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# FEN EDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Chair Eileen Wilson reports on FEFF 2015

**W**hat a busy and exciting long weekend it was – not even some rain on Saturday could dampen the spirits of the Fen Edge. And the 21st – a midsummer's day to remember – was sunny and action-packed. Entertainment, food, music and fun – these words sum it up.

The FEFF Committee began organising the Festival in September 2014 with one objective: to make it a family friendly event – and we were delighted with the response. You might be surprised at how many people were involved in making it run like clockwork.

### First, the Committee

Caroline Dethridge, Chair – also booked and co-ordinated many of the activities

Eileen Wilson, Co-Chair – responsible for facilities  
Mick Saul, Treasurer

Jo Hillier – organised many activities across the whole Festival, and also worked in the Community Centre

Alison Jones – Activities, including the Juice Bike

Paul Mappedoram – Activities, including the Steam Engine

Paul Knighton – Health and Safety

Jo Bigger – Art exhibition and website

Adam Lord – Marketing, sponsorship and programme

Diane and Eric Pranklin – Barbecue (Burgers and sausage dogs)

Lucy Dumbrell – Stalls

Jenny Swindell – organised activities on the playing fields and recruited volunteers as stewards/marshals

At the weekend committee members had much to do: erecting fencing, managing the stallholders and activity providers. They took turns in acting as Lead Stewards in the Control Tent, the nerve centre of the Festival. When it was over, after the well attended concert by Barry Palmer's Jazz Band in the main marquee on Sunday night, they then faced the clearing up. On Monday everything was back to normal, a tremendous achievement.

### Second, the helpers

About 150 volunteers (over 18 and under 80) filled 200 slots, acting as stewards and marshals, donning orange or yellow hi-vis jackets and carrying walkie talkies. They worked in two-hour shifts, from early morning to late at night, tackling everything from litter picking, to supervising the crossing from the Green to CVC, to

cleaning the loos or selling raffle tickets – we couldn't run the FEFF without them,

Very special thanks go to Alan Mappedoram who worked throughout from Thursday to Monday sorting out the electrical supply to the main marquee and other electrical equipment on the Green and near the pond in front of CVC – he even took lessons from the marquee contractor on how to put up and take down the partition. He kept the Festival working.

### And thirdly, friends of FEFF

- Sharon Chaplin, who organised the amazing Planetarium in the CVC sports hall.
- Churches in Cottenham who combined as Christians Together and ran several events: a jungle jamboree holiday club, and the Cottenham Superstars, a family event. The winning Superstars were Primary boy – Lukas Craig; Primary girl – Phoebe Nicoll; Secondary boy – Ben Allouis; Secondary girl – Megan Walker; Adult male – Simon Taylor; Adult female – Angela Knight.
- People who came along and helped with setting up and clearing up.
- CVC for use of the grounds and hire of rooms. And Kerion Hunt for helping around CVC.
- Local groups including those from Willingham and Landbeach who organised and ran activities over the weekend – making it a Fen Edge, not just a Cottenham, event.
- Sponsors and financial backers who put advertisements on the website ([www.fenedgefestival.co.uk](http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk)) and in the programme.
- Local companies Durman Stearn (road closure and fencing); Travis Perkins for sponsorship in kind; Amey for providing bins and skips for refuse.
- The comperes who kept festival-goers informed of everything taking place: Alan Leeks and Roy Badcock.
- Wayne Bell who set-up and ran the handwashing for the animal petting.
- Tony Phillips who ran The Venue along with the sound system.
- Cottenham Ploughing Society for their exhibition of farm machinery, animal petting, tractor rides through the village.
- Cottenham Toy Library which gave the visiting youngsters their own playground on the Green.
- Fenland First Aid – lovely first aiders who stepped in at the last minute when St John's Ambulance couldn't find volunteers and who joined in the Festival

atmosphere and reported that they had to deal with very few problems. Seems we're pretty healthy here in the Fen Edge!

- Fellows Brewery (Mark Burton) for his generous support, providing Cottenham-brewed ales in The Venue and main marquee.
- Dean Back who provided the children's bike to raffle.
- All the contractors who provided the marquees, loos, sound system etc

Last, but not least - the many thousands who came along to make FEFF 2015 such a special community event.

## FESTIVAL highlights

- CVC Sixth Form: Lovely atmosphere with lots of young girls waiting to have their hair curled/braided etc; amazing displays; great café.
- Cottenham Primary School PTCA Summer dance on Friday night: a sell out!
- Cambridge Caledonian Pipe Band: the Green was packed with admiring watchers.
- Brooks Williams – singer/songwriter, wowed the main marquee on Sunday with his widely-admired blue grass style and acoustic guitars.
- British Science Association: Science Zone; brought success to the CVC pond on the Saturday (again). And Mr Marvel on Sunday won over the young children, all happily sitting on the grass to watch the magic show.
- The Venue – musicians young and old, provided entertainment for all tastes. The line-up on Sunday which included Djangophonix and The Fenatics was particularly popular.
- Sculpture competition: organised by Sheila Gosling, judged by Frank Morris, Chair of Cottenham Parish Council. Results:

**Category, 7 years and under:** 1st prize Eva Davis; 2nd prize Charlotte Templar; 3rd prize Arron Grace

**Category, 8-12 years:** 1st prize Alex Gosling; 2nd prize Zak Saunders; 3rd prize Mabel Jones

**Category, 13-16 years:** 1st prize Harvey ( from Sunflowers Care Ltd); 2nd prize Emily Wilkinson

**Category, Adults:** 1st prize Gerald Walkers; 2nd prize Pat Labistour; 3rd prize Group from Cottenham Court

**Category, Family:** 1st prize Hills Family; 2nd prize Miles Family; 3rd prize Saunders Family

**Category, Business and Clubs:** 1st prize 1st Cottenham Rainbows; 2nd prize 1st Cottenham Guides; 3rd prize 1st Cottenham Brownies

- The Community Centre which stayed open during the Festival, its volunteers keeping everyone happy while activities were taking place in the café and back room. On the Green, a stall did good business selling produce made by the CCC volunteers.

- The CAYAC (Cambridge Area Young Artists Competition) organised by artist/teacher Steve Ferris. All the entries, from pupils at CVC and Fen Edge primary schools, were well displayed in the college hall. Judges were: Daniel Tiezzi, visiting professor of oncology at Addenbrookes; Christina O'Riley and John McCrea, IT consultants; and Tracey Ashman, local artist.

**Best in Show:** Amy Shaw CVC Yr 9.

**Key Stage 4:** 1st Georgia Duckworth CVC Yr 10; 2nd: Francesca Pesci CVC Yr 10; 3rd: Louis Mayfield CVC Yr 11.

**Key Stage 3:** 1st Niamh Thimson CVC Yr 9; 2nd: Kieran Jackson CVC Yr 8; 3rd: Richard Complak CVC Yr 9.

**Key Stage 2:** 1st Jessica Meredith Willingham PS; 2nd Olivia Clarke Cottenham PS; 3rd Lizzie Mead Willingham PS.

**Key Stage 1:** 1st Yasmin Locke CPS; 2nd John Browning Willingham PS; 3rd Stephen Keane The Phoenix School.

- Chris Moller's Repair Café: £27 was donated by those who brought 22 items to be repaired, and as there was no charge for the CVC hall, and the repairers didn't claim anything for spares or other expenses, this will be donated to the Registered Charity in Ghana of which Chris is the Hon Treasurer – TEABAG ([www.teabagcharity.org.uk](http://www.teabagcharity.org.uk)).
- Animal petting: it was great to see all the children getting up close to an array of farm animals, and then washing their hands afterwards – and no arguments!
- Open gardens on display and tractor rides through Cottenham, from the Green to All Saints where visitors could climb to the top for a fantastic view.  
On Saturday, the Cottenham Parish Council displayed the winning entries to the Road Sign Competition at their stall. Congratulations to: Amelia Mae Ford, Sophia Piran, Rachael Rowley, Felix Miles and Jude Higney. The signs will now go into production and should be in situ in the autumn. You can view them on the CPC website: [www.cottenhampc.org.uk](http://www.cottenhampc.org.uk)

## THE FESTIVAL'S VALUE

The Fen Edge Community Association is a charity which, for over 30 years, has acted to encourage its member groups and organisations which contribute to the quality of life in the five Fen Edge villages. FECA brings them all together every two years when it sponsors the FEFF, a big outlay but for a very rewarding cause. The success of the festival (the final figures will be put on the website [www.fenedgefestival.co.uk](http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk)) ensures that any profits will be available to pay out as grants to FECA MEMBERS. For information about joining and the benefits see [www.fenedge.co.uk](http://www.fenedge.co.uk)

