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February already and Christmas but a distant memory. But things are looking up this month. Days are getting longer, the snowdrops are out, and Donald Trump has flunked out of coming to Britain. Perhaps he can hold off until after the next presidential election and he won't need to come at all.

Speaking of Snowdrops, our cover this month captures the lovely sight of approaching spring.



Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote of them with affection as well.

Many, many welcomes,	Prophet of the gay time,
February fair-maid,	Prophet of the May time,
Ever as of old time,	Prophet of the roses,
Solitary firstling,	Many, many welcomes,
Coming in the cold time,	February fair-maid!

Closer to home, I am sure Anglesey Abbey will be getting ready for their busy snowdrop weekends throughout the coming weeks.

To this month's edition now.

Plenty to read about this month, in the February magazine, with details on the progress of several projects from the Parish Council. Incidentally how many of us regularly read the minutes of the Parish Council meetings? Hearing the discussions that go round, about what is happening in Bottisham and the conjecture and conclusions that people come to, would suggest that not many of us do. Every meeting of the PC is minuted and published on the PC website (next to the link to all copies of the Cresset!). There you can glean a lot of information about what the latest state of play is in our village. You will find it at www.bottishampc.co.uk

I am reminded that Gerry Daish has produced over 60 editions of his Sports nut articles which are always an interesting and informative read.

Likewise Paddy James has been keeping us up to date with the latest in travel news and Tony Jolley continues to give us thought provoking articles.

These and many others are most welcome and help to make the magazine as interesting a read as it is. A big thank you to all our contributors.

Finally can I draw your attention to the small advert on page 19, for student exchange with a French family? I have to apologise for making a major typo last month resulting in the phone number being wrong. Wrong enough to only have 5 digits which certainly does not work with the Cambridge exchange but did mean that no other person was plagued with strange phone calls. All the more embarrassing because they are good friends of mine. Hopefully it is right this month and will result in a good response.

Have a good February and if you are of a romantic nature don't forget that Valentine's day is on the 14th.

*Your Editor,
Peter Walker*

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Wednesday 7th	8pm	Compline by Candlelight
Sunday 11th		No service in Bottisham
	10am	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Bulbeck
Sunday 18st	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th	10am	Benefice Morning Worship
	8am	Holy Communion in Swaffham Prior
	9.30am	Children's Church in Lode

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 (angleseygroupparishes.co.uk). Any late changes in times or places of services will be given there, along with a notice of any funerals or weddings in Holy Trinity.



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Speedwatch is operated within the community by sanction of the local Parish Council and Bottisham Speedwatch would like to balance its existing team with additional volunteers. The scheme is designed to allow independent volunteers to use speed measuring equipment to monitor and report to the Constabulary the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speeding is of concern. Speedwatch is not enforcement as this is the sole responsibility of the police.

Interested community minded persons
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What does love look like?

This is how a group of children responded to the question:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend down and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."... "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."... "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."... "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mummy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss"..."Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."... "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."... "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."... "During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."... "Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken."... "You really shouldn't say, 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Each of these children's quotes speaks to me - the connotations of love that is sacrificial, putting others first. I love the phrase, 'your name is safe in their mouth', I believe God knows your name and mine, and he calls us to himself by name (Isaiah 43). They speak of a deep love, more than a fuzzy feeling we get inside, but growing strong over a long time, being tested. They speak of loving those who make it hard for us to love them. They speak of a father who waves and smiles at us to let us know he's there and he's cheering us on. A love that gives the best and a love that is truly meant. A love that is communicated - not assumed, or taken for granted. They speak to me of the love of my Father in heaven, the source of all love (1 John 4.7). Why not Stop; Listen; Look? Where is the evidence of love in you, around you and working through you?

People are longing to hear that they are loved. God's love for us is demonstrated in Jesus Christ giving His life for us that we might have life in Him (Romans 5.8, John 3.16-17). You are loved!

It would be great to welcome you to RENEW if you'd like to explore more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him with us.

