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### **CHAIR'S MESSAGE**

I am writing this report just after we have enjoyed the most spectacular Fen Edge Festival ever. Many people have spoken to me about the 2019 Festival with an obvious sense of pride in what the community achieved over the



weekend. The variety and quality of the activities, the excellent organisation and the over-riding sense of goodwill and joy – these things do not happen by accident but reflect the extraordinary commitment of the organisers, volunteers, and participants to delivering a very special event. A big "thank you" too to all the sponsors without which it would not be possible. We can all feel very proud of the Festival and our community. On behalf of the Fen Edge Community Association (FECA) I want to warmly congratulate the Organising Committee that was so ably led by Lucy Dumbrell. It was a great team. The Festival has evolved over the years and I was particularly proud of two new initiatives this year – the Friday afternoon tea and bingo for those of pensionable age that was laid on by the Cottenham Day Centre and the reusable cup scheme that was managed by Sustainable Cottenham. Two of our FECA member groups saw opportunities to make the Festival better, worked hard to deliver those and succeeded spectacularly. Over 140 people enjoyed the afternoon tea and we eliminated all single use plastic usage at the Marquee bar, the Venue and the Pimm's tent. Very well done to both groups. It was a pleasure to see so many FECA member groups and associations actively involved in the Festival.

As in 2017, we offered the opportunity for FECA members to put themselves forward as direct beneficiaries of the Festival and this year the four selected groups are the Cottenham Tennis Club, Rampton Friday Club, Willingham Youth Trust and Sustainable Cottenham. They will share 50% of the overall surplus. Congratulations to those organisations and thank you for all the other applications we received. It is worth making a special mention of sponsorship (both in money and in kind). Sponsorship enables the events to be more accessible. This year sponsorship has enabled us to provide the afternoon tea to the over-65s on Friday without charge, limit the charge for riding on the hugely popular Carousel and the Total Wipeout to £1 per ride, provide free children's entertainment shows and procure the reusable cups that eliminated single use plastics. Sponsorship also supported musical entertainment at the Venue and the Marquee on Saturday and Sunday without having to make any charge, enabled us to close the road and erect fencing for safety. It would not be the same Festival without sponsorship because families wanting to enjoy all the activities would find the weekend unaffordable and that would be a great shame. So thank you to the sponsors!

In May, we held the FECA AGM and it is gratifying to see how the association is also growing in numbers and impact. Our membership is now at 69†. This is creating some nice problems. Our members are producing more information that residents want to read and this in turn attracts more advertisers. Consequently, the Fen Edge News goes from strength to strength and we have had to expand the number of pages to accommodate the additional information.

Our grants increased this past year by over 50% to £10,117.We made 16 individual grants and I believe as FECA, we are making a very positive impact on our community. If you would like to get more involved in our work, please do contact me.

### Neil Gough

Chair, Fen Edge Community Association

† Welcome to new members: Waterbeach Cricket Club, Sustainable Cottenham, Cambridge Equine Assisted Learning, All Saints' Church Rampton Action Group, Fen Edge Association for the Learning Disabled, The Cottenham Club and Cottenham Charities.

### **FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY**

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

### **AUGUST**

Fri 2 6–8pm Rampton Friday Club – Club Night at Rampton Village Hall (p27)

**Mon 5** 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – *The Crop Circle Mystery* at Willingham Social Club (p43)

Wed 7 2–4pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Tea and Cakes at the Cottenham Club (p17)

**Thu 8** Willingham Women's Institute – Summer Outing to 78 Derngate in Northampton (p43)

Fri 9 6:30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Evening drinks party at the Lawrences' garden (p15)

Sat 10 7:30pm-12am The Cottenham Club – School Disco: Mix of 1970s, 80s & 90s music (p9) Sat 17 7:30pm-12am The Cottenham Club –

Music: Sealy's Vinyl Sound Show (p9)

Sat 31 Willingham Gardening Club – Horticultural and Craft Show (p43)

### **SEPTEMBER**

Mon 2 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Ferns and other foliage plants at Willingham Social Club (p43)

**Thu 5** 7:30pm Fen Edge Archaeology Group – Searching for the Anglo-Norman criminal: the Conquest, capital punishment and deviant burial practices by Alyx Mattison at Tony Cooper Suite, Sixth Form Block, Cottenham Village College

Fri 6 11:15am-12:15pm Cottenham Toy Library – Soft Play Session at Cottenham Community Centre (p9)

Fri 6 6–8pm Rampton Friday Club – Club Night at Rampton Village Hall (p27)

Sat 7 3:30–5:30pm All Saints Church – Messy Harvest (p9)

Sat 7 8pm Willingham Social Club – Free members' night: Johnny Dee, comedy entertainer (p41)

**Sun 8** Cottenham Gardeners Club – Visit to RHS Wisley (p15)

Mon 9 11am-1 pm Willingham Parish Council – District Council Surgery at Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham (p51)

Mon 9 7:30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy at Willingham Social Club (p43)

Wed 11 7:30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Memory Strategies and Phobias by Sally Crawley at Cottenham Village College (p17) Fri 13 7:30pm Cambridgeshire Bird Club – Global threats to seabirds: are we the albatrosses around their necks? By Richard Phillips at St John's Community Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge

Fri 13 7:45pm Cottenham Village Society – Newspaper Cuttings by Ralph Carpenter at All Saints' Church Hall (p19)

**Sat 14** Fen Edge Footpath Group – Walk: *Ely, Prickwillow and a museum*, Contact

fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com

Sat 14 1–5pm Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – Heritage Open Day at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p25) Sat 14 8pm Willingham Social Club – Music: Vex,

Live funky party band (p41)

Sun 15 2–4pm Cottenham Connected: Inaugural meeting at The British Legion Hall, on the High Street, Cottenham (p21)

Wed 18 7:30pm Landbeach Society – Cambridge Bonfires by Sean Lang at Landbeach Village Hall

**Fri 20** 11:15am–12:15pm Cottenham Toy Library – Soft Play Session at Cottenham Community Centre (p9)

**Sat 21** Rampton Horse Show – Horse Show at Giant's Hill, Rampton (p29)

**Fri 27** 4–11 pm Willingham Social Club – Beer Festival: *Live music, food, gin bar* (p41)

Fri 27 7:30–9pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Award Winning Plants – The Process of Trialling and Judging Them by Tim Fuller, Horticulturalist at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p15)

**Sat 28** Willingham Gardening Club – Excursion: Knebworth House and Park (p43)

**Sat 28** noon–I Ipm Willingham Social Club – Beer Festival: Live music, food, gin bar (p41)

**Mon 30** 7:30pm Willingham Action Group – *Jam Night* with local musicians at Willingham Social Club (p39)

### **OCTOBER**

**Wed 2** 7:30pm Fen Edge Archaeology Group – Excavating Medieval cemeteries in Cambridgeshire: the After the Plague project and rural/village sites by Craig Cessford at Landbeach Village Hall

**Thu 3–Sat 5** Willingham Feast – Thurston's Funfair on Willingham Green (p39)

Fri 4 11:15am-12:15pm Cottenham Toy Library – Soft Play Session at Cottenham Community Centre (p9)

Fri 4 6–8pm Rampton Friday Club – Club Night at Rampton Village Hall (p27)



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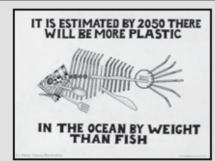


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Sat 5-Sun 6 Willingham Feast – Exhibition of work by Willingham Photography Club and Willingham Octagon Art Group, held in the Public Hall and Library respectively (p39)

**Sun 6** Willingham Feast – Joint churches service at St Mary and All Saints, Willingham (p39)

Mon 7 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Life on the Edge at Willingham Social Club (p43)

Wed 9 7:30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Craft Evening at Cottenham Village College (p17) Fri 11 7:45pm Willingham Social Club – Custard Comedy (p41)

Fri 11 7:45pm Cottenham Village Society – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People by Pam Harper at All Saints' Church Hall (p19)

Fri II-Sun 13 Fen Edge Footpath Group – Walking Weekend: In the Lea Valley, Contact fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com

Fri 11 7:30pm Cambridgeshire Bird Club – Bird monitoring and studies in Thetford Forest by Greg Conway at St John's Community Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge

Mon 14 7:30pm Willingham Women's Institute – The Norris Museum at Willingham Social Club (p43) Fri 18 11:15am–12:15pm Cottenham Toy Library – Soft Play Session at Cottenham Community Centre (p9)

Fri 18 8pm Willingham Social Club – Free member's night: Graham Buxton - live guitarist/singer (p41)

Sat 19 Fen Edge Footpath Group – Walk: The old and the new – 8 miles from Knapwell to Bar Hill, Contact fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com
Fri 25 7:30–9pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Pickwick's Gardening Scrapbook by Mike Petty, Social Historian at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p15)

Sat 26 8pm Willingham Social Club – Scooted 'n Booted – live Ska band (p41)

**Sun 27** 2–4pm Cottenham Community Centre – Halloween party (p21)

**Thu 3 I** 5–6:30pm All Saints Church – Messy Light Party (p9)

### **NOVEMBER**

Fri I 6–8pm Rampton Friday Club – Club Night at Rampton Village Hall (p27)

Fri I 6-I Ipm Cottenham Primary School PTCA - Fireworks Night at Cottenham Primary School Sat 2 I Iam-I pm Willingham Parish Council - District Council Surgery at Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham (p51)

Mon 4 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Raking up the past at Willingham Social Club (p43) Fri 8 7:30pm Cambridgeshire Bird Club – Bird conservation and birding in Bangladesh by Rob Sheldon at St John's Community Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge

