to discern the difference:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference."

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Revd Alan Brand

RENEW Church Services in May 2017.

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

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| Sunday 7th May Morning Worship | 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)
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| Sunday 14th May Morning Worship | 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School) Followed by shared lunch |
| Sunday 14th May Evening Worship | 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel) |
| Sunday 21st May Morning Worship | 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School) |
| Sunday 28th May Morning Worship | 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School) |
| Sunday 28th May Evening Worship | 6.20pm (at Lode Chapel) |

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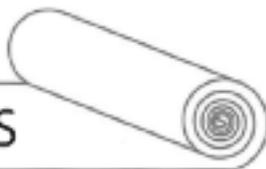


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Following on with the theme of 'roads', Highways have at last investigated the subsidence in the High Street near the location of Elston Interiors. They have found this to be a foul sewer leak and this has now been passed onto Anglian Water for action. County Councillor Shuter will be meeting with County Council Highways towards the end of April to discuss potential improvements to the Quay roundabout junction which would ease the traffic congestion in the mornings and the evening rush hour.

Grass cutting season will have started by the time this is published. Please be aware we are using a new contractor and from previous experience it does take some time for them to become familiar with the village and the areas that need to be cut. If a grass area near to you has been missed out please contact the Parish Clerk.

The feasibility study for the new cemetery has been submitted to the Environment Agency and it recommends the land as being of low risk. We should be able to use the area for a cemetery without any further testing but we wait to hear the response from the Environment Agency. Weekly dip well monitoring continues, there was one area that was getting close to the limit but results thus far were encouraging.

Another reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 24th May, 7.30pm in the poppy Room at the Royal British Legion. Everyone is welcome to attend so please come and support your village. This is your opportunity to hear what has been happening over the last year and what is planned for the year ahead. Your District Councillors and County Councillor will be available and the Bottisham Village College Principal will also be in attendance plus we are seeking residents views on creating a Neighbourhood Plan which anyone can become involved in so if you want to find out what is going on, save the date in your diary.

Please be aware the next Parish Council meeting is not on our usual 1st Monday of the month. It is on the Tuesday following the bank holiday, 2nd May, 7.30pm, Royal British Legion.

Claire Fullwood - Parish Clerk

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- 17/00297/FUL 52 High Street. Demolition of rear single storey extension, garage/outbuildings and garden wall. Construction of 2 storey rear extension, front porch and carport. Reposition access and close existing entrance NEW APPLICATION
- 17/00311/FUL Bottisham Heath Stud, London Road. Retrospective planning application for stables and additional groom accommodation on land at Bottisham Heath Stud. NEW APPLICATION
- 17/00421/FUL Land at Bell Road (rear of The Bell Public House). Construction of a 3 bedroom dwelling house with associated car parking, cycle and refuse storage and alterations to the boundary wall along Bell Road to reduce its height from 1.1m to 0.6m NEW APPLICATION
- 17/00454/FUL Tunbridge Hall, 60 Tunbridge Lane, Construction of swimming pool changing room/garden room to be built of brick under a tiled roof. NEW APPLICATION

INVITATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF BOTTISHAM

ANNUAL MEETING OF BOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 24th May 2017, 7.30pm