Rev. Alan Brand

RENEW Services for February 2018

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

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Sunday 4th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 11th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 18th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Sunday 25th February. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

There will be no evening services at Lode Chapel in February

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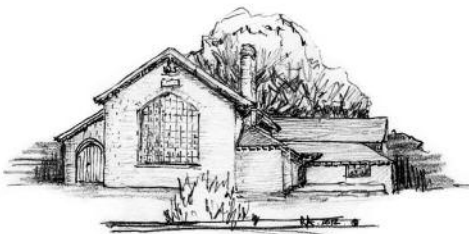
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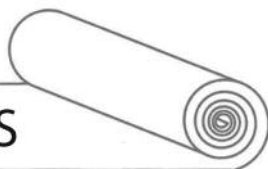


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Parish Notes

January's meeting was a very quiet one with not much happening over the Christmas period so not a lot to report this month. Our District Councillors reported that East Cambs District Council has set up a waste disposal company as they will be taking over waste and recycling collections themselves from Veolia, the current company as of April 2018. Residents will also be given the opportunity to purchase a second blue recycling bin at a one off cost of £25 and further details will be forthcoming. Collections days will remain the same as they are now. They also reported that work on the footpath through Lysander Close will soon begin. Speedwatch in the community is sanctioned by Bottisham Parish Council to operate in this village but is led by independent volunteers. Changes to operational guidelines have been introduced which means more/new volunteers are needed to carry out operational checks. There will be a separate report in the Cresset detailing how residents can get involved. Please take the time to read it. We are also considering purchasing moveable battery powered speed indicating devices for speeding hotspots in the village to help educate motorists to keep within the legal speed limits.

Lastly Lode Parish Council are organising their annual litter pick. They come along the road to Bottisham and along the B1102 to Quy and Longmeadow. They have asked if any volunteers from Bottisham could meet at the entrance road to Hall Farm on Lode Road on Sunday February 4th from 2-4pm to do any litter picking. Several residents and parish councillors helped out last year. They are also organising the opening of the Lode to Quy cycle path on Sunday March 11th at 10.30am and further details are in the Cresset.

Claire Fullwood, Parish Clerk

Planning Notes

17/02032/FUL 41 Beechwood Avenue, Single storey side and rear extension, NEW APPLICATION

17/02048/FUL 3 Mulberry Close, First floor extension plus alterations to internal layout. New detached garage, NEW APPLICATION

17/02081/FUL 40 Bell Road, Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and loft Conversion, NEW APPLICATION

17/02101/FUL 19 Tunbridge Close, Single storey rear and front extensions, part single/part two storey side extension and mono-pitched roof on porch, NEW APPLICATION

17/02082/FUL 28 Lode Road, Single storey front and two storey rear extensions, NEW APPLICATION

17/01876/FUL Bottisham Place Farm, Creation of new farm access, APPROVED BY ECDC

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I have mentioned before that I have interesting discussions on the buses and learn of people's usage. A contact recently spoke of the fact that she can use her bus pass at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and also Sundays and Bank Holidays if she is somewhere that has such buses, which are just a memory to us locally! There is to be an upgrade to the A1303 in our area and there will be separate lay-bys at the bus stops by the junction of the High St, Bottisham and the A1303. That will be a big improvement as I was deposited recently in the grass with my shopping trolley – usually it is just the mud! Some drivers are very helpful, however. Hopefully it will help indicate more prominently that there is a bus stop there so that people exiting the High St realise that buses coming from Cambridge and indicating left are not the 10 turning left but can be the 11 or 12 indicating that they are going to stop at the bus stop.

The recent BBC2 programme 'Fighting for Air' was interesting as it tried to cut traffic pollution. Some of our Stagecoach buses use bio-fuel. It emphasised the problems of stop/start traffic which causes more levels of pollution. On our narrow village roads parked cars add to this problem of 'stop and start' also the humps. Could there be an app for connecting public transport possibilities? A recent taxi driver demonstrated his app and the different coloured roads in Cambridge according to their level of congestion. It is now suggested that services such as Whim could show you the separate legs of a journey – trains, taxis, buses and do you need a bike for the final stretch?! It is possible locally to log on and find out where your bus is. Bus stops often have the contact details.

