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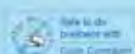


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## VOLUNTEERS - A FORCE FOR GOOD

2018 is now well underway and it got off to the best start possible with Adrian Stephens joining the Fen Edge Community Association (FECA) team as Editor of the Fen Edge News. I would like to extend the warmest welcome to Adrian and I hope he gets great pleasure from the work ahead. This issue will be the first that Adrian has edited. I would like to personally thank our Treasurer, Bob Turner, who stepped in to edit the last two editions and did a great job.

The Fen Edge Community Association and our 50 plus member organisations depend on the commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers to make anything happen. There was no clearer demonstration of that than when I went along to the Rampton '77 Committee event in January. The Rampton Village Hall was absolutely buzzing and it was so clearly an event that the community looked forward to and were really so excited about. But behind every club, every meeting, every event are volunteers and, in this case, it was clear that Judy Garstang, Sue Palmer and their team had put in a great effort to pull the event together. Well done to them.

I know the work of all volunteers is really appreciated by everyone involved and I know that they themselves get satisfaction from their contributions too. But we should not forget that the people who volunteer are also busy people with work, personal and family commitments. The only difference is that when asked to help, these people say "yes!"

FECA supports organisations with grants but the financial support is often the easiest part of the equation. What FECA cannot supply is the people who commit their time and energy to the individual community associations and charitable organisations. The FECA grants we provide are to support the community but I also think of the grants as a way of supporting the volunteers. It is a way of saying "well done" and "thank you" for their efforts

and if we can help to take some of the burden of fund-raising away, then hopefully the volunteers will be able to focus more time on making the event itself a success. Our community is a much better place for the work of the charities and community associations and we are greatly indebted to them. I hope that in 2018, FECA will be able to support more groups, more activities and hopefully inspire more people to come forward and volunteer some of their time. Local charities and community organisations strengthen our communities and make our villages even better places in which to live, work and study. Please see the FECA website for a list of the organisations in the Fen Edge and please do take the initiative to contact them to see how you might be able to get involved as a participant or volunteer.

The May Bank Holiday will see two major activities supported by FECA. The Cottenham 7k Fun Run will set off on Saturday May 5th and is being organised by Martyn Leeks and his team of helpers. Please support that event – more runners equals more fun. That weekend will also see the Fen Edge Twinning Association heading off to France for a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the twinning arrangement with Avrillé. A ceilidh band will be travelling with them and we wish them safe travels and hope they have a lot of fun. As FECA, we have subsidised the transportation costs to enable as many people as possible to travel. Once again, we are delighted to be able to support the work of the volunteers who are making this happen.

If you wish to start a new group, please get in contact. We would be delighted to help and share our knowledge.

Very best wishes

**Neil Gough**  
Chair@fenedge.co.uk



Neil Gough (Chair FECA) presents a grant of £300 to the Rampton '77 Committee: Sarah Palmer (left, Secretary) and Judy Garstang (right, Chair).

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## *What's on and when in the villages*

### APRIL

**Tue 3rd** Easter Crafts for Children: drop-in session  
1.30-4.30pm Cottenham Library (see p27)

**Wed 4th – Sat 7th** Cottenham Theatre Workshop -  
*Neighbourhood Watch* by Alan Ayckbourn 7.30pm (see p9)

**Thu 5th** Easter Crafts for Children: drop-in session  
1.30-4.30pm Cottenham Library (see p27)

**Fri 6th** Cottenham Bowls Club - Quiz Night 7pm (p17)

**Fri 6th** Willingham Social Club - Quiz: Cricket Club  
Quiz Night including supper 7.15pm (see p59)

**Sat 7th** Friends of Worts Meadow - Work party: Worts  
Meadow, Cockfen Lane, Landbeach 9.30am (see p39)

**Sat 7th** Willingham Social Club - Meeting Point Over  
30's Disco 8pm (see p59)

**Sun 8th** Cottenham Community Centre - Film: A French  
film with display by Fen Edge Twinning Association, who  
are planning a trip to Avrillé 4-7 May 7.30pm (see p53)

**Sun 8th** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust - *I-Spy the barn's*  
*wildlife & Grow your own* 2-5pm (see p37)

**Tue 10th** Easter Crafts for Children: drop-in session  
1.30-4.30pm Cottenham Library (see p27)

**Tue 10th** Fen Edge Archaeology Group - Talk: *Before*  
*the flood: the late Upper Palaeolithic and Mesolithic of the*  
*Fenland* Lawrence Billington Tony Cooper Suite, CVC  
7.30pm (see p55)

**Wed 11th** Cottenham Women's Institute - Talk: *You*  
*cannot be serious* - Alan Grey, A Wimbledon Umpire CVC  
7.30pm (see p27)

**Wed 11th** Friends of Worts Meadow - Torchlight walk:  
*Walk like an amphibian* led by Froglife (the national charity  
for the conservation of amphibians and reptiles). Meet at  
Landbeach Village Hall car park 7pm (see p39)

**Thu 12th** Easter Crafts for Children: drop-in session  
1.30-4.30pm Cottenham Library (see p27)

**Fri 13th** Cottenham Village Society - Talk: *Trains of*  
*Oakington and Cottenham* with Roy Stoner, All Saints  
Church Hall 7.45pm (see p27)

**Fri 13th** Cambridgeshire Bird Club - Talk: *How our*  
*individual decisions collectively affect urban birds*,  
Mark Fellowes, Tony Cooper Suite, CVC 7.30pm  
[www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk](http://www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk)

**Mon 16th** Family History drop in session @ Cottenham  
Library 7-9pm

**Wed 18th** Coffee & Chat Cottenham Library 10.30-12.30pm

**Wed 18th** Landbeach Society – Talk: *Worts Meadow*  
*and Local Nature Reserves* – Joint meeting with Friends of  
Worts Meadow, Speaker: Phil Clark, Community Green  
Spaces Manager, Cambs County Council 7.30pm (p37)

**Sat 21st** Willingham Social Club – Music: *The Rockin'TJ's*  
– Live band 8pm (see p59)

**Sun 22nd** Cottenham Bowls Club - Bowls Open Day  
2-4pm (see p17)

**Sun 22nd** Cottenham Primary School PTCA - Spring  
Market and Afternoon Tea at the Primary School. Craft  
stalls and cake stall Family quiz with prizes 2-4pm (p9)

**Sun 22nd** Cottenham Primary School PTCA - Bike Sale  
at Cottenham Primary School. 2-4pm - Sellers bring bikes  
and scooters to CPS at 10:30-12:00 (see p9)

**Thu 26th** Cottenham Community Centre - AGM  
with guest speaker – hear about improvement plans to  
refurbish the back kitchen, toilets etc. 7.45pm (see p19)

**Fri 27th** Cottenham Gardeners' Club - Talk: *Plants*  
*for Difficult Conditions*, Andrew Riley, Horticulturist, at  
Franklin Gardens Community Room 7.30pm (see p21)

**Fri 27th** Willingham Social Club - Music: *Five Ska* - live  
Ska band 8pm (see p59)

**Sat 28th** Fen Edge Footpath Group - Walk: *Cambourne,*  
*Bourne, Caxton and Longstowe*. Contact: [fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com](mailto:fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com)

**Sun 29th** Cottenham Bowls Club - Open Day 2-4pm (p17)

**Sun 29th** Rampton Relay - Giants' Hilly 2pm (p47)

**Mon 30th** Willingham Social Club – *Willingham Jam Club*  
– Everyone welcome, all ages and abilities 7.30 (see p59)

### MAY

**Thu 3rd** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust - Talk: *Head to Head*  
– a walk across England to explore its vernacular architecture  
and Annual General Meeting 7-8.30pm (see p37)

**Sat 5th** Cottenham Fun Run: Junior & 7k Fun Runs (p17)

**Wed 9th** Cottenham Women's Institute - Discussion  
and social: "Resolutions and puddings galore". CVC 7.30pm  
(see p27)

**Wed 9th** Firs House & Telegraph Street PPG - Talk:  
*Allergies* with Dr Pamela Ewan, Consultant Allergist  
Cambridge University Hospitals at Cottenham  
Community Centre 7pm (see p19)

**Thu 10th** Rampton Village Hall - *Steady Rollin' Blues Tour*:  
Live music with Brooks Williams & Hans Theessink 7pm  
(see p59)

# FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY

## *What's on and when in the villages*

**Fri 11th** Cottenham Primary School PTCA - Bingo (over 18s): at Cottenham Primary School includes licensed bar 7.30pm (see p9)

**Fri 11th** Fen Edge Footpath Group - Walking weekend: Ilam YHA, Peak District. Contact: fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com

**Fri 11th** Willingham Social Club - Music: *Indietones* - live Rock band 7.45pm (see p59)

**Fri 11th** Cambridgeshire Bird Club - Talk: *Social learning in great tits and blue tits: how birds use information about defended prey*, Liisa Hämmäläinen, Tony Cooper Suite, CVC 7.30pm [www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk](http://www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk)

**Sat 12th** Sustainable Cottenham Yard Sales 10.30am-2pm (see p19)

**Sat 12th** Fen Edge Dance - Ballet: *The Stone Flower* at Swavesey Village College. Tickets £9 from [tutusrus@ntlworld.com](mailto:tutusrus@ntlworld.com) (see p33)

**Wed 16th** Landbeach Society - Talk: *Cambridge Civic Ceremonial*, Susan Edwards, at Landbeach Village Hall 7.30pm (see p37)

**Thu 17th** Fen Edge Archaeology Group - Talk: *Stonehenge: new discoveries*, Mike Parker-Pearson Tony Cooper Suite, CVC 7.30pm (see p55)