Fri 8 8pm Willingham Social Club – Jax & Co – Johnny Cash Tribute band (p41)

Sat 9 10am-1 pm Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – Outdoor Gym at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p25)

Mon 11 7:30pm Willingham Women's Institute – All about Emmaus at Willingham Social Club (p43)

Wed 13 7:30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Making a stand for Chelsea by Dr Tim Wreghitt at Cottenham Village College (p17)

Fri 15 7:45pm Cottenham Village Society – The Home Front in the Second World War by Alison Giles at All Saints' Church Hall (p19)

Fri 15 11:15am-12:15pm Cottenham Toy Library - Soft Play Session at Cottenham Community Centre (p9)

**Sat 16** Fen Edge Footpath Group – 6 mile walk from Little Eversden, Contact fenedge.footpathgroup@gmail.com

Sat 16 8pm Willingham Social Club – Soul and Motown Disco (p41)

Thu 21 Willingham Gardening Club – Excursion: Christmas Shopping in Birmingham (p43)

Fri 22 7:30pm Fen Edge Archaeology Group – Medieval settlement and conflict on the fen-edge by Duncan Wright at Rampton Village Hall

Sat 23 7:30pm Rampton Village Hall – Music: An evening with Brooks Williams (p27)

Fri 29 11:15am-12:15pm Cottenham Toy Library - Soft Play Session at Cottenham Community Centre (p9)

Fri 29 7:30-9pm Cottenham Gardeners Club - A Cottager's Christmas by Andrew Sankey, Horticulturalist at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p15)

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Following the successful launch of Messy Church in Cottenham at Easter we will continue to welcome everyone to the next exciting sessions this year!

Saturday 7 September – Messy Harvest 3.30–5.30pm

Thursday 31 October – Messy Light Party 5pm–6.30pm

Saturday 14 December – Messy Christmas 3.30–5.30pm

### **COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

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provide a fantastic environment for parents and carers to engage with other families from the local community. Sessions run from 11.15am–12.15pm. There is no need to book in advance. Costs are as follows: £2 per child; £1 per child under 1; Babies in arms are free; or £3 per family. We ask that children and adults wear socks while using the soft play equipment and no food or drink be consumed on the equipment. Refreshments can be purchased from the coffee shop next door and consumed in the soft play room on the seats that surround the equipment. Children are welcome to bring their own drinks along in a beaker with a lid to avoid spillages. Dates for the autumn term are: 6 & 20 September; 4 & 18 October; 1, 15 & 29 November; 13 December (Christmas Party).

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#### **Events**

Saturday 10 August – School Disco: Mix of 1970s, 80s and 90s music. Members £3, non-members £5
Saturday 17 August – Sealy's Vinyl Sound Show:
Motown, Ska, Soul, Reggae. Members £3, non-members £5
Friday 13 December – Scooted'n'Booted: Live Ska
Band. Members £5, non-members £7
All of these events are ticket entry, tickets can be purchased any Friday evening at the Club.
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### **COTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB**

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During the summer holidays the **courts at Cottenham Sports Centre will be open** from 2.30pm Monday—Thursday and from 4 pm on Friday. Cost £2.50 an hour for club members and £4-6 for non-members. Do make use of these extended opening times.

month.

We have seen a steady increase in our membership and now have enough ladies to field a team in the Cambridgeshire LTA leagues. This has been with mixed results so far — 2 draws at 4 sets all, one loss

8 sets to nil, and one loss 6 sets to 2. The last one being against a team of children from Buckden, and to be honest we were grateful to come away with 2 sets, they were seriously good! The men have had more success; they won their league last year and moved up from 7th to 6th league. So far, they are top of this league with wins against Foxton, Bury St Edmunds, Royston and Chatteris. The mixed leagues start next month and hopefully the men's success will rub off on the ladies in these games.

Social play is on **Wednesday and Thursday evenings,** with good attendance using all 4 courts at Cottenham Sports Centre.

Coaching continues on **Saturday afternoon** (adults) and Sunday mornings (juniors). The Rusty Racquets session on Wednesday evenings (adults) and Thursdays (juniors) have proved popular, thanks to our excellent in-house coaches Rory Dixon and Alec Davies. These sessions give an opportunity for those a little out of practice or new to the game to give it a go.

We are always keen to welcome new members, whatever your level. So why not come and try it? If nothing else you can enjoy a drink and maybe a pizza with us at the Chequers afterwards.

For any budding coaches out there, or teenagers interested in a career in sports, there is sponsorship available for 16 and 17 year olds to undertake tennis coaching courses, which could be a useful qualification.

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# COTTENHAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2019/20 local football season is just around the corner and Cottenham United FC pre-season training is well under way. The Club has two senior men's teams, playing in the Cambridgeshire FA Kershaw Senior A League (1st team) and the Mead Plant & Grab 3B League (Reserves). Our home matches are played on Saturdays at the Recreation Ground.

We hold training sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.45pm on the grass field behind Cottenham Village College. All are welcome and you can be assured of a warm and encouraging reception. In mid-August, training will change to once per week on Wednesdays, same venue and time and then ultimately, in October, to the 3G floodlit pitch adjacent to the grass field. We are ambitious and keen to progress. If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Chairman, lan Stuchbury (shirley.stuchbury@gmail.com, 07771 882182) or our Secretary, Jason Stuchbury (jason.stuchbury@hotmail.co.uk, 07922 177466). Website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/cottenhamunited

### **COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB**

The outdoor bowls season is nearly over. On 8 June Cottenham Bowls Club held an Open Triples Competition. There were 20 teams, of 3 players, each playing 4 games of 6 ends to battle for a semi-final place followed by a final. The top 4 teams all won prizes. It was a full day of bowls and refreshments.

In October it is the start of the Indoor Short Mat Season, which goes through until early April. If you are interested in playing short mat bowls you can contact Eric Hobbs. There is a membership fee of £15, no extra cost and just 50p for tea and biscuits. It is a good way to spend the winter months.

Cottenham Bowls Club is a very friendly club with members from Cottenham and surrounding villages—come and give us a try. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Dave Parrack 01954 230732, Eric Hobbs 01954 251956 or Christine Forster 01954 200720

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### **COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB**

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As you read this, the current season is well into its third month finishing at the end of August. There's still time to come along and join us for the remainder of this season. Our juniors have completed their fixtures (which run in school term-time). Hopefully they really enjoyed their cricket and continued to develop their skills.

Our midweek net sessions at the back of Cottenham Village College (Tuesdays, 6.30pm) are still ongoing so don't hesitate to come down and join in. We're an extremely friendly bunch and you will have a very warm welcome. Our club facilities are excellent. Contact us or pop down to the Recreation Ground any Saturday to have a look and a chat. We would be delighted to see you.

Contacts: cottenhamcc@yahoo.co.uk, Secretary: David Chaplin (01954 250075), Chairman: Ralph Lamble (07740 195947),Vice Chairman: Dave Partridge (01954 203210), Junior Teams Coordinators: Dave Partridge and Alan Raven (01954 250388). Website: www.cottenham.play-cricket.com

### **COTTENHAM GARDENERS' CLUB**

Cottenham Gardeners' Club meets at Franklin Gardens Community Room, usually on the last Friday of the month. Refreshments are served from 7.30pm, followed by a talk at 7.45pm, and closing with a raffle. From September, half-price membership is available for £7, lasting until February. Guests and visitors are welcome to try a single meeting for £2.

In August there is no regular meeting, but we have our Evening Drinks Party in the garden of Jean and Trevor Lawrence on **Friday 9 August**, from 6.30 pm.

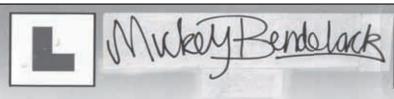
On **Sunday 8 September** we have a coach trip to RHS Wisley. Wisley has seen many changes recently, and their new visitor centre will be open. It will be the last day of the annual Wisley Flower Show, with plenty of nurseries displaying their wares. The cost of the trip is £20 for members and £22 for others. Pick-up points are in Wilburton and Cottenham.

On **Friday 27 September,** Tim Fuller (Horticulturalist) will talk on Award Winning Plants – The Process of Trialling and Judging Them.
On **Friday 25 October,** Mike Petty (Social Historian) will talk on Pickwick's Gardening Scrapbook.

On Friday 29 November, Andrew Sankey (Horticulturalist) will talk about A Cottager's Christmas. Our archives show that our club was originally called Cottenham and Rampton Gardeners Club.We would

if you have no gardening club of your own. For any further information please contact Sarah Dumont, 01954 260482.

indeed welcome people from other villages, particularly





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### **FECA IN COTTENHAM**

# COTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On **Wednesday 7 August** 2pm-4pm you are warmly invited to come and have a natter over some tea and cake at the Cottenham Club Lambs Lane. From September we return to our usual meeting place of the Tony Cooper Suite at CVC. We meet at 7.30pm and you are welcome to join us. There will be a small charge of £3 at a meeting where there is a speaker.

On Wednesday II September Sally Crawley will talk about Memory Strategies and Phobias. Wednesday 9 October is a craft evening where members share their skills. There will be several crafts on display and members may move freely around to explore these and try them out. On Wednesday I3 November Dr Tim Wreghitt will talk about his experiences at the Chelsea Flower Show – Making a stand for Chelsea. Wednesday II December is our Christmas party with entertainment from 'Hi 5'.