National Express coaches worked very efficiently over the Christmas period. You do need to book early. As I was returning from Stratford, London on Boxing Day there were people expecting to just join a coach for Stansted but they were arriving already fully booked. The trains, of course, were often not running due to strikes, still ongoing in various places as I write, or to works on the line. The annual rise in rail fares is difficult particularly for regular commuters. Some people will pay up to 13 % of their salary just to get to work and back home and this at a time of wage stagnation. People complain of the difficulty in finding the right fare. Commuters in France, Germany, Italy and Spain pay between 2.5% and 5% of their salaries to travel to work. At least rail managers now understand the demands of winter conditions and there are points heaters, de-icing trains and emergency back-up provision. This year there are

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to be big improvements – the opening of Crossrail’s Elizabeth Line, which will transform cross-London traffic and the unveiling of London Bridge station’s reconstruction, a modernised sleeper service to Scotland, new trains and more seats on the east coast and on the main line to the west. The lack of seating is a common complaint. Punctuality has fallen and more people are claiming compensation - £73.6 million was paid out to travellers in 2016-7 up from £44 million the previous year. Most was for trains being more than half an hour late but some was for other grievances such as poor service and dirty trains. Govia Thameslink was the one most affected due to the strikes, delays and cancellation. Its compensation bill jumped from £2.2 million to just under £15 million in the year to March 2017. Comment has also been made about the rising cost of petrol. The debate has arisen again about the privatised as against a nationalised railway system. This was due to the bailing out of Virgin and Stagecoach over the east coast line. Final bills for projects are always a lot higher than the estimate. The National Audit Office says in a report that Govia Thameslink, which includes Cambridgeshire services, has not provided value for money since taking over train routes three years ago - it is condemned as the worst on the network. The Department for Transport was also criticised for not ensuring adequate staffing before awarding GTR the franchise. There had been too few drivers to ensure an adequate level of service. However, in May this year a fleet of new high-tech trains will be introduced on the Cambridge to King’s Cross line as part of a £7 billion improvement scheme. The new Class 77 trains which were purpose built in Germany are coming in as part of the Government sponsored Thameslink programme, which will see Cambridge linked directly to central London, Gatwick Airport and beyond as far south as Brighton.

In Europe it is not uncommon to see double decker trains. We did have two from 1949 to 1971 but they were then discontinued. They ran on the Dartford Loop line and had been designed by O.V.S Bulleid of Southern Railway, who was known for innovation. The class 4DD trains managed to squeeze 12 standard compartments into a normal length carriage, where usually there were nine. They couldn’t raise the height due to low bridges. Some carriages survive at heritage railways.

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One other point. My friend Michael reminds me that our main road is one of the most dangerous in the area. . With this, plus all the weather and traffic related situations we face, in mind please take extra care, warm clothes and a blanket on your journeys – a 'hot toddy' too (non-alcoholic of course) just in case. Whilst ready and waiting to come to the rescue, CFRS would prefer not to have to attend any RTAs – or any emergency for that matter.

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And remember - 'keep testing' - it may just save a life!

Michael White

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Anglesey Group Mothers' Union

In November Gina Radford came to talk to us. Gina as well as being Deputy Chief Medical Officer is also an Ordained Priest and as a Curate helps Sue Giles administer to all of us in the Anglesey Benefice of Churches.

Gina told us that many years ago she was a GP and loves her work because not only does she help to look after peoples' physical and mental health she can administer to their spiritual needs as well on Saturday and Sunday. During her talk she showed charts giving us some facts about the upside and downside of life expectancy.

Our meetings usually take place at 2.30 on the third Thursday of each month in Lode Chapel. Our next meeting will be on February 15th when Hazel Williams is giving a talk on 'Collecting her MBE from Buckingham Palace.' You are most welcome to come and join us.