**Sun 20th** All Saints Church - Christians Together in Cottenham: Pentecost Praise (see p11)

**Wed 23rd** Coffee & Chat Cottenham Library 10.30-12.30pm

**Wed 23rd** Friends of Worts Meadow – AGM and illustrated talk (speaker tbc) Landbeach Village Hall 7.30pm (see p39)

**Fri 25th** Cottenham Gardeners' Club - Talk: *Perils of a Plant Hunter*, Geoff Hales, Cambridge based actor, at Franklin Gardens Community Room 7.30pm (see p21)

**Sat 26th** Willingham Social Club - Meeting Point Over 30's Disco 8pm (see p59)

## JUNE

**Sat 9th** Fen Edge Footpath Group - Walk: Location TBC. Contact: [fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com](mailto:fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com)

**Sat 9th** Waterbeach Community Association - *Waterbeach Feast* [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org) (see p49)

**Sat 9th** Willingham Social Club - Music: *Glamtastic* - live Glam Rock band 8pm (see p59)

**Wed 13th** Cottenham Women's Institute - Talk: *An unexpected journey* - Catherine Armstrong CVC 7.30pm (see p27)

**Thu 14th** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust - Tithe Barn Theatre: Shakespeare performed by the Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts 6.30pm (see p37)

**Sat 16th and Sun 17th** All Saints' Church - Open celebration on completion of church refurbishment (p11)

**Sat 16th** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust - Concert: *Old Enemies;Auld Alliances* - Music for lute and voices from Scotland, England and France 7-9pm (see p37)

**Mon 18th** Family History drop in session @ Cottenham Library 7-9pm

**Wed 20th** Coffee & Chat Cottenham Library 10.30-12.30pm

**Sat 23rd** Landbeach Society - Lunch at 47 High Street, Landbeach 12-2pm (see p37)

**Fri 29th** Cottenham Gardeners' Club - Talk: *People and Plants: Molecules, Medicine and Mischief*, Dr Gwenda Kyd, Chemist and Herbalist, at Franklin Gardens Community Room 7.30pm (see p21)

**Fri 29th** Willingham Social Club – Comedy night with Custard Comedy 7.45pm (see p59)

## JULY

**Sat 7th** Sustainable Cottenham: Litter Pick, Cottenham Village Hall 2pm (see p19)

**Sat 7th** Willingham Social Club – *Martyn Williams* a comedy Hypnotist 8pm (see p59)

**Wed 11th** Cottenham Women's Institute - Garden Party (see p27)

**Sat 14th** Friends of Worts Meadow - *Bioblitz*: Recording wildlife in Worts Meadow Local Nature Reserve, Landbeach (see p39)

**Sat 14th** Fen Edge Twinning Association - Summer Party (see p55)

**Sat 14th and Sun 15th** Rampton Village Hall - Art: The alternative RA summer exhibition Sat: 10am-5pm and Sun: 10am-4pm (see p47)

**Thu 19th** Cottenham Primary School PTCA - Summer Fair at Cottenham Primary School [www.cottenhamprimary.co.uk/ptca](http://www.cottenhamprimary.co.uk/ptca) (see p9)

**Fri 20th** Willingham Social Club – Free members night. Entertainment from *Johnny Dee* (see p59)

**Mon 23rd – Fri 27th** Cottenham Village College Summer School (see p29-36)

**Sat 28th** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust - Competition: Summer fruit and veg 1-4.30pm (see p37)



# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## COTTENHAM CARECAR

Last year was our busiest year yet. Without quoting a lot of statistics, we have been run off our feet at times mainly due to simply not having enough volunteer drivers. We are still covering Oakington and Westwick until they combine with Northstowe and set up their own scheme, but, having been successful in getting one new driver from Oakington (I still need at least one more!), that has not added to our problems.

The retirement of three drivers as against the recruitment of only one has, of course, not helped. So, once again, I am appealing for new volunteers. Are there any car owners who can give us a little of their time to help fellow villagers who have difficulty in using public transport? Bear in mind, no driver has to commit to a specific day or time, all expenses are reimbursed and you get to meet a lot of very nice people and make new friends.

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If you're intrigued and want to know more, then come along to our performances, which will run from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April, from 7.30pm at Cottenham Village College. Tickets are now on sale via TicketSource, by phone and in person at the Cottenham Community Centre. Keep an eye on our website [www.cottenhamtheatre.com](http://www.cottenhamtheatre.com) for more details.

Although the roles have already been cast, we're always eager to have new people join Cottenham Theatre Workshop. Whether it be helping backstage or front of house there really is something for everyone! For more information, please email: [cottenhamtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:cottenhamtheatre@gmail.com) Also, be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @CottenhamCTW

## COTTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTCA

We are a very active parent, teacher and community association, successfully fundraising for the benefit of the children attending the Primary School and providing events during the year which are enjoyed by the wider community of Cottenham and the surrounding villages. We have a number of events coming up over the next few months (all events will be held at the Primary School):

**Spring Market and Afternoon Tea** – Sunday 22 April, 2–4 pm – come along and browse the various craft stalls and enjoy a slice of homemade cake. Have a go at our fun family quiz to win a prize.

**Bike Sale** – Sunday 22 April, 2–4 pm – with the warmer weather just around the corner (we hope!), you may be thinking about dusting off your bike. If your children have outgrown their bikes and scooters, why not come along and see whether you can pick up a replacement? If you have a bike or scooter you would like to sell, please bring it along to the school on Sunday morning from 10.30–12 pm. You will receive 75% of the selling price, with the remaining 25% being donated to the PTCA.

**Over 18s Bingo** – Friday 11 May, 7.30 pm – following the success of last year's bingo, we are pleased to announce we will be hosting another bingo evening, complete with licensed bar. Why not get a group of friends together for a fun night out?

**Summer Fair** – 19 July – bouncy castles, fairground rides, barbecue and bar – put the date in your diary now. More details will be published nearer the time. Check out our website: [www.cottenhamprimary.co.uk/ptca](http://www.cottenhamprimary.co.uk/ptca) Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CPSPPTCA](http://www.facebook.com/CPSPPTCA) To make a donation to the PTCA via our MyDonate page, go to: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/cottenhamprimaryschoolptca>

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The beginning of 2018 has brought some change at All Saints'. The refurbishment works have started in earnest so we have been worshipping together in the Church Hall. This has been a time of really getting to know your neighbour as it is a smaller space! A worship band has been formed to accompany our All-Age worship on the second Sunday of the month (more musicians always welcome!) and a drama group which will be performing on Easter Day. Also new are our Action Groups, small groups focusing on how we grow in our faith, grow the church in number and serve our local community.

We are also making arrangements for adopting the suggested plans to merge the parishes of Rampton and Cottenham and for the Rampton church building to become a Chapel-of-Ease. Becoming a Chapel-of-Ease means primarily that the church is no longer required to hold weekly communion services. Instead, services will mainly be held at key festivals, such as Easter and Christmas, with Rampton church members joining with Cottenham for the rest of the time.

We are looking forward to the various Easter events. We start with a Maundy Thursday supper (29 March at 7.30pm), followed by a Reflection at the Cross on Good Friday at midday. On Easter Saturday there will be a walk from Cottenham to Ely, culminating with Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection with a Sunrise Service at 6.30am, BCP Holy Communion at 8.15am, and Family Communion at 10.45am followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. There is a service of Holy Communion at 9.15am in Rampton. On Sunday 28 January, Christians Together in Cottenham had a wonderful joint service, held at the Baptist Church and led by Revd Kate Lees of the Baptist Church and our own Revd Lynda Davies. It was lovely to see so many people from the different churches in the village worshipping together and uplifting each other. Over Lent, we gathered in our usual ecumenical Lent groups, looking at the gospel of John. We look forward to our next joint event which will be an evening of Pentecost Praise on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, the completion of the refurbishment process of All Saints' Cottenham church building will be

a cause for much joy. We will be holding an open celebration on the weekend of 16 and 17 June.

The Bishop will be joining us for the service on the Sunday morning so save the date – more details to follow!

If you would like to play a part in the life of the Cottenham and Rampton church community, through Action Groups or otherwise, do be in touch with Revd Lynda Davies at [rector@allsaintscottenham.org](mailto:rector@allsaintscottenham.org)

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

- Psalm 105:1

## COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Cottenham Baptist Church is seeking to be a family Church in the heart of our community. By this we mean a church that is inclusive of all people, young, old, married, single, traditional and contemporary. We meet together every Sunday at 10.30am. We are part of the Cottenham community and along with other groups enjoy and value getting involved in the Fen Edge Festival, Feast Parade, Remembrance Sunday, and other events that happen throughout the year.

On the first Sunday of each month at the Church we run a Sunday Breakfast where everyone who would like to is invited to come along to enjoy either a cooked breakfast, bacon and egg rolls, or yogurts and fruit - depending on the month! There is also a quiz or other activity during this time, followed by a short service together at the end.

During the week we run a number of activities including:

- Our under 1's group on a Monday afternoon from 1-3pm, for all those who have children 0-12 months. People can pop in any time for a coffee and chat, while their children enjoy the ball pool, jungle gym and other toys!
- The Cottenham Foodbank distribution centre (run with the other churches in Cottenham) takes place in our back hall on Wednesday afternoons. We are open from 1.30-3pm for anyone who needs to access this service.

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# COTTENHAM RENEGADES

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Eastern counties had something different planned for this season. They run three leagues at level One, (West, North and South). This year the two top teams from each league are set to play an additional league against each other. The same for the third and fourth placed teams and for the fifth and sixth. This means the Renegades are playing against teams that they have never met before: Norwich Union and Diss 2 from Division One North and Ipswich 2 and Colchester 3 from Division One South.

So far, Renegades have played Colchester and Diss in this additional league and have won both games.