Poppy room, Royal British Legion Social Club

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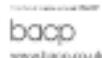
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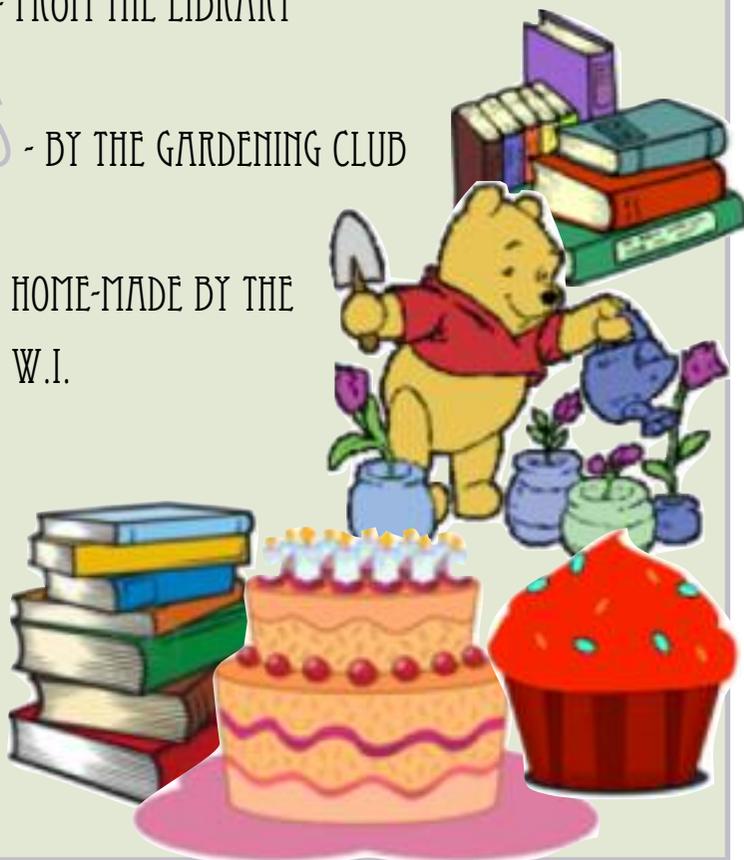
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Unfortunately our March speaker did not appear for his talk on The Quiet Gardens Movement, though we subsequently found it was for the best of reasons: his son and daughter-in-law had recently given birth to triplets and in their efforts to help them out we were forgotten. We wish them all the best and look forward to rearranging a replacement visit in the future. So the evening was hastily rearranged, with Julia Green finding a quiz and the evening turned into a very enjoyable social event.

Details of our evening and day outings were discussed. On Tuesday 20 June we will be visiting Denston Hall Gardens, near Wickhambrook, for a rare opportunity to see this private garden. We should be there at the slightly earlier time of 5.00 pm in order that the gardeners will be on hand to show us around, and cars will leave from the Bottisham British Legion at 4 pm if a lift is required. On 12 July our day trip will be to Capel Manor Gardens at Enfield, Middlesex. There may well be some additional spaces on the coach so if you are not a gardening club member and would like to join us for the trip, please contact Peter Bullock on 01223 811716. We will be leaving Bottisham Village College at 9 am, returning at approximately 6 pm.

On Sunday 2 April past and present members met for our annual Spring lunch at the Newmarket Golf Club, and once again enjoyed an exceptional meal. Many thanks go to Dennis and his team for their excellent and friendly service.

Our speaker on 25 April will be Polly Howatt, whose talk is entitled 'Everything but the Squeal: food and folklore in the Fens' and on 23 May Bryan Thurlow will be acting out 'The Perennial Mr Potter' the poignant story of an old time Suffolk Gardener.

Finally, don't forget our mini-market will be held on the Triangle opposite Bottisham shops on Saturday 13 May from 8.30 am to 12 noon. On sale will be a good selection of books donated to the Library; the WI will have a cake stall; and the gardening club will have plenty of plants for sale, including summer bedding, perennials etc. If you have any donations you can make to any of the stalls, please bring them along on the day or contact a committee member of any of the organisations to collect.

Tricia McLaughlin, Secretary, www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk

Letter

Dear Editor

I live opposite the Primary School in Beechwood Avenue and would like to dissociate myself from the comments of your anonymous correspondent in April's Cresset.

Living opposite a primary school one comes to expect that at the start and end of the school day the road will be busy. However, I have never found my driveway blocked and drivers usually behave with consideration.

A positive aspect of the present situation does mean that at the start and end of the school day no one can speed past the school because of the presence of parked cars, thus making the road safer.

