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Ne'er cast a clout till May is oot.

As yet nobody has been able to confirm absolutely whether that refers to the May blossom, or the month of May. It seemed for a while that neither was relevant this year and it would be the end of June before we would see the spring. However the seasons do process and nature has a way of compensating when it needs to. Perhaps we might get a decent summer this year. It would make a change.



Never mind the A14 roadworks at Barr Hill holding the traffic up for years, we have our own ongoing roadworks on the A1303 – 3 to 4 months of temporary traffic lights and diversions. Not sure what they are doing, but let's hope it includes resurfacing some of the stretches of roads that have started to look like the surface of the moon, so full of craters. Bell road gets the occasional patch, but they are so badly done, that they just break up again. The hole beside the speed bumps will take somebody's sump away soon. (Unless it has been patched AGAIN!)

Grump No. 2 now. I am constantly seeing, both in the press, and on the TV these days, news that just does not seem to ring true. Journalists nowadays seem to be as keen to put themselves in the news picture as they are at reporting the facts,

It used to be a jokey comment that "don't let the truth get in the way of a good story", but nowadays one starts to doubt the joke. I'm afraid I have become very cynical about journalists and the media.

All I can say is that, as with any 'news' or 'revelations' these days, you have to look at who is doing the talking and consider what they might have to gain or have a hidden agenda before making judgments.

Closer to home now.

You will see in the PC notes and planning notes several applications including one for 7 houses beside 'First Copy' (The old White Swan Pub). Recently we have seen ECDC finalise the 'Local plan' for future development, which in Bottisham identified an area of potential future housing development and one of commercial development. These are known and identified in the plan. It also recognized that there could also be individual plots to develop outwith those areas identified. I like most people see those as the occasional single house built in what is sometimes referred to as infill.

What I don't expect to see is the development of those small infill back garden plots cramming as many houses in as the developers can get away with. Small estates start to appear up and down the village. Like the police station site. Church Farm and now the old Swan site. Not one or two houses, but 20 odd houses and flats.

The infrastructure of this village is being stretched at every turn. Housing growth, 50% growth in pupil numbers at the college and expansion of the primary school, all put more pressure on our roads, sewers and services and there must be a limit.

Don't blame our Parish Council. They do a good job at highlighting to the decision makers the issues that affect us, and objecting to the wrongs, but it is frustrating that the decisions that are taken, are taken by people who often are not affected in any way by the impact of the results of those decisions.

Oh dear, I might have slipped another grump in there!

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Lots to read about this month with contributions from all the regulars and amusing ones at that.

Jolley Old World owns up to having a joke on all of us last month (April 1st ?). If you did read it and saw through it, then well done. If you were taken in, then join the club. If you didn't read it then it is worth digging it out. There seem to be so many crazy daft things happening these days that we might well not be surprised at what gets proposed as progress.

Don't miss the opportunity to go along to the annual parish meeting on Wednesday 9th May and have your say on what is relevant to us all in the village.

Enjoy this month's magazine and let's hope the weather becomes more seasonal than it has recently.

Peter Walker

Cambridge, Past, Present & Future *- A colourful month of activities*



May Day Morris Dance Tuesday 1 May: 5am-6am The Devil's Dyke Morris Men perform a traditional English folk dance in the same beautiful spot in Cambridge on May Day each year. If you have never been before, we highly recommend it. Greet the summer sun rising over the Wandlebury woodlands, Free event, no need to book. Refreshments to buy on the day. Meet on the picnic field at Wandlebury Park, dancing starts at 5.29am. Donations welcome.

Wild Flowers in Spring Tuesday 8 May: 10.30am-12.30pm Enjoy a gentle walk around the woods and meadows of Wandlebury with one of the wardens who will help you identify the delicate, resident wild flowers. Free no need to book - donations welcome. Meet at the notice board next to the car park.

Bourn Windmill Open Day and Teas - National Mills Weekend Sunday 13 May: 2-4pm Come and see inside one of the oldest mills in the country, set in beautiful scenery near Bourn village. Guides will show you how the mill works and tell you the history of this incredible building. Not only can you see inside, you can also have a go at the task of turning the whole mill on its post – an amazing sight. Teas and cakes available. No need to book. CambridgePPF members free, non members £3 adult, £1 child. Off Caxton Road, Bourn CB23 2SU.

