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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



2020 has got off to a good start for the Fen Edge Community Association. We have recently welcomed several new member groups, taking our total membership to 70. Our new members are 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, Cottenham Charities, Friends of All Saints' Cottenham and the Cottenham Feast Parade. On behalf of the Committee we would like to welcome them and we look forward to supporting their work in the community.

Strengthening the community - Get Involved!

The Fen Edge Community Association (FECA) is a charity. The aims of FECA include helping to promote the many groups in the five villages that have a role to play in building the community and establishing a positive environment for all who live there.

If you're involved with a group in any of the Fen Edge villages why not consider becoming a FECA member? Apply via the website www.fenedge.co.uk/membership. Annual membership costs £15 and provides presence and promotion possibilities on our website and in the Fen Edge News, published three times a year and distributed to 7,400 homes.

FECA also has a Google calendar of events, which includes those in the Fen Edge Events Diary (pages 5 and 7) plus additional events notified throughout the year. You can subscribe to the calendar from your smartphone if you want to get reminders. See website for details.

Another key benefit of FECA membership is the opportunity to request grant funding. The trustees and

There are a number of very exciting things to look forward to this year. The Fen Edge Twinning Association is one of our long-standing members and it is very pleasing to be able to see this group go from strength to strength. They will be welcoming guests from Avrillé (France) in May, to coincide with the VE day celebrations. I am sure their various activities, which includes a tour to the RAF museum at Duxford, will be much enjoyed. We are also looking forward to the Fun Run in May over the traditional, and very precise, 7 kilometres course around Cottenham. Many thanks to Mark Hurworth and his helpers for devoting their time and energy to the organisation of this very popular event. This year, the event will be chip-timed for the first time. There are plenty of opportunities for non-runners to also get involved as stewards on the course. There will be a junior event as in previous years. Details are in the magazine. Let's hope for a large turn-out and a bright (but not too hot) day.

Some of you will be disappointed that 2020 is a fallow year for the Festival. However, we do have a new event to look forward to this year. One of our member organisations, Sustainable Cottenham, are putting on Eco Eats – a festival of planet-friendly food for Cottenham and surrounding villages. Taking place over the summer, it culminates in a weekend of events in mid-October. Something to look forward to!

Neil Gough, Chair

Committee members meet six times a year to consider grant applications for start-up or special projects. Grants in the year to March 2019 totalled over £10,000.

To find out more, come along to our AGM on Thursday 14 May at Cottenham Village College, join in the discussion, have a drink and tell us how FECA might help you. You may even want to chat to us about becoming a trustee or joining our Committee.

Cut plastic waste from your summer events

If you're planning a summer event or party, two new resources for member groups can help you save waste, cut out single-use plastic and reduce your carbon footprint.

Reusable cups—300 half-pint cups, introduced at the 2019 Fen Edge Festival by Sustainable Cottenham, are now available on loan [free to FECA members]. See www.fenedge.co.uk/reusable-cups-reducing-single-use-plastic

Reusable Party Kits—Cottenham Primary School's PTCA has launched a new sustainable Party Kit scheme – see page 21 for details.

FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY

What's on and when in the villages

APRIL

Wed 1 7:30-9pm Fen Edge Archaeology Group – Talk: *The South Georgia Archaeological project: Exploring Britain's overseas territories*, by Marcus Brittain at Landbeach Village Hall (p55)

Thu 2 10:30am-12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: *meet and chat with others over coffee, tea and cake* (p15)

Fri 3 7:30pm Cambridgeshire Bird Club – Talk: *Rebirding-rewilding for birds* by Ben Macdonald at Tony Cooper Suite, Cottenham Village College (p53)

Sat 4 Waterbeach Parish Council – Waterbeach Baptist Church Children's fun trail (p51)

Sat 4 10am-2pm Cottenham Community Centre – Repair Café (p23)

Sat 4 11am-4pm Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – Art Exhibition at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p25)

Sat 4 3:30-5:30pm All Saints Church – Messy Church: *Messy Easter* at All Saints' Church Cottenham

Sun 5 7:30pm Cottenham Community Centre – Community Cinema (p23)

Mon 6 Willingham Women's Institute – Meet and Greet Visit: *Queenholme Alpacas* (p47)

Mon 6 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Getting to grips with pruning* by Nigel Start at Willingham Social Club (p41)

Wed 8 Willingham Women's Institute – Meet and Greet Visit: *Queenholme Alpacas* (p47)

Thu 9 8-9:30pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Quiet Space (p15)

Fri 10-Sun 12 Waterbeach Parish Council – The Fair comes to Waterbeach Village Green (p51)

Fri 10 10:30am Cottenham Baptist Church – Good Friday Breakfast (p15)

Sat 11 Willingham Parish Council – Drop-in session at Ploughman Hall, Willingham (p51)

Sun 12 10:30am Cottenham Baptist Church – Easter Sunday Family Celebration for all ages (p15)

Fri 17 5:30-7:30pm Willingham Bowls Club – Joining up Evening at Duke of Wellington Public House, Willingham (p43)

Fri 17 7:30pm Willingham Social Club – Cricket Club quiz night (p45)

Fri 17 7:45pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: *Beer and Spirits* by Julie Bounford at All Saints' Church Cottenham Hall (p15)

Sat 18 2-4pm Cottenham Bowls Club – Open Day (p17)

Sat 18 8pm Willingham Social Club – Live Ska band: *Scouted 'n Booted* (p45)

Wed 22 Friends of Worts Meadow – Work Party at Worts Meadow (p25)

Fri 24 7:30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club –

Talk: *Growing Tropical Plants in the UK* by Zsuzsa Serer at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p9)

Fri 24 8pm Willingham Social Club – Solo singer: *Danstar* (p45)

Sat 25 8pm Willingham Social Club – An evening of mediumship by Graham Whitfield (p45)

Sun 26 1-3pm Cottenham Tennis Club – Family Doubles Competition at Cottenham Sports Centre (p17)

Sun 26 2pm Rampton '77 Committee – Rampton Relay at Giant's Hill Meadow, Rampton (p27)

Sun 26 2-4pm Cottenham Bowls Club – Open Day (p17)

Mon 27 7:30-9:30pm Rampton Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting at Rampton Village Hall (p49)

Thu 30 7pm Cottenham Community Centre – AGM and entertainment (p23)

MAY

Fri 1 7:30pm Cambridgeshire Bird Club –

Talk: *The fascinating cognitive abilities of corvids* by Claudia Wascher at Tony Cooper Suite, Cottenham Village College (p53)

Sat 2 5:30am Friends of Worts Meadow – Dawn Chorus walk and breakfast, meet at Landbeach Village Hall car park (p25)

Sun 3 7:30pm Cottenham Community Centre – Community Cinema (p23)

Mon 4 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Vegetables for value* by Rodney Tibbs at Willingham Social Club (p41)

Wed 6-Sat 9 7:30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Performance: *And then there were none* at Cottenham Village College (p21)

Thu 7-Sun 10 Fen Edge Twinning Association – Twinning Visit to Fen Edge (p59)

Thu 7 10:30am-12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: *meet and chat with others over coffee, tea and cake* (p15)

Mon 11 7:30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Annual Meeting and Talk by Willingham Bee Group at Willingham Social Club (p47)

Wed 13 7:30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Meeting: *Resolution discussion and social*, with refreshments at Tony Cooper Suite at Cottenham Village College (p15)

Wed 13 7:30-9pm Fen Edge Archaeology Group – Talk: *Stepping into Britain: Happisburgh and the earliest occupation of northern Europe* by Nick Ashton at Cottenham Village College (p55)



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Sat 16 10am Cottenham Fun Run – *7k and Mini-Mile* at Cottenham Village College (p19)

Sat 16 8pm Willingham Social Club – Live Rock Band: *The Indietones* (p45)

Sun 17 11am–3pm Cottenham Tennis Club – Tennis for free at Cottenham Sports Centre (p17)