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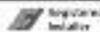
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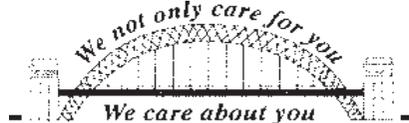
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The general public have helped enormously by purchasing their painkillers and other medicines from pharmacies or supermarkets rather than getting them on prescription. A packet of paracetamol can cost as little as 25p for 16 tablets at a pharmacy. But if you go to your GP with an ache or pain and get a prescription, the total cost to your NHS is approximately £45*. We all have a responsibility to look after our own health and look after our NHS.

The biggest area of success within self-care medicines was over the counter painkillers, saving over £190,000.

“Self-care is an important part of keeping well and having a well-stocked medicine cabinet can help people to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, without the need to see a GP.”

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Out of Hours Service: The Clinical Commissioning Group has now decided that this service should move from the base at Chesterton to one at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The website www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk has further details.

Patients' Group: The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you - please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice's website for further information www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055 and see what your Patients' Group has achieved. We would welcome help with running the group.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 5th and 17th May and 9th and 21st June 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: Patients' Group will meet on 27 July 2017 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

Copy deadline for next issue is 14 May.

Please send material to the editor at
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The Royal British Legion Social Club

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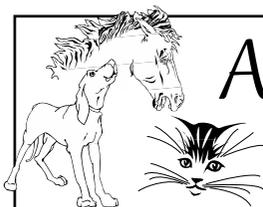
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STOP PLEASE. You have kindly donated so many jigsaw puzzles that we are running out of space to store them. The collection will be reviewed later in the year.

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Our book sale on the Triangle (mini market with WI cakes and Gardening Club plants) is arranged for Saturday 13th May. We should be very pleased to receive donations of good quality paperbacks for this event. They can be taken to the Library during any of the Public Sessions. We already have some jigsaws ready for the sale!

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Public Transport Matters

There is much talked and written about air quality in cities and what to do about it. More bus use is suggested but then comments follow on the pollution caused by diesel buses. Stagecoach boss, Andy Campbell, writes in the Cambridge News that they are doing what they can as a company to improve matters and that their new multi-coloured Park and Ride buses will be the greenest in Cambridge - whatever the paint job! They cut fuel consumption, cut nitrous oxide emissions and the discharge of particulate matter. This is due to a new stop-start technology, which switches off the engine as soon as the driver activates and opens the doors. This technology is found in many new cars but was only introduced to the bus industry six months ago. Councillors are suggesting electric buses. Campaigners for better transport say that we are good for cycling but near the bottom for bus use. Buses do need to run at convenient times and to places to where we need to go.

There has been an outcry at the lack of a bus stop by Cambridge Crematorium due to the A14 roadworks. That has now been reinstated, when it was realised how important it was for people without cars to be able to visit. Taxi fares of £28 were quoted. Campaigners have also been successful in getting the reinstatement of the number 26 bus from Guilden Morden to its original hourly, not two hourly, service during off peak hours. It serves Royston, Melbourn, Shepreth, Foxton and Harston. It was felt that it would badly affect the elderly and those without cars and a petition received 400 signatures. The local MP for South Cambs. met Andy Campbell and it now ends at the Trumpington Park and Ride rather than Cambridge. The peak service continues to the town centre. New trains are planned for this area and Shepreth and Foxton are having their platforms lengthened but Meldreth can accommodate the longer trains without being lengthened, it has been decided. Brand new Class 700 trains are being introduced across the Great Northern route. www.thames-linkrailway.com or 03457 114141. www.greateranglia.co.uk/newtrains.

Cambridgeshire railways are set to benefit from an £8.8 million cash injection with rail capacity through Ely about to take a significant step forward thanks to money from two local funding streams - Greater Cambridge-Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise (LEP) and New Anglia LEP fund new rail studies into the region including Ely North junction. This will increase freight and passenger services from King's Cross to King's Lynn, Ipswich to Peterborough and Felixstowe to Nuneaton. Our MP Lucy Frazer is a member of the Ely Area Taskforce and says she is delighted.