Hinxton Watermill Open Day - National Mills Weekend Sunday 13 May: 2.30-5.30pm Drop in and explore this impressive 17th century working watermill, built on a site dating back to the Domesday Book. Run by volunteer guides who will show you how the mill works and tell you the history of this incredible building. Walks along the river. Children can take part in the 'Where's Ratty' competition! CambridgePPF members can visit for free. For non-members entry is £3 adults, £1 children. No need to book. Mill Lane, Hinxton CB10 1RD

Theatre at the Leper Chapel: The Demon Lover Saturday 19 May: 8pm Storytelling and drama performed by in situ, £12 (£10 concessions), www.insitu.co.uk or on the night from 7.30pm. Barnwell Junction on Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8JJ – opposite Cambridge United. No parking or facilities at the chapel itself.

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Wandlebury Orchard Walk Wednesday 23 May: 2pm-3pm Join one of our wardens for a relaxing afternoon stroll around the traditional orchard at Wandlebury Country Park. free event no need to book – donations are welcome. Meet at the notice board next to the car park.

Half-Term Events for Children with Vital Spark - all at Stable Rooms, Wandlebury. 'If You Go Down to the Woods Adventure'- Accompanied Children Tues 29 May: 10.30-12pm Outdoor adventure combines fairy-tale favourites that brings imagination to life through drama, craft and storytelling. Booking essential, ages 2-6 years, accompanied by adult. £10 per child (younger siblings welcome, under 2s are free). Includes a snack, dress for outside.

Nature Puppets and Puppetry with Vital Spark - Unaccompanied Children Tues 29 May: 12-4pm Half-day workshop create characters and bring them to life through puppetry. Make and perform in their own puppet theatre. Booking essential. For unaccompanied children aged 6-11 years. £25 (£5 off for accompanying siblings). Includes a snack, dress for outside.

Wild Bedtime Stories with Vital Spark Friday 1 June: 5pm to 6.30pm Come and enjoy some bedtime stories in a beautiful outdoor setting at Wandlebury Country Park. Wear your pjs, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies!), bring your favourite teddy if you wish. Booking essential. Children must be accompanied. £6 per child, includes hot chocolate (please bring a reusable cup to help cut down on waste if you can). For more information and booking: email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, members free.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Services in Holy Trinity Bottisham in May

Wednesday 2nd	8pm	Compline by Candlelight
Sunday 6th	11am	Rogation Service in the churchyard, unless wet
Thursday 10th		Ascension Day
	7.30pm	Benefice Communion in Swaffham Prior
Sunday 13th		No service in Bottisham
	10am	Benefice Communion in Lode
	3pm	Godparents Service in Swaffham Prior
Sunday 20th		Whit Sunday
	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	11am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th		No service in Bottisham
	8am	Holy Communion in Swaffham Prior
	9.30am	Children's Church in Lode
	10am	Benefice Morning Worship in Swaffham Bulbeck

Rogation was traditionally the time when there was a procession around the boundary of the parish and the fields were blessed. We don't quite manage that, but there will be an informal service in the churchyard in which, with soil, seeds and water, we shall ask for a blessing on the harvest to come.

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 details of any funerals or weddings in Holy Trinity.

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre is proud to present a double bill of entertainment in 2018 - Gilbert & Sullivan's enduring operetta 'H.M.S. Pinafore' together with 'Cox and Box', a one-act comic opera with libretto by F. C. Burnand and music by Sir Arthur Sullivan. This was Sullivan's first successful comic opera.

As in previous years the productions will be staged in the wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NW; dates as follows:

- **Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm - £8**
- **Thursday 14th June 2018 at 7.30pm - £9**
- **Friday 15th June 2018 at 7.30pm - £10**
- **Saturday 16th June 2018 at 2.30pm - £7 and 7.30pm - £10.**

Tickets are available via our website, www.sbsummertheatre.com or by e-mailing sbst.tickets@gmail.com or telephoning 07541 554845. For further information about the show please contact Ruth Dennis on 01638 730659.



TODAY I BELIEVE

When Tammy and I walked up the aisle of St. John's Church, Harrogate on 30.11.02, newly married, the music group sang a blessing over us:

*"May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm,
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors."*

The blessing is from the morning prayer of the Northumbria Community, It is my testimony that the peace of Jesus has gone with me and my family wherever He has sent us and whatever we have been through. We have known His provision, His protection and His peace in all circumstances and situations.

At the time of writing, the Brand family is reflecting on the third anniversary of when Grace, now four and a half, was seriously ill. Grace lay lifeless for three days, her body riddled with infection that no antibiotics could fight. Following an operation to remove a large abscess from the cavities behind her ear, Grace slowly improved.