Tue 19 7–8pm Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – AGM: *Meet the Tithe Barn Trust volunteer team and learn all about the Tithe Barn project* at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p25)

Wed 20 7:30pm Willingham Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting at Octagon, Church Street, Willingham (p51)

Fri 22–Sun 24 Waterbeach Parish Council – Waterbeach Colts Beer Festival at Waterbeach Recreation Ground (p51)

Fri 22 8pm Willingham Social Club – Covers Band: *The Submarine Racers* (p45)

Wed 27 Friends of Worts Meadow – Work Party at Worts Meadow (p25)

Wed 27 7:30–9pm Friends of Worts Meadow – AGM and wildlife talk at Landbeach Village Hall (p25)

Fri 29 7:30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk: *What Plant, Where and Why* by Lamorna Thomas at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p9)

Sun 31 Willingham Wheels – Cycle Ride starting at Over Day Centre car park (p39)

JUNE

Mon 1 7:30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Making a Splash* by Michael Brown at Willingham Social Club (p41)

Thu 4 10:30am–12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: *meet and chat with others over coffee, tea and cake* (p15)

Sun 7 7:30pm Cottenham Community Centre – Community Cinema (p23)

Mon 8 7:30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Talk: *Scandalous Women* by Carol Pook at Willingham Social Club (p47)

Mon 8 7:30–9pm Fen Edge Archaeology Group – Talk: *The old stones* by Andy Burnham at Histon Baptist Church (p55)

Wed 10 7:30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk: *The Sunflower Charity in the village* at Tony Cooper Suite at Cottenham Village College (p15)

Fri 12 7:45pm Willingham Social Club – Custard Comedy (p45)

Sun 14 Cottenham Gardeners Club – Garden Party at Wilburton (p9)

Wed 17 2pm Cottenham Library – Talk: *Cottenham to California* by Caroline Norton at Cottenham Library (p59)

Wed 17 6:30pm Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – Theatre by Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p25)

Fri 19 8pm Willingham Social Club – Punk and New Wave band: *The Expletives* (p45)

Wed 24 Friends of Worts Meadow – Work Party at Worts Meadow (p25)

Fri 26 7–11pm Cottenham Primary School PTCA – Live Music & Food Trucks at Cottenham Primary School (p21)

Fri 26 7:30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk: *The Wonderful World of Salvias* by Janet Buist at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p9)

Sat 27–Sun 28 Friends of All Saints' Church – Art Exhibition by well-known artists at All Saints' Cottenham as part of Church End Feast

Sun 28 Waterbeach Parish Council – Waterbeach Dog Show at Waterbeach Recreation Ground (p51)

Sun 28 All Saints' Church – Messy Church: *Messy Marquee Time* at All Saints' Church Cottenham

JULY

Thu 2 10:30am–12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: *meet and chat with others over coffee, tea and cake* (p15)

Sat 4–Sun 5 11am–5pm Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – Art: *Cambridge Open Studios* at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p25)

Mon 6 Willingham Gardening Club – Garden outing at Rosemary Buisseret's garden (p41)

Wed 8 6:30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Garden party (p15)

Sat 11 2–5pm Rampton '77 Committee – Summer Fayre at Rampton Village Green (p27)

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Mon 13 Willingham Women's Institute – Summer Garden Party at President's Garden (p47)

Tue 14 Cottenham Gardeners Club – Garden Visit at Twin Tarns, Somersham (p9)

Thu 16 5:30–7:30pm Cottenham Primary School PTCA – Summer Fair at Cottenham Primary School (p21)

Fri 17 7:30pm Willingham Social Club – Cricket Club quiz night (p45)

Sat 18 10am–5pm and **Sun 19 10am–4pm** Ramparts – Annual Art Exhibition at Rampton Village Hall (p29)



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COTTENHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

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Meetings coming up

Friday 24 April	<i>Growing Tropical Plants in the UK</i> by Zsuzsa Serer, Horticulturist, followed by a plant sale
Friday 29 May	<i>What Plant, Where and Why</i> by Lamorna Thomas, Garden Designer, followed by a plant sale
Sunday 14 June	Garden Party at Wilburton
Friday 26 June	<i>The Wonderful World of Salvias</i> by Janet Buist, Nursery Owner, followed by a plant sale
Tuesday 14 July	Garden Visit to Twin Tarns, Somersham

For any further information please contact Sarah Dumont, 01954 260482

Summertime... and the garden is busy

It's actually quite difficult to visualise the part of the year that I'm writing about. At present, I'm sat in the middle of Storm Ciara listening to a very angry sounding wind having a go at anything that isn't concreted down.

However, you're reading this in April, and everything is ramping up quite nicely now. This is the time when all of your efforts in the cold months begin to repay you. Carry on weeding, and begin to remove the foliage of earlier bulbs. If you had any in pots, plant them out in the garden if you can. They may not do much next year, but they will if you're patient. We have some hyacinths that were in a pot years ago, and now reside outside my office. They're already in bud.

Don't be tempted to put out annual bedding yet. The frost can be cruel and come later than you

think; the latest I've encountered was the end of May, when all of our potato foliage suffered on the allotment. While on the subject of bedding, be cautious about buying multi packs from places that sell plants as a by-line. If you time it right, and know what you want, you'll perhaps get a bargain. If not, it's a case of buyer beware. They don't always look after the plants that they sell, and may not be able to give advice. Go, instead, to a local supplier. If you're not sure what you want, they'll be able to advise you.

You can though plant hardy perennials in April. If you get them in early, they'll have time to settle and send out a root system before it gets hot. You can also sow patches of hardy annuals. The clue is the word hardy. Buy them early and sow in patches. I did a bed once, dividing it into irregular shapes with a trickle of sand. Sow different seeds into each patch, giving more than one patch to each type if you can. Cover the seed and see what happens. Plant up pots too; you can get quite artistic with a bit of imagination. Choose two or three plants to put in a pot—one short, one medium and one tallish, depending on the pot. Colour coordinate them, and people will think you're so clever. A good pot to make up is the Three Sisters. One tomato (go for *Moneymaker* or *Alicante*), one medium sweet corn plant and one climbing French bean. Plant the sweet corn and a moneymaker plant, and sow a couple of bean seeds. The bean will use the corn as a climbing frame and look a bit different.

Do a bit of forward planning. You've probably got your holiday dates firmed up. Find a friend that has different dates to you, and form a cooperative now. You'll both know what the other wants looking after, with less explaining to do the day before you go!

Finally, make a date to visit an open garden. The county yellow books are about, or you can go online to the National Garden Scheme (ngs.org.uk) and use their find a garden scheme. You'll get inspired and support good causes, as well as enjoying the company of likeminded people.

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Cottenham Carecar is a Social Car Scheme run by volunteers that covers Cottenham, Oakington and Westwick. This service provides for both medical and social journeys supporting fellow villagers that have difficulty in using Public Transport. In some circumstances, people who are temporarily unable to drive can also be helped.

We are now recruiting additional volunteer drivers and escorts to replace attrition, and to continue what is widely regarded as a very valuable service to the villages.

Anyone interested should be aware that they would never be out of pocket, all expenses incurred are reimbursed. Volunteers are not tied down to any particular day or time – they may accept or decline any job offered. Volunteers make lots of new friends and have the satisfaction of helping others.

Even if you can't drive, we always need escorts who accompany the client and help them with their trip.

So, there is no need to be stuck indoors with nothing to do, even if you can only spare an hour per week, just give me a ring and ask questions!

*Gerry Brett – Cottenham Carecar Coordinator,
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COTTENHAM CHARITIES

The long-standing tradition of giving help at Christmas was continued in December with Christmas vouchers given to over 70 families and individuals by Cottenham Charities and the Fitzwilliam Charity. Toys for children were also kindly provided by Twinkle Star Children's Trust. All the charities would like to thank the many organisations and businesses in the village for helping to publicise the scheme.

The trustees of Cottenham Charities also agreed to make a donation to Ely Foodbank, which has a distribution centre in Cottenham.