It is challenging to play teams you know little or nothing about, but fun to meet a whole new bunch of people. It will be interesting to see how the rest of this league pans out.



If you have played rugby in the past and fancy taking it up again, or would like to have a go for the first time then come and meet the Renegades. You are guaranteed a warm welcome. The rugby is taken seriously, but having fun is the top priority. For more information please visit [www.renegadesrugby.net](http://www.renegadesrugby.net)

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# SPORTS CLUB NEWS

## COACHING OPPORTUNITIES WITH COTTENHAM UNITED FC

**Cottenham United Football Club** is currently looking for an enthusiastic new, or existing, coach to help manage one of its football teams.

We currently run three men's teams, a 1<sup>st</sup> team in the Cambs FA Kershaw Senior A League and a Reserve team and an 'A' team in the the Mead Plant & Grab Leagues 3 and 5 which operate lower down the pyramid. We would like to invite any newly qualified or current coaches or managers looking for a new challenge to get in touch with us. We are already making plans for the 2018/19 season and are anxious to get our arrangements in place as soon as possible so that we can hit the ground running before pre-season training starts in July.

Of course, we are always on the lookout for new players to increase our strength in depth so if you are interested in joining us as a player – we are one of the few Clubs in the County offering three adult teams – please do get in touch as well. We are a very friendly bunch and there is an opportunity to play at whatever level suits you and to progress up the levels if you want.

## COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB

By the time you are reading this, the new cricket season will be just a few short weeks away and the memory of those absolutely freezing days will hopefully be fading fast!

Anyway, this is just a reminder for any adults interested in joining us. Please check out our website (see below) where the Club News section has all the details regarding our 2018 pre-season sessions. New players are always most welcome so please just come along to one of our indoor Fenners net sessions which will be running throughout April. Then, from May onwards, we'll be in the outdoor nets at the Village College all summer. Our League matches start on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, an additional reminder that, this summer, we're running three junior teams at under-11, under-12 and under-14 levels. These teams play matches throughout the school term and are open to both boys and girls from all local villages. We are really keen that all three teams be well supported so anyone who's interested in coming along to have some fun and learn more about our wonderful game from our qualified coaches, do please get in touch. Please join in and get involved – our youngsters really are the future of our club, one



*Cottenham United 1<sup>st</sup> team squad in front of one of the mobile goals, which were purchased with the help of a grant of £400 from FECA.*

The Club plays its matches at the King George V Recreation Ground, off Lambs Lane in Cottenham. We can offer excellent facilities for training and playing especially with the new, recently-opened changing rooms and we have a thriving social club where we can all get together after-matches.

Anyone interested should please contact either our Chairman, Ian Stuchbury (07771 882182 or Shirley.stuchbury@gmail.com) or Vice Chairman, Martin Carter (07876 373935 or martin.shaggy@gmail.com). [www.pitchero.com/clubs/cottenhamunited](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/cottenhamunited)

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of the oldest in the County, as it enters its 166<sup>th</sup> year! We're running indoor training sessions at Cottenham Village College Sports Hall on Weds evenings, 5.00pm-6.00pm (U11s & U12s), 6.00pm-7.00pm (U14s) until April 25<sup>th</sup>. Just turn up to any session – everyone is welcome. After that date we'll be playing our matches midweek and training outdoors on Friday evenings. Last, but certainly not least, we'll be running our ECB All Stars sessions again on Saturday mornings in May and June for 5-8 year olds. This was a great success last year and gives boys and girls an introduction to cricket which is fun for all. Please do get in touch if you're interested – it's a great few weeks. Find out more at [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars) where you can also sign up for our programme here at Cottenham CC.

Club Contacts:

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Secretary: David Chaplin (01954 250075)

Chairman: Ralph Lamble (07740 195947)

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## COTTENHAM FUN RUN – 5<sup>th</sup> May

The popular **Cottenham Fun Run** is here again on **Saturday 5th May 2018** with all proceeds going to the Cambridgeshire branch of the **Motor Neurone Disease Association**. This annual event, organised by Martyn Leeks on behalf of the Fen Edge Community Association, has both a senior and junior run. Register online at [www.fenedge.co.uk](http://www.fenedge.co.uk) or on the day at Cottenham Village College from 9am.

Age categories and cost of entry are: Primary girl and boy (£3); Village College girl and boy (£4); Adult male and female (£6); Veterans (50+) male and female (£6). The Junior Run takes place around the CVC playing fields, a distance of about a mile, and all competitors must be accompanied by an adult. It starts at 10am. The 7k Race starts at 10.45am, from the playing fields, and takes a well-marshalled route through and around the village. All competitors, in both races, will receive a medal at the finishing line.

For full details visit the Fen Edge website [www.fenedge.co.uk](http://www.fenedge.co.uk) and for the latest updates follow us on Twitter @CottenhamFunRun and Facebook Cottenham 7K Run.

For those who are watching and waiting, there will be a market on site: contact [info@fenedge.co.uk](mailto:info@fenedge.co.uk) to book a stall.

Once again, we are indebted to Malary Limited for their ever-generous support and sponsorship. All proceeds, after costs, will be donated to the Cambridgeshire branch of **Motor Neurone Disease Association**. The Group is run with the sole aim of serving all those in the area who are living with motor neurone disease (MND) and their carers, family and friends.

The Group also has a team of trained Association Visitors who offer a befriending role, providing support, information, and an on-going link with the Association to people living with MND and can provide practical support in the form of liaison with health and social care professionals, such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and the medical profession.

They can also provide specialist equipment to improve the quality of life of all those affected by the disease.

Last year the Fun Run raised £850 for charity.

To help this great cause get involved and register for the 2018 Cottenham Fun Run now.

## COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB

Another bowls indoor short mat season is coming to a close and we look forward to outdoor bowls again.

To start the new season we are holding 2 OPEN DAYS for anyone who is interested in giving bowls a try. The dates for your diary are: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 4pm. If you are unable to make these dates you could contact anyone below and they will organise a time for you to give bowls a go. As well as playing bowls we have a good social section which includes BBQs and Quiz Nights. Our next Quiz Night is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. If you like quizzing come along. Finally Cottenham Bowls Club would like to thank RJ Pepper & Son Family Funeral Directors for their continued support.

**Dave Parrack** 01954 230732

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**Christine Forster** 01954 200720

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## COTTENHAM DAY CENTRE

For the last six months Cottenham Day Centre has been meeting at its new venue, Coolidge Gardens Community Room, and is now nicely settled. The volunteers have now adjusted to the new way of working in our new environment, and the members are happily established in a nice warm room.

We are very pleased to have received interest from Cottenham Village College Sixth Form students studying Health & Social Care; they visited us, spoke with the members, and then organised refreshments and entertainment. This was enjoyed by the members and the students who would like to visit again.

The Day Centre are also very pleased to announce that they have a new minibus. This milestone has been achieved after many years of fundraising. We thank everyone in the community who has contributed, especially the Co-op and its members for choosing our charity for the Co-op Local Community Fund, and the donation we received from it, and we thank the Cambridge Gun Club for the money they raised from their charity shoot. We are also very appreciative of a large anonymous donation. The new minibus can be seen going round the village displaying its new logo, and our name on the sides. The signwriting has been very kindly sponsored by Dentons Carpets Ltd.

We are always in need of more volunteers to join our happy team, helping to deliver a fresh hot meal or driving the minibus.

**Pauline Brown - Secretary**



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# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## VILLAGE YARD SALE

**Saturday 12 May**

**Sustainable Cottenham** is organising another village-wide yard sale because we want to make it easy for people to reuse and recycle as much as possible. Last year's event raised over £3,000, of which £410 was for charity. The event will take place on Saturday 12 May from 10.30 am to 2.00pm. Everyone in Cottenham is invited to take part, whether as a buyer or a seller or both. We need lots of buyers and sellers to make it a fun day.

Maybe you will decide to give away some items simply to find a new home for them ('freecycling'), or sell them or swap them! Or you could sell things on behalf of a charity. There will be no charge for taking part but you may decide to donate some of your takings to your favourite charity.

Your yard sale can be as big or as small as you like, so have a think about anything in your house, garage or loft that you'd like to find a new home for – maybe baby clothes, toys, a sofa you no longer want, books or bric-a-brac? Perhaps you have such green fingers that by May you will have too many seedlings to plant in your own garden? If you don't think you've got enough to be worth having your own sale or if you are not near the village centre, then you might want to share a yard sale with your friends and neighbours who are in more visible places. Of course, we also need the bargain-hunters to make a note of the day (Saturday 12 May) and come along to see what is on sale. Maps will be available, both online at [www.sustainablecottenham.org.uk](http://www.sustainablecottenham.org.uk) and printed, showing where the yard sales are and the kind of things they are selling.

If you'd like to join in and have a yard sale please get in touch via email: [Catherine.burch@ntworld.com](mailto:Catherine.burch@ntworld.com) or [chris.ward@increment.co.uk](mailto:chris.ward@increment.co.uk) or phone Catherine Burch on 01954 201684. The deadline for registering a yard/stall is midday on Thursday 3 May.



## LITTER PICK 7 JULY 2PM

Have any of you noticed improvements to the Histon cycle path since early January? That was due to the hard work of volunteers organised by Sustainable Cottenham. The next village litter pick and cycle path tidy up will be on Saturday 7 July 2pm at the Village Hall.

## WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ALLERGIES?

Are you or any members of your family allergic to anything? What does "having an allergy" mean? Are more people affected now than previously, or are we just more aware of it? Can anything be done about it? If you are curious to know some of the answers, come and hear what Dr. Pamela Ewan, Consultant Allergist, Cambridge University Hospitals, has to say about allergies. This is a FREE event, and there is no need to book – just come along. **Firs House and Telegraph Street Patient Participation Group** and the Community Centre Trustees look forward to seeing you there.