Network Rail's Anglia route director praises the project as a collaboration between local decision making and devolution that recognises the investment needs at a regional level and provides benefits for years to come.

The new Cambridge North station is nearly ready for opening and the official opening is May 21st., trains direct to London, Ely and King's Lynn. Great Northern publishes timetables on April 21st - www.greatnorthern-rail.com There is also to be a new Busway service N from May 21st running along the Guided Busway between Northstowe and the city centre, stopping at the new station.

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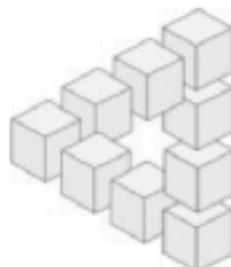
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The April meeting was an in-house affair. We held our Annual Meeting with reports on the past year detailing the excellent speakers, the interesting outings we have enjoyed and the several local events we have organised or been involved with. Thanks were extended to the committee and several members who help in various ways. The majority of the existing committee are continuing to serve and Sandra Clark will continue to be our President. An exciting year ahead leading to our 100th Birthday next April.

Miriam Ogborn showed us the embroidered landscape picture she had made when she visited Denman College on the Bursary she had been awarded recently. It was very small but excellently worked.

Margaret Harrop one of our members told us of her adventures in North Western Greece on the borders of Albania that she visited in 2001. Then it was only just opening to tourists and she and Peter spent a week in the mountains (they were unable to visit the Dragon Lake as they met with Molossian Dogs acting as sheep dogs for the local shepherd who had departed for his lunch). A Molossian Dog is a breed similar to Rottweiler or Great Dane and not to be argued with. Wild goats were everywhere too and they were woken each morning by a very large billy goat rattling their window shutters. Their week at the coast caused excitement too. They had swum out to an uninhabited island, left their belongings on shore and were enjoying a further swim when they looked back to see someone rooting around their belongings - another wild goat. Margaret has an excellent way with words and her holiday memories were greatly enjoyed.

We heard details of forthcoming events, a theatre visit to see Dad's Army in Bury St Edmunds, Afternoon tea at the Swan in Lavenham, a visit to the Houses of Parliament in August and an evening walk to the Black Horse in Swaffham Bulbeck with a meal to follow. The darts team are in the Federation Tournament and have won 5 games but lost 2 - perhaps they won't reach the final this year.

We celebrated Margaret and Peter Hofton's Diamond Wedding with wine and beautifully decorated cake. Many congratulations to them.

Our next meeting is at on Tuesday 16th May when Fran Saltmarsh will talk on "Here comes the Bride - a History of Wedding Garments" at 7.30pm in the Lecture room at the College.

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

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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

After highlighting the overhaul in golfing legislation in April, I gather it's now the turn of cricket to initiate a shake-up. Firstly, the ECB announced plans to launch a new Twenty20 tournament in 2020 (how appropriate!) which will involve eight new city-based teams playing 36 games in 38 days. Will this signal the demise of county cricket in England? Or will it give a much-needed injection of investment and appeal to the next generation of participants and spectators, like the IPL in India and the Big Bash in Australia? Who knows, but if free-to-air broadcasting of the competition becomes a reality, then it's possible to imagine a significant renaissance in the domestic game. Personally, my biggest worry would be that this style of cricket would allow the slog-fest mentality to continue to creep into the Test Match arena. What do others think?

Then in April, not to be outdone, the MCC confirmed a number of law changes coming into the game with effect from 1st October 2017 (why this particular date, I have no idea!). I'm not sure what difference will be made in every-day cricket, but surely quizmasters will be reaching for their question books to amend the old favourite 'How many ways of getting out are there?' now that the law relating to handling the ball is being merged with obstructing the field! The headline changes, though, are to do with sanctioning poor behaviour. On a four level sliding scale of seriousness, actions by players that are 'not-cricket' could result in penalty runs, time in the sin-bin, or expulsion from the game. What a shame that such rules have become necessary, but the fact is that umpires are leaving the game because of players' antics and the lawmakers have had an 'enough-is-enough' moment, mirroring what happened in football in 2008 when the Respect Programme was introduced.