Applications for grants for essential household or disability items can be considered throughout the year by Cottenham Charities. More details, and an application form, are available on our website www.cottenhamcharities.co.uk

COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

Students compete in national challenge

The Nesta Explorer Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Challenge focuses

on how artificial intelligence can be used to help humans live better lives.

Students from around the country were asked to design a product to improve the world using AI.

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living longer, living together, living greener and living better.

Three year-10 students from Cottenham – Rachel Morgan, Benjamin Reynolds and Josh Wilson – chose the theme of living together and have come up with a unique idea of how to use AI in the fight against cyber bullying. Their team was one of 60 chosen out of 126 applicants to progress to the semi-final round in London. The semi-final offered students the opportunity of deepening their understanding of AI and gave them skills and knowledge to further develop their project. The team will have to reshape their application and deliver a two-minute video in their bid to progress to the finals in summer. Rachel, Benjamin and Josh have been working hard on their project, giving up their spare time after school to perfect their idea. We wish them the very best of luck in getting through to the finals.



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COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The 2020 cricket season will soon be here – This is just a reminder for any adults interested in joining us. Please check out our website (see below) where the Club News section has all the details regarding our 2020 pre-season arrangements. New players are always most welcome so please just come along to one of our indoor net sessions at Fenners Indoor School on Gresham Road in Cambridge, which will still be running throughout April. From May onwards, we'll be in the outdoor nets at the Village College all summer. Our League matches start on Saturday 2 May. This summer term, we're running two junior teams at under-11 and under-14 levels. These teams play matches throughout the school term and are open to both boys and girls from all local villages. We are really keen that both teams be well supported. Anyone who's interested in coming along to have some fun and learn more about our fantastic national summer game from our qualified coaches, do please get in touch. Please join in and get involved – our youngsters absolutely are the future of our club, one of the oldest in Cambridgeshire. We're running indoor coaching

sessions on Wednesday evenings 1–29 April, 5–6pm (u-11s), 6–7pm (u-14s) at Cottenham Village College Sports Hall. Just turn up to any session – everyone is welcome. After that date we'll be playing our matches midweek and training outdoors on Thursday evenings. And don't worry if you're a bit unsure about playing matches at this stage! Just come along in April and have a go. We're sure you'll really enjoy it!

Last, but certainly not least, we'll be running our ECB All Stars sessions again on Saturday mornings in May and June for age 5–8 years. We've been doing this for a few years now and it's really been a great success, giving boys and girls an introduction to cricket which is tremendous fun for all. Please do get in touch if you're interested – it's a great few weeks. Find out more at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> where you can also sign up for our programme here at Cottenham CC. The more the merrier.

Here's to a great summer of cricket!

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Dave Partridge

COTTENHAM RENEGADES

We have enjoyed a very successful season so far. The first half of the league saw Renegades come top of **Eastern Counties Division One West**. This result was a great success in itself but also important because the top two teams in each of the Eastern Counties leagues (North, South and West) go on to play each other for the Eastern Counties Shield, which is a battle for promotion.

The shield includes clubs from further afield such as North Walsham, Sudbury, Norwich Union and Colchester. It also includes old rival Newmarket, who came second to Renegades in the league and who were the only team to inflict a defeat on Renegades in that league (29–28 points).

The shield has got off to a slow start with the first game against Sudbury falling victim to storm Dennis and the second fixture (at home) against North Walsham being conceded by Walsham without having a game. Hopefully the rest of the fixtures will proceed as planned.

Renegades' venture into the **National Junior Vase** competition came to an end in late November. Having seen off Writtle Wanderers in a close-fought game, Renegades went to St. Albans. There followed another excellent game, both sides giving all they had. St. Albans, having the edge, finished 19–14 ahead. It was good to meet St. Albans – they were excellent hosts and the post-match revelry was very enjoyable!

Renegades also had a very successful run in the **Cambridgeshire Intermediate County Cup** seeing off Saffron Walden 2 and Cantabs 2 to reach the final. The final will be played on Saturday 2 May and will see Renegades facing arch-rivals Newmarket to see who raises the trophy!

Renegades is a very friendly club, dedicated to playing their best on the field and to having a good time when not playing. There is a good range of talent and anybody who fancies trying their hand at rugby is welcome to come along and try us out.

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Messy Church is a Church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus. Messy Church is found across the world. Messy Church values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration! Messy Church is not a pre-school messy play we have something for everyone but particularly KS1 and KS2

So why not come and see what it is all about? Hope to see you there!



MESSY CHURCH EVENTS

(held at All Saint's Church, Cottenham)

Saturday 4 April, 3.30–5.30pm – Messy Easter

Sunday 28 June – Messy Marquee (As part of Church End Feast, times TBD)

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Saturday 27–Sunday 28 June – We are planning to occupy a small area in All Saints' Church Cottenham for an Art Exhibition by some well-known artists. This would be part of the revival of Church End Feast.

Advance notice – In September, date to be confirmed, Harvest Ceilidh, in All Saints' Church Cottenham. This will be the first event of its kind to be held in the newly adapted venue.

COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

A small, friendly, church, seeking to serve God in the community where we live, Cottenham Baptist Church welcomes everyone, from no faith to strong faith or anything in between, whatever your background.

Regular church and community activities

Monday (term time) 1–2.45pm Under-1s baby and carer group

Wednesday 1.30–2.30pm Foodbank

Thursdays (2 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July),

10.30am–noon – Thursday hub. A chance to meet and chat with others over coffee, tea and cake. All welcome!

Sundays: First (in the month), 10.30am Breakfast Church; Second and fourth, 10.30am morning services with children's groups; Third, Communion service; Fifth and summer holidays, All Age services.

Easter at CBC – Thursday 9 April – Quiet Space. The church is open for people to pray and reflect on their own, pop in anytime between 8–9.30pm.

Friday 10 April, 10.30am – Good Friday Breakfast. Join us for a free breakfast, Easter activities, and a short thought.

Sunday 12 April, 10.30am –

Easter Sunday Family Celebration for All Ages, followed by coffee, tea, and Easter snacks!



COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

Following a very successful display at the British Legion in November 2019 about Cottenham men who fought in the Second World War, we continue with a similar theme this year. Do you or any of your family have any pictures of men and women of Cottenham who served in the armed forces after the Second World War? Did you do National Service? We would love to hear about this and see your photographs.

Our next talk at the Parish church hall at 7.45pm on

Friday 17 April is by Julie Bounford, who will be talking about Beer and Spirits: tales of sightings, sounds and sensations in our local hosteleries.

Please contact the secretary: telephone 01954 251544 or email cottvillsoc@gmail.com

Website: Cottenhamvillagesociety.wordpress.com

COTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

You are warmly invited to come along to our monthly meetings. We meet on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Tony Cooper Suite at Cottenham Village College.

There are competitions, a raffle and tea and coffee. There is a small charge for non-members. For more information please ring Margaret 01954 250870.

EVENTS

Wednesday 13 May – Resolution discussion and social, with refreshments.

Wednesday 10 June – Come and find out about The Sunflower charity in the village.

Wednesday 8 July at 6.30pm – Garden party. Please ring Margaret for details.

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FECA IN COTTENHAM

COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB

Over the winter the short mat season has been well supported and, for a second year, we have welcomed other clubs from the area to play in a competitive league.

The season has flown by and shortly it will be time to begin another outdoor season with the green opening in early April.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in taking up bowls to come along to one of our open days on **Saturday 18** and **Sunday 26 April**, 2–4pm and give it a try. If you are unable to make either of these dates you can contact anyone listed

below and they will organise a time for you to come and have a go.

We are a friendly and successful club and have a thriving social section; often holding BBQ's, Quiz nights and other activities.

Cottenham Bowls Club would like to thank R J Pepper & Son, Family Funeral Directors, for their continued support.