When: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.00pm Start.

(Doors open from 6.30pm)

Where: Cottenham Community Centre, 250A High Street, CB24 8RZ. (Opposite the Co-op Foodstore)

## CHOOSE US AS YOUR LOCAL CAUSE

**Cottenham Community Centre** are fundraising to upgrade the rear kitchen and toilet areas and are delighted to have been chosen as one of the **causes to benefit from the Co-op's Local Community Fund**. Please help us to raise funds by:

\* Joining the Co-op

\* Making Cottenham Community Hall your chosen cause

\* Shopping more in your local Co-op for Co-op products. As a member, every time you shop at Co-op, 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Local Community Fund.

Please go to the Co-op website [www.coop.co.uk/](http://www.coop.co.uk/) membership and register to make us (described as Cottenham Community hall) your chosen cause

The total cost of this work is expected to be around £72,000. This will be paid for from a combination of Community Centre surplus monies, the Co-op fundraising mentioned above, a developer community contribution (ref: Racecourse View), grants (applications pending) and specific fundraising.

All contributions gratefully received – to further donate please visit: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/cottenhamcommunitycentre>

For more information please go to our website [www.cottenhamcc.org](http://www.cottenhamcc.org) or our

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# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## A TIME FOR CHANGE

As I write this the change has already happened and my reign of three and half years as Chairman of **Cottenham United Colts Football Club** has come to an end. However the club has been placed into safe hands to ensure this important village club continues to move forward as it grows. When I took over I probably didn't quite realise the size of the job and the importance to so many people who are involved within the village, from players and coaches to parents. During my time, the club has grown from approximately 180 kids playing football to over 300 children which is a massive achievement for all involved. Our growth also started to enhance our partnership with local professional clubs Cambridge United and Norwich City. This then helped with the progress and development of the local children from both a football and social perspective and provided more opportunities for all.

I was very lucky to be Chairman at a great time of success which would not have happened if it was not for all the coaches who give up lots of valuable family time to provide these opportunities for the village children and raise the bar of standards for local sports generally. There are too many to name here but it has been a privilege to work with all of them.

Some of the club's achievements in the last year include:

- Winning *Community Club of the Year* and *Most Inclusive Club of the Year* locally awarded by Cambridgeshire FA and then winning the East Anglian Regional Finals - all for the first time ever for our club.
- We Launched our DNA and Club Ethos to enable a focus for our players, coaches and parents
- Development and investment in Young Leaders from our village who are currently helping a high number of teams with coaching and as Referees
- Two Girls only after-school clubs which has resulted in Cottenham being able to field a girls' team with hopefully more to follow. We now have some 60 plus girls playing football in Cottenham at secondary and primary school level
- Partner club with Cambridge United and Norwich City Football Club (NCFC)
- First club locally to host an Under-6 Festival with NCFC to provide young kids a fun environment to play sport for the first time and with other teams.
- Two Cup finals for our youth teams and further semi-finals and one team league winners and one league runners-up in different age groups.

- Our Five- a-side tournaments becoming one of the biggest in the region with over 2,500 people coming to the village to take part.
- Launch of our Cottenham Football Foundation and Soccer schools run by volunteers to provide additional sports time and fitness for all individuals. A big thank-you to Jason Adams for all his hard work on getting this launched.
- Supporting the Fen Edge Festival and Cottenham Community days

It goes without saying it has been a privilege to serve the club and its members through all of these successes and we could not have done it without the constant support of all of the coaches, players and more importantly the parents who support us in all weathers in many different ways. As a club we fill Cottenham Recreation Ground every Saturday and Sunday with kids having fun and growing into the future of our village.

I want to wish Jason Leach and all the coaches all the best as they continue all the good work and grow the club further as I move on to the Club Secretary role.

**Simon Rose – Secretary** Cottenham United Colts  
[www.cottenhamunitedcolts.com](http://www.cottenhamunitedcolts.com)

## COTTENHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Club meetings are usually on the last Friday of the month, at Franklin Gardens Community Room.

Refreshments are served from 7.30pm, followed by a talk at 7.45pm and finishing with a raffle.

Membership of the club costs £14 per annum which includes a Garden Party, a garden visit and an Evening Drinks Party in the summer and the New Year Party in January, as well as the regular meetings.

Guests and visitors are welcome at £2 per meeting, or £4 for one of the parties. Donations of raffle prizes are well received.

Meetings coming up are:

27<sup>th</sup> April - Plants for Difficult Conditions by Andrew Riley, Horticulturist

25<sup>th</sup> May - Perils of a Plant Hunter by Geoff Hales, Cambridge based actor

29<sup>th</sup> June - People and Plants: Molecules, Medicine and Mischief by Dr Gwenda Kyd, Chemist and Herbalist  
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**NEW Beginners Pilates** 12.15-1.15pm miranda@mi-time.eu;  
**Children's Dance** 4-6.30pm (three classes) (NEW for drama only, in the studio, for 8-13 year olds at 5-5.45pm) info@4d-dance.co.uk;  
**Zumba** 7-8pm Contact Jo Kinser jo@jjkdancin.com

## TUESDAY

**Yoga** 10-11.30am denise@sibleymooreyoga.co.uk; **Pilates Explore** (mixed ability) 10.15-11.15am and 11.30am-12.30pm (studio) All Pilates classes are pay as you go, Miranda de Vries miranda@mi-time.eu; **NEW Fitsteps for Adults** 8.15-9.15pm lisa-rudd@hotmail.co.uk

## WEDNESDAY

**Little Humbugs** (singing and music for babies and toddlers) 10.30-11.30am, £2.50 littlehumbugs@gmail.com;  
**Whirl and Twirl** 7-10pm suzanne.baldry@hotmail.co.uk;  
**CCC Knitting Group** in Coffee shop from 10am – just come along and enjoy helping others; **Photography Club** 4th Wed of month at 7pm in Coffee shop Photoclub@virginmedia.com; **NEW Crazy Crafting Chicks** 3rd Wed of month 7-9pm (in coffee shop) audriereed@yahoo.co.uk; **NEW All Dance** 7-8pm in Studio alldancecambridge@gmail.com

## THURSDAY

**Ready Steady Play** (Early Years) 10-11am head@histon.cambs.sch.uk; **Adult Ballet** (term time in studio) Beginners 10-11am and Improvers 11am-12pm reserve a place community@cvcweb.net ; **Craft Community Group** (not 2nd Thursday of month) 1-2.30pm cottenhamcraft@

gmail.com and www.facebook.com/cottenhamcraft; **Camb's Hearing Help** 2-4pm every second Thursday of month www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk; **Zumba** 6-7pm Contact Jo Kinser jo@jjkdancin.com; **Pilates Stand to Strength** (studio) 6.15-7pm; **Pilates For Strength** 7-8pm (studio) and **NEW Yin Yoga** (studio) 8-9pm All Pilates/Yin Yoga/FlexAware queries to mitimewellbeing@gmail.com **NEW Pregnancy Yoga** 7.30-9pm www.lisasyoga.co.uk

## FRIDAY

**Yoga** (studio) short terms only 10-11.30am wiltrud.jackson@yahoo.co.uk **Mixed Ability Pilates Explore** 9.45-10.45am; **FlexAware** (studio) 11.35am-12.35pm All Pilates/Yin Yoga/FlexAware queries to miranda@mi-time.eu; **NEW alternate Fridays term time Toy Library** 11.15am-12.45pm www.cottenhamtoylibrary.co.uk

## SATURDAY

**4<sup>th</sup> dimension Dance** classes 10-11am and **NEW class for drama and music** for 4-6 year olds at 11.45am-12.30pm info@4d-dance.co.uk

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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**Additional special events are shown in the Diary P7&8**

## NEW COMMUNITY ACTIVITY?

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# WILDCATS - GIRLS' FOOTBALL

About 2 years ago myself and David Burkett set out on a plan to grow girls football within our village. We knew this would be a challenge for us as **Cottenham United Colts FC** only had around 18 girls in total playing football and did not have any competing teams.

First, with the help of Sport England, we started a free after-school session for girls only playing football predominantly at Cottenham Village College. At first we had about 3 or 4 girls coming along and for many weeks we questioned if it would work and what we needed to do, but we continued with it and just tried to make it as much fun as possible. Then suddenly word started to spread and, as the temperature started to rise, so too did the numbers and before we knew it we had 18 girls turning up to each session. We saw this as a great success and the numbers continued to grow and hold steady even when the weather turned colder!

But we knew there was still more we could do, so then we launched, in partnership with Cambridgeshire Football Association and Cottenham Primary School our **Wildcats** sessions. Again this was a risk as we did not have many young primary school girls playing football within the club but, with the backing of the national scheme, we were accepted as one of only 200 applications nationwide to host these sessions, which was a major achievement in itself for a village grass-roots club! Once more we were unsure how it would go and if it would be a success but again by keeping it fun and creating the right environment we could only hope. When we first started this time last year we had about 10 girls, which was great and we were really happy with it and so where they. However as the weeks went by more and more girls started coming and before we knew it we had 50 girls turning up and taking part. This was way beyond what we had imagined, but with great support from the Primary School and all the parents it has grown so well and gone from strength to strength, meaning the local press wanted to do a piece and we have had some radio coverage as well, which we think enhances the village and the children taking part.