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## *What's on and when*

### **JULY**

**18th** Quiz night in aid of church funds, All Saints Hall, Cottenham, £5 entry, 7.30pm

**21st** Pre Edinburgh Fringe Mike Maran – Danté, a Divine Comedy, CCC, 7.30pm

**25th** Waterbeach Brass Band concert and afternoon tea at Landbeach Village Hall

**27th–31st** Jungle Jamboree, 5-day holiday club, Cottenham Baptist Church (bookings 01954 250178)

**27th–31st** Cottenham Summer School, CVC (community@cvcweb.net or 01954 288751)

### **AUGUST**

**2nd** Cinema, Cottenham Community Centre (01954 202109)

**3rd–7th** Mad Science for kids, CCC, 9.30am–3.30pm (bookings supersonic.madscience@gmail.com)

**8th** Open Day Landbeach Tithe Barn, 10.30am to 1pm (see p55)

**15th** Pond dipping at Landbeach (see p55)

**16th** Friends of Worts Meadow (see p55)

**17th** Family history session, Cottenham Library, 7–9pm

### **SEPTEMBER**

**5th** Willingham Horticultural and Craft Show (see p59)

**6th** Cinema, Cottenham Community Centre (01954 202109)

**7th** Autumn term begins

**11th** AGM Cottenham Village Society, All Saints Hall, 7.45pm

**12th** garage sales Landbeach, 10am–1pm

**12th** 28th annual Rampton Horse Show (Facebook ramptonhorseshow)

**12th** Class of '82 reunion, Cottenham Sports & Social Club, 7.30 (see p21)

**13th** Afternoon tea with Tongue Twisters and Arts Group, CCC, 2–4pm

**16th** Landbeach past and present, talk by Ray Gambell (see p55)

**21st** Family history session, Cottenham Library, 7–9pm

### **OCTOBER**

**3rd** First Aid Training, CCC, 1pm

**3rd** Cottenham Ploughing Competition (see p21)  
**4th** Cinema, Cottenham Community Centre (01954 202109)

**9th** Cottenham Village Society talk, All Saints Hall, 7.45pm

**18th** Cottenham Feast: to enter a float or book a stall contact Julie Percival (juliepercival188@yahoo.co.uk or 01954200854)

**19th** Family history session, Cottenham Library, 7–9pm

**21st** Audley End and its occupants, talk by Sarah Tice (see p55)

**24th** Half term

### **NOVEMBER**

**1st** Cinema, Cottenham Community Centre (01954 202109)

**3rd** return to school

**13th** Cottenham Village Society talk, All Saints hall, 7.45pm

**16th** Family history session, Cottenham Library, 7–9pm

**18th** History and Archeology of Milton, talk by Derek Booth (see p55)

**21st** First Aid training, Cottenham Community Centre

**28th** Christmas market, Cottenham Community Centre

**28th** Brooks Williams, Rampton Village Hall, 7.30 (see p15)

### **DECEMBER**

**2nd–5th** Puss in Boots, CTW pantomime, CVC (see p13)

**6th** Cinema, Cottenham Community Centre (01954 202109)

**19th** Christmas holidays begin

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# 21st birthday of Cottenham Village Design Statement

## Cottenham was one of the first villages in the country to make their views of development known

**In 1993 the Countryside Commission, wishing to improve Rural Design, asked Cottenham and two other villages to write statements about their communities, highlighting the qualities valued by residents. The statement would ensure that further development would be based on a considered understanding of the village's past and present, protecting its special character. Cottenham has been one of the largest villages in Cambridgeshire since the 11th century. Its landscape, settlement patterns and buildings show the marks of more than 1,000 years of history.**

A meeting in the village on 23 September 1993 resulted in the formation of the Cottenham Village Design Group, made up of local residents. After a wide public consultation, a design statement was adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by South Cambridgeshire District Council in May 1994 and the Design Group set up a formal constitution a year later and joined the Fen Edge Community Association.

In 2007 the statement was revised, based on the experience of using it to comment on planning applications and to reflect changes in the village, such as the large developments at Tenison Manor and Brenda Gautrey Way. It was published as a booklet (with the help of an award from the National Lottery) and can be found at the Cottenham Library and Cottenham Community Centre. Its recommendations assist the Parish Council in their role as statutory planning consultee. For more information see <http://www.cvdg.org/> **Mike Smith**

### **COTTENHAM AT A DEVELOPMENT CROSSROADS**

Times have changed since 2007. In August 2013 the South Cambridgeshire Strategic Housing Land Availability (SHLAA) report was published which assessed 14 sites in and around Cottenham in 2011 for possible housing development. One, which estimated 33 dwellings at the junction of Long Drove and Beach Road, is now completed. Called Pelham Grange, it has 47 properties. Another, described as 'land at Rampton Road' intimated a capacity of 220 dwellings. Gladman Developments (<http://www.your-views.co.uk/cottenham/>) are proposing a to build 'approximately 250 homes

and 70 apartments'. They leafleted 400 homes and businesses, not the whole village, but there are 'consultation boards' on their website highlighting issues and asking for comments.

Information about the development was raised by Cottenham residents via the community website Streetlife but it is on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. There are several concerns: increased traffic, infrastructure, turning the village into a town, and the pressure on educational facilities. Another proposal, for a site on Oakington Road, will also add to these.

Cottenham Primary School which has been increased in size to accommodate existing pupils plus a moderate increase from Pelham Grange has no capacity for expansion, County Council education officers have advised. Additional housing would require further primary education provision. District Councillor Lynda Harford has said that any developments would be looked at cumulatively as to their effect on the village. Steven Poole from the Design Group says neither has reached the planning application stage when the plans will be scrutinised and the Parish Council will make its views known.

Recently the Parish Council started local consultations on a Neighbourhood Plan. Check it out on the website: [www.cottenhampc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/](http://www.cottenhampc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/) and post your comments. Councillors can only act on your behalf if they know what you think. Such a plan would have a shared vision for the neighbourhood as well as policies for the protection, development and use of land. It can consider issues such as housing, employment, heritage and transport. An NP needs involvement of the local community to succeed, and has to be passed by referendum – though that could be up to two years away.

In the meantime, because of the pressure to provide housing in South Cambridgeshire, villages are vulnerable to speculative developers – 'vampires', one councillor called them (reported in the Cambridge News). Cottenham Parish Council website has a document on the SCDC development policies on which potential developments are judged. If you want to object to a development, quote the policy numbers as to where they breach policy. **Wendy Dear**



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## PANTO WILL BE THE CAT'S WHISKERS!

This year's production by Cottenham Theatre Worskshop is a favourite, and traditional, pantomime written by long-time CTW member and actor Debbie Chalmers with a little help from Tim and Chrissie Kelby whose fun-touches were enjoyed in previous pantos.

Puss in Boots, naturally, will be packed with furry friends, challenges to overcome, songs to singalong to, and jokes to be appreciated by all ages. Our very clever Puss – no mere cat this one! – will, of course, be decked out in the essential boots and hat, and will take to the stage at Cottenham Village College from 2nd to 5th December. Evening performances at 7.30 Wednesday to Friday, and two matinees at 1.30 and 5.30 on the Saturday. Tickets will be on sale from 10th November from Frameworks, 171 High Street, Cottenham, or book in advance via [www.cottenhamtheatre.com](http://www.cottenhamtheatre.com)



Debbie Chalmers and John Unwin at the CTW tent at the FEFF

## TALKING BOOKS

Some of Cottenham library staff and friends entertained children with stories and rhymes on the Saturday of the Fen Edge Festival and gave away balloons. The Summer Reading Challenge, entitled 'record breakers', gets underway at the beginning of the school holidays. Children may register anytime during the week before the holidays and can drop in later when the library is open to collect stickers and talk about their books. Family History help is available on the 3rd Monday of each month. Ask for details at the library (Margett Street), or by telephoning 0345 0455225.

## THE PAST REVISITED

The Cottenham Village Society welcomes people who are interested in the history and character of the village and its surroundings. We visit historic features locally and further afield, have a series of lectures and take part in community events.

Thirty members went on the summer outing to the American Cemetery at Madingley. At the Fen Edge Festival we held a display featuring old goods and pictures of old shops in the village from the early 19th century until the present day. The pictures provoked many memories from residents and much interest about the large number of retail outlets that were once here. The group tries to find pictures from its archives for villagers who want to see what their house looked like in the past. Speaker Meetings take place at Cottenham All Saints Church Hall, High Street, on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7.45 pm. Details on the website <http://www.cottenhamvillagesociety.ukfamilies.com> or contact Glynis on 01954 251544.

## COTTENHAM WI

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY to all WI members both old and new. We meet once a month at the village college and our new programme has a wide variety of speakers to interest everyone. In addition there are different groups that meet throughout the month. These include poetry, walking, craft, and a successful darts team. We are a very friendly group and will assure you of a warm welcome, so please come along. For more information about dates contact Margaret on 01954 250841 or Jill on 01954 253385.

## COTTENHAM COMMUNITY CINEMA

Our aim is to show quality recent movies, plus some classics, on the first Sunday of the month, in the lovely surroundings of the Community Coffee Shop. We have a very large screen and a fantastic audio visual system installed. There is a short introduction to the film before it starts, and at the end an opportunity to discuss its themes. Quality beer, wine, and soft drinks are available at a reasonable price, as well as popcorn and other snacks. Cost for each evening screening is £5 on the door, or £4 if you book in advance at the Coffee Shop, via our Facebook Page ('Cottenham Community Cinema') or by e-mailing [simon.oliver@cantab.net](mailto:simon.oliver@cantab.net). Cost for a 'Family Movie' is £2 per ticket. Any proceeds from the Community Cinema will go towards Cottenham Community Centre.



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# RAMPTON NEWS

## COME IN SPINNERS

Despite the whirling and twirling going on in front on the FEFF weekend, in one stall on the Green a group of women calmly made their wheels whirr and their threads taut on a range of spinning machines. The Rampton Spinners have been going for 30 or so years, meeting about six times a year from 10am to 4pm on the 1st Saturday of every 2nd month in Rampton Village Hall to share their interests in handspinning and other fibre arts and crafts. Their spinning equipment, like something out of a fairytale, drew a lot of amazed attention. You can follow them or attend a meeting via <https://www.ramptonspinners.wordpress.com>

## HORSE SHOW IN THE PARKLAND

The 28th annual show will take place on 12th September. Check details on Facebook [ramptonhorseshow](https://www.facebook.com/ramptonhorseshow) or the website [www.ramptonhorseshow.org](http://www.ramptonhorseshow.org)



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**Parish council:** see page 19.