Contacts: Dave Parrack 01954 230732

Eric Hobbs 01954 251956

Christine Forster 01954 200720

Website: www.hugofox.com/community/cottenham-bowls-club-8286

COTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB

Tennis – special offers & events

We have exciting plans for tennis in the New Year as Cottenham Tennis Club continues to develop and blossom. Our aim is to get more people playing tennis across the Fen Edge area, so we hope there is something here for you. Half price membership for juniors from Wednesday 1 April – just £10 a year!

We have secured funding from Cambridgeshire LTA for 15 school-aged children, age 11 and under, to join the club at this reduced rate. This will be applied to the first 15 children from the Fen Edge patch who sign up from Wednesday 1 April. The offer will run for 7 weeks from 1 April so do act quickly. Membership is via info@cottenthamtennis.co.uk

Sunday 26 April, 1–3pm, Family Doubles Competition at Cottenham Sports Centre

We will be holding a Quorn family tennis tournament, with teams made up of one child age 10 or under with one adult (parent or other over 18 years) playing together.

Nominal charge of £2 to enter. Our club coaches, Toby Jackson (Cambridgeshire LTA coach of the year 2018) and Alastair will be on hand to organise, offer tips and advice. To book your place text Toby on 07972 149874 or email toby@gamesettennis.co.uk. Don't



worry if you can't find an adult to play with, as club members will be there on the day to step in. Email info@cottenthamtennis.co.uk for more information.

Saturday 16 May, Tombola at Cottenham Fun Run. As we have for the last couple of years, we will be running a tombola stall at the Fun Run. Come and chat to us about tennis opportunities in the village and win some prizes.

Sunday 17 May, 11am–3pm, Tennis for Free at Cottenham Sports Centre. The day after the Fun Run we are holding an open day, free for everyone to attend. Our club coach will be giving free coaching, organising games and a tournament. Come and try out the ball machine, service speedometer and a *knock over Serena Williams* competition. If you think tennis could be for you come and give it a go. All ages and levels of experience welcome. Rackets and balls are provided.

Schools competition – Cottenham and Willingham Primary Schools will be participating in a Schools' Tennis Tournament for Years 3 and 4 school children. This will be held on **Wednesday 13 May** at Comberton Village College and **Thursday 14 May** at Swavesey Village College. Toby Jackson will be organising our primary school teams for the first time. Good luck teams!

This is all in addition to our normal social, competitive and coaching programme—details of which are on our website and on our coaching partners, www.gamesettennis.co.uk. Come and join in, non-members and members will all be given a warm welcome.



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FECA IN COTTENHAM

COTTENHAM FUN RUN

The Cottenham Fun Run is back for its 36th year on **Saturday 16 May!** The proceeds will go to Support 4 Sunflowers, a local charity.

Starting and finishing at the Village College, the 7K route is a well marshalled mix of on- and off-road running with spectators lining the streets all the way to encourage runners. Even if this is your first 7K, you will feel an enormous sense of achievement as you cross the finish line! For the first time this year's race will feature chip timing. The race starts at 10.45am. There'll also be the popular Mini Mile for younger children, which takes place round the CVC playing fields (all entrants must be accompanied by an adult). It starts at 10am.

All entrants, in both events, will receive a medal. Age categories (female and male) are: Junior (under 16) £3; Senior £7; Veterans (40+) £7. Register online at www.fenedge.co.uk or on the day at Cottenham Village College from 9am.

There will also be the Morning Market for spectators to enjoy. Contact info@fenedge.co.uk to book a stall (free for Fen Edge Community Association member groups).

Once again, we are indebted to Malary Limited for their ever-generous support and sponsorship. All proceeds, after costs, will be donated to Support 4 Sunflowers a registered charity that raises funds to support Sunflowers Care – a Cottenham based service that provides step down care, rehabilitation and short breaks for children and young people with a variety of complex health needs. The money raised is used to add extras to the children's stay, enhancing their fun and providing amazing experiences for them to enjoy. See: www.sunflowers-care.co.uk

Over the last five years the Fun Run has raised over £3,500 for charity. To help this year's great cause, get involved and register now. For full details visit www.fenedge.co.uk and for the latest updates follow us on Twitter @CottenhamFunRun and Facebook Cottenham 7K Run.

THE COTTENHAM CLUB

The Cottenham Club is a great venue for parties, open every Friday evening from 7.30pm. Membership is cheap and provides discounted entry to most

events. After six months membership, members receive a hire discount. We have a snooker table, darts, annual motor bike show, regular bands, monthly bingo, cheap bar and are family friendly. Please come along and have a look for yourselves.

SUSTAINABLE COTTENHAM

Eat well, eat greener

Over the coming months, *Eco Eats* in Cottenham will be inviting you to tease your taste buds while cutting your carbon food-print in a celebration of planet-friendly food, leading up to a festival weekend on **16–18 October**.

Eco Eats is Sustainable Cottenham's new focus for 2020, thanks to funding awarded under the District Council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme. Our partnership with Cambridge Sustainable Food will deliver family-friendly and entertaining events for our October festival weekend. No need to wait until then – look out for *Food for our Future* workshops, which teach how day-to-day food choices (what we buy, cook, eat, save or waste) impact the climate and environment. Cottenham has a long history of food production, which has shaped the village and still defines its character

today. Looking to the future, Eco Eats is helping local shops and catering businesses, schools and voluntary groups to join in a celebration of healthy and sustainable food. We're keen to hear from any business, group or individual with ideas to feed into Eco Eats.

If you'd like to get involved contact chris@sustainablecottenham.org.uk
For more on Eco Eats go to <http://www.sustainablecottenham.org.uk/eco-eats/> or <https://www.facebook.com/suscottenham/>



'In the UK, food makes up around a fifth of our carbon footprint. The good news is that there are bite-sized actions we can take to reduce our carbon emissions to slow down climate change and help the earth keep cool. Food is an issue that we need to tackle together.'
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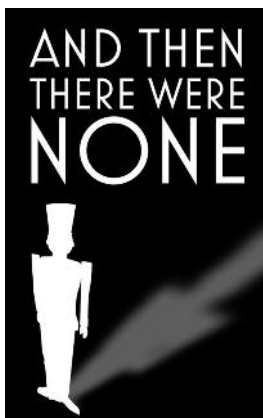


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FECA IN COTTENHAM

COTTENHAM THEATRE WORKSHOP

A murder mystery to die for – A murderer has descended upon Cottenham in early 2020. Ten strangers will enter, but who will leave alive? As our Spring production this year, we're performing Agatha Christie's dark thriller *And then there were none*.



Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. For each has been marked for murder. As the weather turns and the group is cut off from the mainland, the bloodbath begins and one by one they are brutally murdered, in accordance with the lines of a sinister nursery rhyme.

Directed by our long-term member and friend, Helen McCallum, this show promises to serve up a classic whodunnit vibe and get you whispering in the aisles as to who the murderer could be. Added to the fact the play is written by one of the greatest crime novelists/playwrights of all time and you're definitely in for a treat with this one!

The show will run from **Wednesday 6 May to Saturday 9 May** at Cottenham Village College. Performances begin at 7.30pm.

Tickets are on sale now. You can purchase them via our website www.cottenhamtheatre.com or by ringing TicketSource on 0333 666 4466 (additional booking fee applies). Make sure to get yours quickly before they're all gone!

Remember to follow us on our social media channels on Facebook and Twitter.

We hope to see many of you at the performances. Enjoy the show!

COTTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTCA

Reusable Party Kits – Our new sustainable party scheme. The PTCA will be providing party boxes to cater for up to 30 children or 40 adults, which will be available for hire as of Monday 24 February.

The following items will be provided in the box: Cups, Plates, Jugs and Tablecloths. Bunting and reusable cloth bags for pass the parcel are also available. Cost: £5 to hire for the day with a £10 refundable deposit if all items are returned safely. Please get in touch with the PTCA if you would like to try out our new sustainable initiative for your next party!

Fundraising – We have easy ways to raise money for the school, we have *easy fundraising* and *donatemy school*.