# COTTENHAM LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Contact: Margaret 01954 250870.

In a library (not so) far far away... Get ready for an out of this world adventure with Space Chase. Prepare for lift off as we travel across the galaxy on a very special reading mission: it's the Summer Reading Challenge 2019!

Meet the Rockets! This super cool family lives on a satellite station in space. They love spending time at their local library on the Moon.

But wait! All of a sudden books have started to disappear from the Moon Library, and soon there won't be any left. A mysterious ship has been spotted on the radar – could these naughty aliens be behind the trouble at the library?

The Rockets are going on a very important mission to save the missing books from these alien bandits, and they need your help! Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and join the Rockets on a chase through space to find the aliens and save the Moon Library.

Taking part in the Challenge is simple – pop

along to the library with your children and we'll sign them up. The challenge is open during the school summer holiday.

For more information, pop into the library and staff

will be only too happy to explain the scheme further or to answer any questions you may have. Each participant will receive their very own Space Chase mission folder to get them started. Read six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to their folder. Collect all the stickers to find the aliens, save the missing books and complete the Challenge. If they do complete the challenge, they'll be invited to a special awards ceremony in September.

So, grab their space suit and take a giant leap into the library this summer! (Dressing up optional!) The Summer Reading Challenge will also take place at Waterbeach and Willingham Libraries.

### **COTTENHAM CARECAR**

What is it like to be a volunteer driver for Cottenham Carecar?

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So, if you want to know more, call Cottenham Carecar 01954 251 929 or email carecar@pobroadband.co.uk.

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### **FECA IN COTTENHAM**

# COTTENHAM THEATRE WORKSHOP

Cottenham Theatre Workshop is delighted to announce Sleeping Beauty a classic Christmas pantomime!

Following on from a terrific outing for our Spring Production A Separate Peace/The Real Inspector Hound, we've decided to go 'back to basics' this year and perform a traditional panto, with all the usual suspects and gags aplenty!

The story of Sleeping Beauty is a timeless one. A princess has a curse placed on her so that she will fall asleep for 100 years and she can only be awoken by a kiss from her true love. We're staying true to this story, but we've got some twists and turns along the way. Throw in a charming Dame, two silly sidekicks and a terrifying villain and you've got a great show!

The show will run from **Wednesday 4 December** to **Saturday 7 December** at Cottenham Village College.

Weekday performances begin at 7.30pm and there are two performances on **Saturday 7 December**, a matinee showing at 1 pm and an evening showing at 5.30pm.

Tickets will be available towards the end of October on our website or via our third party provider Ticketsource by calling 0333 666 4466 (additional booking fee applies).

Although the parts have been cast, we'd still love to see some new chorus members to join our team! Full rehearsals will start at the beginning of September. Finally, you don't just have to be on stage to be a part of CTW, we're always looking for new volunteers in our backstage and front of house teams.

Contact: cottenhamtheatre@gmail.com or visit www.cottenhamtheatre.com.Also follow us on our social media channels on Facebook and Twitter! We hope to see many of you at the performances enjoy the show!

### **COTTENHAMVILLAGE SOCIETY**

Why Were There So Many Public Houses in Cottenham?

In 1869 Cottenham had 34 public houses supporting a population of 2,414.20 were licensed to sell beer and spirits and 14 holding a beer only licence [\*]. This was not unique to Cottenham. Why did this happen and how did it decline? In a village, a pub is very often the focal point of a community. There were Roman taverns, Anglo Saxon ale houses and later pubs described by Pepys as being the heart of England. After the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and the introduction of gin to England by the Dutch, the Government allowed unlicensed gin production and by 1740 the production of cheap gin ("mother's ruin") was six times more than the production of beer. To combat drunkenness the Government imposed the Gin Act of 1751, forcing gin distillers to sell only to licensed retailers. In the early 1800's, to encourage people to drink the less harmful beer, the Beer Act of 1830 was introduced. This legislation allowed an ordinary householder to sell beer with a licence that cost only 2 guineas, resulting over the next 8 years in an increase of pubs to 46,000.

By 1869 the growth of beer houses had to be checked – leading to ineffective laws making it harder to obtain a licence. In 1908 Prime Minister Asquith took the lead and proposed to close one third of the



Lord Nelson Pub High Street

then 100,000 pubs in England and Wales. Stiff new taxes on pubs had reduced beer consumption by 50% by 1920.

With the Defence of the Realm Act of 1914, opening times for pubs were restricted to 12 noon to 2.30 pm, and 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm, which were firmly enforced by the police. Also under this act a scheme was introduced whereby a landlord could give up his licence, close his pub and be paid compensation. Many of the pubs in Cottenham closed under this scheme. [\*]: A History of Cottenham's Inns and Hostelries by Francis Garrett, published by Cottenham Village Society

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### **FECA IN COTTENHAM**

# COTTENHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Locally-affordable homes for Cottenham – vision or nightmare?

Many households in Cottenham have middle incomes, which are neither low enough to qualify for social housing nor high enough to afford a mortgage on any of



the new houses being built along Oakington and Rampton Roads.

Some of these households are formed around people who were born and bred in Cottenham but can no longer afford to live here as purchase and rental prices increase.

The Neighbourhood Plan research shows that there are about 100 families with household incomes above the level where they are entitled to state-subsidised accommodation. They want to live here but are unable to afford a so-called affordable home. Cottenham Community Land Trust has been founded to build homes that can be afforded by these local people and ensure they remain available to local people forever.

A "not for profit" developer, like the Cottenham Community Land Trust, working with socially-conscious landowners initially aims to build 30 houses, with 24 of those priced to be affordable by local people on local incomes. This is the dream. We have obtained grant-funding to work with an architect to develop small schemes to take to

planning permission in the coming months. Learn more at www.cottenhamclt.org.uk or www.cottenhampc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan or follow Cottenham Community Land Trust on Facebook. You can also help us realise the dream by becoming a life member for just £1, for which you will be kept informed of progress regularly and have the opportunity to influence the direction of the Trust. Of course, benevolent landowners are particularly welcome.

Contact: Chair@cottenhamclt.org.uk

# CONNECTED

A Sunday Social event to bring Cottenham residents together Cottenham



Connected is in the process of being set up by Sustainable Cottenham and Care Network. We have submitted a funding bid to help get our initiative 'off the ground'.

We want to bring people together, build networks and move our community towards self-reliance and resilience. We hope to provide a regular skillshare event; a coffee morning and village-wide opportunities to recycle not only our own personal skills but also our rubbish.

Our first event will be held on **Sunday I5 September** 2–4pm at The British Legion Hall, on the High Street, Cottenham. Please do join us. If you are interested in finding out more, or fancy joining the team who organise these events, please email us at

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### **Cottenham Community Centre**

I hope that you managed to visit one or more of the many performances during the Fen Edge Festival or enjoyed a coffee shop scone at the wonderful *Tea on the Green* event run by the Cottenham Day Centre. Do come and enjoy another fantastic scone, cake or lunch on a subsequent occasion. Invite your friends or come alone – you are likely to see someone you know. The artwork hanging on the walls is changed regularly for you to admire or even purchase

Normal Coffee Shop opening times are 10am–4.30pm Monday and Wednesday; 10am–2pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (except Bank Holidays, Christmas and this year 12–27 August inclusive). Following the fitting of the new kitchen last year, the hall floor will be sanded and sealed this summer probably 12–15 August which will necessitate closure of the hall for several days.

This year, to celebrate ten years of charity status, membership costs just £10 for an individual (unless you are a regular hirer). To join and receive a free beverage after 10 drinks bought and a 10% discount on room hire, download a membership form at www.cottenhamcc.org/membership or maybe consider becoming a trustee yourself – we would welcome some new trustees to help manage the facilities.

For details of our many classes on each day and evening, see Classes on our website www.cottenhamcc.org/classes (where you will find times and contact details) or under Function Rooms, then refer to the room (hall, studio or coffee shop) booking calendars. Most classes have spaces. Music and Movement is moving from Thursday mornings to Mondays at 2pm starting from 9 September and there is a special on Wednesday 3 I July at 1 pm. If you are interested in Post-natal yoga please contact Lisa at szramowski.lisa@gmail.com who is looking to start a class.

### **CCC** organised activities

Little Humbugs (singing and music for babies and toddlers) fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10am from 11 September and a special on 28 August.

**CCC Knitting group** in the coffee shop on Wednesdays – just come along and enjoy helping others.

Dads Play 10.30–11.30 (2nd Saturday of month); Arts Night in the coffee shop, 7.30–9.30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays); The Roost (in the coffee shop and main hall 3rd Sunday) 3.00–4.30pm; Community Cinema usually the first Sunday of the month at 7.30pm and sometimes, for families, 2.30pm. Information from website: www.revcoffee.net or www.facebook.com/CottenhamCommunityCinema

**Volunteers wanted**–Become part of the team at the coffee shop, meet people and improve your skills. Weekly or less regular volunteers welcomed. Come and have a chat with Jane, our manager Tel: 01954 202109 or manager@cottenhamcc.org

Room Hire—There are three rooms (main hall, studio, coffee shop) for hire for running a class, activity, exhibition or party. The hall has air conditioning. Full food catering and/or a bar can be provided. The hall is also great for businesses to use for training or meetings. Full entertainment licence held.

Do you have an occasion to celebrate coming up? Our wonderful new back kitchen facilities are great for a party or pop up café.

We charge for using these facilities, but we are keen to encourage community activities and would be flexible towards organisations looking to try out new community projects.