## Rampton Village Hall Management Committee presents

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7.30pm Saturday 28th November 2015

Brooks Williams returns again to Rampton after three previous sell-out appearances. The evening will be a feast of blues guitar, groove-laden songs and cheery banter. A must for anyone who appreciates acoustic guitar playing at its best. Ranked one of the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists, singer-songwriter Brooks Williams writes and delivers his songs with an easy-going vocal style. Walking the line between blues and Americana, Williams has worked stages worldwide for over 25 years, amassing a staggering back-catalogue of songs, recordings and tales.

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# MUSIC AND DANCE IN THE FEN EDGE

**A**s a showcase for talent, the FEEFF could not have been more perfect. Wendy Dear applauds the incredible mix of entertainment brought to festival-goers, courtesy of FECA and generous sponsors

- Cottenham locals Dani Swann and Jack Swinton made exercise look rhythmic with their contemporary dances. They run SCAMBS on Saturdays at CVC in the gym from 11 for an hour: info from tutusrus@ntlworld.com or jackstinton@gmail.com
- Line dancing and zumba certainly take your breath away as the performers demonstrated, challenging the mind and body as the calories burn up. Classes of both are held at CCC (see p53) or contact Jo on 07915 043205. For traditional movements to music you can start very young (from 4) with Irish Dancing, shown to effect in the main marquee by the Caroll Lehané Academy ([www.cambridgeirishdance.com](http://www.cambridgeirishdance.com)).



- The music choice was wide, in both marquees and the community cafe. The tartan kilts of the Cambridgeshire Caledonian Pipe Band were eye-catching on the Green and their popular offering of bagpipes and drums came to a much-applauded end just before Brooks Williams slung his acoustic guitar over his shoulder and transported those gathered in the main marquee to blue-grass America. He's a familiar face in Cottenham, where he lives, and looking at the audience he said he recognised faces that he'd seen in the Co-op. If you missed him, you can catch him again at Rampton (see p15).
- A stunning contrast followed: Junior Prime Brass sending out a great sound despite having not played together for the last three months while concentrating on their GCSEs. These under 17s



take it all in their stride, and with confidence. The big Cottenham Brass has now a 15-year-old drummer, so the youngsters have a big future round here presenting popular music. Cottenham Brass moved on to hymns to finish the afternoon session, with the local clergy leading the songs of praise.



- Cottenham based TyrannoChorus is a combination of three choirs: TongueTwisters (under 11), VoxPop (under 18) and bigMouth (under 100). They're a clever lot, rehearsing separately yet able to perform together as they did on the Saturday, while the two older groups presented their eclectic mix on the Sunday. They even had a stall on the Green where people could test their vocal chords – for fun.
- There was standing room only at the Venue for most of the FEEFF, but on Sunday it was especially packed, everyone enchanted by an extraordinary range of entertainment. It started with a busking session and led through to the sultry lively mix of Djangophonix (bass, violin and guitars) and the Fenatics whose individual style and vocalists are obviously much appreciated.





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# FEN EDGE PARISH COUNCILS

## COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

County Councillor David Jenkins reported to the annual meeting of the successful committee system now used at the council, resulting in a collaborative approach. He cited reduction in funding as causing cuts in services; if communities want to preserve some services they may have to fund them themselves, he said. Among the biggest problems of the next five years would be libraries, roads and lights; he suggested neighbouring parishes should work with each other, sharing resources.

Frank Morris was elected Chair, and Ian Young vice-Chair. Former chair Alan Leeks has resigned and there is now a casual vacancy, as well as another vacancy. The new changing rooms building is due for completion at the end of August; date of opening event will be given on website and posted on village notice boards.

Council meets first Tuesday of month in village hall (recreation ground), Lambs Lane, at 7.15pm. Clerk: Jo Brook. Office: 250A High Street (to right of Community Centre). Open Monday 9.445am to 12 noon or by appointment. Contact details: 07503328401, or [clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk) and [www.cottenhampc.org.uk](http://www.cottenhampc.org.uk)

## RAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Sam Allen is the new Chair; Chris Goldsmith vice-Chair. Through co-option, the council is now back to full strength; only Cllrs Allen and George Milne were on the previous council.

Council meets first Monday of month (not August), in village hall, 7.30pm. Clerk: John Garstang. Office (by appointment): 23 Cow Lane. Contact details: 01954 250960; [ramptonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ramptonparishclerk@gmail.com) and [www.rampton.org](http://www.rampton.org)

## LANDBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

The chair is Melanie Sarita Hale.

Council meets first Monday in month (not August), in village hall, 7.30pm (on bank holiday months, meetings are second Tuesday in the parish church). Clerk: Maria Sylvester. Office (by appointment 9am-1pm, 2-5.30pm): 30 Lee Close, Cottenham. Contact details: 01954 252400; [mariasyvester@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mariasyvester@hotmail.co.uk) and [www.landbeach.org.uk](http://www.landbeach.org.uk)

## WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

There are 15 councillors. Michael Williamson was re-elected as Chair; Barbara Bull re-elected as vice-Chair. Plans for pedestrian crossing on Chapel Street moving ahead.

Council meets first Tuesday of month at The Old Pavilion, 7.30pm. Clerk: Liz Jones. Office: Tues and Thurs 10am-2pm (or by appointment), The Old Pavilion, Cambridge Rd. Contact details: 01223 441338; [council@waterbeach.org.uk](mailto:council@waterbeach.org.uk) and [www.waterbeach.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk)

## WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Now has a full complement, with four new parishioners co-opted as councillors. Phil King is Chair; Ray Croucher vice-Chair. Phase I of the play equipment has been completed and the Council and Willingham Action Group are continuing to source funding for phase II.

Council meets first Wednesday of month at the Octagon, 7.30pm. Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell. Office (by appointment 10am-1pm): Ploughman Hall, West Fen Rd. Contact details: 01954 261027; [email@willinghampc.org.uk](mailto:email@willinghampc.org.uk) and [www.willingham-pc.org.uk](http://www.willingham-pc.org.uk)



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# FEN EDGE MISCELLANY

## CVC CLASS OF '82 REUNION

Calling all ex pupils, teachers and partners of those who left CVC in 1982. Tickets are now on sale for the Class of '82 reunion to be held in the Cottenham Sports and Social Club on Saturday September 12th at 7.30pm. There's been a terrific response so far so don't leave it too late!

The organisers aim to trace as many 'old' friends from their year as possible and they are doing pretty well! If you are a parent/friend/sibling of someone you think may have left in 1982 – he or she would be approaching their 50th birthday and was in the same year as Lynda Blunt (née Askew), Margaret Harold (née Cannon) and Karen Oakley (née Roberts) – please forward this article to them.

To keep up to date there is a dedicated Facebook page and a group and event page – just search 'CVC reunion 1982 leavers'. The group page has generated many interesting memories and old photos since it went live. If you use Facebook simply request to join the group. We have 33 years to catch up on!

Tickets cost £7.50 each to include a light buffet and a disco, with quiet music at first. All profits will go to charity. There are several ways to buy. You can send an sae with a cheque payable to Lynda Blunt, to Lynda Blunt, 34 High Street, Willingham, Cambs CB24 5ES. Or online banking direct payment to Karen Oakley 50-42-37, 71238255; please send an email to confirm payment to [lyndaeblunt@aol.com](mailto:lyndaeblunt@aol.com). Or call in to Sarah Jane Hairdressing, 131 High Street, Cottenham (closed Mondays). Any further information from Lynda on 01954 261309.

## ADULT LEARNERS ON DISPLAY

Examples of creative work done by adult learners at evening classes – silversmithing, upholstery, patchwork, ceramics and watercolour painting – drew a lot of attention at the FEFF. CVC offers lots of opportunities to enjoy being creative – the summer school, from 27 to 31 July, gives you a chance to try your hand at a craft, music, drawing, painting, decorating cakes, making bunting or jewellery. Fees vary according to how many days

you 'do', but all include lunch and refreshments. Many classes might be full by now but if you want to join in call Adult Learning and Leisure on 01954 288751 or email [community@cvcweb.net](mailto:community@cvcweb.net)

The new autumn programme is in the centre of this issue with the booking form. There is a wide variety of classes including some new subjects: 'Learn to Love Your Overlocker', 'Five Felting techniques', 'Healthy Meals on a Budget', 'Mixed Media Art'. Continuing is English for Speakers of Other Languages which proved very popular in the summer term. Also all French and Spanish courses continue with a new 'French for Beginners' for those who want to learn from scratch.

FREE Family Learning on 26th September: Screen Printing, Kite Making and Baking. All the primary schools will receive flyers with details or you can call 01954 288751 for details.

## OUSEFEST CELEBRATION

From 20th July for a fortnight, the OuseFest celebrates the Ouse Washes landscapes and communities. For the full programme go to [www.ousewashes.org.uk/ousefest](http://www.ousewashes.org.uk/ousefest) or contact [sara.marshall@camacre.org.uk](mailto:sara.marshall@camacre.org.uk). This part of Cambridgeshire/Norfolk is regarded as the heart of the fens and one of the best places for wildlife in the UK, designated a special protection area for wildfowl.

## ANNUAL PLOUGHING COMPETITION

Organised by the Cottenham Ploughing Society, this will take place on the first Saturday in October, down Oakington Road, starting at 9.30. Last year there were over 30 entrants, the youngest about 14, the oldest 81. All information, including conditions of entry, available from Robert Clarke on whose land the competition will take place: 01954 250443.