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Our December meeting was the Christmas Social and started with a presentation to our retiring Chairman, Derek Latchford, by the present incumbent Julia Green. Derek has been a member of the club for many years and has served as a committee member, secretary and finally as chairman. He will be very much missed from the committee but we hope to see him and Pam at meetings for many years to come.

Julia then introduced the speaker for the night. Sylvia Overton has been doing the Christmas presentation for ten years now, and John had done them before that and must take credit for his many excellent photographs. Sylvia always donates her fee to the Library so has been a source of regular income there during that time.

Sylvia's talk was on their recent journeys through Iceland, Sweden and Norway. Until recently, Iceland was a well-kept secret. The first visit took place in the summer of 2016, shortly after the embarrassment of the England football team's defeat by Iceland, of which no mention was made by the locals! It is an island with natural beauty in abundance, made up of an ice cap covering one-third of the whole island and populated mainly around the perimeter. It keeps its mild temperature because of the Gulf Stream and uses natural hot springs to power industrial and housing needs. Darkness falls only between 1 and 3 am and even then it is not dark, there is a very orange hue. Slides showed the many waterfalls and the natural plant and wild life – plenty of puffins and they have a recent problem with polar bears that come over on ice floes. Sadly, they're not wanted because of imported diseases so they are shot. One picture showed an area of water which wasn't there in the 1930s but, with today's global warming, is now a large lake which is host to a variety of fish and seals. More recently, in winter 2017, the Overtons visited Norway and Sweden. Again we saw a very clean, Scandinavian scene, with a picture-book landscape and some quirky touches – you are welcomed to Oslo with a picture of Munch's *The Scream*. The opera house is built to look like an iceberg and on the frozen fjord there was a sculpture of a sinking ship. These are cold countries and they know how to deal with the weather: there is a snow-melting system under the streets so no thought of things grinding to a halt. Sylvia and John certainly have some interesting holidays and it is fascinating to join them in reviewing their visits. The evening closed with a glass or two of mulled wine, mince pies, and the Christmas raffle.

So on to 2018 and we wish all our members and readers a very happy and healthy New Year. We have a good selection of speakers coming up, as shown below. Please contact me if you would like any further information about the programme or the club generally. We meet in the Poppy Room at the British Legion on the fourth Tuesday of the month and visitors are always welcome.

DIARY DATES

- 23 January:** **Self-sufficiency from your garden**, by speaker Nigel Start
27 February: **Red 2 Green:** the story so far and plans for the future, speaker Phil Bailey
27 March: **A History of Easton Lodge** – the Countess and her Gardens, Claire Matthews
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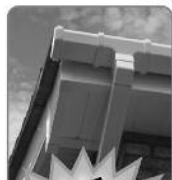
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We had a lovely friendly morning on 9th December when Olinda Liddiard held a Christmas themed Story and Rhyme time session for the under 5's followed by entertainment from the Bottisham Hand Bell Ringers. The Saturday art group were also in the Library that morning. Thank you to all who helped.

We shall soon be receiving a further selection of Large Print books to add to our current stock. Please use them – they might be too heavy for bed time reading but they are by current authors and quite up to date – a better selection in some ways than the regular adult fiction stock.

Recent statistics show a large increase in the borrowing by juniors, visitors to the Library and reservations. However adult issues have fallen – we would like to see new borrowers and for our regular visitors to read more. An extra book or two to be taken out each time maybe.

There is a separate advert for our Quiz night on 3rd February elsewhere in the magazine. Please support us as this is our main fundraising effort each year. We shall try to have some easier questions for those of us with fewer “little grey cells”

Sylvia Overton

Bottisham WI

Two Christmas events to report on for December - our Christmas Party on 12th December at Queens Court started with a meal prepared by members. We had a Christmas Quiz devised by Susan Mersh which tested our little grey cells and were then entertained by the Bottisham Bell Ringers who played seasonal music. Our raffle proceeds for the evening were sent to the City Church Charity for Christmas Hampers for those less fortunate than ourselves. As per tradition we finished the evening with carols.

We had an excellent Christmas Meal at Newmarket Golf Club for 55 members with husbands and partners on Monday 18th and again sang carols led by Richard Morris accompanied by Miriam Ogborn on the keyboard. This was enjoyable and I can see this becoming another tradition.