#### **Events**

Repair Café one Saturday (TBD) 10am–2pm in the autumn

**Sunday 27 October** 2–4pm Halloween party **Saturday 7 December** at 1 Iam Singing for Fun in the coffee shop (TBD)

Thursday 19 December early evening Mulled wine and mince pies with TyrannoChorus See the website or email smithmichaelstanley@hotmail.com

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### **FECA IN LANDBEACH**

### LANDBEACH TITHE BARN

Romeo & Juliet & Angie!
The Tithe Barn Trust
welcomed nearly one
hundred visitors to the
Tithe Barn, in Landbeach
near Cambridge, on the
evening of 20 June to watch
'Romeo & Juliet & Angie!'



After the success of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' last year at this historic Tithe Barn, the Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts (CSVPA) returned to present this adaptation of one of Shakespeare's most beloved and famous tragedies. Director Chris



Romeo and Angie

Mckay of CSVPA says "It was our pleasure to present this turbo charged, much abbreviated version of Romeo and Juliet, showcasing one student in particular ('Angie' Ziqi Huang) who will be joining us again next year for our foundation course. We performed this play with a cast of only three actors, Angie, myself, and following my cameo in last year's production, I gleefully introduced Rachel Ellis, head of our drama program, into the cast!"

# Have you got involved in the Tithe Barn project yet?

The Tithe Barn Trust believes the medieval Tithe Barn, in Landbeach, 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. Sadly, the Landbeach Tithe Barn is in a poor condition and deteriorating.

4 Ways you can get involved in the Tithe Barn project:

I) Make a donation today at

www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/TitheBarnTrust;

2) Become a Friend. Visit

www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/become-a-member/;

3) Volunteer: Email tithebarntrust@gmail.com to find out more;

4) Visit the Tithe Barn and come along to one of our next events.

### **Upcoming Tithe Barn Events**

Saturday 14 September – Heritage Open Day, I-5pm. See this unique medieval timber frame Grade II listed Tithe Barn for yourself. Find out more about the Tithe Barn project and how through 'People power' volunteers are coming together to save this historic building for everyone.

Saturday 9 November – Outdoor Gym, I 0am-Ipm. Get active and involved and help us tidy the hedge and meadow strip to the Tithe Barn. The session will be led by our very own Landscape Architect and Horticulturalist.



Outdoor Gvm

How to find the Tithe Barn – The gate entrance is opposite No 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge, CB25 9FA. Walk along the uneven grass track. Free road parking or infrequent no. 9 Stagecoach or Citi Bus no.2 to Landbeach. Regular no.9 service to Waterbeach, then 1.1 mile walk.

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### **FECA IN RAMPTON**

#### **RAMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

Rampton Village Hall gets WiFi and a letterbox!
Rampton's village hall is used almost on a daily basis by a wide variety of local organisations, fitness classes, and private functions. But until now it didn't have the benefit of WiFi, which many customers expect as a matter of course.

We believed getting WiFi would be beneficial to current and future hirers, and increase our attractiveness to conference type bookings. But achieving this was not as easy as we initially envisaged. Although a charity, the hall is considered a business by the various WiFi providers, which limited our options. Because the hall didn't have a phone line a new incoming cable installation was necessary, requiring trenching and cable ducts. And before we could order this, we had to install a letterbox! It seems somewhat bizarre that to enable electronic communication we had to be able to receive old fashioned post!

The cost associated with installing a new cable to the building meant that this work had to be undertaken by BT Open Reach. But the installation is now complete and should be accessible to all users of the hall from now on.

The Fen Edge Community Association agreed to support us by contributing towards the initial project outlay. We would like to express our thanks to FECA in assisting us, and hope that the installation will enhance use of the hall and be beneficial to the organisations and private hirers accessing the hall in the future.



The management committee grateful that WiFi is now installed with the help of FECA.

## An evening with Brooks Williams – Saturday 23 November, 2019. Doors open 7.30pm.

We are delighted to welcome Brooks Williams back to Rampton. Ranked in the Top 100 Acoustic Guitarists, Brooks is a mean finger-picker and a stunning slide guitarist. Plus, "he has a beautiful voice that you just melt into," says AmericanaUK. Brooks' music is a mix of country-blues and soulful Americana. His massive repertoire spans classic roots and blues and he has worked stages worldwide for close to thirty years, touring constantly in the US, Canada, UK and Europe. Just when you think he can't sing a blues-ier note, he sings it. Just when you think he can't strum a deeper groove, he strums it.

Join us for a fabulous evening with an amazing musician. Cash bar available throughout the evening. Tickets available from www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk



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Sessions will be adult supervised by at least 2 volunteers and are open to children that live in Rampton only (sorry, no visiting friends). Recommended donation £1 per child. For further information and registration form please contact the Rampton Friday Club Secretary — moyramould@yahoo.com. Note: a fully completed registration form must be completed and signed by an adult prior to your child attending the club.









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### **FECA IN RAMPTON**

### RAMPTON CHARITY HORSE SHOW

Saturday 21st September 2019

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spectators, regardless of the weather. We pride ourselves on being a family friendly show and alongside the equine classes, our fun dog show is becoming very popular, so bring along the family mutt for fun challenges such as "Best Biscuit Catcher" and "Sausage Obedience".

We ask local businesses to consider donating a raffle prize. The money raised from the raffle is used to help keep our entry fees for our classes as low as possible. This allows competitors to participate in multiple classes without breaking the bank. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact

Pat Mansfield (email: ppm369@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01954 202650 and she will arrange collection.

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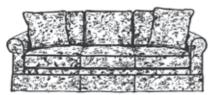
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Monday 9th Sept 6-7pm: Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Industry

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### **MONDAY**

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this period, 1890-1920, starting with the Art Nouveau Movement, how it affected European countries focusing on painting, architecture and the applied arts.

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# Disco Dance: Monday Night Fever – 8 weeks 6.45-7.45pm Fee: £48 starts 23rd September

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# Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Industry – 8 weeks 6-8.30pm Fee: FREE\*\* (£119 if not funded) starts 23rd September

### FREE TASTER 9th September 6-7pm

An introduction to the skills and attributes required for anyone to progress in the hair & beauty industry covering hair, beauty and barbering practical skills and theoretical information to enable you to go on to

full accredited qualifications. It may also appeal to anyone who would like to learn some basic skills for their own pleasure. \*This course may be FREE for learners who fulfil certain funding criteria. Please see our 'FUNDING' box on page 34 or contact us for further information 01954 28875 I.

### Introduction to Woodwork & Carpentry – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: FREE\*\* (£119 if not funded) starts 23rd September FREE TASTER 9th September 7-8pm

Suitable for complete beginners and those wishing to work on projects. Particularly aimed at anyone wishing to gain new skills to enable them to progress in the workplace or move on to accredited qualifications and apprenticeships. \*This course may be FREE for learners who fulfil certain funding criteria. Please see our 'FUNDING' box on page 34 or contact us for further information 01954 288751.

### Introduction to Computer Skills - 5 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £60 starts 16th September FREE Taster 9th Sept 7-8pm

Suitable for complete beginners and particularly aimed at anyone wishing to gain new skills to enable them to progress in the workplace. An introduction to Word, Excel & Powerpoint.

### Italian Conversation (Improvers) – 10 weeks 7-8.30pm Fee: £95 starts 16th September FREE TASTER 9th September 7-8pm

Develop and improve your confidence with Italian at this informal conversation class. Learners will need a good knowledge of Italian with at least one year's experience.

# Pilates for Everyone (Ploughman Hall, Willingham) – 10 weeks 10.45-11.45am Fee: £69 starts 16th September

This class involves breathing, centring, balance and control and involves functional movement for everyday life, with standing and floor exercises to improve posture. Mixed ability

### RYA Day Skipper – 12 weeks 7.30-9.30pm plus 3 Saturdays (10am-4pm) Fee: £350 Starts 23rd September

To equip students with the theoretical knowledge required for a Day Skipper practical course Certificate. Suitable for beginners and those with little or no experience in cruising yachts or motor cruisers. Saturdays 21st Sept, 12th Oct, 16th Nov

# Watercolour Painting for Improvers – 10 weeks 10am-12noon Fee: £119 starts 16th September Course currently full – contact us to go on the

Course currently full – contact us to go on the waiting list.

## Watercolour (Landscapes) for Improvers – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £119 starts 16th September

Aimed at those with some experience of watercolour painting. The course will have a definite bias towards traditional landscape painting, colour mixes, tips and 'tricks of the trade' for you to learn and enjoy. Students to provide own materials.

### Yoga for Beginners – 8 weeks 6.30-8pm Fee: £72 starts 7th October

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 – 5 weeks 11.30am-12.30pm Fee: £25 PLOUGHMAN HALL, WILLINGHAM starts 17th September

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!

### Mindfulness Drawing - 5 weeks 9.30-11.30am Fee: £59 starts 17th September

A series of relaxed and friendly workshops where you will learn how to use drawing to slow down, find focus and pay attention to the present moment in time. Create effective textures using a variety of techniques and take home some fantastic, professional looking drawings.

### Patchwork – Different Techniques in Traditional Patchwork – 5 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £150 starts 29th October

Learn some of the traditional techniques in patchwork and its history. Includes Seminole, folded and Japanese folded patchwork suitable for beginners and those in the know. Materials extra.

# Revive Your French Plus (Term 1 of 3) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £119 starts 17th September FREE TASTER 10th September 7-8pm

Acquire a greater basic knowledge of French vocabulary and grammar to gain confidence speaking, listening, reading and writing.

### T'ai Chi for Beginners Plus – 10 weeks 7-8pm Fee: £60 starts 17th September

For beginners or those with a basic knowledge.