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## KEEPING FIT IN THE FEN EDGE

- One of the most fascinating sights at the FEFF was the juice bike, a great way to use up energy and create a 'smoothie'. FECA hired the bike as a fundraiser, sharing the proceeds with Cottenham Scouts and Willingham Youth Group who bought along the fruit and got the festival-goers to climb aboard and pedal like mad and see the fruit transformed into a healthful drink. Perhaps it should be a permanent fixture in the Fen Edge!
- 'Fitness for Mature Movers' will continue at Tillage Hall, Waterbeach, on Monday mornings 10 to 11am, and at Cottenham Village College on Wednesday afternoons 1.30 to 2.30pm. It's a great way to gently exercise and meet new people - a cup of tea and a biscuit afterwards is always encouraged. For information call 01954288751.
- Cottenham Renegades ran a touch rugby tournament on the Saturday of the FEFF, teams six a side, 10 minutes each way – the sides being made up of over 15s and above of any gender. Very good exercise for all involved. If you want to attend evening sessions contact Eddie Murphy 01954251700 or email [ejmurphy@ntlworld.com](mailto:ejmurphy@ntlworld.com).
- 'Active and healthy 4 life' is a 12 week fitness programme available to anyone who is inactive or has a condition that might be helped by exercise. It's a referral scheme from your GP, so you can ask about it at your surgery or at the Cottenham Sports Centre.
- Rounders on the Rec at Rampton is fun for all who enjoy team sports. August dates: 4th 6.30–8pm; 23rd 10-12am; 25th 6.30–8pm. Wear shoes you can run in, all other equipment provided.
- The skate park at Cottenham recreation ground is now open. Waterbeach has applied for planning permission to install one and as the parish council has received grants to cover most of the costs work should start before too long.

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### **Tuesday 15th September**

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Learn to Love your Overlocker! (Daytime)	Wednesday
Mixed Media Art	Wednesday
Silversmithing	Mon, Tues & Weds
Upholstery (Daytime)	Thursday & Friday
Watercolour Painting Improvers (Daytime)	Monday

### Fitness & Health

Fitness for Mature Movers (Cottenham)	Wednesday
Fitness for Mature Movers (Waterbeach)	Monday
Pilates (Daytime) at Rampton Village Hall	Monday
Pilates	Tuesday
T'ai Chi	Tuesday
Yoga	Monday & Tuesday

### Dance & Music

Adult Ballet Beginners	Monday
Adult Ballet Improvers Cottenham Community Centre (Daytime)	Wednesday and Thursday
Adult Tap Dancing Beginners	Monday
Adult Tap Dancing Intermed/Improvers	Wednesday
Ballroom Dancing	Monday

### Languages

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French for Beginners	Tuesday
Improve Your French (Year 3)	Wednesday
JUST TALK ENGLISH FREE	Wednesday
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**6.30–7.30pm Fee: £50(F)/£40(R) starts 21st September (held in our Dance Studio)**

For complete beginners, this class is designed to teach rhythm, co-ordination, terminology and the steps that are the building blocks for all tap dancing. This is a great dance class for having fun while developing tone and strength in the legs and hips.

#### **Art History: Art Nouveau–Abstraction – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 21st September 2015**

This course is aimed at anyone who would like to know more about European painting between 1890 and 1920. It will be a basic introduction to selected art movements during this period starting with the influences upon the Art Nouveau Movement and

how it affected European countries focusing upon painting, architecture and the applied arts.

#### **Ballroom Dancing Beginners – 10 weeks**

**6.15–7.15pm Fee: £50(F)/£40(R) starts 21st September**

A class for total beginners who want to dance Ballroom. Join a friendly dance class with a very experienced tutor who will guide you through a series of steps and dances.

#### **Ballroom Dancing Intermediate – 10 weeks**

**7.15–8.15pm Fee: £50(F)/£40(R) starts 21st September**

This course is for those who have already attended a Beginners' class or have at least 20–30 hours of previous lessons and want to improve their skills and increase their knowledge of dance routines.

#### **Ballroom Dancing Advanced – 10 weeks**

**8.15–9.15pm Fee: £50(F)/£40(R) starts 21st September**

This course is for those who have already attended an Intermediate class or have at least 60 hours of previous lessons. Learn more complex steps and routines to further enhance your dance experience.

### **Candle Making (an Introduction) – 4 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £36/£27 + candle kit £20 starts 28th September**

A basic course which will teach you how to make your own Wax Tarts, Melts, Tea Lights, Votives, and Floating Candles at home, for yourself or as gifts. Learn ways to adapt your candles to give a different appearance and ways to present your candles. Materials kit must be purchased from the tutor on the first night, fee £20. This kit contains all you need, including paraffin wax – any other wax isn't suitable for this course.

### **Candle Making – Containers & Advanced Techniques – 1 evening 16th November 7.00–9.00pm – Fee: £10 + candle kit £10**

A follow on course to the Introduction to Candle Making course where you will make container candles and learn some more advanced techniques. You will be taught how to make container candles, learn how to calculate wax requirements, how to choose the correct size wick and how to test candles. Materials kit must be purchased from the tutor on the night, fee £10. This kit contains all you need, including paraffin wax – any other wax isn't suitable for this course.

### **Candle Making – Novelty & Pillar Candles – 2 weeks 7.00–9.30pm Fee: £23(F)/£18(R) + candle kit £20 starts 23rd November**

This is another advanced candle course and students need to have attended the Introduction to Candle Making course and the Container and Advanced Candle Techniques course before enrolling on this course. You will produce three styles of candle. By using your existing skills and newly acquired skills, you will be able to transform them into Novelty Candles with a Christmas theme as well as Pillar Candles. The £20 kit contains all you need, including paraffin wax – any other wax isn't suitable for this course.

### **Dressmaking (Daytime) – 10 weeks 12.30–2.30pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 21st September**

Learners will be guided through the purchase of fabrics and patterns. They will learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit their garments. As well as this they will be taught basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practice their skills. There will be plenty of help with using a sewing machine if required. Suitable for beginners and more advanced learners.

### **Dressmaking for Beginners – 5 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £45(F)/£34(R) starts 2nd November**

Would you like to be able to make your own clothes or clothes for your children? Then come and learn how to use your sewing machine, follow a pattern and cut out fabric. Then using modern sewing techniques make clothes that not only fit but you will be proud of. This course is designed for those with no sewing experience or those who want to return to sewing clothes and make them to fit. Materials extra.

### **Entry Pilates (Beginners) (Daytime) – 10 weeks 1.45pm–2.45pm Fee: £50 – Classes held at RAMPTON VILLAGE HALL starts 21st September**

Learners can expect to learn better techniques to move and increase body awareness using the easier options of the exercises. This makes this session suitable for those new to Pilates, recovering from an injury and those who are not interested in taking the movements to the next level of complexity.

### **Fitness for Mature Movers (Daytime) – 5 weeks 10.00–11.00am Fee: £20 starts 21st September (Tillage Hall WATERBEACH, parking available).**

Join us to gently stretch and tone in a friendly class. All movements to your own ability and will improve your balance and agility. All welcome – you really are never too old to start toning those muscles!

### **RYA Day Skipper – 12 weeks + 4 Saturdays 7.30–9.30pm Fee: £320 starts 21st September–14th December 2015**

The aim of the course is to equip students with the theoretical knowledge required for a Day Skipper practical course Certificate. The course covers an introduction to navigation theory, basic meteorology, safety and seamanship. There are two assessment papers: (1) chartwork (2) general assessment paper which covers all the other aspects of the syllabus. Suitable for beginners and people with little or no experience in cruising yachts or motor cruisers. Fee includes two charts, practice navigation tables and the RYA course notebook. (Saturday sessions are 26th Sept, 17th Oct, 21st Nov PLUS one more Sat)

### **Silversmithing Intermediate Level – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm £90(F)/£68(R) (plus £20 for materials – copper not silver) starts 21st September**

This is a course aimed at learners with previous knowledge of Silversmithing who are looking to

explore more advanced techniques used to make cutlery, bangles and curtain ends etc. You will predominantly work in copper which has similar properties to silver at a fraction of the cost.

**Watercolour Painting for Improvers (Daytime) – 10 weeks 10.00am–12noon Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 21st September**

This course is for people with some experience of Watercolour. It is the most popular medium, and for very good reason. There is little to compare with the beauty of transparent colour washes. The course will have a definite bias towards traditional

landscape painting. There will be plenty of new colour mixes, tips and 'tricks of the trade' for you to learn and enjoy.

**Yoga for Beginners – 10 weeks 6.30–8.00pm Fee: £68 (F)/£51(R) starts 21st September**

A beginners course which is suitable for all ages and abilities. Learners with some experience who want to 'go back to basics' are also welcome. The course aims to increase your flexibility whilst teaching you how to work with your breath and how to relax. Please note this course is not suitable for ladies in the first three months of pregnancy.

## TUESDAY

**WEA (Cottenham) Location: British Legion Hall, High Street, Cottenham**

**Subject: China – Land and People, from Mandarins to Commissars Tutor: Laurence Staig**

In Part 1 of a 2 part course we look at the nature, landscape, human settlement and great dynasties of imperial China and their cultural legacy: essential background to understanding modern China.