Which brings me to the poor old members of the Premier League, said to be feeling "aggrieved" recently! What could possibly be the cause of their chagrin? Chief Executive Richard Scudamore explained that although the clubs are not seeking credit for their actions, they are not getting sufficient, er, credit for their actions in supporting local communities! In fact some commentators have had the cheek to express some criticism of the top flight clubs for not being more constructive with the £5 billion plus of funding received from Sky Sports for the current tranche of TV rights. So, shaking with indignation over such unjust censure, Scudamore has launched a scheme to provide football-oriented teaching resources to 10,000 primary schools by 2019. (That's only c. 40% of primary schools, by the way.) The materials, as yet unspecified, are planned to support the National Curriculum and will aim to increase pupil engagement by associating Maths, English, PE and PSHE with football topics. Links with professional clubs and coaching opportunities are also on the agenda. This may very well be an altruistic move by a philanthropic Scudamore, but I suspect it has more to do with the slightly puzzling decline of Sky's football viewing figures this season, don't you?

'Winning at all costs' is a concept which, whilst deeply entrenched in professional football, is perhaps even more prevalent in some other fields, mainly those involving strength and endurance. But one wonders how comfortable we - the British - are with the idea of relentless pursuit of success. Cycling, in particular, has produced more than its fair share of Olympic &

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World medals in recent years but is now under intense scrutiny as stories of medical irregularities, bullying and sexism persist. Keep any eye out for a couple of reports due for publication in the next few weeks... Annamarie Phelps, chair of British Rowing, is leading an independent review of British Cycling's performance programme, and Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson is leading a government-commissioned review into safety and wellbeing in sport generally. Could it be that no-one will be satisfied with our sports' integrity again until we return to the ranks of gallant also-rans?

But let's stick with winning for a moment. I hope people noticed the brilliant performance by Elise Christie in the recent Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Rotterdam. In picking up gold medals in 1000m, 1500m and the overall World title, Christie finally buried the ghosts of two heartbreaking disqualifications in the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics where she had clearly been the fastest athlete in her events. At only 26 years of age, I'm tipping Christie for a golden future, as long as she can control that blistering finishing pace and stay inside the track markers!

And finally - further to last month's speculation - Ireland did manage to rain on England's parade in the Six Nations after all. Perhaps it's a good thing for the English not to become too intoxicated with their own success, and - now that they hold the unofficial 'consecutive wins' record jointly with New Zealand - it does lend a little impetus to the idea of a kind of play-off match against the Kiwis at some point, to see who has the best team currently. Anyway, well done to the Irish for a tenacious display on the day. I must admit I rather enjoyed the Six Nations. The worse things get in terms of disrespect, cynicism, cheating and megalomania in my beloved football, the more I am drawn to rugby as a more worthy upholder of sporting values in the higher echelons of competition..

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A multi-millionaire at last - Part 2.

Now where was I? Are yes we'd left Melbourne and about to catch our next flight to Queenstown in South Island, New Zealand. This was our first flight with Air New Zealand and wow what a difference to our flight experiences so far. A clean modern aircraft, a well drilled but mature cabin crew and plenty of choices of 'in flight' meals. I'm not at all surprised Air New Zealand won the best Airline of the Year Award for the third year running. Queenstown was a bit of a shock to the system temperature wise but gratefully the sun was out and the mountainous vista reflected in the lake below was stunning. Remnants of snow was still visible on the higher peaks known as the 'Remarkables' and the air was clean and crisp. Staying with routine our hotel was again about a twenty minute walk to the centre. It was downhill but alas what goes down must come up again! There're plenty of walks and cycling routes around the lake with cycle hire in abundance if you're so inclined. The lakeside area itself is very cosmopolitan hosting many campers and backpackers. From a sightseeing perspective the town itself can easily be done in a day including a trip around the lake on an old paddle steamer. R and I ventured to the Gondola which is situated an easy five minute walk from central Queenstown. The Gondola carries you high above Queenstown to the Skyline complex where you can experience the best panoramic views with breath taking sights of Coronet Peak, 'The Remarkables' mountain range and across Lake Wakatipu to Cecil and Walter Peaks.