The more I learn from following Jesus, the more I experience and embrace the mysteries of my faith, the grey areas, the times of searching. I believe Jesus says to me, 'Don't dwell on the past or the future: trust me today, believe in me today, follow me today'. As I tell people dealing with crisis in their lives, so far Jesus has a 100% record of bringing you through the storms you have, in the midst of this current storm, trust Him to bring you safely through again.

I want to close with a Franciscan blessing we use at RENEW a lot. It is a radical blessing, praying for transformation in our world as followers of Jesus live the life they were called to, being the people they were created to be. What needs to change in us, that we might be the change we want to see in the world?

"May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half -truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may wish for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done."

You know where we are if you would like to join us on the journey,

Rev. Alan Brand

RENEW Services for May 2018

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

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

Sunday 6th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am With Holy Communion.

(Bottisham Primary School)

Sunday 13th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School) Followed by shared lunch

Sunday 20th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

Sunday 27th May. Morning Worship. 10.30am (at the School)

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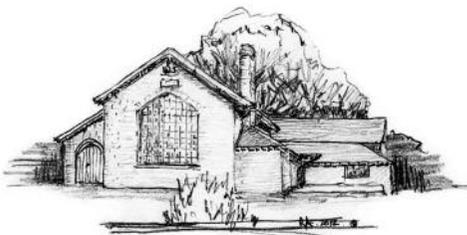
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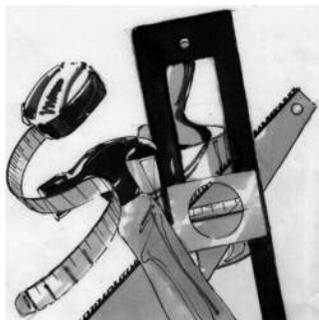
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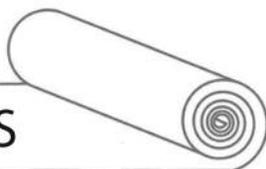


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Our District Councillor confirmed that the new waste contract has gone live and is now known as ECDC Street scene. Collection days will remain the same. We continue to negotiate with Anglian Learning over the licence for the Primary School Play Area as there are still some queries regarding access and costs.

We have agreed to give a grant of £150 to the Football Club towards the purchase of a defibrillator and also £1000 to the Women's Institute who this year celebrate their 100th Anniversary and will be having a summer fete for the village at the Primary School.

After one of the wettest winters on record the water table has crept higher and higher and we continue to monitor levels at the site on Lode Road which we intend to purchase for the use of cemetery. We may need to undertake some remedial work because of this such as raising the level of the soil. Once the water table has started to recede we will be able to contact the Environment Agency for their views on the way forward.

A reminder that our Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 9th May, 7.30pm in the Poppy Room at the Royal British Legion. All residents are welcome to attend. Parish Council Chair Christine Bryant will be giving a short report on Parish Council activities and our County Councillor and District Councillors will also be available to talk to. Other speakers confirmed are Sergeant Rabel from Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Mrs Rankine - Bottisham Village College Principal. Our usual May meeting is the night before on Tuesday 8th May.

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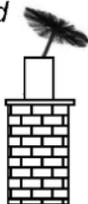
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Planning Notes

- 18/00283/VAR, 65 Beechwood Avenue, Variation of condition 1 and 3 of previously approved 16/00507/NL for two storey rear extension NEW APPLICATION
- 18/00185/FUL 48 High Street, Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension to existing end of terrace house APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. NEW APPLICATION SUBMITTED AS BELOW
- 18/00298/FUL 48 High Street, Single storey and two storey rear extension including roof terrace and first floor side extension, NEW APPLICATION
- 18/001941/FUL 16 Arber Close, Proposed new two storey dwelling, NEW APPLICATION
- 18/00158/FUL 187 High Street, Proposal for seven houses, NEW APPLICATION
- 17/01784/FUL Silver Edge Barn, Springhall Farm, Newmarket Rd, Convert existing out building into 1 no. residential unit, APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 18/00065/FUL 8 Maple Close, Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension, APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 18/00183/FUL Cobblestones, 11 Tunbridge Close, Single storey front extension, APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL
- 18/00165/FUL 18 Bell Road, Demolish conservatory, lean-to rear additions and garage. Construct rear extension and internal alterations, APPLICATION APPROVED BY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Bottisham Community Library Association

The current Richard and Judy reading list books are now in the library ready for borrowing. The Witchfinders Sister by Beth Underwood is recommended by some of our volunteers.