**Tutor: Laurence Staig**

**Start date: Tuesday 22nd September 2015**

**Course fee: £48 for 10 sessions**

**Time: 10am (1.5 hours per week**

**Contact: Liz Milway Tel: 01954 250039**

**Advanced Textiles Workshop (Daytime) – 5 weeks (term 1 of a 3 term course) starts 29th September Tuesdays fortnightly 10.00am–3.30pm Fee: £120(F)/£90(R) Materials costs are extra**

A lively and structured workshop for those who wish to further their skills and experience in the field of creative embroidery. Students should have at least completed C&G 7822/7922 Embroidery or similar and have a firm commitment to the year's course and an ability to work on own initiative. Design will be the catalyst of all learning with embroidery/machine embroidery and mixed media techniques. All applicants will have to go through a selection process – please ring the tutor Pauline Verrinder on 01954 260358 before applying.

**Designer Textiles Workshop (Daytime) – 5 weeks (term 1 of a 3 term course) starts 22nd September Tuesdays fortnightly 10.00am–3.30pm Fee: £120(F)/£90(R) Materials costs are extra**

This workshop is aimed at embroiderers with a high level of experience in the field of creative embroidery. Students are encouraged to extend and develop existing skills and experience through individual experimentation and discovery led by

design. It is expected that students have completed C&G 7922/7923 Embroidery or have attained similar skills and qualifications through other avenues of study. All applicants will have to go through a selection process – please ring the tutor Pauline Verrinder on 01954 260358 before applying.

**Entry Pilates (Beginners) – 12 weeks 6.30–7.30pm Fee: £60(F)/£45(R) starts 15th September**

Learners can expect to learn better techniques to move and increase body awareness using the easier options of the exercises. This makes this session suitable for those new to Pilates, recovering from an injury and those who are not interested in taking the movements to the next level of complexity.

**Pilates Explore (Improvers) – 12 weeks 7.30–8.30pm Fee: £60(F)/£45(R) starts 15th September**

Learners can expect to learn better techniques to move and increase body awareness. These sessions also incorporate the more challenging options of the exercise for those interested in taking the movements to the next level of complexity.

### **French for Beginners – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 22nd September**

If you are a total beginner or have had some previous contact with the French language, then this course is for you. Starting from basics, you will develop an appreciation of the French language and culture and eventually be able to communicate in many everyday situations.

### **Healthy Family Meals on a Budget – 4 weeks 7.00pm–9.00pm Fee: £36(F)/£27(R) starts 29th September**

On this course you will learn how to prepare recipes ideal for family meals. Recipes which are healthy, tasty, not expensive to make or time consuming. The recipes are versatile so that they can be adapted to make several different meals. As this is an evening class, the cooked dishes are all suitable for reheating the next day or freezing. Ideal for beginners.

### **Revive Your Spanish Level 2 (Improvers) – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £85(F)/£64(R) starts 22nd September**

This course is aimed at those who have studied Spanish for at least 40 hours or who have previous knowledge. It is designed to give you confidence to speak the language and be understood. If you already have experience of listening, speaking, reading and writing Spanish and want to develop your knowledge further, then this is the course for you.

### **RYA Coastal Skipper – 22 weeks 7.30–9.30pm Fee: £320 starts 22nd September 2015–22nd March 2016**

The aims of the course are to equip students with the theoretical knowledge to put to practice on a seaborne course leading to either the Coastal

Skipper or the more advanced Yachtmaster Offshore Certificate. The course is suitable for students who have successfully completed Day Skipper shore based and practical courses.

### **Silversmithing Advanced Level – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm £90(F)/£68(R) starts 22nd September**

This course is aimed at learners with previous experience of Silversmithing who are looking to explore more advanced techniques, develop their design skills and explore their own aesthetic style. Learners may source their own silver with advice from the Tutor.

### **T'ai Chi for Beginners – 10 weeks 7.00– 8.00pm Fee: £45(F)/£34(R) starts 22nd September**

T'ai Chi Chuan is a meditative form of exercise involving flowing sequences of movement. Regular practice can help to develop calmness and relaxation, physical fitness, mental clarity and a sense of well-being.

### **T'ai Chi for Improvers – 10 weeks 8.00– 9.00pm Fee: £45(F)/£34(R) starts 22nd September**

Suitable for those with at least one year's experience.

### **Yoga for Improvers – 10 weeks 7.30–9.00pm Fee: £68(F)/£51(R) starts 22nd September**

Suitable for those with at least one year's experience (gained over the last few years). The course aims to increase your flexibility improve your asana practice and develop your understanding of the philosophy of yoga. Please note this course is not suitable for ladies in the first three months of pregnancy.

## **WEDNESDAY**

### **Adult Ballet Improvers Level 1 (Daytime) – 10 weeks 10.00am–11.00am Fee: £50 starts 23rd September (held at Cottenham Community Centre)**

For those who attended ballet classes as children or adults, this class is designed to refresh your technique and style and knowledge of the steps that are the building blocks for ballet. Each session will consist of set barre and centre exercises that will lead on to learning choreography to a variety of music. A great dance class for having fun while developing tone and strength throughout the body.

### **Adult Tap Dancing Improvers – 10 weeks 7.00–8.00pm Fee: £50 starts 23rd September (held in our Dance Studio)**

For those who have previously completed Adult Beginners Tap (Levels 1–3), or who have previous experience of Tap to Grade 3. This class is designed to teach rhythm, co-ordination and to refine technique. Bring a little Fred Astaire to your Wednesday evenings!

### **Adult Tap Dancing Intermediate – 10 weeks 8.00–9.00pm Fee: £50 starts 23rd September (held in our Dance Studio)**

For those who have previously completed Adult Improvers Tap (Levels 1–3), or who have previous experience of Tap to Grade 6. This class is designed to develop higher levels of rhythm, co-ordination and technique. Bring a little Ginger Rogers to your Wednesday evenings!

### **Art: Mixed Media Experimenting and Exploring – 10 weeks 7.00pm–9.00pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 23rd September**

Ideal for both beginners and the more experienced artist too. Although the main focus will be on acrylics and work on paper, we will look at any number of different approaches to image-making. The aim is not to create realistic pictures of the world, but to expand technique to allow a whole variety of expression and finish. Oil pastel and ink, scraperboard and collage will all be touched upon. Materials extra.

### **Carpentry, Learn Design & Make – 9 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £80(F)/£60(R) starts 23rd September**

This course will be light, informative and enjoyable enabling progression from idea to conclusion. We offer a top quality, extensively equipped carpentry workshop where you can design and make a woodwork project of your choice. Suitable for the complete beginner or the expert. Bring your own woodwork materials.

### **Ceramics – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £95 + £15 materials starts 23rd September**

Explore, create and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise a range of techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects using a variety of stoneware clays, slips and glazes. Beginners will have the opportunity to learn a traditional skill and those wishing to improve will be able to further develop the art of ceramics in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere.

### **Felting – 5 techniques in 5 weeks 9.30am–12.30pm Fee: £75(F)/£56(R) starts 23rd September**

This course focusses on the exciting process of making pre-felts and using these to create contemporary patterned surfaces. Develop your wet felt making skills and to try out some new

felting challenges. You will be encouraged to develop your own designs, exploring texture and colour combinations. Materials list sent on enrolment.

### **Fitness for Mature Movers (Daytime Cottenham Village College) 5 weeks 1.30–2.30pm Fee: £20 starts 23rd September**

Join us to gently stretch and tone in a friendly class. All movements to your own ability and will improve your balance and agility. All welcome – you really are never too old to start toning those muscles!

### **Improve Your French Year 3 (Term 1 of a 3 term course) – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 23rd September**

Aimed at learners with two to three year's knowledge/experience of French. This is the follow-on course from Improve your French Year 2, but anyone is welcome to join. If you know lots of words but have difficulties putting them together and you would like to go on improving your speaking, listening and writing skills further, then you will enjoy this course.

### **Just Talk English for Parents/Carers (for speakers of other languages) FREE COURSE 5 weeks 7.00–9.00pm starts 23rd September**

This course is for parents or carers who would like to improve their communication in English in a relaxed and friendly group setting. Meet others, make friends and practice your English in a supportive environment with the help of an experienced Tutor. A small charge for continuation after 5 weeks.

### **Just Talk French (Improvers) – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 23rd September**

For learners with at least one year's knowledge/experience of French. If you know the basics such as buying food, booking a hotel room, travelling by public transport and you would like to go on developing your skills further, then this course is for you.

### **Learn to Love Your Overlocker! – 4 weeks 10am–12.30pm Fee: £45(F)/£34(R) starts 11th November**

A course for everyone who has an overlocker but is unsure how to use it, finds threading a nightmare and can never get the tensions right. All will be made easy so that you can set your

overlocker correctly and give your work a highly professional finish. Learn how to adjust everything to ensure your overlocker makes a perfect stitch for everything you want to make. You will have an opportunity to use your overlocker to make simple projects.

### **Silversmithing Basic Level – 10 weeks 7.00–9.00pm Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) (plus £20 for materials – copper not silver) starts 23rd September**

Suitable for beginners or people with some previous experience with the material. Students will work in copper initially which has similar properties to silver at a fraction of the cost and be taught how to solder, pierce, form and finish metal. Full details when booking your place.

## THURSDAY

### **Adult Ballet Improvers Level 1 (Daytime) – 10 weeks 10.00–11.00am Fee: £50 starts 24th September – classes at Cottenham Community Centre.**

For those who attended ballet classes as children or adults, this class is designed to refresh your technique and style and knowledge of the steps that are the building blocks for ballet. Each session will consist of set barre and centre exercises that will lead on to learning choreography to a variety of music. A great dance class for having fun while developing tone and strength throughout the body.