The hard work that goes into running these sessions is completely outweighed by the enjoyment and fun we, as coaches, have working with the girls. They put a smile on our faces and show such fantastic attitude. Watching the older ones looking after the younger ones gives us such pride in this great village we live in and the values that the Primary School and parents clearly instil in their children. Due to the success of the club's scheme we have won a number of awards from the Football Association and Cambridgeshire FA, which is wonderful for the club. I have to give a special mention to David Burkett without whose support we would not have been able to do all of this. David gives up a lot of his time to support me in these ventures, and without him they would not have happened. The **Wildcats** sessions are about to start again at Cottenham Primary School so we hope to see all the girls back again continuing to grow as friends and future football players. With one team already having great success and another being set up, the village is now becoming a real force in Girls' football and sport. Let's show those boys how to do it!!! Don't forget it will be 'Girls' Football Week' nationally from April 23 to 29.

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## COTTENHAM WI

There are many different activities to get involved with apart from our monthly meetings, held at the Village College, where we have speakers, craft evenings and socials. See pages 7-8 for calendar. We also have a darts group, walking group, craft group, bridge group, poetry group and we hold coffee mornings, afternoon teas and have stalls at community events. We are a very friendly group and will assure you of a warm welcome, so please come along. For more information about events contact Jill on 01954 250605 or Margaret on 01954 250870.

## COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our last meeting for spring is at All Saints' Church Hall at 7.45 pm on 13 April. Roy Stoner will be talking about the trains of Oakington and Cottenham (yes, there were plans for a railway through Cottenham). Everyone is welcome to our meetings, there is a charge of £2 if you are not a member. For information about our summer outings, please check the website.

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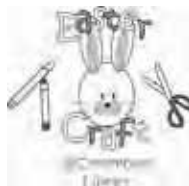
Come along for **coffee and chat** once a month on the third Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30.  
18<sup>th</sup> April, 23 May, 20<sup>th</sup> June

**Family history drop in sessions** continue on the third Monday in the month from 7pm to 9pm.  
16<sup>th</sup> April (note none in May), 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Easter Crafts for Children.

We will be holding Easter/ Spring themed craft sessions for children on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April (i.e. Easter Holidays). They are drop-in sessions (no need to book) between 1.30 and 4.30pm. They are essentially cutting, sticking, folding and colouring sessions, making Easter eggs and bunnies, spring chicks and flowers.

The Thursdays will be a repeat of the Tuesdays, so you only need come in once a week, but do come both weeks!!



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## MONDAY

### **Art History - Rococo to Impressionism**

**10 weeks 7-9pm starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For anyone who would like to know more about European painting between 1715–1886. An introduction to the main art movements during this period including the Romantics, the Pre-Raphaelites and Impressionism.

### **Ballroom Dancing for Beginners - 6 weeks**

**6.15-7.15pm Fee: £30/£23 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For total beginners who want to explore ballroom dancing with a very experienced tutor who will guide you through a series of steps and dances.

### **Ballroom Dancing for Intermediates - 6 weeks**

**6.45-7.45pm Fee: £30/£23 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For those with a little experience who want to explore ballroom dancing with a very experienced tutor - a mixed ability class for the first half hour.

### **British Sign Language Introduction – 5 weeks**

**7-9pm Fee: £50/£38 starts 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Learn the BSL finger spelling alphabet, greeting signs and vocabulary. Our Tutor will teach you the basic signs to be able to hold a very simple conversation with signing.

### **Creative with Clay – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £120/£90**

**includes clay & firing starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Explore, create and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects.

*Course currently full contact us for waiting list.*

### **Dressmaking – 10 weeks 12.30-2.30pm**

**Fee: £100/£75 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit garments. Be guided through the purchase of fabrics & patterns, basic dressmaking techniques.

### **Fitness for Mature Movers – 5 weeks 10-11am**

**Fee: £20 TILLAGE HALL, WATERBEACH starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Gently stretch and tone in a friendly class, all movements to your own ability which will improve your balance and agility. You really are never too old to start toning those muscles!

### **Get to know your Tablet – 2 weeks 7-9pm**

**Fee £15 on 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Bring your Tablet along for a basic introduction on how to use the functions and gain confidence.

### **Get to know your iPad – 2 weeks 7-9pm**

**Fee £15 on 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Bring your iPad along for a basic introduction on how to use the functions and gain confidence.

### **Italian for Beginners Term 3 of 3 – 10 weeks**

**7-9pm Fee: £75/£56 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For those wishing to improve their Italian, some basic knowledge required. A lively class to learn this beautiful language – bellissimo!

### **Pilates for Everyone - PLOUGHMAN'S**

**HALL, WILLINGHAM – 10 weeks Fee: £55/£42**

**11.30am–12.30pm starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Use controlled mat-based exercises to condition the whole body, improve your posture, reduce stress, and help with 'bad backs'. All abilities welcome.

### **Pilates for Everyone (Cottenham VC)**

**10 weeks Fee: £55/£42 7-8pm starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Use controlled mat-based exercises to condition the whole body, improve your posture, reduce stress, and help with 'bad backs'. All abilities welcome.

### **Swing Dances: Jive, Lindyhop & Charleston**

**for Beginners - 6 weeks 7.45-8.45pm**

**Fee: £30/£23 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Learn a range of swing dances, from Charleston to Jive and put together simple routines. You will become familiar with a range of swing styles and music genres.

### **Swing Dances: Jive, Lindyhop & Charleston**

**Intermediate Level - 6 weeks 8.15-9.15pm**

**Fee: £30/£23 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For those with some experience – a variety of swing dances, from Charleston to Jive. You will become familiar with a range of swing styles and music genres. A mixed ability class for the first half hour.

### **Watercolour Painting for Beginners NEW**

**8 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £80/£60 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

For beginners and those with a little experience. You'll be encouraged to create paintings from your own observations applying the 'rules' of design and composition. Students provide own materials.

### **Watercolour Painting for Improvers**

**10 weeks 10am-12noon Fee: £100/£75**

**starts 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Develop your traditional landscape painting skills with lots of new colour mixes, tips and 'tricks of the trade'. Materials extra. *Course currently full contact us for waiting list.*

## Yoga for Beginners - 10 weeks 6.30-8pm

**Fee: £75/£56 starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Suitable for all ages and abilities including those who want to go back to basics. Increase your flexibility and work with your breath to relax. *Not suitable for ladies in the first three months of pregnancy.*

## TUESDAY

### Fitness for Mature Movers SALVATION

**ARMY HALL, WILLINGHAM - 5 weeks**

**11.30am-12.30pm Fee: £20 starts 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Gently stretch and tone in a friendly class, all movements to your own ability which will improve your balance and agility. You really are never too old to start toning those muscles!

### T'ai Chi for Beginners - 10 weeks 6-7pm

**Fee: £50/£38 starts 24<sup>th</sup> April**

T'ai Chi Chuan is a meditative form of exercise involving flowing sequences of movement. Can help to develop calmness and relaxation. This course is for those with little or no experience.

### T'ai Chi for Beginners Plus - 10 weeks 7-8pm

**Fee: £50/£38 starts 24<sup>th</sup> April**

For those with a good basic knowledge.

### T'ai Chi for Improvers - 10 weeks 8-9.15pm

**Fee: £63/£47 starts 24<sup>th</sup> April**

For those with at least one year's experience.

### Yoga for Improvers - 10 weeks 7-8.30pm

**Fee: £75/£56 starts 24<sup>th</sup> April**

For those with at least one year's experience. Increase your flexibility, improve your asana practice and develop your understanding of yoga. *Not suitable for ladies in the first three months of pregnancy.*

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**Tutor: Lindsay Fursland**

**Fee: £43.20 - 6 sessions**

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**Start: Tuesday 18th April 2018**

**Time: 10-12noon Contact: Liz Milway on 01954 250039**

## WEDNESDAY

### Adult Tap Dancing for Complete Beginners -

**10 weeks 6-7pm Fee: £50/£38 starts 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### Adult Tap Dancing Beginners Plus - 10 weeks

**7-8pm Fee: £50/£38 starts 18<sup>th</sup> April**

For those who have at least 20 hours previous experience of Tap. Designed to teach rhythm, co-ordination and to refine technique.

### Adult Tap Dancing Improvers - 10 weeks 8-9pm

**Fee: £50/£38 starts 18<sup>th</sup> April**

For those who have previously completed a year of Adult Improvers Tap, or who have previous experience of Tap to Grade 6. Develop higher levels of rhythm, co-ordination and technique.

### Carpentry, Learn Design & Make - 9 weeks

**7-9pm Fee: £90/£68 starts 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Using our extensively equipped workshop you will design & make a woodwork project of your choice. Suitable for the complete beginner or the expert. Bring your own woodwork materials.

### Creative with Clay - 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £120/£90 includes clay & firing starts 25<sup>th</sup> April

Explore, create and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects. *Course currently full contact us for waiting list.*

### Fitness for Mature Movers - 5 weeks 2-3pm

**Fee: £20 COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE starts 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Gently stretch and tone in a friendly class, all movements to your own ability which will improve your balance and agility. You really are never too old.

### **Just Talk French (Improvers) Term 3 of 3 – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £100/£75 starts 25<sup>th</sup> April**

For learners with at least one year's knowledge/experience of French who want to develop their skills.

### **Salsa Mixed Ability – 10 weeks 7.30-8.30pm Fee: £50/£38 starts 25<sup>th</sup> April**

A fabulous and lively dance style in a relaxed and enjoyable class. Develop the essential steps, build your confidence and learn combinations to lively Latin music.

## **ARTS & CRAFTS – WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASSES**

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Learners will have the opportunity to print by hand, producing both colour and black & white prints. Materials included.

### **Small Scale Screen Printing – 2 weeks 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June 10am-1pm Fee: £40/£30**

A great introduction for beginners but anyone experienced is welcome to work on their own projects. Materials extra.

