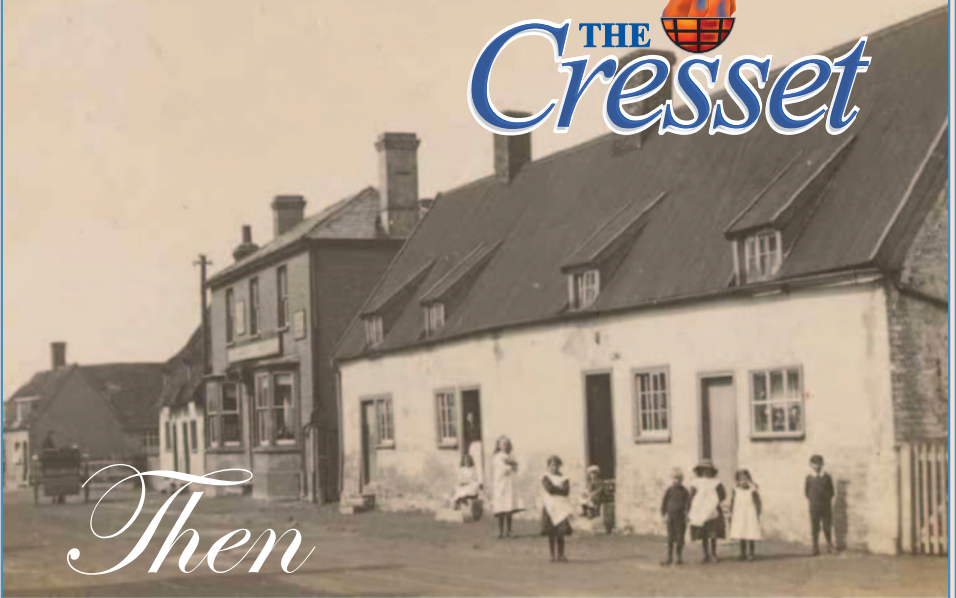


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News, views and what's on, in and around Bottisham



Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club

It has been great to welcome back some of our members since the 12th April.

OPENING HOURS

The following will be subject to the Government confirming these dates and guide-lines for opening. We need to be flexible with our opening hours so please check with our website bottishamsocialclub.co.uk

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All members are invited to attend the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held on **Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm** subject to any changes in Government guidelines. Members will be required to observe the rule of 6. The agenda and accounts will be posted on the notice board. If you require these to be emailed to you, please contact the Secretary at bottishamsasc@gmail.com

New Committee members- The Club would welcome any member who wishes to be nominated for Committee at this year's AGM to please email the Secretary at bottishamsasc@gmail.com

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First of all, may I say a personal big thank you to all those people who were asking after my wellbeing following my 'Zipper' job in Papworth.

Following 4 weeks in Addenbrookes awaiting a space in Royal Papworth, I had my op and spent another couple of weeks in Papworth, before coming back home and recovering well.

It is worth noting the affect that Covid has had on hospital operations when it directly affects you. Normally when it is fully operational, Papworth will be performing 10 or more operations per day from pacemaker ops. right up to full heart replacements. While the operating theatres were still available, it was the Intensive Care Units (ICUs) for immediate post-operative care that were unavailable, as they were being used for Covid treatment. The result was that they could only do one or two operations a day and those patients coming from all over the country.

Even as I was there, the pressure was easing slightly, and things were starting to move back to 'normal'. However, this may be a new normal as I think it will be some time if ever, that normal as we knew it 18 months ago will return.

We are also moving towards a new 'normal' with the easing of lockdown rules and the coming of the summer months. Pubs, restaurants and clubs are opening again and will soon be able to offer their full service inside as well as outside. Shops and other venues are opening their doors again and getting a haircut is certainly on my 'to do' list. May need to book though. (and get an estimate?)

Holidays too are back on the cards with 'staycations' being the order of the day rather than jetting off round the world. This should make more sense when other countries are, in some cases, way behind in recovering from the pandemic. We may criticise as we always do, the government for the way they handle things, but we certainly seem to be well ahead of a lot of other countries in the recovery process.

Lots of info and articles this month together with those regular contributions which are much appreciated.

I had one expression of interest in knowing what is involved in producing the Cresset which I shall follow up. The invitation is still there to come and see what I do to produce the monthly magazine and also then if liked to 'guest' edit, or indeed to take up the reins longer term.

Hopefully with the weather warming up and two long weekends in the month, we will be able to get out and about, knock the rust off the barbecue and enjoy some fresh air. That will make for a pleasant change from the freezing temperatures we have at the moment (mid-April).

Finally, this month, I have done another now and then collage for the cover. Taken from near Stocks Cl. looking West, there are still most of the houses there together with what was 'The Anchor' pub which is now a private house. A house now stands where the row of 4 cottages stood. Another thought is just how hot those upstairs rooms must have been in the summer with that South facing corrugated iron roof!