### **Adult Ballet Improvers Level 1 – 10 weeks 8.00pm–9.00pm Fee: £50 starts 24th September (held in our Dance Studio)**

For those who attended ballet classes as children or adults, this class is designed to refresh your technique and style and knowledge of the steps that are the building blocks for ballet. Each session will consist of set barre and centre exercises that will lead on to learning choreography to a variety of music. A great dance class for having fun while developing tone and strength throughout the body.

### **French Conversation – Intermediate (Daytime) –10 weeks 9.30–11.30am Fee: £90(F)/£68(R) starts 24th September (course currently full, please contact us for waiting list)**

If you are looking for an informal daytime class to improve your French then this class is for you. Come along and join an enthusiastic group and have fun conversing in French. Students should already have a good basic knowledge of French with at least one year's experience.

### **Upholstery (Daytime) – 10 weeks 10.00am– 3.30pm Fee: £230(F)/£172(R) (Furniture and materials purchased by the learner) starts 24th September (course currently full, please contact us for waiting list)**

This course requires no prior experience, just enthusiasm and a love of the craft. Whether you are new to upholstery and want to refurbish a simple dining chair, or more adventurously, an armchair, this course is for you. All the correct techniques of upholstery are covered for traditional and modern furniture. Students need to bring their own piece of furniture to work on.

## FRIDAY

### **Upholstery (Daytime) – 10 weeks 10.00am– 3.30pm Fee: £230(F)/£172(R) (Furniture and materials purchased by learner) starts 25th September (course currently full, please contact us for waiting list)**

This course requires no prior experience, just enthusiasm and a love of the craft. Whether you

are new to upholstery and want to refurbish a simple dining chair, or more adventurously, an armchair, this course is for you. All the correct techniques of upholstery are covered for traditional and modern furniture. Students need to bring their own piece of furniture to work on.

## SATURDAY DAY SCHOOLS COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

Time: 10am – 4pm (unless otherwise stated)

**Cost: £30(f)/£23(r)\* unless otherwise stated** (\*applicable to those in receipt of means tested benefit, see Booking Form)

(Please note all students will need to bring a packed lunch for whole day courses.  
Materials are extra where stated)

### STITCHED TEXTILES MASTERCLASS

with Pauline Verrinder

6 SATURDAYS 10am–4pm

**Term 1: 3rd October & 14th November 2015      Fee: £60/£46**

**Term 2: 6th February & 5th March 2016      Fee: £60/£46**

**Term 3: 28th May & 25th June 2016      Fee: £60/£46**

The Stitched Textiles Masterclass is aimed at all those experienced Textile Artists who have a serious commitment to the extension and development of their acquired skills. ENROLMENT WILL BE BY SELECTION ONLY. Students of the Masterclass are encouraged to develop existing textile skills through individual experimentation and discovery led by design. It is expected that students will have completed C&G Embroidery Diploma or have attained similar skills and qualifications through other avenues of study. Please speak to the Tutor – Pauline Verrinder on 01954 260358 **BEFORE YOU ENROL**

### UPHOLSTERY

with Lisa Cramp

3 SATURDAYS 10am–4pm

Fee: £90/£69

**Dates: 26th September, 17th October, 21st November 2015**

This NEW course is suitable for beginners or intermediate level. Beginners will learn the upholstery techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediates – may continue to upholster an existing project or start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery.

**Students will need to bring their own furniture. Upholstery supplies/materials can be supplied by the Tutor at an extra cost. Students need to contact the tutor to discuss the project chosen to confirm it is appropriate for the course. Email: lisacrampupholstery@gmail.com**

### SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

**Emergency First Aid at Work – Colin Fordham Fee: £60**

On this one day course you will acquire new skills to enable you to handle lifesaving situations at home, work or on the road. Theoretical and practical training is given. A certificate will be awarded for successful completion of the course. A First Aid Manual is included in the fee.

**FAMILY LEARNING Workshops FREE ....**

**Booking essential as places are limited**

Screen Printing T-Shirts (10.30-12.30pm)

Family Kite Making Workshop (1pm-3pm)

Basic Baking (10m-1pm)

## SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

### **Astrophotography without a Telescope – Ian Spray, 10am – 3pm Fee: £25/£20**

Taking pictures of the stars needn't mean a huge investment in complex equipment: with a digital camera and a clear night it's possible to capture brilliant images. Learn how to control your camera, what accessories will improve your shots, how to choose your location and how to combine multiple images in software to enhance the night images. Follow this up with an optional additional evening when you can get to try out your learning with your own setup (and borrow equipment you may not have)

### **Christmas Willow Decorations – Sue Kirk**

Spend the day weaving with willow creating a number of Christmas decorations for your home and garden. Choose from star, tree, wreath or large goose. Suitable for beginners. Learn several weaving techniques including coiling, rose ties, hoop making, random weave, rush cordage. Materials £10 payable on the day to the tutor.

### **Dyeing to Felt – Ricki Outis**

Learn about dyeing wool fibres in rainbow colours so that you have your own beautiful wool tops for

making unique felted surfaces. A very practical day with some felting, but the emphasis will be on the dyeing process – no experience necessary suitable for the Beginner or those with some experience. Material costs are extra – full details on booking.

### **Make Your Christmas Cake – Wendy Leaney 10am – 1pm Fee: £15**

We will prepare the ingredients and tin to make a rich fruit cake for your Christmas or celebration cake. The cake will need to be taken home to be baked. The Tutor will also demonstrate how to dose your cooked cake with alcohol, store it and how to marzipan your cake, which can be completed at home over several weeks. Your cake will then be ready to decorate at home or at our ***Ice and decorate Your Christmas Cake*** workshop on **21st Nov.**

### **Watercolour Pen & Wash – David Hyde**

Explore a world of pen and wash possibilities with professional artist David Hyde, who will show you how to harness the power of pens and watercolour washes to create an eye catching painting. You will be working on a local landscape subject including water and buildings. Materials not included.

## SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

### **Christmas Patchwork – Mary McIntosh**

Learn the skill of curved patchwork to make a 'bauble' design table runner. Non-Christmas fabrics could also be used. Suitable for those with some experience of patchwork and quilting (Machine sewing).

### **Christmas Crochet – Emma Wilkinson**

A workshop designed to make two Christmas tree decorations using basic crochet stitches. Suitable for beginners or those with basic skills. Materials extra.

### **Christmas Flowers – Julie Woods**

Four designs will be demonstrated to celebrate the Festivities. Start collecting your Fir Cones, Seed-heads, Baubles, Ribbons etc. to include in your design. Come along expecting to arrange at least two designs. A list of requirements will be sent out after enrolment – materials costs are extra.

### **Ice and Decorate Your Christmas Cake – Wendy Leaney 10am – 1pm Fee: £15**

Join us for a festive morning learning how to cover a rich fruit cake with fondant icing ready for Christmas

(or for any special occasion). Bring the cake you made at our workshop last month or bring your own fruit cake covered with marzipan. Decorations made with Sugar Flower Paste will be demonstrated.

### **Felting Christmas Decorations – Lisa Fretwell**

During this course you will be introduced to feltmaking using merino wool tops and learn how to make small scale Christmas decoration piece(s). Embellishments will be added if the pieces dry quickly. By the end of the day you will have produced some decorations based on a Christmas tree or a snowman motif.

### **Make your Own Handmade Book – Pauline Verrinder**

Learn how to make your own handmade books in time for Christmas presents. An ideal day school for those interested in Scrapbooking, Card Making or for students studying C&G Embroidery or Patchwork or similar who want to make their own Sketchbook. Suitable for beginners or those with some experience. Material costs are extra.

## 2016

### **Saturday 30th January 2016**

Curtain Making for Beginners – Cindy Mason  
 Felting a Bag – Ricki Outis  
 Get to know your iPad (10am-12noon) – Denis Pemberton Fee: £10  
 Mexican Cooking – Luis Cossio  
 Patchwork Day – Mary McIntosh  
 Tasty Pastry – Wendy Leaney

### **Saturday 27th February 2016**

Advanced Curtain Making – Cindy Mason  
 Cooking Adventurous Vegetarian Dishes – Kevin Hodgson  
 Creative Fabric Colouration – Pauline Verrinder  
 First Aid for Childcarers Day 1 – Colin Fordham Fee: £75  
 Lino Printing – Clive Riggs  
 Willow Weaving Large Flat Tray – Sue Kirk

### **Saturday 19th March 2016**

First Aid for Childcarers Day 2 – Colin Fordham  
 Make a Sample Roman Blind – Cindy Mason

Papermaking with Textiles – Jonathan Korejko  
 Luxury Chocolate Cake – Wendy Leaney  
 T'ai Chi Deepening our Practice – Alison Warlow  
 10am-1pm Fee: £15  
 Willow Weaving a Garden Structure – Sue Kirk

### **Saturday 14th May 2016**

Cooking Breads from around the World – Kevin Hodgson  
 Emergency First Aid at Work – Colin Fordham  
 Lino Printing – Clive Riggs  
 Patchwork Day – Mary McIntosh  
 Screen Printing – Ricki Outis  
 Twisted Vessels – Pauline Verrinder  
 Willow Weaving Interlaced Baskets – Sue Kirk

### **Saturday 11th June 2016**

Mosaic Workshop – Terry Baker  
 Willow Weaving a Frame Basket – Sue Kirk  
 Felt Making Vessels – Lisa Fretwell

## BALLET POINTES

Looking ahead to the new term and the first “date” on our calendar is the annual ballet assessment tests in October. The dancers will be working hard hoping to get a good result.