### T'ai Chi for Improvers – 10 weeks 7.45-9pm Fee: £75 starts 17th September

For those with at least one year's experience.

### Yoga for Improvers – 8 weeks 7-8.30pm Fee: £72 starts 8th October

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.

### WEDNESDAY

# Contemporary Textiles – 5 weeks (alternate Wednesdays) 9.30am-1.30pm Fee: £120 starts 25th September

Aimed at people with some creative textile experience who would like to be inspired and challenged by being part of an enthusiastic, creative community. Fibres, surface design, free machine and hand embroidery, dyeing, printing and mixed mediathere is no limit to the creative techniques we'll be exploring in this class.

# Creative with Clay – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £145 includes clay & firing starts 18th September Course currently full – contact us to go on the waiting list.

# Fitness for Mature Movers – 5 weeks 2.30-3.30pm Fee: £25 COTTENHAMVILLAGE COLLEGE starts 18th September

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!

# Let's Talk English – 10 weeks 7-9.00pm FREE starts 25th September Taster/Initial Assessment 18th September 7-8pm

English classes for speakers of other languages who want to improve their English vocabulary and grammar. This course offers a foundation to enable learners to move on to accredited English courses and eventually gain employment or voluntary work. Build your confidence with English in everyday situations with our relaxed, friendly and supportive Tutor.

### Salsa Dance Mixed Ability – 10 weeks 7-8pm Fee: £60 starts 18th September

A fun and fabulous dance style in a relaxed and friendly class. Learn the essential steps with our experienced Tutor and build your confidence learning combinations to lively Latin music.

### **THURSDAY**

### Adult Ballet Improvers: Ploughman Hall Willingham – 8 weeks 10.30-11.30am Fee: £56 starts 3rd October

FREE TASTER 19th Sept 10.30-11.30am
A good basic knowledge of Ballet is required,

A good basic knowledge of Ballet is required, students will learn more complex steps to a wide variety of music styles.

# Adult Tap for Absolute Beginners – 8 weeks 7-8pm Fee: £48 starts 12th September

For complete beginners, this class is designed to teach rhythm, co-ordination, terminology and the steps that are the building blocks for Tap Dancing.

## Adult Tap Dancing Improvers – 8 weeks 6-7pm Fee: £48 starts 12th September

For those who have at least 20 hours previous experience of Tap. Develop rhythm, co-ordination and the steps that are the building blocks for Tap Dancing.

## Adult Tap Dancing Advanced - 8 weeks 8-9pm Fee: £48 starts | 12th September

For those who have previously completed at least a year of Adult Improvers Tap or who have previous experience of Tap to Grade 6.

# French Conversation (Term I of 3) – 10 weeks 9.30-11.30am Fee: £119 starts 19th September

An informal conversation class to develop and improve your French. Learners should have a good knowledge of French with at least 2 years' experience.

### Total Tone Fitness: Ploughman Hall Willingham – 8 weeks 11.30am-12.15pm Fee: £45 starts 3rd October FREE TASTER 19th Sept 11.30-12.15

Suitable for all ages, no previous experience necessary. A great class for keeping fit and toning the whole body as well as improving balance and co-ordination and using elements of pilates, dance and yoga. Come and try the Free Taster and talk to the Tutor.

### Upholstery – 10 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £300 starts 19th September

Course currently full, contact us to go on the waiting list.

### **FRIDAY**

### Upholstery - 10 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £300 starts 20th September

Learn the techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediate level learners can continue to upholster an existing project or to start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery learning new and more advanced techniques.

### FUNDING available for some courses\*\*

Some of our courses are funded through the Adult Education Budget allocated by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) or the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and part financed by the 2014-20 European Social Fund (ESF) programme. This funding is managed by Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills. A short video covering the background of ESF, what it does, how it helps and who benefits is available on the European Union website: http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp

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Courses that attract funding: learners aged 19 and above may be eligible for a FREE course if you meet certain criteria: eg: claiming Universal Credit, some means tested benefits, possess only a Level 1 qualification, low wage, speakers of other languages. Contact us for clarification on 01954 288751, Email: community@astreacottenham.org

This funding applies to the following courses aimed at anyone wishing to gain new skills to enable them to progress in the workplace or move on to accredited qualifications and/or apprenticeships.

## Introduction to Woodwork & Carpentry Let's Talk English

Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Industry Start Your Own Business (January 2020)

Further information in courses listed above or on our website: http://community.cvcweb.net

### **NEW COURSE IDEAS:**

We're always keen to know about new course ideas – contact us at Adult Learning if you have ideas about new courses that you'd like to try or if you're a Tutor who would like to offer a new course.

Tel: 01954 288751 or Email: community@astreacottenham.org

### SATURDAY DAY SCHOOLS

Time: I 0am-4pm (unless otherwise stated)
Fee: £42 unless otherwise stated

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

### **DRESSMAKING - Sally Tilley**

3 SATURDAYS 10am-4pm - Fee: £126 Dates: 21st Sept, 12th Oct & 16th Nov 2019

Guidance through fabrics, patterns, cutting out, assembling and fitting garments. Sewing machines available to use or bring your own but this must have a current PAT Certificate. Materials extra.

### UPHOLSTERY - Lisa Cramp 3 SATURDAYS 10am-4pm - Fee: £126 Dates: 21st Sept, 12th Oct & 16th Nov 2019

Waiting list at present but please contact us to express your interest Suitable for beginners or intermediate level. Beginners will learn the upholstery techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediates may continue to upholster an existing project or start a larger project. Students needs to contact the tutor to discuss their project

Email: lisacrampupholstery@gmail.com

# STITCHED TEXTILES MASTERCLASS 2 SATURDAYS per term 10am-4pm - Fee: £84 Autumn Term: 21st Sept, 16th Nov

The Stitched Textiles Masterclass is aimed at all those experienced Textile Artists who have a serious commitment to the extension and development of their acquired skills. ENROLMENT WILL BE BY SELECTION ONLY. Students of the Masterclass are encouraged to develop existing textile skills through individual experimentation and discovery led by design. It is expected that students will have completed C&G Embroidery Diploma or have attained similar skills and qualifications through other avenues of study. Please contact us for more information 01954 288751

### **SATURDAY 21st September**

Round & Oval Rush Mats\*

#### **SATURDAY 12th October**

- Emergency First Aid at Work £75
- Family Cooking: Cupcakes & Cookies 10am-1pm £18 (ingredients included)
- Introduction to Astronomy 9.30am-1.30pm £30
- Patchwork Quilting for Beginners\*
- Watercolour Pen & Wash\*

### **SATURDAY 16th November**

- Calligraphy: Gothic Script & Decorated Capitals\*
- Stained Glass Christmas Decorations
   9.30am-4.30pm £49\*
- Dragon & Tiger Qigong
- Intro to British Sign Language 10am-2pm £30
- Lino Printing Workshop £55 (materials included)

### HAIRDRESSING SALON opening at Cottenham Village College Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-8:30pm from September 2019 To Book appointments: Tel: Cheryl on 07969 970146

From September Cottenham Village College are now able to offer a full hairdressing service to the local community. This is an exciting opportunity to use our very own salon, equipped with up to date products and offering all the latest treatments and services. The Salon will be operated by a fully qualified stylist Cheryl with over 30 years' experience.



### **ENROLLING IN CLASSES – Adult Learning Terms & Conditions**

#### **ENROLLING IN CLASSES - Adult Learning Terms & Conditions**

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

Office hours - weekdays 9am-2.30pm and Monday-Wednesday evenings 6.30-8.30pm. Enrolling by phone: call us on 01954 288751

Enrolling by email: community@astreacottenham.org with full details of course, name, address and telephone number.

Enrolling by post: enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you would like your receipt returned.

#### **Enrolment and Fee Policy**

- For full course information: http://community.cvcweb.net
- You can book your chosen course by completing a booking form and posting it with a cheque payable to Astrea Academy Trust for the course fee (please do not send cash).
- Material charges are not included in the course fee unless otherwise stated.
- We accept bookings over the phone, please have your credit/debit card to hand. - We welcome enquiries by email but please DO NOT quote your card payment
- details on email.
- Enrolments are welcome throughout the year.
- Courses with fewer than the minimum number of learners may have the option of continuing on payment of supplementary fees.
- Fees are payable in full at the time of booking a course. We accept payment by all major debit and credit cards, cheques (payable to Astrea Academy Trust) or cash in person.
- Please note, should you withdraw from a course that continues to meet you will still be liable to pay any outstanding fees.
- Refunds will be paid in full if a class is unable to start due to insufficient enrolments. - Refunds cannot be given if a course has already started, unless you cancel your place
- for medical reasons, in which case a Doctor's Certificate is required.
- Concessionary fees may be available at the discretion of the College if you are: in receipt of the "Guaranteed Credit" element of the Pension Credit
  - in receipt of a means tested benefit, eg. Working Family Tax Credit in receipt of Universal Credit

DATA PROTECTION: OPT-IN to receive information about courses -if you wish to receive information about Adult Learning courses please go to our website: community.cvcweb.net and follow the link to OPT IN to enable us to keep you updated regarding courses.

#### Learner Information

- If you have given us your email address, you will receive confirmation of your place following enrolment. Contact Adult Learning 01954 288751 or Email: community@astreacottenham.org
- Please note that we attempt to run classes on consecutive weeks, however if this isn't the case we will let you know the dates in advance as far as possible
- In the event of Tutor illness or school closure due to severe weather conditions resulting in a cancelled class, an additional class may be offered at the end of the course
- Free parking is available (at own risk)

- PAT Testing - any personal electrical items used on school premises must hold a current PAT certificate unless under I year old, eg: Sewing Machine, Overlocker, glue guns, soldering irons etc.