### **Coloured Glass Fusing Workshop – 1 session 27<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am-12.30pm Fee: £20/£15**

Create beautiful fused glass artworks, using special glass materials designed to fuse together in the kiln. Materials extra £20

### **Dichroic Glass Jewellery – 1 session 4<sup>th</sup> July 10am-1pm Fee: £20/£15**

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## **THURSDAY**

### **Adult Ballet Beginners (Cott Comm Centre) - 10 weeks 10-11am Fee: £65/£50 starts 26<sup>th</sup> April**

For those with little or no ballet training, this is a great class for having fun and toning the whole body.

### **Adult Ballet Improvers (Cott Comm Centre) - 10 weeks 11am-12noon Fee: £65/£50 starts 26<sup>th</sup> April**

A good basic knowledge of Ballet is required, you'll learn more complex steps to a wide variety of music.

### **French Conversation Intermediate Term 3 of 3 - 10 weeks 9.30-11.30am Fee: £100/£75 starts 26<sup>th</sup> April**

*Course currently full, please contact us for waiting list.*

### **Upholstery - 10 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £250/£187 – starts 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Whether you're new to Upholstery and want to refurbish a simple dining chair or even an arm chair, this course is for you. All techniques of Upholstery are covered for traditional and modern furniture. Students bring own furniture. Materials extra. *Course currently full, please contact us for waiting list.*

### **Upholstery at Rampton Village Hall - 8 weeks 10am-3pm Fee: £248/£186 - starts 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Suitable for beginners to learn techniques and skills in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediates may continue to upholster an existing project. Students bring own furniture. Materials extra.

## **FRIDAY**

### **Upholstery - 10 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £250/£187 - starts 27<sup>th</sup> April**

See Thursday for description. *Course currently full, please contact us for waiting list.*

## SATURDAY DAY SCHOOLS

**Time: 10am–4pm (unless otherwise stated). Fee: £35/£26 unless otherwise stated**

**Please note all students will need to bring a packed lunch for whole day courses. \* = Materials/ingredients extra**

### SATURDAY 12TH MAY

Dressmaking (2 Saturdays – 12<sup>th</sup> May & 9<sup>th</sup> June)

£70/£52\*

Upholstery (2 Saturdays – 12<sup>th</sup> May & 9<sup>th</sup> June)

£70/£52\*

British Sign Language FREE Taster 10am-12noon

Dichroic Glass Jewellery\*

Willow Blackberry Basket\* – 10am-4.30pm £38/£28

Screen Printing Studio\*

Patchwork Day\*

### SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

Feltmaking for Beginners\*

Bread Baking for Beginners\*

Digital Photography Day TBC

## BALLET POINTES

### BALLET POINTES with our classically (Vaganova) trained Ballet Teacher April Martin

Our dance showcase Energise, which was held in January, was very successful with 13 groups of dancers from Cambridgeshire, Essex and Suffolk showed an enthusiastic audience what they can do and their faces showed how much they enjoyed it.

Our next performance is “The Stone Flower” the last ballet Prokofiev wrote based on a Russian Folk Tale. The older dancers have been working hard at rehearsals for this, so come along and see the results! It is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Swavesey Village College and tickets can be booked on tutusrus@ntlworld.com costing £9 or £30 for a family ticket (4 people). The summer term also sees SCAMBS, our 2 contemporary groups, in action at Swavesey Festival at the start of July.

Junior ballet assessment tests will be on Saturday 23 June for Years 1, 2 and 3. Wednesday afternoon Class

times have altered slightly - please check. New students are welcome to join at any time. We like to keep numbers low to give us the chance to really work with the dancers and bring out the best in them, ballet is a skill that needs careful nurturing and every dancer is different! If you have any questions about the classes please contact April Martin (Assoc ARBTA) tutusrus@ntlworld.com

Jack teaches contemporary and has his own dance company Jack Stinton Dance Company. April is very experienced; classical ballet trained and has links not only to Jack but also to Cambridge Ballet Academy which offers high level training for the aspiring dancer, and will be starting a BTEC for age 16-18 in September to bring those who wish to go on to vocational dance school the qualifications they need. We both have full DBS and Prevent training and are trained chaperones.

## BALLET FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AT COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

**Tutor - April Martin (Associate ARBTA & Member BDQT), any enquiries telephone 01954 200533**

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### 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. Bring or send your booking form to the College, cheques payable to **ASTREA ACADEMY TRUST**. You can also print off a copy of the booking form from our website <http://community.cvcweb.net>

#### ADULT LEARNING CLASSES:

**Enrolling in person:** office open weekdays 9am-2.30pm and Monday–Wednesday evenings 6.30-8.30pm.

**Enrolling by phone:** call us on **01954 288751**

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

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

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### COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

#### Support for people with special needs

If you would like to attend a class but feel that you may need support to enable your participation, please contact the Adult Learning office on 01954 288751.

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# FECA IN LANDBEACH

## THE LANDBEACH SOCIETY

A Society for anyone interested in the history of the village, its place within the region and in protecting the environment of the village.

We hold a series of monthly meetings between January – June and September – December to which all are welcome.

See calendar on pages 7-8 for talks. The cost of membership is £2 per annum and entrance to the talks is £5.

Meetings are held in Landbeach Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm, unless otherwise stated. All Welcome!

The Landbeach Society website is at:

[www.landbeach.org.uk/history/99-landbeach-society](http://www.landbeach.org.uk/history/99-landbeach-society)

## HAVE YOU VISITED THE TITHE BARN YET?

Have you visited the beautiful timber frame Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, yet? Well now's your chance. We have a full programme of **free events** planned at the Tithe Barn for 2018, so come along and support your local charity and not-for-profit volunteer group committed to saving

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You can follow the Tithe Barn Trust on Twitter @TBarnT or Instagram @tithebarntrust, like us on Facebook FriendsOfLandbeachTitheBarn or visit [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk) to find out more about the Tithe Barn Trust and our events.

The Tithe Barn Trust believes the medieval Tithe Barn, with thatched roof, brick threshing floor and timber granary, to be unique to Cambridgeshire and even of national significance. It is one of the few Tithe Barns in the country still standing next to its medieval rectory. Over 90% of Tithe Barns in the UK have been converted and their historic features are being lost forever. Sadly, the Landbeach Tithe Barn is in a poor condition and deteriorating.

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Sunday 8 April 2pm – 5pm

Families can spot the barn's wildlife and claim a prize. Then sow seeds to take home and grow your own veg for our July competition.

### Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3 May 7pm – 8.30pm

Meet the Tithe Barn Trust volunteer team. Plus eminent guest speaker, David Grech, gives his illustrated talk 'Head to Head – a walk across England to explore its vernacular architecture'

### Tithe Barn Theatre

Thursday 14 June 6.30pm

Shakespeare performed by the Cambridge School of Visual & Performing arts.

### Old Enemies; Auld Alliances - Concert

Saturday 16 June 7pm – 9pm

Duo Robin Irvine & Jennifer Bastable play 'Music for lute and voices from Scotland, England and France.'

### Summer fruit & veg competition

Saturday 28 July 1pm – 4.30pm

Enter your prize winning summer fruit and veg. Categories include Best Ugly Veg.

### Holiday Fun

Sunday 26 August 1pm – 4pm

Storytelling, I-Spy, dressing up and traditional games for all the family.

### How to find the Tithe Barn

Gate entrance is opposite No 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FA.

Walk along the grassed track by the hedge.

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### TREASURER VACANCY

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# FECA IN LANDBEACH

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In the last few years, many wildlife organisations have taken on board a new concept in wildlife recording called a "bioblitz". When I first heard of this, I thought it sounded rather sinister as though the aim was to 'blitz' i.e., kill off everything living! However the opposite is true and the aim of a bioblitz is to record all the animals and plants in a particular area during a 24-hour period. Experts are at hand to help put names to the creatures and everyone from very young to not so young can take part. You don't need any prior knowledge as half the point is to learn as you go along. I have been to several in the past, including one based on a seashore in Yorkshire run by the Yorkshire Naturalist's Society and two in Cambridge in the Botanic Gardens and various college gardens run by the university. They were all great fun.

If you would like to try it out for yourself, then FOWM will be running one this year on **Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>** in Landbeach (Worts Meadow and Bourne Wood). This is your and your children's chance to try

out all sorts of activities including bug, butterfly and bee hunting with nets and traps, pond dipping, moth trapping, small mammals, flower identification, tree leaves, and a dawn chorus walk for early risers! The various activities will be time-tabled and you don't have to stay all day, just pick your favourites and come and go as you please. The event will actually start on the Friday evening with a bat walk, using bat detectors to identify the various species from their sounds as they hunt. We will also set out the moth traps as it gets dark.

More details will be available nearer the time. Meanwhile if you want to volunteer to help or need more information then please contact us as below.

## FRIENDS OF WORTS MEADOW

FOWM volunteers help with the practical management of Worts Meadow Local Nature Reserve in Landbeach. It is free to join. Our open events provide the chance to learn about and enjoy the wildlife of the site and help with recording. For more information contact Frances Dipper on 01223 861836, frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk or see our Facebook page Friends of Worts Meadow.



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# FEN EDGE PARISH COUNCILS

## COTTENHAM

### Neighbourhood Plan

Draft v4 now with SCDC to obtain report on impact on Environment and Habitat Regulations. Sixteen "NP planning evidence papers" and three AECOM reports have been published on our website and will be refined as v4.1a is being finalised. The draft Plan is now being cited in planning applications, so we may get more influence over site layouts etc. Regulation 14 "local consultation" arrangements are being prepared.

### Major Building Developments

- Bellway Homes have outline permission (development principle and access) to build 50 homes off Oakington Road; the Reserved Matters (site layout and house types etc) application is yet to be determined.
- Gladman Developments also have outline permission for their Rampton Road site. The site is now up for sale with offers due by 2nd March.
- Persimmon Homes similarly have outline permission for 126 homes off Oakington Road. At end of February there was no sign of the Reserved Matters application.
- County Council (S/2876) application to build 154 homes off Rampton Road was refused by SCDC in August. County have submitted an appeal which is due to be heard on 14th March.
- County Council (S/3551) application to build 137 or 125 houses has been withdrawn.