Don't forget to contact Jenn White on 01223 811600 if your Club or Group would like to take part in the Special Community WI Centenary event we have planned for 6th June at Bottisham Primary School.

Our next meeting is at Queens Court at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th February when Julie Bounford will be telling us “The remarkable Story of Heffers of Cambridge”

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To keep up this fantastic work we need lots more support as we cannot rely upon funding from Central government. So - please do all you can to help keep the two life-saving 'choppers' flying. In addition to donations, please consider nominating EAAA to benefit from quizzes, cycle rides, coffee mornings, walks and rambles, parachuting - in fact whatever activity you can devise. EAAA will do whatever it can to support you. And don't forget the EAAA Lottery - an extremely valuable income stream for the Charity. Last year winners came from across the region - this year it could be you. Lottery Membership Applications are available on-line via WWW.EAAA.ORG.uk

Michael White

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Next Meeting: Next meeting will be Thursday 22 March 2018 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group



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Neighbourhood Policing

I am Phil Priestley - the Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant for East Cambridgeshire, which includes Bottisham and many of the surrounding villages.

I have been offered the opportunity to write a short piece for the village magazine - The Cresset - and this is fantastic for me as I'm always keen to find new ways to reach out to people.

I know that social media can be a contentious issue - but if you are a Facebook user - you can find us by searching for Policing East Cambridgeshire. The materials that we publish come directly from the daily activity of police officers and we write most of the content ourselves when we get the opportunity. It's an excellent way to stay in touch with us.

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Today I have been meeting with Tony Jolley - Bottisham Parish Council - and like many others he gives of his time very generously to try to keep up the high standards of Bottisham as a village. I'm very grateful to Tony for his time.

He has highlighted to me a number of issues and we're working together to help find solutions.

The first issue that we discussed was speeding vehicles on Lode Road and the High Street.

Speeding vehicles - specifically in this area - are particularly dangerous. The vicinity of the Village College, the Children's Centre and the Primary School is naturally of concern, and a great deal of these areas is also residential. On behalf of Parish Council Tony is taking steps to secure additional traffic calming measures from the County and District Council, including speed measuring technology (I absolute salute these efforts). For my part I will be looking to position available speed checks to support and enforce the agenda.

The second issue that we talked about was the parking of vehicles on double yellow lines and pavement obstructions. Tony has asked me specifically for more enforcement activity in relation to these vehicles particularly in the proximity of the village shops. It's no secret that nearly every Parish reaches out to ask for more enforcement and more high visibility policing presence. We have a finite pot of resources that we have to be very pragmatic about. While I cannot suggest that we will be providing 'round the clock' enforcement - there will be enforcement activity, and these activities are going to be targeted at the periods of the day where the problems are most acute.

Sadly this will mean that someone is likely to get fined - although we would much prefer that in reading this article people will take additional care with their parking and avoid that outcome.

We will continue to work with Tony and the rest of the Parish Council - and we hope our combined efforts will help to support the quality of life in the village.

With kind regards, Phil Priestley

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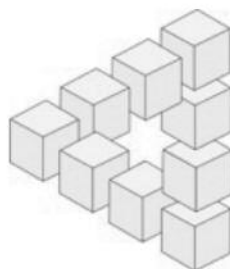
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

You will have gathered by now that the situation regarding cricketer Ben Stokes' omission from the Ashes squad has perturbed me greatly! So I hope that some readers will have shared my indignation when reading that the person who attacked and racially abused footballer Raheem Sterling on the afternoon of Saturday 16th December, was not only charged, but tried and imprisoned on Wednesday 20th December. That's FOUR DAYS folks! How does that work, then, when Stokes was dangling on a string, awaiting a charging decision for three months (and counting), whilst his England team mates suffered a ritual humiliation in Australia without him? I am almost (but not quite!) speechless over this! What possible reason could there be for these monstrous double standards...?!