We have books under the reading well scheme for people with long term conditions and there is a leaflet in the Library suggesting titles to cover common symptoms including sleep problems, fatigue pain and mental health.

We have recently had a large welcome donation of DVD's which will be on sale at our book stall at the Bottisham WI Centenary Village Fayre on Saturday 9th June. We will happily accept further DVD's when you are spring cleaning and also good quality books for this event too.

A report from the recent NUT Easter conference warned that the closure of school libraries is having a negative impact on the reading habits of children. At least that is something we do not have to worry about in Bottisham with the new Library being built soon under the current building programme.

It was also reported that there is a disturbing trend among children in reception and at nursery school to "swipe" books in an attempt to turn pages as if they were mobile phones or I Pads!!!. How times change. The NUT confirmed that in their view reading for pleasure is a skill for life and is shown to be a powerful springboard for children's engagement.

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Public Transport Matters

Well, it does indeed matter to so many people locally as they try to get to school, work, hospital appointments, shops or just for various pleasure trips. It has become more difficult for many people in the last few weeks and now there are more problems due to the timetable changes on April 15th to the 10/11/12.

As I write this, I am awaiting a box of timetables from Stagecoach, which will be distributed gradually to Bottisham P.O. and the local bus shelters on the High St. and the A1303. I had asked Stagecoach whether they could just send me a list of the various changed times so I didn't have to plough through every timetable. Their reply was to send me their link to the 3 timetables. As I went through them with in some cases every time changed, I realised why they couldn't just send me a little list! I have found that some people still haven't appreciated the loss of the daytime 11 and are still thinking it has been delayed or broken down. It is very important now to check every time as you aim to catch a bus. The 10 has been changed due to the congestion in Newmarket and Cambridge – a few minutes difference in many cases but late afternoon there are changes to the return times from Cambridge and also the times from Newmarket have changed. So do check. There are just a few changes to the 11/12 timetables.

They are available on the Stagecoach website and also on Suffolkonboard.com. The Cambridge News does, as usual, have peoples' tales of woe. One lady used to travel from Hildersham to Bury early in the morning via Newmarket but it doesn't work out now and she will now drive. She said that 30 people were affected on the day she last tried it.

Rail services are also in the news – Oxford to Cambridge, Cambridge to Brighton, St. Pancras direct to Amsterdam with Eurostar. Also the naming of the hoped for Cambridge South station – should it be named after Stephen Hawking. Are there any stations named after people? Capital cities have Saints names. Due to delays of 15 mins. or more in train services some £73.6 million was reimbursed to customers across the UK in 2016/7 – the highest figure since records began. These were paid out by 16 train operators according to the Dept. of Transport and more than a fifth were forked out by Govia Thameslink, the company running the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchises, slightly ahead of the Virgin train companies. Network Rail also has to pay out compensation to rail companies for things such as essential track upgrades or trespassing. The Transport secretary would like the private sector rather than Network Rail to fund a proposed 8-mile rail link between Heathrow airport and London Waterloo. The estimated cost is up to £1.6 billion and the companies involved would earn revenue through fees paid by train operators. A private company called Heathrow Southern Railway set up to promote the project says the line could be open by 2025. There are complaints that seven out of ten ticket machines at railway stations still don't tell passengers when they could get a cheaper fare by moving the time of their journey. This was supposed to have been done by May 2017. Self-driving trains have been used on London's underground Victoria Line for half a century and London's Docklands Light railway is also driverless. Now the Thameslink service has been the first to introduce the first mainline driverless train in a series of tests between London's St. Pancras and Blackfriars stations. Initially they will be deployed in May next year with the number of services increasing to one every two to three minutes by December - a frequency never before achieved on mainline railways in Britain. It will eventually be extended to London Bridge in December 2019 and create capacity for up to 60,000 more passengers in peak times.

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We in the Cambridge area are very aware of the problems caused by congestion – delays and pollution. Anne Hidalgo, the Socialist mayor of Paris, is considering making public transport free of charge. Would this lead to a shortfall in revenue and a deteriorating service? In Tallinn registered residents of the capital may travel free and a profit is made from the service as a share of their taxes goes towards transport. The Paris mayor has commissioned a study into the possibilities. In Bonn the mayor says that no manufacturer is able to produce enough electric buses to meet the demand for emission-free public transport and putting new diesel buses on the streets is a non-starter. Oxford is considering a system of gondolas as you might see in ski resorts. Perhaps there should be a mixed approach to limiting car numbers with park and ride schemes, road tolls and low-emission zones and improving public transport so it goes when and where we want it to!