Did you see our contemporary group SCAMBS at the Fen Edge Family Festival? Like to give it a try? We meet on Saturdays in the gym at the Village College during term time 11am – 12. Come along and join in- suitable for age 10+.

Our annual performance in May seems a long time ago now but it was a big success- thanks to all who came to watch and to all who helped, the next one is May 7th 2016 put a note in your diary!

Energise the dance showcase in February will feature SCAMBS and groups from across the area. This will be at Swavesey Village College on 6th February 2016.

Classes will start again on Wednesday 9th September, a slight change to times of the classes please check in the brochure. New dancers are welcome to join at any time, if you have any

questions about classes please contact April Martin on tutusrus@ntlworld.com.

Just a note about our ballet classes, the style taught is Russian classical ballet following the Vaganova method which is used worldwide- our aim is to lay down the foundations of classical ballet technique from the beginning so that strength, musicality, artistry and style can develop in the young dancer and allow each one to bring their own unique qualities to their work.

Many former pupils have gone on to become dancers, teachers, or work in performing arts in some way- we are very proud of each and every one of them.

**April Martin** (Assoc ARBTA Member BDQT)  
**Dani Swann** (Assistant)

## ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

**Ballet - April Martin (Associate ARBTA & Member BDQT), any enquiries telephone 01954 200533**  
E-mail a.r.martin@ntlworld.com or tutusrus@ntlworld.com

**Ballet – Cottenham Village College – Wednesdays**  
**11 week term – Starts Wednesday 9th September 2015**

		<b>Time</b>	<b>1 Term</b>	<b>2 Terms</b>	<b>3 Terms</b>
Cj51	Pre-school & Reception	4.00–4.30pm	£33.00	£63.00	£90.00
Cj52	School Years 1 & 2 (plus older Reception)	4.30–5.00pm	£33.00	£63.00	£90.00
Cj53	School Years 3, 4, 5, 6	5.00–5.45pm	£50.00	£95.00	£135.00
Cj54	School Years 6, 7, 8, 9 and above	5.45–6.45pm	£60.00	£125.00	£178.00

**Children will need to be confident enough to stay without their parent/carer.**

Please note fees are not refundable for absence from a class that is continuing to meet.

## ENROLLING IN THE CLASSES

You may enrol in any of the adult or junior classes by using the booking form in this brochure or over the phone with a debit/credit card. If paying by credit card there is a fee of £2.50 per transaction (no charge for debit card payments). Bring or send your booking form to the College and make cheques payable to 'COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE' for both adult and junior classes. You can also print off a copy of the booking form from our website <http://community.cvcweb.net>

### ADULT LEARNING CLASSES:

**Enrolling in person:** the office will be open weekdays 9.00am to 2.30pm and Monday–Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. **Tel: 01954 288751**

**Enrolling by email:** [community@cvcweb.net](mailto:community@cvcweb.net) with full details of the course, your name, address and telephone number.

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**COURSE FEES:** must be paid in full at enrolment.

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### CLOSURE OF CLASSES – REFUNDS OF FEES

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### INSURANCE AND LOSSES

Cottenham Village College cannot accept responsibility for accidents to members of clubs and classes other than those covered by the College's Public Liability Insurance, nor for loss of personal property left on the premises or in a car, nor for damage to cars and bicycles – parking is at your own risk.

**EQUALITIES STATEMENT**

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**Transport Difficulties**

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If you are interested in being a learning partner in a class of your choice (you do not pay fees) to enable you to offer help to someone requiring support, please get in touch with us – Tel: 01954 288747.

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**THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MAY CLAIM THE REDUCED RATE FOR LEISURE COURSES**

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If you receive the 'Guaranteed Credit' element of Pension Credit\*

Unwaged Dependent of above

Students Aged 16 – 18

*\* Learners in receipt of Guarantee Credit (on its own or with savings credit) may be eligible for fee reduction and will be asked to produce the award notice.*

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These courses must be booked in advance.

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To book a Sports Centre course please contact 01954 288760.

#### MONDAY

**Badminton with Dan Valderas – 10 weeks starting 14th September (term time only)**

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Age 8 – 10 years 5:00 – 6:00pm £50

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**SATURDAY**

Tennis with David Nation 10 weeks – starting 19th September

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The Active and Healthy 4 Life scheme prices have been subsidised by South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire NHS.

**CONTACT: Cottenham Sports Centre Tel. 01954 288760 or [www.cvcweb.net](http://www.cvcweb.net)**

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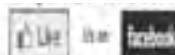
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# WATERBEACH NEWS

The Parish Council has applied for Waterbeach to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area. The village is described as being set in a predominantly rural area with significant agricultural land and a mix of housing, industry and commerce. Much of the land is low lying and prone to flooding and the pumping capacity limited so that flooding risk and surface water drainage are significant issues.

Community engagement and consultation are considered necessary in these applications. The council called a public meeting and asked those who attended to write their views on stickies about what should be included in a Neighbourhood Plan. The issues were wide ranging and fell under general headings. They are too numerous to list here, however a full list can be found on the website [www.waterbeach.org.uk](http://www.waterbeach.org.uk); here is a selection of what residents considered necessary.

**Housing:** ensure houses have adequate parking (including for visitors); mix of housing types, more social housing and new houses to be eco-friendly with solar panels.

**Health and welfare:** health provision to include optician, dentist, physio; safer access to pharmacy; place for older people to meet daily; more GP out of hours service.

**School and family services:** ensure school sizes stay ahead of development; more spaces for younger children; encourage teenagers to be more involved in village life.

**Transport:** infrastructure before development; improve the A10 (including cycle paths to Chittering); 20mph speed limit in village; Sunday buses; more parking at station; minibus service between Milton, Landbeach, Horningsea and Waterbeach. Lack of pedestrian and school crossings were noted.

**Flooding and drainage:** review sewerage capacities; planning applications must detail drainage and effect on existing homes. What local people want is to keep farmland as farmland and not to allow building on the flood plain.

The area designated in the application includes the former Barracks and additional farmland,

some of which is still farmed and includes woodland, grassland and ponds/lakes rich in wildlife, flora and fauna. One of the suggestions was to erect a Disneyworld on the Barracks site!

The four weeks consultation on this application will finish on 24 July. Residents interested in commenting can do so via email [neighbourhood\\_planning@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood_planning@scambs.gov.uk) or by post to Jo Mills, Director of Planning and New Communities, SCDC, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA.

## LESS SPEEDING, MORE PARKING

Cllr Peter Johnson reported in Beach News that a Speedwatch team had now been set up with five volunteers being trained – but more needed. Contact him by email [cllr.johnson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.johnson@scambs.gov.uk) or 01223 560918. Knowing the urgent need for increasing the space for parking at Waterbeach station, he has been in talks with National Rail which will eventually present a business plan requiring a planning application for change of use.

## LOCAL BUSINESS STRATEGY

Cllr James Hockney ([www.jameshockney.com](http://www.jameshockney.com)) has long encouraged the use of local businesses and now there are plans to launch the Waterbeach Business Association after SCDC made Waterbeach a pilot for new economic strategy. Find out more on [www.facebook.com/shoptradelocalwaterbeach](http://www.facebook.com/shoptradelocalwaterbeach)

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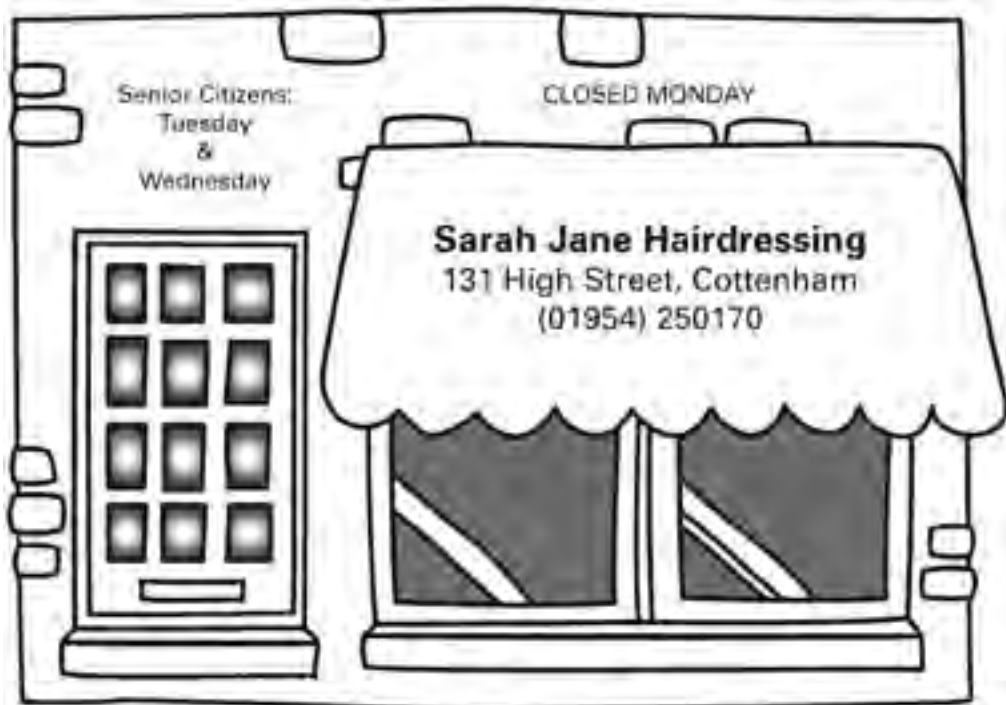
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FEN issues can be viewed online at [www.fenedge.co.uk](http://www.fenedge.co.uk) and the website also carries information about FECA and how to join.