Cambridgeshire County Council Adult Learning & Skills supports a wide range of other adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire to support adults with the lowest levels of qualifications, or no qualifications at all and so typically find themselves in lower paid, less secure jobs or unemployed. Search our website: www.cambsals.co.uk for details of all our funded courses.

#### **Equality & Diversity**

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+. We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

#### Additional Learning Support

We welcome learners with disabilities, learning difficulties, medical conditions and other needs. If you would like to discuss how we can support you to reach your learning aim, please speak to your Tutor or ask for a confidential discussion with the Adult Learning office 01954 288751.

#### Safeguarding

We've made arrangements to ensure that you are safe in Cottenham Village College. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, eg. through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, tell your Tutor or the Adult Learning office, who will

investigate to ensure your safety.

National Careers Service (NCS) Careers advice is available to all learners. The NCS provides free information and guidance on all aspects of learning, skills development and employment. Help is provided in a way that suits you, on-line, face to face or by telephone.

#### **Transport Difficulties**

If you would like to attend a class but have no transport please contact us on 01954 288751

### Learning Partners

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

#### INSURANCE AND LOSSES

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

#### VENUE Hire at COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

Excellent facilities available for hire evenings and some weekends for meetings, conferences or clubs. This can be on a block booking or casual basis. Contact the College for further information on 01954 288944 Or Email andrea.swain@astreacottenham.org



Cottenham Sports Centre boasts an array of quality sports facilities; open to the public: 5pm-10pm Mon - Fri. 9am-5pm Saturday & Sundays Tel: 01954 288760 or visit: cottenhamsportscentre.co.uk

These excellent facilities are available to clubs, groups and individuals to hire on either a block booking or casual basis.

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- A floodlit artificial turf pitch
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- · Modern changing rooms, with showers and lockers

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#### **SPORTS CENTRE COURSES**

We run a number of sports courses for adults and children.

## PLEASE NOTE: ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE START OF THE COURSE To book a Sports Centre course/class please contact 01954 288760 between the times of: 5pm-10pm Monday to Friday or between 9am-5pm Weekends

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**FITNESS CLASSES** 

 Monday:
 Boxercise
 7:15pm-8:15pm
 Gymnasium

 Saturday:
 Circuits
 8-9am
 Sports Hall

Members Cost: FREE
Non Members Per Class: £5

#### Cottenham Tennis Club Memberships: April 2019 - April 2020

 Juniors (Under 16)
 £20

 Student
 £22

 Adult
 £45

 Family (based on two parents & two Children)
 £85

Plus I on Family £15

Wednesday: Club Evening 6.00-9.30pm
Thursday: Children Coaching 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday Match Fixtures & Club Courts Available 6.00-9.30pm
Saturday & Sunday Club Courts Available 10:00am-4.30pm

Court Fees outside of hours: £2.50 per hour

#### **Fitness Suite Memberships**

 Student & Concession:
 £20
 per month

 Adult Membership:
 £25
 per month

 Adult Annual:
 £250

 Single Session
 £6

## **Badminton Classes MONDAY Evenings**

 Beginners
 6.00 – 7.00pm
 £6 per session Pay as You Go

 Intermediates
 7.00 – 8.00pm
 £6 per session Pay as You Go

 Advanced
 8.00 – 9.00pm
 £6 per session Pay as You Go

 Challenge Time
 9.00 – 9.55pm
 TERM PRICES AVAILABLE

#### **Personal Training**

	Half Hour	Hour	Group (2 person) Half Hour	Group (2 person) Hour
Single	£25	£35	£40	£50
Block Of 5	£120	£150	£170	£220
Block of 10	£220	£280	£300	£400

#### GP REFERRAL CLASSES - SOUTH CAMBRIDGSEHIRE ACTIVE & HEALTHY 4 LIFE

Patients are referred by a Health Practitioner to improve their health through an individually tailored fitness programme over a 12 week course. Conditions that benefit from exercise include obesity, arthritis, high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes and depression. **How do 1 join?** 

If you think this scheme is for you please discuss it with your GP or Health Practitioner and they can complete a referral form for you.

**Tuesdays** 

F4H Class (Y) 4:00pm – 5.00pm £72 (Twice a week, 24 sessions)
Thursdays

F4H Class (Y) 4:00pm – 5.00pm £72 (Twice a week, 24 sessions)

Plus assessments which cost £8 each and are undertaken at the beginning and end of the scheme.

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

CONTACT: Cottenham Sports Centre Tel. 01954 288760 or cottenhamsportscentre.co.uk

## ADULT LEARNING BOOKING FORM

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#### **CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ASTREA ACADEMY TRUST**

#### **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CONCESSION FEES?**

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM THE CONCESSION RATE AT THE COLLEGE'S DISCRETION

Working Family Tax Credit

Universal Credit

Income Based Benefit

If you receive Pension Credit - means tested element of State Pension

Please note that proof of above will be required otherwise full fee will be due.



#### **FECA IN WILLINGHAM**

#### WILLINGHAM ACTION GROUP

Our volunteers will be helping at the Horticultural Show at Willingham School on **Saturday 31 August** and after that we will be concentrating our energy on Willingham Feast!

The Feast weekend is **5–6 October**, but related events will be spread out over a three-week period.

Friday 27 September and Saturday 28 September – Willingham Beer Festival at Willingham Social Club (WSC). As well as a range of excellent beers, ciders and a gin bar, there will also be live bands and good food.

**Monday 30 September** – Jam Night involving some excellent local musicians at WSC.

Thursday 3 October–Saturday 5 October – Thurston's Funfair on the Green.

**Saturday 5 October** – wine-tasting quiz organised by Willingham Wine Tasting Club at WSC.

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October – exhibition of work by Willingham Photography Club and Willingham Octagon Art Group, held in the Public Hall and Library respectively. Evening Sunday 6 October – joint churches service at St Mary and All Saints.

There will be other events, possibly a family disco and a fun run but further information of all the events with timings, venue, cost, etc. will be found in the September issue of Willingham News or search for the 'Willinghamlife' website.

Friday I I October – Custard Comedy Night at WSC. If you want to go, get your tickets early as the last one sold out well in advance.

## WILLINGHAM YOUTH TRUST

Providing fun activities for young people and their families across the village and wider communities. We aim to help young people



advance in life through the provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare and designed to improve the conditions of life, and provide support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable young people to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Family Activities and Events

Youth Club (Youth Zone) – Following on from the success of 2018, we will continue working in partnership with the Connections Bus Project to deliver the Youth

Club for any child in Willingham and the surrounding villages years 6–9 to attend on a Wednesday night, 7–8:30pm.

The Youth Club offers a wide range of fun activities and a safe place for young people to come and spend time with their friends.

Computer Coding Club – We will kick off the coding club for any young person who is interested again in the Autumn. Dates are yet to be decided but they will no doubt continue to be on a Saturday morning between I lam–I 2.15pm. Contact:

enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org for more info.

Annual Halloween Family Disco – October 2019: Last year the Halloween Family Fancy Dress Disco was much talked about. There were fun costumes, great games, lovely food and generally great fun. This offers young people and their families a rare opportunity to come and enjoy some fun together. To dance, cover themselves with glitter and face paint and to kick off the Autumn fun alongside the other fun events to be enjoyed as part of the Willingham Feast. Look out for this year's date at willinghamyouthcentre.com or on our Facebook page at facebook.com/willinghamyouthtrust.

Tickets are £12 a family. This includes 2 adults and up to 4 children and are normally on sale a few weeks before the event and will be available at the Willingham Post Office and the Office at Willingham Primary School.

It's **BBQ Time!** We have been much supported by our local partners in the last 12 months and are keen to pass this gratitude on.

We supported the Fen Edge Festival with our BBQ on Saturday 22 June. This was a great day and we were truly grateful to be part of the fun.

On 30 June we also supported the local Craft Beer Festival, where it was nice to show support to another local cause.

27 and 28 September will see us once again don our aprons and oil up our tongs as we support the Willingham Beerfest hosted at the Willingham Social Club. Come down and enjoy the fun, food, assortment of ales and good company.

**Pop-up Park Café** open Saturdays 10am–1 pm and Sundays 11.30am–3.30pm at the Willingham Youth Centre, West Fen Road, Willingham, adjacent to the QE11 playing field.

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#### **FECA IN WILLINGHAM**

#### WILLINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

WSC is a not-for-profit organisation that welcomes new members, offers hire of its hall and holds many varied events open to all.

Willingham Beer Festival



Friday 27 September 4–1 lpm and Saturday 28 September noon–1 lpm.

Last year's Beer Festival funded our new accessible toilets, which were opened by TV celebrity Paul Sinha of The Chase. We have recently installed air-conditioning with the kind assistance of a grant from the Mick George Community fund, and this year's Beer Festival will raise funds for a new community kitchen.

We pride ourselves on a Beer Festival that is not just about the beer! Although we do spend many hours sampling! We have a full itinerary of musicians playing from 6pm on Friday with the headliners being *The Lightwaves* and 4pm on Saturday, headliners *The Macarnos*. The Porterhouse Gin Club will be here with their designer bar many unusual gins and mixers. Food available and the bar is open as usual.

Thank-you once again to our main sponsor Highgate Country Store and Butchery and for help from Willingham Action Group, the Bee Group, and the many volunteers.

