

Artist as a Young Man

Henry's second year at Trinity College Cambridge has seen him plumbing the more obscure medieval texts for his English course, and working at a dissertation on James Joyce's Ulysses. And doing all the things students do that they don't tell their parents about.



Alice and Henry at Trinity May Ball

Henry has pursued the traditional undergrad pursuits of try-outs for University Challenge, May Balls, rowing, inter-railing, putting traffic bollards on statues, pot-noodles, etc...



Alice and Martyn looking for Baskerville Hall

More-ish Pursuits

Alice and her boyfriend Martyn continue their tradition of wandering into the wilderness with a tent by trekking around Dartmoor, dodging ponies, falling in rivers and sampling the local cider. Alas not a glowing hound in sight...



Coburn & Ulrich as Bonds

Do You Expect Me to Talk?

While we wait for the production of *Spectre*, the 24th 007 movie next year, the *Bond in Motion* exhibition in London enabled sad, middle aged men to get close up to the cars, planes and autogyros of the movies.



Bits of a horse in a test tube

Going Viral

Alice continues to work towards her PhD on the influenza virus in Glasgow, trying to convince the government that horse flu is the next big threat. They seem unconvinced, but funding from animal health charities keeps the work ticking on. Currently, she is studying the evolution of horse flu since it was discovered to see if human infections are becoming more or less likely.



Studying virus techniques in Washington DC

Alice in Maryland

In March Alice won a small grant of her own to escape freezing Scotland for two months to the sunnier climes of Washington DC. She toured the Smithsonian Museums and excellent zoo, and occasionally dabbled in cutting edge virus techniques at the University of Maryland.



CAM FM 97.2 Rockhopper at 7pm on Mondays, DJ Henry Coburn brings high-energy rock and hip-hop beats from the block party to your ears.

SPORTS REPORT



Athletics Commonwealth Games

Usain Bolt said that the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games were "a bit s**t". A bit harsh we felt. Glasgow was bathed in sunshine, the athletics were thrilling, and the breakfast line for toast included Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson and The Thorpedo.



Tennis Wimbledon

Halep beat Tsurenko, and Janowicz beat a heroic Hewitt in a five setter on court 2, and we cheered on the other Murray brother in a great day out on the lawns of Wimbledon.



Football Chester Bounces Back



Chester fanatics celebrate defeat of Cambridge

Andrew's old school friends the Brians demanded our support for Chester FC's relegation battle, straining our loyalty in the home match against Cambridge United. Chester stayed up, with a stunning last minute own-goal by another club's accountants.



American Football Wembley, USA

Wembley Stadium is converted to a little piece of Americana for NFL games. David Dutton took us to see the Detroit Lions beat the Atlanta Falcons with the last kick of the game.



Rowing First & Third M3

Henry made his Bumps rowing debut in M3 boat for First & Third Trinity.



Henry and the rest of the V11



Christmas 2014

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New Family Website: <http://www.dittoncorner.co.uk>



2014 was the year of the Selfie. As our arms weren't long enough, Siobhan helped us stay fashionable. Here's our Us-ic.

Still United After Referendum

We still all live in one country after Scotland decided not to annex Alice

The Scottish referendum threatened to split us up, but the *Better Together* vote squeaked a majority, so Alice doesn't need a passport to continue living in Glasgow after all. We had to campaign hard, of course, visiting the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow to spend our English pounds, and flying the Saltire flag from our Sassenach flagpole to show the Scots how much we love them and their funny ways.

Not too difficult of course as we have ancestral Scots family roots, with the Cockburn family castle reportedly being razed during earlier periods of less democratic separatist processes.



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Isolationism and intolerance is a worrying trend in modern politics, with EU referenda, recent gains of the anti-immigration party UKIP, and geopolitical tensions running high.

All Better Together

Our world peace outreach campaign continues. Henry spent his summer cementing European relations, by inter-railing round the brewing capitals of the Eurozone to improve balance of trade and social bonds.

Helen continued her ambassadorship to China, with another government trade delegation trip, this time with the Business Secretary.

Our commitment to keeping the kingdom united even extended to Northern Ireland with a family visit to see friends in Belfast, and the shipyards where they built the Titanic. No metaphor there of course.



Our commitment to the unsinkable ship of state. Visit to the Harland and Wolff shipyards in Belfast.



Bonfire Night: We celebrated the incendiary gains of UKIP by adopting Nigel Farage as our effigy



Rowdies and rowers for the Bumps & Carnage party 2014

Hats Off to the Gallant Rowers of Bumps 2014

Great turn-out again for our annual river bank bash. Thanks to all who helped us cheer on Henry who was rowing in this year's spectacle.

Henry's boat rowed over valiantly 3 times running but got caught at Grassy on the final day. No savvy the lingo? Ask a boatie.

 Our *Bumps for Hearts* fund to honour Ian Mulligan, Len and Sylvia Coburn now stands at over £13,000 after this year's Bumps Party. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations to the British Heart Foundation.