In **easy fundraising**, the retailer makes a donation to the school whenever you buy something through the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk. It's very simple – just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to register and shop with over 2,000 well known retailers like Amazon, Tesco, Argos, Marks & Spencer, eBay and many more. It won't cost you a penny extra to shop through easyfundraising and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes. You don't have to change the way you shop online, just go to the normal website via easyfundraising.org.uk, choose to support Cottenham Primary School and everything you buy will raise money for CPS PTCA. Anyone can register so please spread the word to family and friends!

Donatemy school is a crowdfunding appeal to help raise the funds that make such a difference to our school. If you are able to make a one-off donation or would like to set up a regular payment, however small, then our crowdfunding page makes it easy for you. We will also be able to collect Gift Aid on your donations, boosting them by 25%. www.donatemy school.com/cps-ptca

No gift is too little: small action x lots of people = big change.

Events (held at the school)

Friday 26 June, 7-11pm – Live Music and Food Trucks

Thursday 16 July, 5.30-7.30pm – Summer Fair

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The Coffee Shop is 9 years old, and now partly repainted thanks to Nick Parker. Opening times are 10am-4.30pm Monday and Wednesday; 10am-2pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Will be closed Easter Friday to Easter Tuesday 10–14 April inclusive, Friday May 8 and Monday May 25.

Come and enjoy a fantastic coffee, scone, cake or lunch.

Events

Saturday 4 April, 10am-2pm – Repair café. Bring your items to be repaired.

Sunday 5 April, 3 May and 7 June 7.30pm – Community Cinema

Thursday 30 April probably from 7pm – AGM with entertainment. Come and hear about our progress and plans including Sustainable Cottenham's Eco Food weekend 16–18 October.

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?

Little Humbugs is now again weekly (Wednesdays at 10am). Do bring your little one and enjoy song and dance.

For details of our many **classes for young and old alike** 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 and there will be new classes including a Beginners Fitness class on Friday evenings from 17 April (Register your interest at MindYOFitness@gmail.com) and another Aerobic Exercise class

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 or party. 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 etc 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 etc. Catering can also be provided.

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.

Perhaps you would like a piece of **Artwork** for yourself or as a present – all the artwork hung in the coffee shop is for sale and all sales help the Community Centre.



*Art by Sue Sherratt's on show in the coffee shop.
Photo: Mike Smith.*

Shopping – The Centre gets a percentage (£180 so far raised) with Easy Fundraising (no extra cost to you) from 400 retailers. If you are shopping, consider using Easy Fundraising for Cottenham Community Centre:

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THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR THE TITHE BARN

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We are over the moon that the repairs are now complete. Thanks to our thatcher Jeff Helme and his team the roof has been rethatched, keeping as much of the historic fabric as possible, and now looking fabulous. Our team of carpenters and bricklayers from F.A. Valiant & Son, building restoration specialists, have worked tirelessly. The final sympathetic repairs have been undertaken to the doors and brick threshing floor. The photo on the front cover shows the completed barn and Gemma O'Shea, Chair of Trustees of the Tithe Barn Trust says "Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support from the wonderful public, as well as the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Amey Community Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation and the October Fund. We are truly grateful and can't wait for everyone to see the finished result at our next events."

Events

(Visit tithebarntrust.org.uk/learning/2020-events)

Saturday 4 April, 11am-4pm – Art exhibition at the Tithe Barn. Free entry. Local artist Maureen Mace will be exhibiting alongside the Cambridge Drawing Society and Rowan. All with the stunning backdrop of the newly restored timber frame Tithe Barn. This is our first ever Art Exhibition at the Barn made possible by money raised by National Lottery players.

Tuesday 19 May, 7-8pm – Annual General Meeting at the Tithe Barn. Meet the Tithe Barn Trust volunteer team and learn all about the Tithe Barn project. Free refreshments.

Wednesday 17 June, 6.30pm – Theatre at the Tithe Barn. Free entry. Back due to popular demand, Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts will entertain you with another production.

The logo for the Tithe Barn Trust, featuring the words "Tithe Barn Trust" in a serif font, with "Tithe" and "Trust" in a smaller size above and below "Barn" respectively, all contained within a dark rectangular box.

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July, 11am-5pm – Cambridge Open Studios at the Tithe Barn. Free entry. For the first time ever, the Tithe Barn will be participating in Cambridge Open Studios as a gallery. Meet local artists and see their work.

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.

Grass parking if fine weather or free road parking, or infrequent number 9 stagecoach or Citi Bus number 2 to Landbeach. Regular number 9 service to Waterbeach, then 1.1 mile walk.

FRIENDS OF WORTS MEADOW

As spring approaches and the weather starts to warm up, do visit Worts Meadow and Bourne Wood Local Nature Reserve here in Landbeach. You won't be the only visitors – the newts are back, settling once more into several of the ponds ready to mate and lay their eggs. The newts need to keep one eye on the sky, as a large Grey Heron flew up from one of the central ponds the other day, disturbed from its fishing efforts as I walked by. At the end of February we had small murmurations of starlings, wheeling around the village near the reserve and one which held several hundred birds. These acrobatic, synchronised flying displays happen just before the starlings settle down to roost for the night.

Our volunteers help with the practical management of Worts Meadow in Landbeach. It is free to join. Our open events provide the chance to learn about and enjoy the wildlife of the site and help with recording. For more information, to send in wildlife photographs, or to be added to our email list, contact Frances Dipper on 01223 861836, frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk

We have so far this year arranged two public events and an illustrated talk at our AGM to which all are welcome. For events, meet at the Landbeach Village Hall car park.

Events

Saturday 2 May, 5.30am – Dawn Chorus walk and breakfast

Wednesday 27 May, 7.30pm – AGM and illustrated wildlife talk, in Landbeach Village Hall. We will also be continuing with our work parties which are on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except August and December): 25 March, 22 April, 27 May, 24 June.

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FECA IN RAMPTON

RAMPTON CHARITY HORSE SHOW

Saturday 19 September, starting at 9am

The organising of this year's show (our 33rd show) has begun with our AGM and the first Committee meeting of this season having taken place on 20 February. As usual, our traditional, family horse show will feature showing (in-hand and ridden) classes, jumping classes, dressage, fun classes, fancy dress, clear round ring and our very popular fun dog show. Do please come along and support one of the friendliest village horse shows in the Eastern region.

As in previous years, may we urgently request any local businesses to please consider advertising in our show schedule and/or sponsoring one of our classes. We rely on local support to enable our show to continue – we are, after all, one of the very few village horse shows still in existence in this region. Please check out our Facebook page and visit our website (www.ramptonhorshow.org) for updates.

RAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

Cliff Ward and John Parker – Friday 15 May, 7:30 for 8pm start

Given that Cliff Ward and John Parker already have excellent reputations as founder members of two very successful bands (The



Willows and Nizlopi, respectively) expect good things from these two fine musicians. With Cliff on acoustic guitar and writing most of the songs, John brings to the mix his string bass, beatboxing and wacky sense of fun. Expect to be hugely entertained and exhausted by the end of the evening! These two are obviously having a ball, come along and join in, you'll love it.

John has worked with a huge number of acts over the years and performed extensively all over the world with acts such as Ed Sheeran, Kate Rusby,

Newton Faulkner, Nick Cave, Polly Paulusma and Jake Morley to name but a few!

A licensed bar will be available throughout the evening. Tickets £10 (or £12 on the door)

Tickets available from www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk or call Alison on 01954 208045

RAMPTON '77 COMMITTEE

Sunday 26 April. Rampton Relay at Giants Hill Meadow, Rampton. Registration in the field from 2pm for a 2:30pm start. Entry fee £3 for an individual runner; £10 for a team of four. This event is run over a circular cross-country course of one Rampton mile, which can be tackled by single runners running one or more laps, or by teams of four in a relay (one lap each). We run against the clock; medals are awarded in recognition of achievement. There will be a certificate for all entrants. The Rampton Educational Foundation shield will be awarded to the fastest relay team comprising primary aged schoolchildren. All proceeds are donated to a local good cause; this year we have chosen to support our local First Responder in the purchase of equipment.