If you would like to sponsor a barrel please contact us, we offer a great deal of promotion throughout the year in return. See www.willinghambeerfestival.co.uk

**Wednesday Cash Bingo** – Every Wednesday the opportunity to win generous cash prizes. Doors 7pm, Eyes down 7.30pm. £6 for 6 books in 6 games. Over 18s only.

Saturday 7 September – 8pm, Johnny Dee, Comedy Entertainer. Back by popular demand Jonny will join us for another evening of ridiculously funny and daring costumes, impersonations and music, this is always a great night. Guaranteed dancing and audience participation from willing members! Free to members. Guests £2. Special offers on drinks, usual party games and raffle at halftime.

Saturday 14 September – 8pm, Vex, Live funky party band. From Norfolk this young vibrant group play covers from Stevie Wonder and Prince to Bruno Mars and Maroon 5, the boys have everything you need to get you in the mood to dance the night away. With a unique style of funky remixes combining all your favourite dance hits from the past decades, Vex is your go to band for any party! Tickets £5 from the club or

www.wegottickets.com/event/466467 only on the door if still available, we have a strict capacity. Everyone over 18 welcome.



Friday I I October – 7.45pm, Custard Comedy. It's a double headline, Britain's Got Talent special this October at the club! Featuring Britain's Got Talent stars Nick Page and Mandy Muden. Alongside Hannah Silvester and MC Lou Conran. The night begins at 8.15pm and tickets start at just £10. www.wegottickets.com/event/471597

Friday 18 October – 8pm, Graham Buxton, who is a Cambridgeshire-based singer/songwriter and guitarist. He has recently been performing solo gigs across the UK, in addition to his collaborative efforts. He covers so many different genres and judges his audience, Ed Sheeran, George Ezra to Buddy Holly! A true talent! Free Members Night, guests £2.

Saturday 26 October – 8pm, Scooted'n'Booted, Live Ska Band, who play songs from artists such as Madness, The Specials, Bad Manners, UB40, Desmond Decker, The Selecter and many more. Tickets £5 from the club or www.wegottickets.com/event/466470. Everyone welcome. Many of our events sell out so please check in advance if there will be tickets available on the door.

Friday 8 November – 8pm, Jax & Co. Presenting the

best of Johnny Cash, fresh out of Suffolk! A performance filled with fantastic solos and duets that span the entirety of Johnny's Career, from the early hits such as Hey Porter and Jackson ending with a beautiful rendition of Hurt. With plenty of songs

Jax & Co guarantee a show to remember! Tickets £5 from the club or www.wegottickets.com Everyone over 18 welcome.

**Saturday 16 November** – 8pm, Soul and Motown Disco, UA Roadshow return with their popular disco. With your most loved tracks from across this era and requests welcome. Everyone over 18 welcome. Just £5 entry tickets available in advance from the club or on the door.

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#### FECA IN WILLINGHAM

#### **WILLINGHAM WI**

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We have a mixed craft group that meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 10.30am – 4pm at the Baptist Church in Willingham. Everyone is welcome. You can call in for in for part of the day or the whole day.

We also hold monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month at Willingham Social Club, starting at 7.30 pm.

The following are the autumn topics:

**9 September** – The Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy; **14 October** – The Norris Museum (Bridges Brewers and Barges);

**11 November** – All about Emmaus, and to end the year our **8 December** meeting will be our Christmas Party.

New members are always welcome. Contact Wendy Law on 01954 202188, or email willinghamwi28@gmail.com.

#### WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Willingham Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month, except January, at Willingham Social Club, at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome and guests are welcome at all our meetings for a small charge. See the Fen Edge Events Diary (pages 5 and 7) for details of our forthcoming talks.

Excursions: Saturday 28 September – Knebworth House and Park.The cost of travel to Knebworth is £17 per person (plus entry fee £12). Pick-up at Cottenham 8.15am, Willingham 8.30am.

**Thursday 21 November** – Christmas Shopping in Birmingham. Cost £23 per person. Pick-up Cottenham 7.45am, Willingham 8.00am.

For further details & booking, contact Celia on 01954 261394.

Horticultural and Craft Show Saturday 31 August. Show Schedules are available in all the usual locations around Willingham village. There are some exciting changes for this year particularly in the children's sections. Please promote this traditional village event to your friends and families. If you have any queries contact Carol Bailey 01954 260794.

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#### **FECA IN WILLINGHAM**

#### WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

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We have open rollups on a Sunday Morning, 10.30am—12.30pm. It's a very casual event, dress code is relaxed but your shoes must have flat soles, no heels. Bowls has a reputation as only being suitable for the elderly and a stuffy dress code. How

wrong that is! We have one member who is 15years of age and we would love to see more of that age. Bowls is a good form of exercise and is social. For the competitive we play in three leagues, throughout the year, indoor as well as outdoor.

If you want to try bowls please pop down Sunday morning or come down, have a look and have a cup of tea if you don't want to try straight away. We are of mixed experience, novice to experienced, so nobody worries about how good you are. It is also a gender equal sport.

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#### **FECA IN WILLINGHAM**

#### **WILLINGHAM WHEELS**



Willingham Wheels Cycling Club, with help from Swavesey & Over Cycling Group, organised two donation bike rides on Sunday 16 June for the Over Day Centre. With both cycle clubs celebrating their 10th anniversary in 2019 and the Day Centre's 5-Pub Challenge fundraising walk also in

its 10th year, this was a three-way celebration. It proved to be a very popular Fathers' Day activity, with 63 family members and 85 cycle-club riders from several local villages enjoying the event.

The 52-mile route for serious riders took them from Over to Hilton, Bourn, Old Wimpole, Shepreth, the notorious Chapel Hill, Barton, Girton, Cottenham and Willingham – to name but a few. Families and casual riders followed the cycleway from Over to the guided busway, to enjoy a cake and drink stop at the St. Ives bus terminus, to then return, completing a total of 8.5 miles. All riders returned safely (they were carefully checked out and in), so no one was lost!

Both rides ended at The Green, Over, where riders and families enjoyed a lively social event. All donations and proceeds have gone to the Over Day Centre. The total raised was in excess of £3,000, so a big thank you to everyone who took part.



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#### **PARISH COUNCILS**

#### **COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Following the Regulation 16 consultation we have provided a response to some clarification questions by the independent examiner. We are now working through the response to the broader set of public representations and expect this part to be completed over the summer.

#### **Major Building Developments**

Beliway Stage 2 roadworks (between The Rowells and Histon Road) to widen the existing footway on the north side to allow shared walking and cycling is scheduled to be completed by 1st September.

Persimmon is working through sign off of its conditions. Apart from the 121 houses permitted on site, they will undertake the radical re-engineering of the Oakington Road/Rampton Road roundabout and various traffic-calming measures along those roads later this year.

**Gladman** has not yet made clear how it will meet its 9 August deadline for submission of an acceptable Reserved Matter application.

This-Land met us several times in an attempt to find an acceptable way to meet both their and our concerns. The meetings were constructive and the proposals seemed to align closely with our aspirations for development of the space. However talks have stalled possibly due to planning obstructions to encroachment into Les King Wood, the proposed housing density and acceptability of a floodlit all-weather surface.

#### Village Hall/Nursery update

Following receipt of six sets of tenders for the project, none of which were affordable within our debt envelope of "borrowing up to £2.8 million for up to thirty years, financed by the supplementary precept of £1/week/Band D home etc." a "value engineering" exercise has been undertaken involving representatives from our architects, consulting engineers and the preferred builder.

The exercise reviewed the various features and functionalities, testing whether each is really necessary and/or can be achieved more cost-effectively in some other way, while retaining the general appearance and functionality of the design as we know it, even if the long-term capacity may have to be restricted in some way. At the time of writing a long list of suggestions is being evaluated alongside a closer look at contributions from our financial reserves, probable s I 06 developer contributions, borrowing powers, possible grants and likely net income to see if the gap can be closed sufficiently to bring a modified proposal to Council over the summer.

#### **Highways**

Further to our successful LHI bid, County Highways are now preparing draft designs for the traffic calming on Histon Road.

#### **New Councillor**

We are pleased to welcome Peter Hewitt to the council following the resignation of David Mudd. David was a long-standing councillor and we thank him for his contribution over the years.

#### **Defibrillator**

A new community-access defibrillator has been installed in the phone box near the Denmark Road/High Street junction. In an emergency when you dial 999 you will be given the access code for the equipment.

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#### **RAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Recreation Ground**

There have been a number of improvements recently on the Recreation Ground. The new equipment installed in the toddler play area has been appreciated by local and visiting families. The Multi-Use Games Area and court have been cleaned to improve the condition of the surfacing and the grass cutting regime has been increased so that the pitch area is now a good place to play sports games.

#### **Events on the Green**

The Rampton '77 Committee in collaboration with the Rampton Fairies have once again pulled together an enjoyable afternoon enjoying tea on the Green with a little sparkle and plenty of good companionship. The Summer Fair after a year's breather has been back in action.

#### Councillor Vacancies and other roles

Anyone that enjoys life in Rampton and feels that they could contribute to the village is encouraged to speak to the clerk or one of the councillors, who are always keen to discuss ways of improving the lives of residents and improving the environment that we live in. The council is pleased to support a new volunteer Tree Warden in the village, so thank you to the individual who has agreed to take on the role. The council at the end of June 2019 has two casual vacancies for councillors.