Enjoy this month's read and do let me have your thoughts on what is in the magazine or indeed what is going on in our village.

Your Editor - Peter Walker



Bottisham Community Library Association

GOOD NEWS AT LAST

We shall be opening on Tuesday 18th May for the following sessions

TUESDAYS 6.00-8.00, THURSDAYS 3.00-5.00 and SATURDAYS 10.00-12.00

And assume we will be fully back in business by September with the use of the community computers and photocopying machines too.

You will need to wear a mask, sanitise your hands, sign in and numbers will be restricted to 6 people. A similar situation to when we had our limited opening sessions last year.

If you do not wish to enter the library you can leave your returned books and jigsaws in the foyer.

You may use the Click and Collect service where you order books online <https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select> and Collect (generic rather than specific titles i.e. 8 picture books for children, 3 crime novels for adults etc.) and volunteers will choose them and have them ready for you.

At present any payments for fines or purchases are to paid in CASH while we research the purchase of an economical card reader.

Some volunteers, during the Easter College holidays, have cleaned shelves and checked the donated books and jigsaws we have held in the foyer cupboards. Plenty of excellent books for you to buy at only 50p per book

Thank you to those who have contacted us about donating good quality books, we shall be pleased to have them now that we have room to store them.

We shall have another Triangle book sale in the early summer when the weather is warmer.

Life is slowly returning to “normal” and we look forward to seeing our existing borrowers and some new faces. Please support us.

Sylvia Overton

Services in the Anglesey Benefice

Sun 2 May	9am Holy Communion , Quy	10.30am Online service on Zoom
Wed 5 May	8pm C by C (a short contemplative service)	Online via Zoom
Sun 9 May	9am Holy Communion , Swaffham Prior	10.30am Online service on Zoom
Thur 13 May	– Ascension Day	
	10.30am Holy Communion , Lode	
Sun 16 May	9am Holy Communion , Swaffham Bulbeck	10.30am Online service on Zoom
Sun 23 May	– Pentecost	
	9am Holy Communion , Bottisham	10.30am Online service on Zoom
Sun 30 May	– Trinity Sunday	
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Each Thur	10.30am Holy Communion in Lode	

All subject to Covid restrictions.

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Dear Editor

I read with real interest the two letters in recent editions relating to dogs and dog walkers in the village. Whilst with any group in our society there will be those who don't follow the social norms and rules, such as picking up after their dogs, and those who do. I have to agree with the comment from Stuart Bennet (Cresset - April 2020) that perhaps the village dog walking community should not all be blamed for the few who don't pick up after their dogs, and instead be seen as a community who often tidy the village by picking up litter on walks. I again threw away takeaway containers and beer cans this morning that had been left, presumably from a now allowed outdoor gathering the previous evening.

During the past 12 months I have seen and spoken with my fellow village dog walkers much more than I have physically seen my own family and friends! We are a group in the village with a shared interest, who don't have a regular correspondent to the Cresset as we don't formally meet as a group. However, the friendly humans who hold the leads and accompany these four-legged Bottisham residents on their walks have certainly made my year in lockdown much more bearable by being so friendly.

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Parish Council Notes

I write this following the recent sad news of the passing of HRH Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh. Throughout his life he was a model of public service and will be deeply mourned by us all. I know the days ahead will be full of tributes to him, albeit COVID restrictions will restrict more public demonstrations. Our village Union flag is currently flying at half-mast. Like so many, I owe a debt of gratitude to him for his sponsorship of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. My love of hill walking was first sparked by participating in a trek over the Brecon Beacons, led by a friend pursuing his Gold award. The lifting of lockdown is enabling us to begin moving forwards on a couple of projects, namely a play area and new cemetery, which have been on hold this last year due to COVID. It may be helpful to give you all an update on where we are with these.

Firstly the play area. Following a survey of play area need in 2017, it was identified that the key priority was for pre-school provision - particularly to the north of the High St. To the south of the village there is a small play area in St.Peter's Field, which will be supplemented by another play area within the planned development of 50 new homes off Bell Rd. Thus, in 2018, a residents working party was established to evaluate options for a pre-school play area in the northern part of the village.

A key issue we have is that the Parish Council does not own any land and we are entirely reliant on the co-operation of land owners within the village. Early discussions with the schools were unsuccessful and the working party eventually settled on two other potential sites.

The preferred option was to place a play area on a small part of the "dirt hills" close to the rear gates of the primary school. However a meeting of the Park Estate Residents rejected a proposal to continue exploring the matter with the Parish Council.

The second option is the green space in Ancient Meadows. This is owned by ECDC, who have indicated they would be open to leasing an area of land to the Parish Council for a play area. However, they would wish to see the results of a consultation with the Ancient Meadows residents before doing so. A consultation was planned for spring 2020, but had to be put on hold with the start of lockdown. We are hopeful that a consultation may now be able to take place in the next few months.