There are regular rail travel programmes on the TV and newspapers try to tempt us to far-flung places, e.g. India. There are several companies offering escorted rail tours to this country e.g. the Maharaja's Express train which explores India's Golden Triangle and has been operating since 2010. Your own butler and stunning views! Three nights on board during an eleven day tour costing £ 5,905 per person. British tour companies offer rather cheaper rail holidays in this country and Europe. The Book People also has a selection of books on railways including Small Island by Little Train by Chris Arnot. Newmarket library has rail as well as bus timetables and also leaflets on travel by rail.

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Bottisham Village College



The Bottisham Village College Building Project encompasses extensive external works, a new build extension and the refurbishment of the existing College. The works include the construction of a two storey extension to the rear of the campus to provide a new state of the art performance hall and dance studio, kitchen and dining area and twelve new classroom spaces together with the associated staff workrooms. The building programme also entails the extensive remodelling and refurbishment of areas of the existing College to address needs for a growing intake, including widening of some original corridors and providing further hard court play areas. Extensive landscaping and external works alongside this include the relocation of the existing Red2Green community facility and improvements in safeguarding/site security, staff parking, cycle storage, a dedicated bus drop-off access/parking area and soft/hard landscaping. A very exciting part of the project also includes the refurbishment and development of our current main hall into our school and community library. We have been discussing ideas for this area with our community library colleagues and we are very much looking forward to developing this space further together in years to come.

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Between taking possession of the main construction site and starting construction work, the team from Morgan Sindall poured 1600 cubic metres of concrete, (that's 2800 tons!), laid a 250mm diameter gas pipe from the main road to the site along with 2 new main power cables and many service ducts. The design is based on the principle of retaining all rain water on site and returning it to the ground through a series of very large soak away systems buried in the playing fields. To achieve this 360 metres of trenches 1.2m wide by up to 3m deep were dug for the soakaway crates.

The CLT (Cross Laminated Timber) structure which forms the main shape and space of the building is now finished, the roof is on and the windows are in. A team of brick layers have put a skin of brick work over a large part of the building, while another team of fitters have started work putting cladding on the rest of the building. Over the last month or so the structures that will support the final floor surfaces have been installed. These are a mixture of cementitious screeds on the ground floor & specialist acoustic floating floors on the first floor. The new acoustically rated internal walls are coming along well and teams of plumbers and electricians have been beavering away installing the beginnings of the infrastructure that will make the building live and breathe. If everything stays on target we hope to be moving into the new building by the start of September and the new library by the end of October 2018. All internal refurbishment will be completed by Easter 2019.

We will be holding a celebration of the school's 80th anniversary towards the end of October 2018 to which all of our local community will be invited. This will be an opportunity to walk around new facilities, look through our extensive archive, see a specially commissioned film and performance from students which will include interviews from our local community involved in the development of our amazing community college.



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Claire Matthews made a very good presentation at our March meeting on The History of Easton Lodge – the Countess and her Gardens.

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She was a great animal lover and rescued ponies and had rare breeds, even had elephants and monkeys, a writer who wrote a biography of William Morris. She lived extravagantly but eventually became involved with the socialist set even standing as a Labour MP and then spent money on her tenants, providing schools for their children, soup kitchens and encouraged youngsters to learn trades. Her annual income when she married was £7 million per annum but she left nothing at her death. She died in 1938, her son was not interested in taking on the house so it was leased to the War Office and the deer park became a runway for the US Air Force stationed there. The house was pulled down in the 1950's.

The forgotten gardens have been partially restored to their former glory by a team of dedicated volunteers and the present owners of Warwick House. It was landscaped by Harold Peto in 1902 with strong architectural features and includes a yew walk, a lime avenue with a fully restored tree house and Japanese and walled gardens. Well worth a visit and further information re opening times can be found on www.eastonlodge.co.uk.

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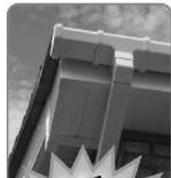
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Michael White

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Help your children/grandchildren by logging-on to: cambsfire.gov.uk/games/sparkton

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On Line Appointments: The Practice is keen for patients to use this service more as it is penalised if insufficient use is made of it.

Home Visits and Transport Issues: If a request for a home visit is due to lack of transport then please request help from the Patients Car Service through reception. Several patients can be seen at the surgery in the time it takes for a GP to make just one home visit.