There have been 2 new applications this year:

- Manor Oak (50 homes on land off Beach Road) - refusal recommended; although possible Rural Exception site in NP
- Lau (23 homes on land off Oakington Road) - refusal recommended partly for concerns over drainage

SCDC do now have a 5-year land supply so the speculative wave should now subside.

### Traffic and Transport Working Group

We have been working with the Traffic and Transport Working Group (T&TWG for short!) to reactivate Community Speedwatch. 10 volunteers have been trained and locations risk assessed by Cambs Police; we aim to be up and running during April/May. If you'd like to become a Speedwatch volunteer, join the T&TWG, or just be kept up to date on traffic related issues, please email [cottenhamtraffic@gmail.com](mailto:cottenhamtraffic@gmail.com) for further information.

### Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be held this year on Thursday 10th May. This is your opportunity to find out what the Parish, District and County Councils have been up to over

the past 12 months. The event will start at 7pm with refreshments followed by presentations from 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jo Brook, Parish Clerk*

[clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk)

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Online: [www.tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking](http://www.tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking)

**Dangerous Parking should be reported by phone on: 101**

### Streetlights:

Online: [www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/contact-us/report-fault](http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/contact-us/report-fault)

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## LANDBEACH

A new Mobile Warden has been appointed. Anyone needing this service should contact Melanie Hale on 01223 441552 or email [melsarhal@gmail.com](mailto:melsarhal@gmail.com) - This will be in total confidence.

There are going to be Mobile Activated signs in Landbeach as we try to reduce speeding. Our bus shelter was knocked down last year by a speeding motorist! The signs are being shared with Milton and Waterbeach Parish Councils.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 23 April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Party in the Park will be held on Saturday 30 June 2018.

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# FEN EDGE PARISH COUNCILS

## LANDBEACH COUNCIL

Meets first Monday in month (not August) at the Village Hall, 7.30pm. On bank holiday Mondays, meetings are on second Monday. Clerk: Maria Sylvester. Office by appointment 9am to 1pm, 2-5.30pm. Contact details: 07724 047656, [landbeachparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:landbeachparishcouncil@gmail.com) and [www.landbeach.org.uk](http://www.landbeach.org.uk)

## WILLINGHAM

### Fen Gallop

The popular Fen Gallop 10K race and 4 mile fun run will be held on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Fen Gallop is a local event organised by a small team of local residents, the sponsors and Willingham School Association. All proceeds go to the Willingham School Association (a registered charity) and local youth groups. Details of how to enter can be found at [www.fengallop.co.uk](http://www.fengallop.co.uk) If you don't want to run but would like to be involved or help please email [fengallop@gmail.com](mailto:fengallop@gmail.com)

### Willingham Craft Beer Festival

Following a successful event last year, the organisers are planning to hold the Craft Beer Festival between 28<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road – keep an eye for further details.

## WILLINGHAM COUNCIL

Meets first Wednesday of month; dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the High Street public hall and at the library. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions. Meetings are held in the Octagon behind St Mary and All Saints Church and they start at 7.30pm. The Parish Council office (Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP) is open Monday to Thursday from 10am to 1pm, except Bank Holidays and there is an answerphone service outside office hours. Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell 01954 261027, E-mail [clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## RAMPTON

To contact the Parish Clerk, Claire Perrott, please email [ramptonparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ramptonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Please make full use of the Councillors and feel free to raise any concerns you have with them. The Parish Council is there to benefit everyone and to help sort out individual and collective problems villagers face from time to time. For further contact details and to find out more about the Parish Council please see [www.rampton.org](http://www.rampton.org)



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# FECA IN RAMPTON

## RAMPTON DINNER AND SHOW

Rampton is the smallest of the Fen Edge villages but, we like to think, just as active as its larger siblings. One of our annual events is the dinner and show which takes place over the last Friday and Saturday of January each year. Our show cast comprises anyone who wants to join in, and our net extends as far as Cambridge, Willingham and Cottenham. All ages find a role. The show is in two halves; first half being sketches, skits and performances by local groups and artistes. The second half is usually a bespoke pantomime or other play written and directed by one or two members of the cast. This year 83 people saw the Friday performance. Our pantomime was a Rampton themed version of Aladdin. Anyone is welcome to come to our show, 7.30pm last Friday of January or 8pm on the Saturday, tickets on the door. Make a note in your diary for next year, it is always an experience.

Usually a good one.

Before the show on the Saturday the **Rampton '77 Committee** organise a meal for all Rampton residents over 60 years of age. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet friends and neighbours, catch up on the gossip and enjoy a free three course meal cooked and served by a dedicated team of volunteers. Previously the meal has been funded from other village events, but this year we were delighted and very grateful to receive a generous donation of **£300 from the Fen Edge Community Association** which covered a substantial proportion of the cost of the meal. This year we fed 80 people with a menu consisting of mushroom soup, roast beef with

the traditional trimmings and a choice from a range of desserts.

## ART FOR THE LIVING ROOM!

Do try to get to Rampton for the annual art exhibition at the Village Hall on 14/15 July.

According to Andrew Marr, launching his new book recently at Ely Cathedral, "you will be thrilled and constantly surprised by what is being done near you, wherever you are, right now"! He also said that art is good for you - whether you are doing it, just looking at it or putting it on your wall.

**Ramparts** was set up many years ago to encourage beginners to "have a go". It has never been a "learn to draw" class, there are plenty of excellent local classes doing that, but encouraging members to splash paint about, create their own individual pictures and build confidence.


It has also been "good for them". The lovely May Rainey was still painting at 96 years old.

We don't have space for more members but would like to encourage you to set up your own art groups. Come to the exhibition and find how to do it and the support you would get.

Will Gompertz, Art Editor for the BBC, recently reviewed the re-opening of Kettles Yard. He was complimentary but wondered if the big white open spaces were at odds with Jim Ede's founding principle of seeing art in a domestic setting. So, following his thoughts, let us do art for the living room!

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# FECA IN RAMPTON

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Cash bar available all evening

Brooks needs no introduction to his loyal following in the area as this is, after all, a home gig. He is touring this year with Dutch blues singer and guitarist Hans Theessink who has been performing since the early 1970s. Hans' style brings together country, blues, fingerpicking and influences such as Big Bill Broonzy, Leadbelly and Brownie McGhee. He is described as 'one helluva guitar player' by the legendary Bo Diddley. Brooks is ranked as one of the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists and writes and delivers his songs with an easy-going vocal style. Walking the line between blues and Americana. He has worked stages worldwide for over 25 years, amassing a staggering back-catalogue of songs, recordings and tales. 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.

Advance tickets: £10. £12 on the door

From [www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk) or call 01954 208045



**Rampton Relay** - The annual fun run is set for Sunday 29th April. Registration starts at 2pm, the run begins at 2:30pm. The race can be run as a four-lap relay by a team of four (one lap each) or by single runners who may choose to run one or more laps. The lap length is 'one Rampton mile'. Start and finish are on the large meadow at Giant's Hill. All runners will receive a certificate and winning teams and runners will receive medals.

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# WATERBEACH NEWS

## WATERBEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### **Waterbeach Feast 2018 - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Waterbeach Community Association are once again organising the Waterbeach Feast on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. This annual event starts with a grand parade of floats around the village, mostly entered by local groups and organisations. The parade will leave the school at 2pm and make its procession around the village. We're hoping to see many floats, walking groups and individuals to make a spectacular and colourful parade following this year's theme of 'Something beginning with L.....'. The afternoon entertainment then continues with a variety of stalls and side shows on the Village Green and some exciting events and displays in the arena. For further information please contact Jacqui Rabbett on 01223 860993, or you can find all the forms needed to join in the activities on our website [www.waterbeach.org](http://www.waterbeach.org) Feast Day is always a wonderful village event with everyone turning out to make it enjoyable for both villagers and visitors.

## RELOCATING THE TRAIN STATION

Royal London Waterbeach developers are reporting that they have submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council a Planning Application to relocate Waterbeach train station. Details on the SCDC planning website - reference number S/0791/18FL. There is also some information on the RLW website [www.waterbeach.co.uk/planning-application-submitted](http://www.waterbeach.co.uk/planning-application-submitted)

## THE OLD SKATEPARK

The work to transform the old Skatepark into a wheeled park for toddlers is nearing completion. Unfortunately some of the works are weather dependent and we could not make further progress until we got some drier and warmer weather. Although not officially open the park is safe to use if little ones want to use it. Please bear in mind this is intended for toddlers and younger children.



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# HOW GREEN IS YOUR GARDEN?

Writing this on a cold February afternoon, there's not an insect in sight. I always leave some ivy uncut, so that there'll be some nectar for the few brave insects that do venture out. This current cold spell will be pretty unhelpful to them, and they will need all the assistance they can get when things warm up. There's been a lot of talk about the declining numbers of insects, particularly bees, with pesticides getting the blame. It's not just them though. Some of the plants that we grow in our gardens may look nice, but lack the pollen and nectar that insects need. It's easy to blame the farmers for turning fields into a green jungle; our allotments are surrounded by such fields, with little or no flowers to entice the insects. But we're all culpable really. We like big bright flowers. Native species have been bred to flower longer, with bigger blooms, resistant to viral infection with a longer blooming season, it can seem that plants have lost their connection with the ecosystem around them.