Secondly, the new cemetery off Lode Rd. We have completed all the studies required to go forwards to apply for planning consent and then purchase. The land is, however, placed in trust with the National Trust and inalienable. This means that we have to purchase the land by compulsory purchase order - something the Trust would contest except in the most exceptional circumstances. Recognising the exceptional nature of a cemetery the Trust is, however, indicating a willingness to co-operate with a compulsory purchase. I should add that, due to the legal status of the land, it is likely that a covenant will be placed on it at sale precluding use for any other purpose than a cemetery. So this will preclude the use of any part for a play area - something we had hoped for.

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Such an exceptional purchase requires “sign-off” by the Trust’s main board if we are to avoid a legal contest. Key to this is reaching agreement that our design accords with the Trust’s national objectives and landscape design principles. This has all been put on hold by furloughing of staff and a concentration on major projects to date. However, in May, our working party and consultants are now able to meet with the Trust landscape experts to agree on the design.

As and when agreement is reached, we hope to be able to present and consult with residents on the outline plans this summer. We will have to be patient though, as there is still a lot of water to flow under the bridge. Once we have reached agreement on the design, it may still be months before main board “sign-off” and the way opening up for us to apply for planning consent and then to proceed to purchase. In the meantime, we are seeking to utilise our space in the current cemetery as efficiently as we can, to ensure we do not “run out” of space before a new cemetery is established.

When we commenced this project we were warned by our cemetery consultant that it would take many years. Looking back I recall the new working party first met in 2012!! However the light is there at the end of the tunnel and I am optimistic we will eventually get there. I am grateful to all Parish Council members and residents who have played their part in the project to date.

Jon Ogborn - Chair, Bottisham Parish Council

District Councillors’ Report

The Council has decided to demolish the buildings, including the tent, at the Mepal Outdoor Centre. John and Charlotte, amongst others, were shocked that the buildings had been allowed to fall into such disrepair and that insurance money received had not been spent on repairing the buildings. There was no consideration given to alternative options other than to keep the buildings in their current state. Nor was there any consideration of the impact of demolition on the wildlife at the site and how to mitigate disturbance. An application to demolish will now be made through the planning system. This was particularly ironic, as the Operational Services Committee earlier in the month had approved a Youth Strategy and Action Plan. One of the big concerns which came from the Youth survey was space for recreation and outdoor activities.

It was unanimously agreed to carry over funds which would have gone to community sports centres in 2020-21 in order to provide financial assistance as they come out of Covid restrictions. It was also unanimously agreed to allocate CIL funding to improvements at the Gardiner Memorial Hall in Burwell.

Because of Covid restrictions, government allowed Councils to meet by video link rather than in person. This has proved to have many benefits, but the government have refused all-party requests from the Local Government Association and the National Association of

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Local Council's to extend the current arrangements beyond early May. East Cambs meetings have seen hundreds of people logging on during and after meetings to view on-line proceedings. This is much higher numbers than can attend meetings in person. Journeys to and from Ely for meetings have been cut, saving the Council money and saving environmental degradation. People with caring responsibilities have been able to join meetings and be at home if they are needed. Conversely, people with poor broadband or who are not familiar with the technology have felt excluded. The Government is now consulting on on-line meetings. If you would like to give your view, the consultation is now online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence>. The consultation ends on 17 June 2021.

Our next virtual District Councillors' Surgery and meet your Councillors will be on Tuesday 25 May at 6.30pm - Meeting ID: 859 7408 5100, Passcode: 741447. If you prefer to join the meetings by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.

Charlotte Cane – 01638 741064 John Trapp – 01223 812120

Planning Notes

A) APPLICATION RECEIVED

21/00439/FUL, 4 Lysander Close, Single storey rear extension and internal alterations

21/00501/FUL, 17 Peacock Drive, Proposed rear extension, window alterations and new front porch.

B) PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY ECDC

20/00040/FUL, 3 Maple Close, 1 & 2 storey rear extension, and changing tile cladding to cedar cladding to front elevation

21/00090/FUL, 64 Beechwood Avenue, Proposed two storey side extension, single storey front extension plus internal alterations. New roof tiles, windows and cladding to existing.

C) PLANNING APPLICATION REFUSED BY ECDC

20/000296/OUM, Land to rear of 163-187 High Street, Development of Retirement Village.

D) PLANNING APPEAL REFUSED BY PLANNING INSPECTORATE

20/00923/FUL & APP/V0510/W/20/3265563, Brian Mackay Commercial Vehicles, Newmarket Road,



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Each of our members received a posy of spring flowers for Mothering Sunday. These were made up and delivered by three of our members.