Dementia Talk: There is to be a talk by Dr Stubbs of Alzheimers Research at Great Wilbraham Memorial Hall on Tuesday 8 May 7.30pm to 8.30pm, including practical ways to help. No booking required.

Bottisham 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 website for further information. We would welcome help with running the group. Look out for us at the Bottisham WI Fete on 9 June and Lode Fete on 17 June.

Walks for Health: The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 11 and 23 May, 8 and 20 June 2018. 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: Next meeting will be Thursday 24 May 2018 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

Bottisham Patients' Group

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Anglesey Group Mothers Union

At our February meeting Hazel Williams MBE came to talk to us about how she came to be awarded the MBE and the day she collected it from Buckingham Palace. Hazel told us of how it was a great surprise when she received the letter informing her she had been awarded the MBE for her services to the local community. To highlight Hazel's steadfast commitment she was a founder member in setting up the Burwell Day Centre, and has continued with her dedicated support since. As well as being a parish councillor and member of local government Hazel is involved with far too many charitable and local organisations. We all listened with great interest as she talked us through the events of the day she went to Buckingham Palace to receive the award from Prince Charles. One of the things she found most interesting was meeting fellow award recipients and their steadfast commitment to working many years, to benefit others less. We also learnt about the etiquette for when, where and how your metal should be worn. At the end of her talk we congratulated Hazel on her being elected or MU Diocesan President for the next triennium.

In March we held our spring social meeting, and bring and buy. Members enjoyed playing a form of Kim's game based on our theme for the year 'In Mary Sumner's Footsteps'. Focusing on the work of our founder, and how we as members today carry on the work she started in 1876.

Our guest speaker in May will be Barry Griffiths, Communications and Communities Officer for Jimmy's Cambridge. You are most welcome to come and join us on Thursday 17th May in Lode Chapel at 2.30pm.

There will be no meeting in June as members will be going on an outing to Ely Cathedral Flower Festival.

Ann Langran



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Our Annual Meeting in March was quite short covering reports of all we have done in the past year and confirming that the present committee and officers would continue for another year – our centenary year. Our secretary Jenn White has given notice that she will be retiring next March. She has been on the committee as an officer since 1982 so it is only fair that she should be able to have a rest. Best Wishes were sent to our Chairman Sandra Clark who is recovering from a recent knee operation.

Andrea Chupacova the Fund-Raising Manager for Maggie's Centre at Addenbrookes showed slides and explained how this charity provides free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends. Whilst they have professionals who can help in many ways, doctors, counsellors and benefits officers with an appointment system it is also a drop-in centre. Trained volunteers will provide tea and cake and a friendly ear and patients visiting the main hospital day centre can come there while waiting for their tests to be processed. They work in conjunction with other charities, Teenage Cancer Trust and McMillan and explain in further detail and supplement the advice given by GP's and hospital consultants. A very worthwhile Charity who have benefitted many both here and abroad in similar centres.

We held a lunch in the Poppy Room for 28 members earlier in the month for members and friends who enjoyed delicious soup and puddings. Our darts team have returned to winning ways and our walking group have been to Milton and Wandlebury Country Parks.

We have held a preliminary meeting of representatives from Clubs, Groups and individuals taking part in the Special Community WI Centenary event we have planned for 9th June at Bottisham Primary School. There is space available for others wishing to have a space - remember any funds you make you keep.

Our next meeting will be on **15th May when Mike Francis** will be speaking about **Senior Fraud Protection**. This should be interesting and relevant to current issues.

Visitors are most welcome to come to the meeting at Queens Court which starts at 7.30.

Sylvia Overton

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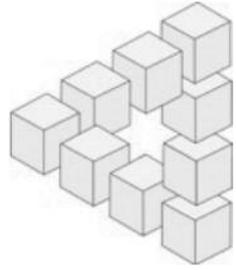
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

It is with some sadness, I'm going to start this month with a tribute to mark the passing of a dear friend who was well known in the Bottisham area. Ron Taylor – known to many of us as simply Ronaldo – was a one-off. A quiet, intelligent man, possessor of an endearing mix of shyness and courage, Ron died peacefully in the Arthur Rank Hospice at the beginning of April after a brave battle with cancer, but he leaves his family and friends with a wealth of happy memories that will endure for all our lifetimes. Ron was a cricketer of some local renown and used to open the bowling for Wilbraham until a few years ago. Since then his sporting activities mainly involved supporting Arsenal, travelling with the gang to watch England in all corners of the world, and playing snooker and cards at the Legion. He loved his beer too, and remained (more or less!) coherent on a number of occasions when your scribe was, er - replete! My favourite memories of Ronaldo are too numerous to mention but I will recount a little story which is close to the hearts of all who spent time with him on European adventures...