Still, at least Alistair Cook gave us something to smile about in the 4th Test by 'carrying his bat' for 244 (the first Englishman to achieve this feat since Mike Atherton in New Zealand in 1997). It didn't bring us a victory but I guess it saved a modicum of 'face' by removing the threat of a whitewash! It doesn't mask the obvious deficiencies though; not least the captaincy of former wonder boy Joe Root. He has done nothing to quell my early doubts about the naïveté of his decision making and – without a century in the entire Ashes series – his batting form has suffered dramatically from the burden of responsibility on his shoulders. He is good enough and young enough to survive having this weight removed for the time being so that he is free to make the contribution England desperately needs. I call on the ECB to remedy this folly forthwith.

On a lighter note, an amusing snippet of news came to my attention recently. Who remembers Mike Pejic, the Stoke, Everton, Aston Villa and (briefly) England full back, known for his, er, robust tackling? Well, now 67 years old, he is now the UK Over 60 Taekwondo champion, a title he first won in 2013 – almost 40 years after gaining the first of his four England caps under Sir Alf Ramsey. Remarkable, although I expect some wingers would testify that he was already practicing martial arts in his football career!

I was also mildly amused, albeit with a tinge of sadness, by Lance Armstrong's recent podcast in which he lamented the treatment being suffered by Chris Froome over his recent failed drug test. You will remember that Froome was found to have a high dose of the Salbutamol asthma medication in his blood during La Vuelta (which he won) in September. Froome maintains that he took only a legal dose and medical opinions seem to indicate that there are many variables affecting the accuracy of measurement, so – at the time of writing – Froome is in the process of explaining himself whilst, for now, escaping a ban.

Anyway, what made me smile was Armstrong's opening comment "I'm the last person that should be opining on this situation", followed by a 45 minute opinion on just that! Whilst manfully acknowledging his own part in the casting of cycling as "the sporting world's doormat", he was rightly critical of the disgraceful way in which the UCI leaked the test results to the media, and of the way that Chris Froome's legacy will be "tarnished forever", even if he is exonerated. Let's face it: Froome could be finished now... I feel almost physically sick even thinking about it.

Time for some football. Another thing that has been worrying me in recent times... whatever has happened to the art of tackling? I believe it is the forgotten skill in the game. Speaking as someone whose abilities were better suited to the spoiling, rather than the creative elements of the beautiful game, I have long since felt that the 'Nobby Stiles' characters were under-valued, but nowadays, it appears to me that the skill of timing a challenge for the ball has been swamped by the 'new wave' emphasis on intensity, pressing, and pressure. And this is one of the reasons why we see so many disputed fouls and penalty decisions.

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Firstly, players are 'marking' much too close to their opponents, which means not only can they not see the ball at the moment it arrives, but the attacker can 'feel' the position of the defender and 'turn' him more easily. The late Dennis Thrower, ex Ipswich Town full back, later manager of Woodbridge Town, used to teach me to mark at a 'short arm's length'. I used to joke that I only had short arms anyway (and long pockets, some would say!) but the point is that if, you touch the attacker on his back, he knows you're there but cannot tell where your weight is. If he turns, he either gets tackled immediately or gives you a head start in the chase, so the sensible option for him is to lay the ball backwards which, for the defender, is 'job done'.

Secondly, the 'new' method of challenging seems to be to simply bundle an opponent over, then remonstrate with the referee that the attacker has gone over too easily. What a cop-out! When the interpretation of the law on tackling was tightened up a few years ago, the intention was to encourage attacking play. To a certain extent this has been successful, but with forwards being crafty (finding a partially extended leg to fall over) and defenders being lazy or stupid (failing to time their tackles correctly) they have allowed the law of unintended consequences to kick in and turned all the focus onto the referees. Obviously the managers are happy with this because it deflects attention from their incompetent players or poor team selections. But - was it a foul or was it a dive...? It's often both in my humble opinion, and no video replay is ever going to resolve this conundrum because two people looking at the same incident in slo-mo several times over will frequently disagree about the decision.