As we all look towards returning to a 'more normal' lifestyle, accommodating factors of the Coronavirus pandemic, Mothers' Union moves forward with a brand-new membership magazine entitled 'Connected'. The first issue of the twice yearly magazine has just been published and mailed direct to members from Mary Sumner House. It is packed with news, activities, current topics and lots more from Mothers' Union around the world. I am hoping additional copies will be available from the Diocesan Office so a copy can be placed in each of our Anglesey Group churches for members of the community to read if they wish.

For the time being Thursday Prayers will continue to take place via Zoom on the third Thursday of each month.

I close with a prayer for rebuilding hope and confidence from Sheran Harper our Worldwide President.

We will walk in hope and confidence, trusting each other, loving each other – and together we will rebuild hope and confidence of families and communities everywhere – always reaching forward as God's hands and feet and reflecting a life filled with purpose and meaning, grace and love, peace and joy.

Ann Langran

Sales, Wants and Swaps



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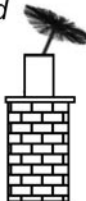
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Primary School Fund Raiser

My name is Lucy Woloszyn, I am a Bottisham resident and on Saturday 12th June 2021, I am taking part in the Broads Walk 50km challenge, with my good friend Meleena Walsh. I am raising money for Bottisham Community Primary School, where my daughters attend and Meleena is raising money for Bewick Bridge Community Primary School, where she is the year 3 teacher.

You can make a difference to our fundraising! If you would like to support us, please visit our individual Gofundme pages;
Bottisham Primary
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In addition to our walk, we will be holding a raffle on Saturday 5th June 2021. Monies raised will be split between both schools. Prizes include;

- **Afternoon tea for two at Quay Mill Hotel**
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- **A one-day family entry to Anglesey Abbey**
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More prizes are regularly being added and a full list will be available on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Wss-50km-stomp-for-school-103311375175565>

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We bowl through the summer (May to September) on the green adjacent to the Sports and Social Club in Downing Close. Two teams compete in the Ely League afternoon matches, which is split into two divisions. (Did I mention we won the Division One Championship?). Another league we play in is on Thursday evenings, involving different clubs around Cambridge, giving us other rinks to visit.

During the year we hold other local games and competitions, including more social get-togethers involving BBQs.

We would love to see some new faces in the club, we can give coaching assistance for newbies, and it would be good to add more players to our teams.

Bowls is a game for all ages, not just for seniors - if you have ever thought that you would like to give it a try then please ring either Keith Gibson (Tel 811049) or Katy Rowe (Tel 813170) or Jim Carswell (Tel 812857) and we can arrange a date. If you haven't, then why not give us a try anyway? You might enjoy the challenge.

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Secondly, and very importantly – Keep Testing your smoke alarms. Many types, Fire Angel particularly, rely on regular testing to prolong the life of the in-built battery – it could last up to ten years.

Thirdly – Wherever you live, please keep a weather eye open for your friends and neighbours. Do they have adequate fire protection and awareness? A knock on the door from time to time wouldn’t come amiss.

Fourthly - With technology and home appliances becoming ever more complex these days, there is more risk of mishaps and, potentially fire in the home – particularly in the kitchen where most home fires start. If you must use an adapter do use a trailing two or three socket one and do not plug more than the total 13Amps available at the original socket. Sockets have their limits which **MUST** not be exceeded!’ Please do not use the ‘cube’ two or three way versions – the extra weight can lever the adapter away from the socket to cause arcing, heat and FIRE.

Lastly – Safe and Well visits have been developed to help CFRS check the safety of homes and to offer appropriate advice. These are free and can be arranged through your local brigade or via Brigade Head Office in Huntingdon.

Stay well, stay safe – don’t become a statistic!

Michael White

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News from Tim...a Vinophile

Spring is definitely in the air and we're all getting used to socialising outside, but what are we drinking?

I know that for a lot of us outdoor socialising used to mean a barbeque and cold beers but things have changed now haven't they. We've all found ways to meet our friends and family outside and although there's nothing wrong with a cold beer what about a glass of wine?

Firstly, a word of warning. Generally, people drink faster when they are standing up or are unable to put the glass down somewhere. Add that to a bit of sunshine and it's easy to see why an hour of outdoor drinking can play havoc with the rest of the day. As ever, everything in moderation but maybe it's sensible to look for the wines with a lower alcohol content?

In recent years as a nation, we have started to drink a lot of rose, a personal favourite of mine and likely to get an article all to itself next month. However, let's stick with the basics. If you have the cash, a fruity Beaujolais always goes down well in the spring as does it's slightly smarter Burgundian neighbour, pinot noir. A notoriously difficult grape to grow, pinot noir has now become widely available from many countries. New Zealand and Oregon in the USA are real rivals to the finest French versions but don't be put off by offerings from Chile and the Yarra Valley in Australia. Remember that an hour in the fridge before drinking can help. It tastes better frais at about 15 degrees rather than warm and flabby.