A group of 12 of us were in St Omer on a day trip during the France 98 World Cup and decided to stay in a bar on the market square to watch a match on TV. After a couple of beers, thoughts began to turn towards food, and Ron, being the educated gentleman he was, volunteered to order some pomme frites. Now we had a meal planned for later, so only wanted a couple of bowls of chips for everyone to share. This confused the waiter somewhat and Ron painstakingly explained in his best French that a modest portion was all that was required. Finally, the light dawned on the waiter and, as he turned away, Ron sealed the deal with an inspired, sweeping gesture and clarified: "...pour tout le monde". A fresh look of understanding came over the waiter and we were slightly bewildered as he rushed out of the front door. 15 minutes later he returned from the chip shop next door with 12 individually wrapped portions and plonked them triumphantly in front of us! We didn't have the heart to refuse so we forced down both the 'snack' and the late lunch before waddling home in fits of giggles! Only Ron..! RIP my friend, we will all miss you.

A couple of other deaths in April served to remind us of the tenuous hold on life that we enjoy... footballer Ray Wilkins – another true gentleman of sport was struck down with a heart attack and, while we were still rebounding from the shock, former darts world champion Eric Bristow suffered the same fate; both men in their early 60s... it makes you think, eh? Thank you for the pleasure you gave us, gents. RIP both.

Even more tragic, if I may say that, was the death of Belgian cyclist Michael Goolaerts who suffered a cardiac arrest whilst competing in the one-day classic Paris-Roubaix race. It's one thing, giving all you've got for your sport, but it's a cruel trick of nature for a body to let down a competitor who is at the top of his game. It's good that the race continued though, in my humble opinion; everyone accepts that no sport is entirely risk free and – whilst it may be no comfort for someone's loved ones – by and large the positives will always outweigh those risks. As Lizzie Yarnold observed after her Winter Olympic gold medal the other day, "The pain (of competing) is a privilege!" Anyway, the race itself was won by Peter Sagan, the irrepressible Slovakian showman, whose triumph, whilst wearing the rainbow World Champion's jersey, cements his place in cycling history as one of THE great champions. As always, in cycling, one hopes he's free of chemical assistance (there's no reason to suppose he's not)!

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(Sports Nut continued.)

Staying with cycling for a moment, the Sky/Wiggins story rumbles on, although thankfully, by now, it's tired enough to be off the front and back pages. How on earth the odious Damian Collins and his unelected Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee can gain support for calling Sky's behavior unethical whilst acknowledging that they had broken no rules, is completely beyond me! All I can say is that, as with any 'news' or 'revelations' these days, have a look at who is doing the talking and consider what they might have to gain before making judgements...

There were no such doubts about the Australian ball tampering scandal, of course. Messrs Bancroft, Smith, Warner and Lehmann were caught (pun intended!) red-handed and red-faced in failing to gain an unfair advantage in the recent test series in South Africa. I am baffled as to how they thought they would get away with it considering the saturation TV coverage of every moment of big events nowadays, and they have rightly paid the price in broken careers, but there were two main things that bothered me... One was the way the holier-than-thou brigade jumped on the bandwagon, condemning the Aussies' actions as if butter wouldn't melt in their mouths (or perhaps in their hands?!). This prompted a more honest approach from Freddie Flintoff who talked openly about people in glass houses... remember Michael Atherton's pocketful of dust in 1994? And more seriously, the other thing is that it calls into question the validity of Australia's recent thumping of England in the Ashes series when their bowlers were consistently able to reverse-swing the ball whilst England's opening pair, with over 900 test wickets between them, came up relatively empty handed! Anyway, it's history now, but nevertheless amusing to see that the Aussie 'hard man' image is tarnished forever! Crying like babies in front of the world's press..? Please!

I'd like to finish on an upbeat note, so I thought I'd mention the England football team's recent solid performances in friendlies, firstly v. Holland in Amsterdam, then at Wembley v. Italy. (Let's not talk about Italy's absurd VAR penalty equalizer!) However, we still have no idea what Gareth Southgate's first choice XI would be for the upcoming World Cup and we seriously wonder if he has! (I plan to ask him in person at a travelling supporters' forum at the end of April.) I just hope that, whoever he selects, we are still able to travel to Russia and enjoy the tournament regardless of Trump and Putin's infantile posturing over Syria.