Contributions, including letters and points of view, are welcomed. Please send them to Wendy Dear, FEN Editor, Community Office, CVC, Cottenham, Cambs CB24 8UA. Or email: [wendy.dear@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:wendy.dear@blueyonder.co.uk)

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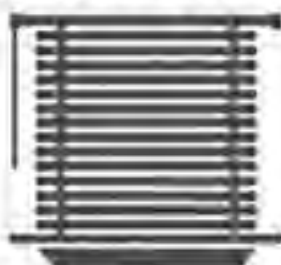
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## MONDAY

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## TUESDAY

Yoga 10–11.30am ([denise@sibleymooreyoga.co.uk](mailto:denise@sibleymooreyoga.co.uk)); Pilates Entry (for beginners) 10.15–11.15 (studio); Pilates Plus (intermediate) 11.30–12.30, sessions £7, Miranda de Vries ([miranda@mi-time.eu](mailto:miranda@mi-time.eu)) BarreConcept 7–8 (studio) contact [cuadrado140@hotmail.com](mailto:cuadrado140@hotmail.com)

## WEDNESDAY

Adult ballet (term time in studio) 10–11am: reserve a place ([jdrinkwater@cvcweb.net](mailto:jdrinkwater@cvcweb.net)); Little Humbugs (singing and music for babies and toddlers) 10.30–11.30am, £2.50 ([littlehumbugs@gmail.com](mailto:littlehumbugs@gmail.com)); BarreConcept 7–8 (Studio) contact [cuadrado140@hotmail.com](mailto:cuadrado140@hotmail.com); CCC Knitting group in coffee shop from 10 am – just come along and enjoy helping others.

## THURSDAY

Ready Steady Play (Early Years) 10–11am ([MLam@histon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:MLam@histon.cambs.sch.uk)); Adult ballet (term time in studio)

10–11am – reserve a place ([jdrinkwater@cvcweb.net](mailto:jdrinkwater@cvcweb.net)); Teen Pilates (term time in studio) 3.30–4.15pm; Pilates for men (studio) 6.30–7.30pm; Mixed Ability Pilates Explore 7.30–8.30pm. All Pilates/Stretchercise queries to [miranda@mi-time.eu](mailto:miranda@mi-time.eu); Cambs Hearing Help 2–4pm every second Thursday of month. [www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk)

## FRIDAY

Yoga (studio) short terms only 10.00–11.30am, [wiltrud.jackson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wiltrud.jackson@yahoo.co.uk); Mixed Ability Pilates Explore 10–11am; FlexAware (studio) 11.35am–12.35pm; Pilates Entry (for beginners) (studio) 12.35–1.35pm; Stretchercise (studio) 5–6pm. All Pilates/Stretchercise queries to [miranda@mi-time.eu](mailto:miranda@mi-time.eu); NEW Moomusic for 0–5 years 13.00–14.30 starts 4 Sept contact [lynsey@moo-music.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@moo-music.co.uk)

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### ROOM HIRE

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### VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

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# LANDBEACH NEWS

## RINGING IN RHYTHM

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## MESSY PLAY IN SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Busytots is open every Wednesday from 10am-12 noon at Landbeach Village Hall, and there are special sessions to note. 29th July - Sand theme; 5th Aug - Water theme; 12th Aug - Jelly theme; 19th Aug - Paint theme; 26th Aug - Cornflour slime. Find us at [facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots](https://facebook.com/LandbeachBusytots)

## THE LANDBEACH SOCIETY

Monthly meetings at the Landbeach Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Be a member for £3 a year, plus £3.50 for each talk. You don't need to be a member to attend a talk. Here's the programme: 16th September: Landbeach Past and Present, Ray Gambell. 21st October: Audley End and its occupants, Sarah Tice. 18th November: The History and Archaeology of Milton, Derek Booth. 16th December: Christmas Celebration with Waterbeach Brass. The Landbeach Society website: <http://www.landbeach.org.uk/history/99-landbeach-society>

## SAVING THE TITHE BARN

More summer action will follow on the success of the first open day in April when more than 100 people came to see the old and amazing building and donations of over £300 were received.

The next 'viewing' will be on 8th August, from 10.30am to 1pm, with talks at 10.45 and 11.45 and Tudor-style games to play: quoits, merrills, field

skittles and cup and ball. Entrance opposite No 2 Waterbeach Road and sturdy footwear is advised. Fundraising and pledges to date are about £65,000 but the Tithe Barn Trust has set a target of £250,000 to secure the lease from South Cambridgeshire District Council, its present owner, and cover the restoration.

Volunteer Gemma Squibb says the process has begun to register the Tithe Barn Trust as a charity so they can apply for grants. "Keep up to date on our Facebook page [FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn](https://facebook.com/FriendsofLandbeachTitheBarn)."

## NATURE IN ACTION

Saturday 15th August. Supervised pond dipping for children of all ages in our Local Nature Reserve at Worts Meadow Landbeach. Please bring a parent or guardian with you and wear wellies. An expert will identify and record species found. Meet at Landbeach Village Hall car park Cockfen Lane at 2.30pm.

Sunday 16th August. Friends of Worts Meadow will be inspecting moth traps set the previous evening. The event takes place in Landbeach Village Hall from 8am and may only last an hour but there will be free bacon rolls and tea/coffee.

Saturday 12th September. Garage sales throughout Landbeach 10am to 1pm. A map and refreshments will be available in Landbeach Village Hall.

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# WILLINGHAM NEWS

## SPECIAL LOCAL SHOW

The Willingham annual horticultural and craft show will be held this year on Saturday 5th September at the Willingham Primary School, Thodays Close, and will be open for public viewing at 1.30pm.

You can obtain the show programme in Over at Highgate Farm Stores, and in Willingham at the Willingham Social Club, Berrycroft Stores, Willingham Post Office, Mac Hair Salon, Willingham Library, The Octagon Centre of Anglican Church, and Rainbow Crafts.

The programme contains an entry form and sets out all adult and junior show classes some of which have been extended this year. The cost of entry is minimal and entry is open to all comers. Refreshments will be available together with a book and plant stall, an auction of produce and a grand prize draw with many prizes. Please consider entering your produce, your photos, your paintings and handicrafts. This is a special local show for local people of all ages and a great afternoon out.

Entries should ideally be made before the Show but also will be received between 8.30 and 10.45am on the day. Entry forms should be submitted to Mrs Lyn Curtis, 4 Rampton Road, Willingham (01954 260284 for details of procedure). You do not need to be a professional exhibitor to enter and first timers often win which is part of the charm of a local show.

## COMMUNITY ORCHARD OPENED

The Willingham Action Group organised the opening, on a sunny 30th May, to mark the end of the tree project, and establishment of the orchard and woodland on the 5 acre site of the Old Recreation Ground. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. WAG Chairman Reg Purnell welcomed SCDC Chair Cllr Sue Ellington. In his opening remarks Reg Purnell recorded how much WAG has achieved, working in association with the Parish Council, since the Parish Plan was published.

The formalities were followed by a picnic and the opportunity for those not already familiar with the orchard project to look at the wide range of

trees that have been planted. Clearly those present enjoyed the picnic location, especially families with children being able to run free.

Projects like this require immense input from those who manage them, those who volunteer for the practical tasks and those who undertake the often unsung backroom work. It is therefore fitting to recognise and thank all those who have been involved. Work will continue on tree maintenance and development of the ecology of the Community Orchard site. **Graham Mumby**, WAG Tree Project Manager

## CYCLING SUCCESS



Wonderful day for 11 Willingham Wheel members who took part in the Gran Fondo - Tour of Cambridge on 7th June. Dom, Robin, Roger, Mike, Noel, Chris, Les, Graham, Richard, Ken and Paul, all sporting the new kit, met at Cambridge Services on the Sunday, then off in a convoy to Peterborough Show Ground. A long wait in the sun and chilling wind queueing for the pen, until we moved to the front. Wind behind us initially and people were off like a shot. Soon everyone's different strategies for achieving their own personal goals split us asunder. Dom and Robin have qualified for Denmark by coming in the top 25% of their age group. Lots of ifs, buts and maybes, so most of us will be back next year to have another go. Riding on closed roads was a beautiful experience, not least because the pelotons were much wider and freer, so you could really get some shelter and therefore keep up with riders who are stronger and faster. It was also fun to pretend to sprint down the winning straight at the end. We all got a good tan and a medal. **Paul Knighton**

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**WILLINGHAM FEAST**

Watch out for news of Willingham Feast events to be held between 28th September and 16th October. These will include a Jam Night with invited musicians by Willingham Jam Club, photography and art displays, a Farmers and Craft Market on the Saturday morning of the Feast Weekend 10th October plus a village Driveway Sale, an established Curry Quiz in support of the Youth Club, a ugby World Cup event and all rounded off by the excellent Custard Comedy group. There will be other happenings as well – watch out for the programme being posted on the <willinghamlife.org> website nearer the time.

**BRITISH SCHOOL TRUST**

This registered charity awards educational grants to benefit the youth of Willingham through individual or group applications. Last year the trust supported Senior Girl Guides and the Willingham Youth Trust as well as local catchment schools. Willingham Primary received funding for Oxford Primary dictionaries; Cottenham Village College for geography field work equipment; and the Honeypot Pre-school for an outdoor water play unit. Individual grants were given for university courses and also assists with apprenticeships, though in the year ended April 2015 there were no applications. Lynda Blunt, Hon Secretary, 01954 261309.

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