If you're going to drink white, then you can do a lot worse than a crisp sauvignon blanc. I'm sure you've heard them described as zesty and gooseberry-like and it can be a delicious way to pass a couple of hours in the sunshine. Make sure you have an ice bucket with you!

I'd love to hear what you enjoy drinking al fresco. Drop me an email vinophile7@gmail.com

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Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe and get the best from your lung capacity. The Cambridge Singing for Breathing group is meeting online, using Zoom, on Thursday afternoons, 2.30 – 4.00.

Kay Barrett has been leading the group for local community music charity Talking in Tune since May 2016.

She says: You don't need any singing experience to take part. It's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone, and the health benefits transfer over into daily life.

The move to meeting online has worked really well for us. Singers can join from the comfort of their own home, even when they are feeling unwell.

You need to turn off your microphone when we sing together, but that can be very liberating! You simply copy what you hear the leader singing, call and response style. We also make use of multi-track recordings, so we can continue to enjoy rounds and harmonies.

DO I HAVE TO PAY?

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential – we want everyone to be able to come.

DO I HAVE TO COME EVERY WEEK?

We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come when you can.

I HAVE LONG COVID, CAN I JOIN?

The gentle pace and the breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe. Do call Kay if you are unsure.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Simply contact Kay at singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call 07845 726975 for further information and to receive the Zoom link each week.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com or <https://www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge/>

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No firm news at the moment. 40 members have re - joined and it is more than likely that we will be meeting at the Bottisham Community Sports and Social Club premises when it is suitable to do so.

Cambridgeshire Federation of Institutes have had a request from the Rosie Maternity Hospital New Born Baby unit for knitted hats. Babies are risk assessed at birth and are given a red, amber or green rating and receive the associated coloured hat depending on their individual risk factors for becoming unwell.

This will probably be the first time we have had a knitting pattern in the magazine!!! But here it is.

Double knitting wool, red, yellow or green and UK size 10 needles (3.25mm)

Cast on 48 (56) stitches

Knit 6 rows

Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 2.5 (3) inches or 6 (7.5) cms

Knit 2 together knit 6 – repeat to end of row

Next and every alternate row purl to end

Continue decreasing ie knit 2 together knit 5 (4) (3) (2) (1) until 12 (14) stitches remain

Purl one row

Knit 2 together 6 (8) times

Thread wool through remaining stitches and fasten off

Sew up using flat seam

Due to the present Covid 19 security it is best if completed hats are not delivered directly. They can be delivered to me at 49 Beechwood Avenue in plastic bags and I will see that they get them.

Having knitted over 550 squares for blankets since lockdown I for one will be delighted to knit something different.

Continue to take care, even though many of us have had our second vaccination and perhaps see the end of restrictions in sight.



Hoping to meet you all
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Take care of yourselves.

Helen



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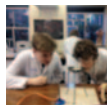
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Dear Editor

Having received a letter asking to fill out a 2021 census on Sunday 21st March, I thought I would go on line and see what came up for a census for the property we live in.

I attach the 1939 census and was interested to discover the house numbering in the high street. Currently we are at number 66 high street however the census

1939 England and Wales Register for William J Osbourn
Census: 1939 - Westminster No. 100

E.D. Entry No. T. B. N.Y. Borough, U.D. or R.D. Enumeration District
Registration District and Sub-District 191-2

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		3	Osborne, William J.	M	14	14	S		
		4	Osborne, Elizabeth	F	12	12	D		
		5	Osborne, William J.	M	11	11	S		
		6	Osborne, Elizabeth	F	9	9	D		
		7	Osborne, William J.	M	8	8	S		
		8	Osborne, Elizabeth	F	6	6	D		
		9	Osborne, William J.	M	5	5	S		
		10	Osborne, Elizabeth	F	3	3	D		
		11	Osborne, William J.	M	2	2	S		
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states that it's 101. The cottage was a former public house known as the Queen's head. Do any of the readers know when the numbering got changed.

I can only assume that the terrace houses near the old bakery must have brought about the change to the house numbers.

Also interesting to read the description of the lady's of the house as unpaid domestic servants. How things have changed for the better.

Steve Allen

Letter From Andy's Hair Design, Longmeadow

Dear clients and friends,

It is with a very heavy heart, after nearly 60 years of working as a hairdresser, I am finally hanging up my scissors and clippers and have made the agonising decision to retire. I am very blessed to have had a lifelong career that I truly love and saying goodbye to it will leave an enormous space, which to be honest, I'm not sure if I will ever be able to fill.

However, as a consequence of recent ill-health and the challenges of the Covid pandemic, I have decided now is the right time....and at the end of the day I am 75 years old!!