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#### PARISH COUNCILS

#### WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

#### Chair and Vice Chair

The Parish Council elected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman at its annual meeting in May and we are pleased to welcome to post Councillor David Carlton (Chair) and Councillor Derek Law (Vice Chair). The Council sincerely thank Councillor Phil King for all his efforts during his various appointments over the years as Chair and Vice Chair.

#### Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Willingham Parish Council are considering providing a MUGA for the village and recently put out a survey on its possible uses. The results will help us understand which sports that should be included. The MUGA will be partly funded by money from the new developments in the village. We will be applying for grant funding to make up the rest.

#### **District Council Surgeries**

Our District Councillors Dawn Percival and Bill Handley hold regular surgeries that are open to parishioners to come along and raise any concerns they may have. The next two surgeries are scheduled for **Saturday 9 September** and **Saturday 2 November**. Both will be held in the Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and will run from I I am—I pm. **Parish Clock** 

A major overhaul of the clock is now complete and the clock is running very well. As with Big Ben the pendulum swing is adjusted with small weights that make a difference of only a few seconds a day. We hope to have the clock accurate to within half a minute throughout the day, just as it would have been when originally installed in 1887.

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

these are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month and all parishioners are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to speak during the public forum. The upcoming meeting dates are: **7 August, 4 September, 2 October and 6 November.**Meetings are held in the Octagon at St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street.









#### **FEN EDGE FESTIVAL**

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What a fantastic festival it was! Right from the start on Friday 21 June, with the Pre-School Fun Day and then Tea on the Green (when 140 people senior citizens tucked into a smashing afternoon tea provided by Cottenham Day Centre) everything was set fair for three days of non-stop festivities at this year's Fen Edge Festival, organised by the Fen Edge Community Association under the banner of Carnival.

That night the summer dance, organised by Cottenham Primary School's PTCA, was a stunning success: live music, pizzas,

kebabs, doughnuts and ice cream, a licensed bar – all creating the 'opening event' the Festival is renowned for. Early on Saturday, I began my first shift as one of the over 100 volunteers. The atmosphere was great. Everyone was happy and relaxed: the rain had gone, the air was warm and the sun on its way. Already individuals and groups from the Fen Edge's five villages that had responded to FECA's invitation to join in were setting up their activities and wares. And what temptations there were, not just on the Village Green but also in front of, and in, the Village College. I didn't know which way to turn for there was so much going on!

The most eye-catching attraction was the magnificent 19th century Steam Carousel, one of the last working in the country and still letting off steam joyously. At the College I was especially impressed by the Adult Learning Arts & Crafts display – what a clever lot of people we have in the Fen Edge – and young artists' exhibition. Nearby the recycling enthusiasts were getting down to the nitty gritty at the Repair Café. The College also had a wonderful Carnival Café, a play area, roundabouts, Giant Scalextric and Retro Gaming, crazy golf and – big attraction – 'Squirt' from the Cottenham Fire Brigade. What is it about kids and fire engines? Lots of pix were taken to record that they were

On the green it was action all day. It would have disconcerted the comedian W C Fields – he who said



Victoriana and the medieval in action

"never work with children or animals" – for they were there in abundance. The Fen Edge Dog Show was a wow and the youngsters were tremendous, showing off their skills at Tae Kwon-Do, at gymnastics, at sculpture, dance displays, performing arts, even a medieval battle. Mr Marvel's magic show and Gameshow Disco brought smiles of delight to little faces.

If the welcome warmth brought on thirst, there to quench it were the Cottenham Guides stall (raising funds for Macmillan cancer charity), the Pimm's tent run by Ladybird Pre-school, real ale from Fellows Brewery, Fairtrade coffee and tea. The hungry were spoiled for choice: cakes, kebabs, finger food from Poland, India and even Dominica, vegan and vegetarian snacks, artisan breads, a BBQ, bacon sandwiches, pizzas. Plus carnival favourites candy floss, popcorn and coconuts! The resounding rhythms of the Fruity Clave Samba Band enthusiastically enhanced the carnival atmosphere. And there was endless talent at the Venue: buskers of all ages, singers and performers, comediennes (hurrah to Chloe and Barbara!) - such fabulous entertainment. The Main Marquee was a magnet: contemporary and Irish dancing, community-based Singing for Fun, the glorious tones of TyrannoChorus (Saturday) and bigMouth and VoxPop (Sunday). How blessed we are in our neck of the woods to have musical groups such as The Fen Edge Orchestra, Junior Brass and Cottenham

Brass bands.

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#### **FEN EDGE FESTIVAL**

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By Sunday evening, all too quickly, it was over and the hard-working committee, under the fantastic leadership

of festival Chair Lucy Dumbrell. quietly disassembled all that had entertained us at what many agreed was the best-ever Fen Edge Festival. As families and friends sat in the warm air, tucking into pizzas and burgers, wine and beer, the Sandy Ukulele Group serenaded us with a fitting farewell of singalong songs. There was a lot going on at the Cottenham Community Centre too, but I just couldn't be everywhere at the same time! Perhaps – in two years time – an electric scooter will help.

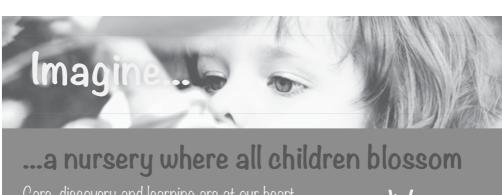
#### Wendy Dear

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#### **FEN EDGE GROUPS**

### FEN EDGE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Having lived in Waterbeach for more than a decade, it came as news to discover that the village is twinned with Avrillé, in the Loire Valley, France, as part of the Fen Edge Twinning Association which includes Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton and Willingham. The Association has been happily twinning for twenty-one years and great friendships have been forged in that time.

Although my French is a bit rusty, I decided to give it a go and boarded the coach at Cottenham with about thirty-five others, ages eight to eighty: couples, families, and others like me travelling on their own.

The visit took place over the May Bank holiday weekend and comprised a mixture of organised events and time with the host family. After the extravagant celebrations for our 20th anniversary last year, the programme was more relaxed this year. In smaller groups, our hosts took us to see some of the local delights, including rose gardens, river cruises and the castle of nearby Angers. As always, our French host families welcomed us to their homes and treated us to delicious food, wine and company. Despite many different levels of French and English, we mixed together well at the dinner table and on the dance floor (at their version of a Ceilidh). Amongst the laughter as the EU election results came in, we were reminded of the importance of such links. I came away absolutely heartened by the experience and would recommend it in a blink.

The French return in May 2020. If you would like to know more about FETA or how to get involved, please email fenedgetwinning@gmail.com



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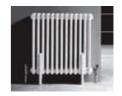
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We usually give concerts twice a year, which are well received by family, friends and some

unsuspecting members of the public! We don't charge for entry, and once a year we raise money for a charity chosen by a member of the orchestra. Our recent Summer Concert took place in Cottenham Parish Church and included music by Dvorak, Vaughan Williams, Butterworth, and Schubert. The next concert will be in February. At the moment we have places for violins, violas, double bass, french horn, trumpet and flute. Why not take a look at our website fenedgeorchestra.wordpress.com and get in touch? Hopefully you will be invited to come along to a rehearsal in Cottenham Village College on a Wednesday evening. We rehearse during school terms and there are no auditions.







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#### **FEN EDGE GROUPS**

#### **STITCHWILD**

StitchWild, a friendly Fen Edge group of creative textile artists, was excited to welcome Cas Holmes for a

workshop at Rampton Village Hall on 6-7 May 2019. Cas, one of the UK's most renowned textile artists, hails from Kent, and describes her work as painting with cloth and stitch sketching; with an emphasis on the use of vintage, found, recycled, or sustainable materials. For the workshop, Cas demonstrated how to develop our own approach to textile art and our chosen subject, based on themes that resonated with each of us individually. The sea, local scenes in Cambridge, scenes observed on daily walks and memories of family members

were just some of the themes artists in the group chose to use. She then demonstrated a technique for image

transfer using a simple paper lamination technique. We each chose a paper based image, such as a photocopy, magazine page, or inkjet print. Using an acrylic based

medium such as acrylic gel, gesso, or even emulsion, we learned how to transfer the image to a cloth substrate. Cas then suggested further techniques to develop our stitch story by applying additional layers of found textiles, paper ephemera and stitch to bring our work together into a cohesive work

Although an intense weekend of work, club members learned a lot and many will incorporate this technique in future work. As Cas says, 'Be open to challenge and change. Give things a go and dare to create.'

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#### **FEN EDGE GROUPS**

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Our club meets on Mondays (except bank holidays) at 5.45pm for 6.15pm at the Arundel House Hotel Cambridge with great speakers. New potential members are very welcome.

#### Football for the homeless

70 players from local homeless organisations, along with their supporters, looked forward to the 2019  $10^{th}$  Annual Tournament Day on 19 May.

This year was again a great success. The Abbey Pool's Astro Turf Pitches (kindly made available by the Cambridge City Council) played host to the  $10^{\text{th}}$  annual Tommy McLafferty Cup – a 5-a-side football tournament involving homeless people and volunteers. Joint organisers were the Rotary Club of Cambridge South, Cambridge Link-Up, Wintercomfort for the Homeless and Jimmy's. Players and spectators all said that they had had an inspiring and fun day.

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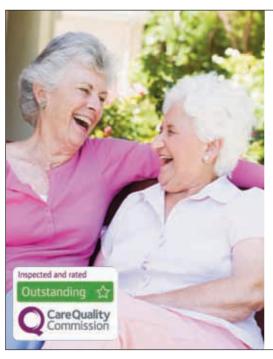
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