Now, this may seem a bit gloomy, but it needn't be. We can help, whatever the size of our garden. Firstly, we can provide insects with a home. Go to [www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/insects-and-minibeasts](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife/insects-and-minibeasts) you'll find a whole range of habitats that you can build. This is a great way of engaging children (and grandchildren) in the garden. You can build your own version of an insect home. Don't be put off by the pictures of grandiose structures; the crawlies will be just as happy with what you give them.

Secondly, we can attract insects to their very own fast food outlet. Insect friendly annual seeds are in the shops now. Mix some silver sand with the seed, and gently sprinkle it over a patch that you've cleared; the sand will let you see where the seed is. Gently cover the seed and water it. When buying

plants, generally if the plant has flowers that have single petals, it will be insect friendly, providing nectar and pollen. Plants to include are delphiniums, cornflowers, verbena bonariensis and scabious. No garden? Have you space for a pot? Get a reasonably sized one, buy one bonariensis or English lavender bush and a couple of French marigold bushes. You'll have a good colour combination and regular visitors. If you've a fence or wall, grow scented climbers like honeysuckle for summer food, and Ivy to provide food in the cold months.

Finally, a small water feature. Get a wooden half tub from your local garden centre, somewhere round 450mm diameter. Liberally paint the inside with black bituminous paint – the sort they sell for damp-proofing. Buy three aquatic plants: an iris, a grass and something to lay on the surface, preferably that has flowers. (I actually used a miniature water lily.) Get a small bag of aquatic compost, and some pond planters. Place the tub where you want it, put the plants into the planters. Carefully place them in the tub and fill it with water. Fix some fairly large holed mesh across the top to child proof it, guiding the plants through the holes. Again, no hot sun, but it will tolerate a bright spot. And behold, you have a small environment that will attract its own wildlife.

These are small changes, but ones that will be appreciated by the local wildlife.

A final thought. I belong to Cottenham Gardeners' Club, details of which are elsewhere in this magazine, and can commend gardening clubs to you. Look up your local club, and go. You'll meet all sorts of people with all sorts of experience and ideas for how to make your garden greener!

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# FEN EDGE GROUPS

## FEN EDGE TWINNING ASSOCIATION – 1998 TO 2018

For the first May bank holiday, a group of over 40 residents from the Fen Edge villages of Waterbeach, Landbeach, Cottenham, Rampton and Willingham will be heading to Avrillé in the Loire Valley for a special anniversary celebration. 2018 marks two important milestones; twenty successful years of twinning between the Fen Edge and Avrillé and an amazing forty years of partnership between our hosts Avrillé and their German twin town – Schwalbach am Taunus. The weekend will bring together a mix of people of all ages, all backgrounds and of course, at least the three nationalities.

Our French hosts would like to promote youth involvement in the Twinning but recognise that travelling in May is not ideal for all children, particularly those involved in exams. Accordingly, they have organised an exchange of art between the children from the three countries. We have approached the local primary schools and some local youth groups to take part but if you know of another group that is interested, please get in touch.



With the 2018 centenary celebrations to mark the end of WWI, the theme for the art work is "Peace" and an official ceremony with a release of doves will open the art exhibition.

The highlight of the weekend is likely to be the Saturday evening spectacular with dinner and entertainment for all attendees. Over the years, we have been treated to delicious three course meals in local chateaus as well as more relaxed but fun filled evenings in a more spacious local hall. Although there are some formal moments over the course of the weekend, the emphasis is on friendship and creating long lasting ties. There is thus plenty of time to relax and to get to know each other over extended picnic lunches (as shown above), walks in

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the beautiful countryside or other activities. There's no need to speak French to form these bonds - it's amazing how well you can communicate, especially while enjoying some excellent French fare.

We are currently finalising our plans for travelling to France but if you are interested in joining the group, please contact us. It may be possible for you to join the trip if we have a cancellation. Alternatively, you could get involved in other twinning events.

We are planning a summer party on 14<sup>th</sup> July and will be holding a quiz in the Autumn. Both events will be a great way to meet the people involved in the twinning so keep an eye out for further information. There is also a separate trip to France being organised by the local Cottenham choir led by Tim and Siobhan Lihoreau. A few years ago, they joined our visit to Avrillé and they have now established a successful exchange based around a love of music.

In 2019, it will be our turn to return the hospitality and welcome a group of French guests. We would thus welcome new members who would be interested in getting involved as hosts and in the

future trips to France. So if you are interested in taking part as a singleton, a couple, a family or as part of a local group, please contact Julia Gwilt ([juliagwilt@gmail.com](mailto:juliagwilt@gmail.com)) or Kit Kilgour ([kitkilgour@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kitkilgour@yahoo.co.uk)). We can add you to our mailing list so that you're kept informed of the activities of the group. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

## FEN EDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP 2018

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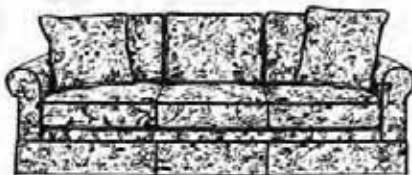
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## WILLINGHAM ACTION GROUP (WAG)

### 'Willinghamlife' website

We continue to develop our new website at [www.willinghamlife.org](http://www.willinghamlife.org) with more pages of information relating to the village. So far we have: important websites, opening hours of amenities, useful phone numbers, transport details, bin collections and village events. We plan to add details of local roadworks and we hope residents will contact us via the website to let us know what else is needed. You can also access current and back issues of the Willingham News.

We also want to have a complete directory of businesses and social and sports clubs in the village and we are relying on people to submit such detail.

### Amenities on the QEII Field

The new play equipment is well-used and continues to attract an increasing number of families and carers with children. The Environmental Group of WAG are now applying some finishing touches to the landscaping. It became apparent last summer that there was a need for more seating. The idea of creating a tree feature of three white silver birches, surrounded by a circular tree bench, prompted WAG to seek funding from a sponsor with the balance coming from the SCDC Community Fund. The additional SCDC funds will also allow for the provision of three more simple plank benches in close proximity to the under-fives area. The materials have been purchased and work on preparation and installation will commence in early spring.

Vintage Travel kindly sponsored the three silver birch trees, which were planted last winter, with the bench being installed in the autumn. The teak circular bench was co-funded by Vintage Travel and the SCDC Community Fund, for which WAG are very appreciative. Also, those visiting the QEII will be aware of the many native trees which have been progressively planted by WAG, further enhancing the area, 50 in all. All the trees were generously sponsored and bear identification/dedication labels. A sponsor board has recently been installed by WAG showing the location of individual trees and their sponsors. As with the information boards located in the Community Orchard the design and graphic art work was kindly contributed by Siobhan Brown, many thanks. WAG would like to thank all those who have contributed to the creation of such a wonderful recreational facility. In particular WAG recognises the support and cooperation of WPC and the tireless work of our very own 'famous five' now immortalised by the living play feature of five hazels.

## The Community Orchard

Many of the fruit trees have made appreciable growth, although some are yet to bear fruit. WAG Environmental volunteers have been pleased to take up the offer of pruning instruction from Ray Manning. Ray explained the basic choice between creating a more upright tree with a main leader and an open bowl shape encouraging outward spreading growth. As the trees are planted on an 8m square grid the latter has been chosen with a view



to creating the appearance of a more traditional orchard. Ray has kindly spent two Saturday mornings providing pruning instruction to WAG Enviro volunteer groups enabling us to undertake some pruning in between for his appraisal. What is second nature to Ray takes a leap of faith for those learning when removal of significant growth is required, especially as the label bears the sponsors name. Sponsors rest assured the effect is instantly evident as a pleasing shape is created! The accompanying photo shows Ray instructing the second group.

We appreciate the help received from Ray and his offer to be available to advise in the future.

**Mike Tidball**

## IT'S A KNOCKOUT IS BACK SEPTEMBER 2018!

After the great success of the previous two events, **Willingham Youth Trust** is pleased to announce that it will once again be hosting *It's a Knockout* this September. The funds raised will be going towards the continued delivery of youth focused activities at the Youth Centre that will be available to all young people in Willingham and the surrounding villages.

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## WILLINGHAM YOUTH CENTRE

### Willingham Youth Zone - Update

We are pleased to announce the recommencement of the Willingham Youth Club, known now as the Willingham Youth Zone. It will commence on Wednesday 18th April and will be open to years 7,8 and 9 during term time only. There will be various planned activities including Sports, Food, Art, Volunteering, Information, Advice and of course plenty of fun. We will be supported by Connections Youth Bus Youth Workers and Volunteers from the Willingham Youth Trust. For more information please contact enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org or visit [www.willinghamyouthcentre.com](http://www.willinghamyouthcentre.com)

## WILLINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

We have wide range of events taking place over the next few months, but the list is constantly being added to, so please see our website or 'like' us on Facebook for the up to date details. The Club is a members club: £10 a year for individuals or £15 for a joint/couples membership. You do not have to be a Willingham resident. Most events are open to non-members for a small fee. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the club or online, and possibly on the door subject to demand.

Every Wednesday is Cash Prize Bingo night from 7pm eyes down at 7.30pm, the more players the bigger the prizes. Everyone over 18 welcome. £6 for six cards for six games.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 6pm for 6.45pm *Easter Bingo* for the whole family, with lots of Easter eggs and prizes to be won, with a raffle and a free children's game. Irish bingo for cash. Books £1 each for 6 games. Bar open and children's drinks and snacks available.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8pm *The Rockin'TJ's* are playing in the members bar (members free, £2 for guests). Playing music from the 50's to present day, a wide range of

covers from The Four Tops to Bruce Springsteen. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 8pm *Five Ska* - the popular Live Ska band. Covers from The Specials, Madness and many more! £5 in advance from the club or [www.wegottickets.com/event/428488](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/428488).

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm *Willingham Jam Club*. £2 payable at the bar. Everyone welcome, all ages and abilities.

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