Andy's Hair Design will be officially closing for business on Friday 9th April 2021.

I am truly grateful for the many years of kindness and loyalty you have shown me.

Many of you have become my friends and we have shared some good times....and also some sad times together. I have some very fond memories. Thank you so much for your continued support and I send you all my very best wishes,

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Patient Survey: We are very pleased to note that Bottisham Medical Practice came in the top 10 for the latest patient satisfaction survey from all practices in the Cambridge and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group.

Medication, Weekends and Bank Holidays: Please make sure you have adequate medication in hand to cover for these periods and that ensure you have ordered well in advance to allow time to dispense.

You can now arrange to have your medication delivered to your home and leaflets for this are being distributed.

COVID 19 Vaccination programme: The PCN have now vaccinated over 11,000 patients and have now commenced doing the second vaccinations with Bottisham staff working with the rest of the PCN to delivery these at East Barnwell Health Centre. Please ensure you do not turn up without an appointment for your vaccination. You will receive a text message or phone call to arrange your appointment when it is your turn.

National Association of Patient Participation: There is now a public website for this Association. www.napp.org.uk

Next meeting: To be arranged and will be held virtually via Zoom. If you would like to join the Zoom meeting please email our chairman at s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will send you a meeting invite. AGM meeting scheduled for Zoom on Tuesday 26 May at 6pm.

Bottisham Patient's Participation Group.



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A Thank-you for all the kind donations to the BVC Computer Lockdown Appeals in 2020 and 2021

The Governors of Bottisham Village College would like to take a moment to thank all those, across this wonderful and generous Community, that donated computers and devices to support student education and wellbeing over the last year of lockdowns. These kind-hearted donations enabled over 110 devices to be successfully used for safe and continued access to education and enabled so many students to continue their studies. This was a massive team effort of donations, rebuilding and getting to those needing them most and to educationally productive use. An achievement on this scale was just huge. The Governors, Staff, Students and Leadership team are just so thankful that in this time of need that this support was just so immediate, generous, thoughtful and forthcoming. It meant so much to so many students, over the last year, knowing that they were not alone and without support and help.

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Public Transport Matters

Things are beginning to open up now as we slowly emerge from lockdown. More people are using the buses for work or shopping or just the delight of being out and about again. All 5 Park and Ride services recommence. Boris Johnson is apparently interested in improving bus services and is providing 3 billion pounds to councils and operators. This is to cover the frequency of services, more evening and weekend services and all to accept contactless payments. It is aimed to fund 4,000 UK built electric or hydrogen vehicles to provide clean, quiet and zero emission travel.

There should be an end date to the sale of new diesel buses. This reverses much of Mrs. Thatcher's 1986 deregulation. It also suggests hundreds of miles of bus lanes despite a High Court ruling that some already planned should be scrapped.

Locally the Mill Road bridge closure to cars has caused many problems. It is also suggested that rail should be electrified to end the diesel dependence. Wisbech is to have a railway station. Funding is being sought for new stations at Harston and Sawston. A new 42 billion pounds rail line could be built between Liverpool and Leeds and include Bradford and Manchester according to Transport for the North.

HS2 costs are set to balloon by 800 million pounds partly due to delays caused by anti HS2 protests and the Covid related problems. Dartmoor rail service reopens this year in a reversal of the Beeching cuts. The buses boss of Go Ahead is also looking into the electrification of buses throughout the country.

Eurostar could soon run out of cash and there are talks with the British and French governments. The restrictions on travel have caused a loss of Eurostar traffic and SNCF has already been given billions of euros in French state support. London and the Thames could be a target market for a planned Candela P - 30 zero emission hydrofoil motor boat which could carry 300 people. Tests are being run around the Stockholm archipelago by Candela, the Swedish producer. That area has happy travel memories for me and we have also crossed the Channel on the Hovercraft that used to run. Trains from different companies could be run in competition on the service between Edinburgh and King's Cross for the first time in living memory. One way fares from 25 pounds by First Group. It causes problems for the government as it will run it as an enfranchised operation against the state subsidised London North Eastern railway.

The constant change of plans and routes for the proposed Cam metro system continues. There are websites.

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Happy travelling - take care and keep safe and well - Paddy Jame

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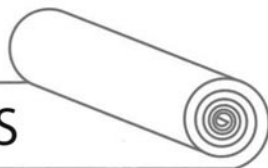


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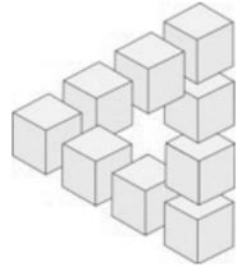
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Thoughts of a Sports Nut

Could it be that the hierarchy of the Asphalt Industry Alliance reads the Cresset? Clearly prompted into a response by my diatribe on potholes in last month's magazine, the AIA published the results of their survey which apparently found an increase of 200,000 pothole repairs in the past year, bringing the total for 2020 to an impressive 1.7 million at a cost of £93.6 million! Furthermore, it reported that the proportion of council-maintained roads in an officially 'poor state' fell during the year from 21% to 16%. You could have fooled me! But this is, indeed, good news... perhaps we'll begin to notice the difference when they make inroads (pun intended!) into the remaining 8.3 million death-traps!