Which brings me onto video refereeing... (takes a deep breath)... but that's enough diatribe for one issue! Watch this space for the nutty view on this proposed answer to all football's problems!

TTFN - *Gerry Daish*

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Once Upon a Time...

“Sleeping Beauty alleges sexual harassment as Prince plants unsolicited kiss!”

The flurry of stories about consent, or absence thereof, means that even charming princes can't escape scrutiny especially if moves triumph to sanitise and de-gender age old childrens' fairy tales, nursery rhymes and fables. Yet this is precisely what nurseries and primary schools in some places are being asked to do. Why? Because such fairy tales are said by some 'millennial' parents to, “reinforce gender stereotypes and give children skewed opinions about body image and relationships and promote inappropriate ideas about sexual consent.” And one parent is said to be so traumatised by it all that they have written to their son's school expressing "real concern" about the message their impressionable young son would take from the tale about a stranger who kisses a woman in her sleep.

The stories we think of as fairy tales, nursery rhymes and fables all began as folklore with mystical elements crafted initially for an adult audience in the longstanding fashion and tradition of storytelling. These tales were based on adventure stories filled with bawdy episodes, violent scenes, and, in places; toilet humour. The sole purpose was to entertain, and in those days there was no need to 'sugar-coat' them any differently.

Then along came the Grimm brothers, amongst others, who made drastic changes, mixing versions of the tales, filling gaps in the plot, resolving inconsistencies, and eliminating 'sick' humour. They also added a Christian sensibility, including moral instruction and happy endings. In subsequent editions, the Grimm's further censored the tales to make them more accessible and more considerate of young children as readers and listeners. Over the last two hundred years, countless versions have further modified the original tales. We are now left with stories that feature adult themes like love but without the sex, rebellious plots but with happy endings, and gruesome violence but described in a befuddled tone.

Professionals in this field suggest children are attracted to the simplicity of fairy tales. The characters' problems are ordinary, and the figures are clearly drawn; they are “either good or bad, nothing in between, and as a result they are known only by their gender like, 'boy and girl' or by their role like, 'stepmother' or 'giant'. When they do have names they tend to be descriptive, like 'Cinderella', because she was covered in the dust of cinders. As a result, the characters are readily relatable. We see charming princes, helpful animals, and wise old people personifying the forces of good; and fairies, godmothers, and other meddling magical creatures symbolising the vagaries of life outside our control.

But whether we should continue to read the dark tales that so enthrall our children is now the subject of debate put forward by activists that, if successful, will see yet another stone removed from the already teetering column of that cherished period known lovingly as 'childhood'. As it turns out those on the other side of the debate thankfully remind us of the many reasons why we should continue to read Fairy Tales to our children and grandchildren: to work through fears and conflict, to foster imagination, to teach and promote cultural literacy, to encourage learning

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through storytelling, to impart morals and to build problem-solving skills and resilience. Now resilience is certainly something that a lot of modern day adults lack...

So after 'Sleeping Beauty' what will the next target or targets be? Well, how about the tale of 'Cinderella' who is made to do the nasty jobs by a non-traditional family thus implying non-traditional families are harmful. And watch out - there's no doubt about it, the 'Beast' will soon be exposed for sexual harassment in the work place. As for 'Little Red Riding Hood' – well, going to visit grandma will leave children frightened of being eaten by a wolf. And we are told ageism; cannibalism, sexism, promiscuity and a non-consensual kiss are all embodied in the tale of 'Snow White'.

Like the vast majority I and my children grew up, and now my grandchildren are growing up, with the Grimm and Disney versions of 'Sleeping Beauty'. When as a child and then a parent it never occurred to me – or to anyone else for that matter – to question whether it was appropriate for the prince to kiss her when she had no say in it; that was chivalry and his role, just as hers was to be rescued. It's only when the 'thought police' involve themselves in the pretence they are doing it for the good of society that such matters get morphed into a sinister context. Fairy tales, nursery rhymes and fables are all surely part of the fun, magic and mystery of growing up. So, if the cap fits please do not deny others of that very brief and treasured time in a short cherished life known tenderly as 'childhood'?

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