Having spent two days in Queenstown we set off in the early morning for our overnight cruise in Doubtful Sound. Many visitors seem to do Milford Sound but the locals say although Milford Sound is fabulous, Doubtful Sound is much spectacular and offers a more unique experience with nature. And they were right! After a fascinating drive over and through 'The Remarkables' we arrived at Lake Manapouri for another ferry crossing. We were then coached across Wilmot Pass on a sub-alpine road through dense rainforest to Deep Cove where the Fiordland Navigator awaited our arrival. We set sail around lunchtime through some of the fiord's most stunning scenery. Dolphins and fur seals swam around us but alas we didn't get to see any penguins. After dropping anchor in a sheltered cove R decided to venture out on a group kayaking experience not knowing that the ship would sail on to another cove where the kayakers would rendezvous. As she will tell you, she got left behind and for nearly fifteen minutes she was all alone in this enormous fiord which, whilst a little frightening, was a heck of an experience being all alone with nothing but the awesomeness of pure nature. Then in the evening we sat down to a delicious three course buffet dinner prepared on board by the ship's chef followed afterwards by some time on the upper deck gazing at the stars before venturing to our cabin and to bed. Following a hearty early breakfast we ventured outside to take in more fabulous scenery and learned amongst many other things the difference between a cascade and a waterfall. It was slightly misty with low cloud and a little eerie made even more so when the captain turned the ship into silent running mode. No noise at all except that of Mother Nature herself - it really has to be experienced.

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But all good things have to come to an end and so after saying farewell to the crew we departed on our return trip back to our hotel in Queenstown and one more day of local sightseeing before flying to Christchurch. As always seems to be the way we found, what was to our mind at least, the best restaurant in town. Yes, there were plenty of good places to eat but 'The Cow' seemed to have everything going for it, ambience good food and most important of all a good glass of local ale.

After an hour long flight our arrival in Christchurch was met with forest fires on a nearby hillside and warnings of possible evacuation. How much more devastation does this town have to endure? We only had twenty-four hours comprising an afternoon and a morning but we found this was enough to take in the town which, is very similar to our own Cambridge, and to see first-hand what the 2011 earthquake had left behind. No more poignant an example than the Cathedral itself. But what was remarkable is the enterprise and vision that is underpinning the rebirth of what will again be a beautiful town. A short walk through the town will witness construction and rebuilding everywhere and then you see the new and appropriately named 'cardboard' Cathedral where salvaged artefacts are in daily use and serve as a potent reminder to all. Just around the corner is the moving memorial to the 185 people who lost their lives, symbolised by 185 empty chairs, all painted white and everyone different including a baby's cot, a high chair and a rocking chair. I mentioned enterprise and you can't find a more striking example than the area named 'Restart'. Local businesses wasted no time in 'shipping' in containers and, with the help of angle grinders and oxyacetylene torches, set about creating all sorts of shops. In a matter of weeks it was business as usual. As we departed Christchurch the hill top fires had worsened considerably. We later learned that a helicopter pilot had lost his life fighting the fire. We were to have taken the Kiwi Rail train up to Picton to catch our ferry over to Wellington but due to a minor earthquake in Kaikoura last year damage was done to the track and also to the main highway. So instead we flew to Nelson to take in a few days exploring the Abel Tasman peninsular and the home of some of the best New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.

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