Regular Sports Nut readers will know that Rugby Union is not my favourite sport. Not being blessed with physical proportions usually associated with rugby players, I admit a certain prejudice, the source of which may have something to do with switching to a rugby-playing school in my teens and being caught on the bottom of a ruck on my first try-out! However, credit where it's due! Despite spending much of most games completely bewildered by the rules, I am compelled to express how enthralling the final match of the Six Nations Championship was. Delayed from earlier in the month, France v Scotland was of most interest to the Welsh, who could have been pipped as tournament winners if the French had trounced the Scots convincingly. The upper hand was exchanged a number of times in the match and, with France leading by three points at the 80-minute mark, Scotland summoned up some strength and determination from deep in their hearts and mounted a series of attacks which ultimately proved irresistible. The French defence eventually crumbled under this colossal effort and Van der Merwe burst through with the try that secured the Championship deservedly for Wales and – for the Scots – their first win in Paris for over 20 years. I hope this moment of glory went some way to aiding the recovery of our esteemed Cresset editor during his recent hospitalisation.

As far as England is concerned, they remain inconsistent and enigmatic. The early magic of pugnacious Aussie coach Eddie Jones has long since waned and one wonders if he has run his course with the players currently at his disposal. Whether or not Jones' time is up, it seems the immediate challenge for the England players is to find some more effective leadership on the pitch. Their concession of 41 penalties in the first three games of this year's championship is indicative of the lack of discipline that is costing them dearly. Former England captain Matt Dawson sees the team as not having enough "friction" within its ranks, contrasting the leadership of Welsh skipper Alun Wyn Jones who has a more 'forthright' approach to dealing with his players' mistakes! "We need to reset the team..." says Eddie Jones. I wonder if that means a change of personnel or a change of tactics, or both... Perhaps some of you egg-chasers out there can interpret for me?

So, the big fight is 'on' then! Anthony Joshua's people have finally reached agreement with Tyson Fury's people for the two heavyweights to fight this summer for the undisputed world title with a date and venue yet to be confirmed. Considering that Joshua and Fury, 31 and 32 respectively, should both be at their peak, this match promises to be one of the most spectacular events in boxing history and would earn both men an obscene amount of money on a 60/40 split in favour of the winner. It's a difficult one to call: two complex individuals with contrasting personalities and contrasting styles, both with some murky moments in the past... stand by for some further opinions once the finer details are announced!

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In the meantime, the tributes have been pouring in for one of the best pound-for-pound boxers ever to grace a ring. “Marvellous” Marvin Hagler’s career spanned the so-called Golden Age of Boxing, during which he fought and beat the best of the era, among them Alan Minter, Thomas “Hit Man” Hearns, Vito Antuofermo and Roberto Duran. Former champion John Mugabe described Hagler thus: “My power would have woken up ancestors of other fighters... but he barely wobbled!” If you remember, Hagler lost his last fight in 1987 in somewhat controversial fashion when Sugar Ray Leonard cleverly outpointed him on a split decision to regain the world middleweight title despite Hagler showing most of the aggression. The aftermath was that Leonard then retired (again), thus denying Hagler’s request for a rematch, but subsequently de-retired again as soon as Hagler announced his own retirement in favour of an acting career in Italy! Anyway, RIP Mr Hagler – a tough, tough man and a true gentleman of sport, sadly taken in March at the tender age of 66. “Don’t doubt me, because that’s when I get stronger..!”

British cycling team Ineos Grenadiers have made a big statement as the new stage-racing season unfolds! The team dominated the Volta y Catalunya from the moment Simon Yates proved his credentials as the strongest climber by taking the first summit finish on Stage Three (of seven). Not only did Yates wear the white leader’s jersey all the way to Barcelona, but he was accompanied by team mates Richie Porte and Geraint Thomas in second and third places respectively! With Grand Tour Winners, Egan Bernal, Tao Geoghegan Hart and Richard Carapaz, plus World Time Trial Champion Filippo Ganna, in their ranks, the 2021 season promises to be a challenging one for Ineos’ opponents.