Saturday 11 July, 2–roughly 5pm. Rampton Summer Fayre at Rampton Village Green.

A traditional village fete with stalls, games and cream teas. Fun for all the family!

ALL SAINTS' RAMPTON ACTION GROUP

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RAG, this would not have been possible. The door would have been shut for good and we all would have lost an invaluable spiritual, social and historical asset. To maintain the building, however, incurs routine costs such as utilities, insurance, heating oil, and organ service. If you feel able to support us in these efforts, we would welcome

you as a regular or as a one-off donor. If ten more people can sign-up to donate £10 per month, we can get onto an even keel. It will keep the doors open, the church alive and give us a platform for future refurbishment work. 800 years of history is worth keeping, don't you think?

Mike Hastings, Treasurer, on behalf of RAG.
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RAMPARTS

Ramparts annual exhibition – Saturday 18 July, 10am-5pm and Sunday 19 July, 10am-4pm. The exhibition features a wide range of styles and subjects. Held at Rampton Village Hall with plenty of parking. Refreshments are provided.

Landscape by Veronica Taylor, as shown at last year's Ramparts RA exhibition



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WILLINGHAM CYCLING CLUB

Fen Edge cyclists aiming to boost charity funds

Bike Rides, Sunday 31st May – Having had such a great result with the Over Day Centre (ODC) Sportives last year (close to £3,500 raised, with nearly 150 enjoying the day), the cyclists of Willingham Wheels and SOCG – Swavesey and Over Cycling Group – have again teamed up with ODC trustees to generate much needed funds for an essential facility serving the older members of our communities. Three rides are planned for the morning of **Sunday 31**

May—an **8.5-miler** for casual riders, children (who will all get golden medals) and families; a **50-miler** designed for the more seasoned cyclists; and a **20-miler**, a new event in response to requests from people wanting to just have a go. All routes will be risk-assessed, suitably marshalled and signposted from Over Day Centre car park, with a post-ride party planned from midday offering cool drinks, a hot BBQ and live music to be held at Over Community Centre.

Over Day Centre serves several villages around the Fen Edge – you will no doubt have seen its minibus passing through your area at some time or other, picking up our older people so that they can enjoy a meal and spend time with others outside the confines of their own four walls. Outside support from organisations makes a big difference to the charity's



The 2019 Sportive. Photo by Derek Law

ability to deliver and, ideally, enhance the essential services it provides. And now, with two major sponsors in Law and Lewis Joinery and estate agents Redmayne, Arnold & Harris already on board, the organisers are hoping that this year's rides will be another great social and financial success.

To see how we did last year, and for photos of the event courtesy of Derek Law, go to www.willinghamwheels.com

and to keep abreast with plans as they evolve, please take the time to go to

www.overdaycentre.co.uk/fundraising-events

This will soon have details of the event, the routes and how to sign up for the various rides.

WILLINGHAM YOUTH TRUST

With a busy 2019 now behind us, the Willingham Youth Trust have a lot to be thankful for. A strong year of fundraising meant we were able to deliver our Computer Coding Club each school term. This club saw over 75 kids experience coding of games and use their creativity to design fun and challenging games.

The Youth Club is full, with over 20 children attending most Wednesday nights and has a large waiting list.

The October Family Halloween disco was a huge success, not only in raising some much-needed funds to keep the clubs going, but also has become an exciting feature in the Willingham social calendar and is sold out well in advance.

We rounded off the year with some fantastic news in

November. We heard that the committee's hard work was rewarded with a £6,000 grant from the local Parish Council. This money will see the Youth Club and Youth Centre financially sound for at least the next two years. We are very grateful for this grant and others we received in 2019, as they enable us to focus on activities for the next few years.

This year we continue to deliver our range of young people's activities. The youth club is on a Wednesday night and the coding club starts in March on Saturday mornings. We are looking for Trustees to join our committee and support the Trust in delivering fun activities for the young people of Willingham and their families to enjoy. For more information contact us at enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org

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WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Advance Notice – Willingham horticultural and craft show – **5 September 2020.**

Now is the time to be planning your fruit, vegetable, flower and houseplant entries.

1. Acquire a copy of the Show Schedule, usually available the beginning of July, from key places around Willingham, or contact below. Last year's Schedule can be used for planning your entries.

2. Try to plan at least a couple of flowers and vegetables to be ready in time for the classes of your choice. But don't worry if things don't go to plan, whatever you have ready in your garden on the day is worth entering.

3. Big is not always beautiful. Small and perfectly formed can impress the judges just as much.

4. Presentation is important. Bring your own plates, paper or other for fruit and vegetables, or containers for flowers. Paper plates and vases will also be available at the show.

5. No matter what section you may make an entry in, either horticulture, flower arranging, needlework, homecraft, photography and crafts, the judges will always look for well-presented items in good condition.

The main object of the day is to encourage exhibitors, particularly children, who make our day by showing their produce and creative talents, stimulating interest and comment, and perhaps creating an interest from others to take up gardening or try a new craft next year. For any queries on any of the above contact Carol Bailey on 01954 260794.

Events – Meetings start at 7:30pm in the Willingham Social Club.

Monday 6 April – Nigel Start will give us a useful and timely talk on *Getting to Grips with Pruning*. His love of gardening started in the late seventies when his first small house came with a large plot. Nigel found the best way to manage it was by growing fruit and vegetables, with the help of a small flock of chickens to clear the weeds and fertilise the ground.

Monday 4 May – Rodney Tibbs will talk on *Vegetables for value*. During the war years we were urged to grow vegetables for our very survival. Today the enthusiasm for growing vegetables is as strong as ever, motivated by an appreciation of the sheer quality and taste of fresh home grown produce and supported by the knowledge that it is cutting down on carbon emissions.

Monday 1 June – Michael Brown, the Historic Gardener, is *Making a Splash* – the history of fountains and the use of water in the garden from the Romans to modern times. How to find a suitable water source and build an historic water feature.

Monday 6 July – Club outing to Rosemary Buisseret's garden. Rosemary is a member of Plant Heritage. This visit follows on from her interesting talk last year, and we are looking forward to seeing her garden.

Our excursions team is already researching possible venues for our 2020 programme, which we hope to have in place by March. Any queries please contact Carol Bailey 01954 260794.



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WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Community Scheme

This year Willingham Bowls Club are starting a *Willingham Bowls Club Community Scheme*, the idea being to give something back to the village. The Bowls Green has periods where it is not being used, which seems to be a waste of a good facility; so, we are making the following proposals to encourage use of the green and offer the community a service.

We have been in talks with the local Primary School to provide bowls sessions for their final-year students. There is a lot to organise and various regulations have to be met. If this is not possible, we will offer a Saturday morning session for parents and children.

We have also contacted Willingham Medical Practice and Over Surgery with a proposal to run a coffee morning once a week during the bowls season, which will include playing bowls. This event would be suitable for people/patients who need some kind of rehabilitation or, perhaps, are suffering from Dementia, Vision Impairment, Arthritis, or are just lonely and would enjoy a morning

out. Bowls is a very gentle form of exercise; it's also an opportunity to meet up with fellow bowlers.

To carry out both the above we will need to purchase some more equipment and, as with most Bowls Clubs, funds are not that buoyant; so, we are seeking sponsorship. Already, one company and one society have come forward with very generous donations; and that means we will go ahead with our plans. A very special thank you to Eastern Marqueses and Willingham and District Ploughing Society who made those donations. We also need to thank Willingham Parish Council for supporting us with a donation towards green maintenance.

It is still a while until the outdoor bowls season starts and, as usual, we are looking for more members, we are especially short of female members. We are having a joining up evening on **Friday 17 April** at *The Duke of Wellington* Public House between 5:30-7:30pm.

Our annual membership is £35 for Adults and we offer those 16 and under free membership.