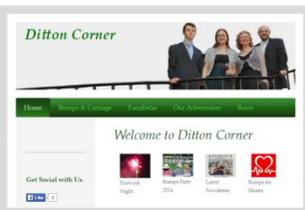
Don't miss next year's event
Save the Date for
Bumps & Carnage Party
Saturday 13 June 2015



Best to visit Giant's Causeway before the distillery

Finding Peace in Belfast

Off to Northern Ireland in the spring, to fight our way through massed hen parties to see the sights of Belfast, where Alice's friend Lauren is studying for a PhD in marine biology. She was a great guide. We gawped at the Titanic Centre - where the great ship was built and launched. We slurped at the Bushmills whiskey distillery. We snapped at murals of King Billy on the one hand, and Armalite-toting Provos on the other. We wobbled across the Carrick-a-rede Ropebridge and marvelled at the Giant's Causeway on the spectacular North Antrim coast.



We have a new family website
<http://www.dittoncorner.co.uk/>
New! Archive of past editions of the Gazette

10K - Best Foot Forward

Helen took her CAR office mates and friends raising money on a 10K walk for Alzheimer's UK. She dedicated the effort to Auntie Nelly who passed away in May.



Stretching their legs for charity



Henry doorsteps Freshers for Round Cambridge

Cup Cakes or Cup Size?

Investigative journalism at its finest as Henry presents Tab TV show 'Round Cambridge', asking Freshers at the University whether they have thrown up yet and their word-association impressions of student life.

Some of what they said might just about be printable.

<http://cambridge.tab.co.uk/2014/1108/round-cambridge-episode-1/>



Henry's Great-Great-Grandfather, Henry Legge

Connecting to the Great War

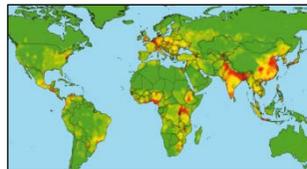
During this year of the centenary of the Great War, featuring epic poppy sculptures in the Tower of London, our family discovered a new photo of the finely mustachioed Henry Albert Legge, Andrew's mum's grandfather, RSM in the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who was badly injured at the battle of Passchendaele in 1917.



Uncle Frank (93) and Auntie Eileen

Milestone Grit

Grandma Edna has recovered well from a hip fracture, sustained in a fall in March. Her brother Frank celebrated his 93rd birthday.



Where future epidemics like Ebola might come from

Doom Mapping

Andrew's work at the University of Cambridge Centre for Risk Studies involves the imagineering of crises that could cost the global economy trillions of dollars. This year involved methods to analyze the economics of catastrophes (called 'catastrophics' of course) and developing risk maps for it all. As the Ebola outbreak spread in West Africa and beyond, the team published an analysis of the possible global economic impact.



Chinese calligraphy class go big

A Slice of Mandarin

Helen's been learning Chinese in evening classes. Lots of conversation, word games, reading, speaking and calligraphy. Here's her class with their first attempts at written communication: It says "Go Big!"

Bye-Fellow

Andrew was elected a Bye-Fellow of Christ's College, where he was an undergrad in the early Jurassic. He was inducted into the rituals of High Table, 'Combination', and the Order of the Yale. As I'm sure you all know, a yale is a mythical creature with contra-rotating horns, featured on the heraldic crest of the college.



Yales Rampant: Christ's College Gatehouse

Bamboo Growth

Helen's project at the Dept. of Architecture on bamboo composites is sending out shoots. In August she gave a presentation at an international conference in Quebec City, along with several colleagues from the international team - including the University of British Columbia in Canada, and MIT in the US.



Bamboo team in Quebec



RMS, Andrew's company, was 25 years old this year. Andrew first worked with RMS as a consultant in 1992, 22 years ago, and merged his start-up company with RMS in 1998. It's been quite a road.

Platform Pains

In 2014 we nearly released a new flagship platform product, RMS(one), but technical snags caused failure to launch. This has made for a painful year in the market, but, as they say, it was a learning experience. In the meantime it's back to basics building new models and solving problems with gusto. Like we did 25 years ago.



Helen and Andrew at the top of The Shard

View from the Top

The Shard - London's tallest building - opened this year. Helen got an early view as a member of the Academy of Urbanism study visit on the contribution of tall buildings to the London skyline. And took the hubby for an elevated view.



Vince Cable asks who last took Helen to China

With Cable to China

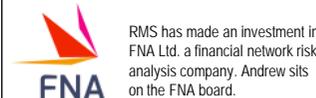
A follow-up to the trip with David Cameron last year, Helen took off to China on a trade mission headed by Vince Cable, the Business Secretary. She delivered a CAR project in Chongqing, giving advice on traffic management, and extended her links in south China.



Helen's bi-lingual presentation in China

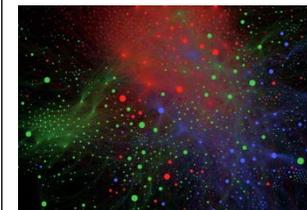
Financial Network Risks

RMS is funding Andrew's research team at the Cambridge Risk Centre exploring financial risk modeling. This involves understanding banking networks and how financial crises cascade through them.



RMS has made an investment in FNA Ltd, a financial network risk analysis company. Andrew sits on the FNA board.

This is a young science with a small research community at present. This year Andrew helped launch a new *Journal of Network Theory in Finance* and organized an inaugural conference. Financial stress tests are the main challenge for next year.



A 'star-map' of the global financial system