TTFN Gerry Daish



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CONFESSION!

Yes, I must now confess to my last JOW article being an ‘April Fool’ and hope you will have seen through my mischievous jape. Apologies, if they are due, to anyone who hasn’t appreciated my impish humour and especially to our diligent ‘Posties’ if they’ve been faced with some awkward questions.

I’ve received a goodly number of agreeable comments and I await anxiously to see what, if anything, has been sent in to the Editor. Indeed he may even have commented in his editorial on his reaction to the piece. Two responses I had clearly saw the whole idea as being very plausible for which I’m overly flattered and I’m happy to explore the potential of my musings further. But seriously, if that’s at all possible, how many spotted that each progressive paragraph began firstly with an A then a P then an R, etc.? And of course the little quote at the end should have confirmed any suspicions. I also wonder how many, me included, know the origins of the ‘April Fool’? Not many I guess and so for our benefit I have set about trying to find out about the origins of a very foolish day....

April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is considered by most as one of the most light-hearted days of the year. Its origins are however uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar. But there are various other stories surrounding the origin of April Fool Day and it’s hard to be completely certain about the truth. One popular tale dates the tradition to 1564, when France formally changed its calendar to the modern Gregorian version, and thereby moved the celebration of the New Year from the last week of March to 1 January. In this version of events, those who continued to celebrate the end of New Year's Week on 1 April were derided as fools.

There’re multiple other stories including a British legend, which places the festival's origin in the Nottinghamshire town of Gotham. The story goes that in the 13th century the town's residents heard that King John could claim any road on which he stepped as his property, and so they accordingly refused the monarch entry. When his soldiers arrived to force their way in the residents of Gotham pretended to be lunatics, and King John decided that their madness meant that the punishment that would have otherwise been meted out would be inappropriate. According to this story, April Fool Day celebrates their sneakiness. It’s also unknown exactly why the tradition expires at noon but the source of the deadline might be the 17th century's well-named ‘Shig-Shag day’, when celebrants put oak sprigs in their hats to show loyalty to the monarchy, in reference to Charles II's hiding in an oak tree. Those who failed to observe the custom could only be ridiculed until midday.

So, having enlightened you, and indeed myself, I’m now for a brief moment going to tread on Sports Nut’s turf apropos ‘Cricket’. No not ball tampering, or as some would rather call it ‘cheating’, but the doleful performance of the English test side whilst down under in the Antipodes. Being an ardent lover and supporter of the ‘traditional’ game, centring on county cricket and test cricket, I personally point the woeful finger of blame at ‘White Ball’ and ‘Pink

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I am sitting down to write this article on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Yet the brightness of the day belies the darkness and precariousness of the world at this moment in time.

Our country currently has a strained relationship with Russia over the use of chemical nerve agents on UK soil so there is tension in the air. In addition we have just engaged, with the United States and France, in military action in Syria following the apparent use of chemical weapons there.

The world is a complex place with many different views and many different voices. Finding the right, or perhaps more accurately the best, course of action is very difficult. Which view is the correct one? Which voices and what information should be used to inform our response. From history we know that lack of action allows atrocities to gather momentum so that evil behaviour becomes stronger and can spread further. However we also know from history that hasty interventions can result in further suffering and can unleash hidden consequences, which root themselves in generations yet to come. The world is a beautiful and productive place but it can also be a dangerous, painful and confusing place for many of its inhabitants.

I cannot answer the questions I have raised but Christians have a resource that is of utmost importance in our complex and broken world. Christians (and people of other faiths too) are able to pray and to take to God the complex dilemmas that the world faces. In prayer we seek the guidance of the one who loves each person that contributes to the complicated situations the world faces. Yet God has the greatest concern for those who are poor and suffering. When we bring the struggles of the world to God in prayer we are powerfully reminded that however we feel about the players on the world stage we are speaking with one who values them as he values us. God's desire is that we all turn our attention to the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world who reap the consequences of our pride and love of power and the wrong choices and decisions that others make. Prayer changes the attitude of the one praying and opens up new perspectives. Prayer challenges the way we look at the world and each other.

In the time between Ascension Day 10th May and Pentecost 20th May there is a national time of prayer called Thy Kingdom Come. This is an opportunity for Christians (and others) to pray for our nation and for the world. It is a time to deepen our understanding of prayer and our practice of prayer. We can learn from one another and encourage each other as we hold the needs of the world in our hearts. It would be wonderful to welcome anyone who would like to join us as we pray for God's kingdom to come.

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