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Our season now runs for 12 months as we not only play outdoors but we also have a team in the **Indoor/Outdoor League** at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club. We have teams in outdoor leagues, **Ely and District League** is an afternoon league and we also have two teams in the **Business Houses League** which are played in the evenings. If you would like any further information on any of the above please contact either Terry Buckley (terry.buckley@virginmedia.com, 01954 201802) or the Secretary, Ian Bissett (willinghambowlsclubsec@gmail.com).

WILLINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Regular Events

Willingham Jam Club the **last Monday** of the month at 7:30pm

Jazz Club the **first Sunday** of the month

Members Poker Night, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Cash Bingo every **Wednesday**. Doors 6:30pm, Eyes down 7:30pm. All 18+ Welcome.

Scheduled Events

Friday 17 April, 7:30pm – Cricket club quiz night, all welcome. Ring Matt on 01954 260144

Saturday 18 April, 8pm – *Scooted 'n Booted*, live Ska band. Tickets £5 adv/£8 on door 18+

Friday 24 April, 8pm – *Danstar*, solo singer. Free members event. Guests £2

Saturday 25 April, 8pm – *An eve of mediumship*, Graham Whitfield. Tickets £5 on door. All welcome.

Saturday 16 May, 8pm – *The Indietones*, live Rock band. Tickets £5 adv/£8 on door. 18+ welcome.

Friday 22 May, 8pm – *The Submarine Racers*. Covers Band. Free members event, guests £2

Friday 12 June, 7:45pm – *Custard Comedy*. Tickets £10 Everyone 18+ welcome.

Friday 19 June, 8pm – *The Expletives*, punk and new wave band Tickets £5adv/£8 on door. 18+

Friday 17 July, 7:30pm – Cricket Club quiz night. All welcome. Ring Matt 01954260144

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FECA IN WILLINGHAM

WILLINGHAM WI

Our monthly meetings are held on the **second Monday** of each month at the Willingham Social Club, starting at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome so please do come along to one of our meetings to find out more about what we plan for our Spring and Summer meetings. As well as our regular monthly meetings we also have a mixed craft group which meets on the **last Wednesday** of the month, 10:30am-4pm at the Baptist Church in Willingham. Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a WI member) and you can call in for part of the day or the whole day.

Events

Monday 6 April and **Wednesday 8 April** –

Our regular meeting for this month should be held on April 13, but this is Easter Monday so we have had to make alternative arrangements. Instead we have re-arranged our meeting with *Meet and Greet*

visits to our local Queenholme Alpacas, where we will meet the herd, learn about their history, their natural environment and their fleeces.

Monday 11 May – This is our Annual Meeting. We will also have a talk from the Willingham Bee Group who currently look after the bee hives at the Willingham Community Orchard and the Willingham allotments. The Willingham Bee Group is a member of the Cambridge Bee Keepers Association and several members are registered swarm collectors.

Monday 8 June – *Scandalous Women*, a talk about Ada Lovelace from Carole Pook.

Monday 13 July – *Summer Garden Party*, in the President's Garden

If you would like any further information about the Willingham WI, please contact Wendy Law on 01954 202188, or email willinghamwi28@gmail.com.



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COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillors – We are pleased to welcome 4 new Councillors onto the Council: Gemma Bailey, Derek Henderson, Tim Jones and Michelle Stewart. You can find their details on our website.

Major Building Developments – Bellway have nearly completed their 50 houses off Oakington Road and Persimmon have begun to build their 121 houses further along Oakington Road. The Council managed to get an additional surface water management condition added to Redrow's Reserved Matters application in February and, unless there is a legal challenge, Redrow could begin work on their 200 homes off Rampton Road before Easter. Works on the Rampton and Oakington Road roundabout are expected to take place over the summer holidays, which will lead to some disruption. This Land have submitted Reserved Matters applications defining the design and layout of their sites for scrutiny; it might not reach the SCDC Planning Committee until May.

Village Hall/Nursery update – Demolition of the old Village Hall is complete and the frameworks for both new buildings should soon be clear as the steelwork is put into place over the spring. The car park extension and spaces next to the Bowls Club are now almost done, with a bit of finishing off to do over the Easter Holidays. Currently we are expecting handover of the nursery in early September and the Hall in mid-November. As yet there is no operator for the nursery and we will be going out to tender shortly. Please see our website: www.cottenhampc.org.uk for visuals and updates.

Highways – The next steps in traffic-calming on Histon Road include clearer road markings, a 40mph buffer zone on the approach and an additional Speed Activated sign. There will always be a dozen or so hardened speeders that we can do little about without the help of the Police. With a new Police and Crime Commissioner due to be elected in the coming months, ask him or her for their views and vote for the one you prefer!

New Life on the Old West – project update. We have met at the Old Rec (Broad Lane) site with the Project Officer from Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), FEAG (Fen Edge Archaeological Group), Natural England and the National Lottery to look at the intended biodiversity improvements the Lottery grant would go towards. It is ACRE's plan that the local

community will play a central role in planting the hedgerow around the pond complex during a community event. ACRE will also host a community activity day on the Old Rec to showcase the new ponds, and to engage people in pond dipping and other nature activities. There will be further information available later this year, subject to their successful grant application.

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RAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Highway Safety Measures – The Council are at the start of planning some new measures in the village, predominantly to improve safety for pedestrians near or crossing the busy road through Rampton. The outline plan is to consult widely and finalise a plan this financial year, with measures being installed over the following two years. Residents are strongly encouraged to put forward their views once an outline scheme has been made, so please do keep an eye out for circulated information.

2020/2021 Precept – The precept for this year will remain the same as the previous year. Our Council is putting aside a significant portion into reserve for the planned Highway Safety measures.

2020 Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 27 April, 7:30–9:30pm in Rampton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and find out what the many groups in the village have been doing over the last year and what they can offer you. Village groups may wish to consider applying to the Parish Council for a small support grant for suitable activities. The meeting is also a good opportunity for residents to ask questions and put forward their ideas of how they would like to see Rampton develop, and what they have concerns about.

Parish Council Grants – Grant submissions should be submitted at least a week before the Annual Parish Meeting and groups are encouraged to make a short presentation at the meeting to support their application. The Parish Council Grant Policy includes details of the grants we will consider

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and a form for application. The policy can be found in the Parish Council section of the rampton.org website or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Playground Equipment on the Recreation Ground

– The Council have finished a round of maintenance improvements to the play equipment and the basketball nets. These works were partially funded by the remainder of the grant received from the National Lottery Fund; so, a big thank you to them for helping it happen. The Council would appreciate any comments you have on our recreation ground and its facilities.

New Trees on the Recreation Ground – We are pleased to say that thanks to South Cambridgeshire District Council's scheme for tree planting we now have two new trees to boost the existing backdrop to the Recreation Ground. The trees should produce both some beautiful spring and autumn colour in the years to come.

To contact the clerk, please email ramptonparishclerk@gmail.com

Village events and information about Rampton Parish Council can be found on the village website: rampton.org

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Saturday 4 April – Waterbeach Baptist Church Children's fun trail around the village

10–12 April – The Fair comes to Waterbeach Village Green

22–24 May – Waterbeach Colts Beer Festival on the Recreation Ground

Sunday 28 June – Waterbeach Dog Show on the Recreation Ground

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillors – Over the last few months we have welcomed three new councillors, Kay Cook, Valerie McKee and Barry Todd whilst at the same time saying goodbye to Councillors Jamie Smith, Ray Croucher, David Carlton and John Anderson. The Council would like to thank all those who have stepped down for all their efforts and contributions to the Council and the village during their time with us.

75th Anniversary of VE Day – To mark the forthcoming seventy fifth anniversary of VE Day, the Parish Council have planted an avenue of fifty oak trees and sown poppy seeds on the Meadow Road site in memory of every individual named on the village war memorial.