April was a good month for women in sport, too. Rachel Blackmore made history by winning the Grand National, the first female jockey to win at Aintree in the race’s 182-year history. The next day, Helen Glover, who won gold medals at the 2012 and 2016 Olympics before ‘retiring’ to give birth to three children, triumphed in the European Rowing Championships Pairs, taking gold (with Polly Swann) on her return to international competition. And now she is bidding for inclusion in the GB team for the Tokyo Olympic Games at the ripe old age of 34. At the opposite end of the spectrum, 14-year-old Bombette Martin staked her own claim for inclusion in the Olympic team by becoming the British National Skateboard Champion. This ‘sport’ will be making its debut in Tokyo and we can expect to see children barely out of primary school climbing the podium steps to collect their medals! Apparently, only three of the world’s top 10 female skateboarders are over 20! Is this really what the Olympics is all about?

If I may finish on a personal note of optimism... the rumoured sale of Ipswich Town FC to an American consortium (funded by Arizona pension funds) finally came to fruition in early April. A company called ‘Gamechanger 20’ (formed solely for the purpose) purchased around 90% of the club’s shares, with departing owner Marcus Evans retaining a nominal holding but no executive involvement. The supporters are delirious with delight at the prospect of halting the malaise which has blighted the club during Evans’ tenure and seen the Town slide from knocking on the door of the Premier League to mid-table in League 1. Although it is sad that a deal like this (i.e. foreign ownership) provides the only viable escape from oblivion, it is also unfeasibly exciting to think there might be a cogent plan to return this great club to the Premier League in my lifetime! It strikes me as ironic that Marcus Evans’ ownership of Ipswich will be regarded as a failure, but you could argue that selling to someone with even deeper pockets is a master stroke for which we should all be grateful!

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR MORAL CODE?

May I start by thanking Charlotte Cane (District Councillor) for her articulate response to the March JOW article. Whilst I don't personally agree with all of her conclusions it is nonetheless a welcome alternative viewpoint...

That said at least the former Arsenal and France striker Thierry Henry seems to be of similar mind to JOW and has quit social media platforms on the grounds that "it's far too easy to create an account, use it to bully and harass without any consequence and still remain anonymous". It's not a safe place and it's not a safe environment and until this changes Henry, like many other sporting personalities, are said to be disabling their accounts across all social media platforms.

So many disquieting situations are grabbing the headlines at the moment that I for one am truly fearful of the threat the perpetrators pose to our mainly civilised society. I have had real difficulty this month knowing just where to start and what particular event to pick up on. For example; religious leaders threatening the life of a teacher over an image, school children in Pimlico being allowed to remove the Union Flag and burn it because (in their opinion) it is a racist symbol, adults goading young children into throwing petrol bombs at the police, the NT (yet again) encouraging children, as part of its Colonial Countryside project, to denigrate the Empire with the writing of poems lamenting Britain's history, the dumbing down of English language rules in education to accommodate 'progressive' usage and of course the reaction against the male population, especially young boys, for the abuse of women. Probably the most appropriate message - me included - is not to let paranoia set in and for us all to remain level headed and be very careful not to judge purely on melodramatic protest and sensationalised headlines.

But like Henry, I would argue that digital media platforms are mostly to blame for many of the social evils being seen in this country at the moment, characterised by recent antagonistic rallies and aggressive community protests. Furthermore many commentators are agreed that social media platforms and the actions of activists themselves have undermined the march of progress in British attitudes particularly towards racism, hate crimes and the abuse of women by providing a stage on which to amplify the intolerance of such views. Not helped of course by truculent TV soap operas and Tabloid TV screened before the 9pm watershed.

Nonetheless, and judging from what we see, read and hear, there is indeed a definite loss of civility in today's society. And this seems to be linked with the 'it's all about me' attitudes exhibited in utterly thoughtless behaviour. It was with immense interest then that I read an article on Amanda Owen 'The Yorkshire Shepherdess' - who has brought up nine children - in which she says "parents are to blame for today's less resilient and more sensitive generations who are more likely to take offence and to have an unwarranted sense of

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entitlement” – in other words rights without responsibilities! She goes on to say “if you put your child on a pedestal, with no sense of independence and you think you have got to entertain them the whole time, what can you expect?” She very much points the finger at the ‘modern day’ parents who seem to have forgotten the importance of teaching their children ‘social behavioural skills’. With so much subversive behaviour going on I wonder then whether this country’s march toward a progressive and ‘godless’ society undermines that which is considered to be customary social behaviour – in other words, a moral code.

Traditionally our belief in a moral code comes from the example set by parents, grandparents, at school and by society at large. Whether you believe in a deity or not - once you depart from a centuries old belief then surely you are in free fall - even something as basic and simple as a ‘moral code’ has an origin. Personally I would argue that this ‘code’ originates from the Christian upbringing of our forebears (but not to confuse a moral code with the conventions of commerce). Indeed I would go further and suggest that many of the social issues we experience nowadays is because this ‘moral code’ is no longer understood by recent generations nor passed on as being relevant. If this is so then to whom or to what will it be left to guide the probity of future generations?

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