3rd Defibrillator – Most of you will be aware that the Parish Council have previously funded two defibrillators (one at the sports pavilion and one at the library). The Council are currently in the process of organising a third. It is hoped that this will be located in the old phone box on the High Street (subject to successful adoption of the box from BT)

Traffic – As part of the Council's continued efforts to deal with speeding and volume of traffic through the village an application for a minor highways improvement scheme grant for a 40mph buffer zone on the run up to the 30mph limit on Earith Road has been made. A portable interactive speed sign has been purchased, which will be sited in hot spots around the village and will also record speed data.

Events – There will be regular **drop in sessions** at the Ploughman Hall where residents will have the opportunity to speak to both District Councillors and a Parish Council representative. Details of dates are posted on the Parish Council website. The next one is scheduled for **Saturday 11 April**.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 20 May** at the Octagon, Church Street, Willingham. This is an opportunity for parishioners to come along and hear reports from local groups, Parish, District and County Councils as well as having the opportunity to express their views on areas affecting the Parish.

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon, starting at 7:30pm. Agendas are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street, and in the library. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details)

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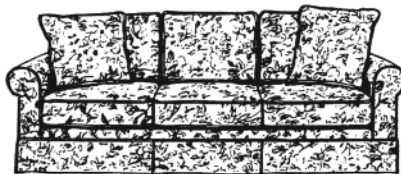
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In recent years many Cambridgeshire community and parish newsletters, magazines and websites have helped with a County-wide survey of Spotted Flycatchers. These are attractive migrant birds, about the size of a Robin, which are summer visitors to village gardens and churchyards. Although they breed with us, they spend up to nine months of the year travelling as much as 16,000 miles a year between here and their wintering grounds in Southern Africa – Angola and Namibia. This is an increasingly dangerous journey for them, and sadly they are in deep decline. Widespread losses amounted to a 50% decline during 1995–2010, continuing a 90% decline since 1970. Only a few hundred pairs remain breeding in Cambridgeshire, but most villages still have a pair or two; they rarely breed out in the wider countryside. We are continuing our work to find and monitor nesting pairs. It's almost certain that there are many additional pairs out there of which we are not aware. Do you have Flycatchers in your garden? Will you see one this year, or have you in recent years? The few that remain are here from mid-May to September. And there's lots more to read about our project and Spotted Flycatchers in general at bit.ly/SpotFly. Please email: spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk with any sightings.



Spotted Flycatcher by Tom Reynolds

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BIRD CLUB

Talks – Doors open 7:30pm for an 8pm start, at the Tony Cooper Suite, Cottenham Village College

Friday 3 April – *Rebirding – rewilding for birds*, by Ben Macdonald

Friday 1 May – *The fascinating cognitive abilities of corvids*, by Claudia Wascher

More information on the website
www.cambridgebirdclub.org.uk

FEN EDGE ORCHESTRA

By the time you read this, Fen Edge Orchestra (FEO) will have given its Spring concert in Histon. The varied programme consisted of Haydn's Clock symphony, a sinfonia by C E Bach, three dances by Granados and some arrangements of Bartok's Violin Duos by the orchestra's conductor, Evan Turner.

Histon Baptist Church is a really pleasant building in which to play and listen to music. The acoustics are warm, and so is the building in the colder months! The orchestra's concerts are always free, with a retiring collection. In March the collection was donated to Jimmy's Cambridge – a local charity dedicated to supporting homeless people in our area.

The orchestra's next concert will be in Cottenham Parish Church on **Saturday 11 July at 7:30pm**, and this time the collection will be given to the Church. Central to the programme will be the well-known

and much-loved 5th Symphony by Beethoven. Come along and support your local orchestra. Maybe you will be inspired to start playing your instrument again. If you have had a long gap without playing, or if you have been learning an instrument for a while and are looking for an opportunity to play with others, FEO could be the group for you. It is friendly and informal, and meets on Wednesdays in term time, at Cottenham Village College.

Have a look at the website:
www.fenedgeorchestra.wordpress.com

There is lots of information there, including a contact box. Get in touch and find out if there is a space for your instrument. If there is a vacancy, you will be invited to come along to a rehearsal (there are no auditions). At the moment the orchestra is looking for violins, violas, double bass and trumpet. There is a waiting list for other instruments.

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Europe, by Nick Ashton, at Cottenham Village College
Monday 8 June, 7:30pm – *The old stones*, by Andy Burnham, at Histon Baptist Church. Jointly with Histon and Impington Archaeology Group.
More information on the blog <https://feagblog.wordpress.com/>

STITCHWILD

Our members all enjoyed a break at Christmas but are now back hard at work. Our meetings in January and February were exceptionally busy with members working on pieces for upcoming exhibitions, experimental sewing, jacket making, items destined to be given to charities for sales tables, and some interesting work with wet felting techniques.

We are looking forward in May to a wet felting day with well-known felt maker Claire Bullock. Felt-making is a very ancient process, having been in existence for thousands of years – dating back to early Neolithic cultures. Although the word 'felt' often brings to mind

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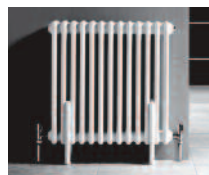
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the mass-produced synthetic multicoloured squares that we all see in craft and hobby shops, or on pool tables, 'real' handmade felt is quite a different material, which bears little resemblance to the synthetic variety. Handmade felt is often made entirely from wool fleece that has been cleaned and carded to align the wool fibres, and perhaps dyed. The wool fibres contain microscopic scales; and when the wool fleeces (also known as tops or roving) are layered over one another and then rubbed together with soap and water, they begin to link together and thus the felting process begins. Once the fibres have matted together in a dense fabric, the felt is then 'fulled', in which heat and friction are applied to shrink and harden the fabric, making it thicker and denser. Once this process is completed, the felt is ready to use.

Some practical examples of how this type of felt is used include its use in making weather resistant warm outerwear, hats, boot and helmet linings and roofing material. Felt has many industrial uses, but our focus is on its use in textile art. Wet felting by hand can be

accomplished quite easily with simple and user-friendly equipment such as a net curtain to lay over the fibres, soap and water, a bamboo mat or large piece of bubble-wrap and lots of friction! Flat felted pieces are straightforward to produce but with additional easily learned techniques, 3D and hollow items can be made. Felting can also be done by knitting wool yarn into a piece of fabric and then fulling it in hot water in the washing machine, a process that many may have discovered by accident in the past when a favourite wool jumper has been washed by mistake in hot water! And finally, dry felting can be done by pushing extremely sharp, barbed needles up and down into wool fibres until they tangle and bond together. This process can be done by hand, to form sculpted pieces, or with what is called an embellishing machine, where the needles are pushed up and down by machine.

Hopefully you have enjoyed this quick summary of felting! Under Claire's direction, group members hope to produce some interesting textile work to share with you at a future date!

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The relationship between the Fen Edge villages and the French town of Avrillé, near Angers on the river Loire, has been active for more than 20 years. Traditionally, each year a visit is made in one direction or the other, staying with local hosts, and a visit is made in the other direction the following year. Our visits to the Loire region provide a great opportunity to experience that area – chateaux, wines and the wonderful Terra Botanica plant-themed amusement park. The host committees organise various social activities, such as visits to attractions and picnics, as well as building in free time. This year our friends from Avrillé will be arriving on the evening of Thursday 7 May and

departing on the Sunday morning; we have a full programme organised. Interested? If so, please drop us an email at fenedgetwinning@gmail.com, or visit www.facebook.com/fenedgetwinning

COTTENHAM LIBRARY

Talk at the library on **Wednesday 17 June at 2pm.** *Cottenham to California*, given by Caroline Norton. (Family history research solves the mystery of an unidentified photo in the Cottenham Community Archive.) A talk about a family in Cottenham some of whom emigrated to America in the 19th century and helped found a new colony. They became well known and were commemorated in their community. Entrance is £2 by ticket obtainable from the library in advance.

Family History help is available on the 3rd Monday of each month.

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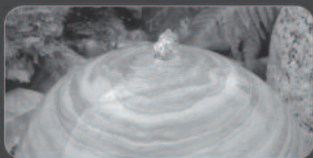


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