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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE



I am writing this piece while the winds from Storm Eunice, Franklin, George (which one is it now?) are whistling around the house. It is probably too early to start looking at the long-range weather forecasts but I am already hoping that the

weather for the Festival (June 24-26) will be very different. You will be pleased to know that the work of the Organising Committee ably chaired by Tim Jones is proceeding very well. We have received many enquiries from groups and businesses wishing to get involved as exhibitors, stall-holders or sponsors. Thank you to those who have already come forward but we are keen to hear from others. Please contact us via [chair@fenedge.co.uk](mailto:chair@fenedge.co.uk). For those of you who are veterans of previous Festivals, you will know what a tremendous weekend it is for people of whatever age – there will be something to interest and entertain everyone. For those of you new to the villages, mark your calendar and come along – I think you will be amazed by the quality of the organisation and the scale of the event.

I have also made the decision to stand down from the Chair of the Community Association's Management Committee at the next AGM in May. I have been the chair for 6 years and I think that change is good for any organisation. In my time as chair, I believe FECA has continued to grow and thrive as an organisation. The number of member organisations is now over 70 – about double the number in 2016 and these members are more actively engaged. One simple measure of the increased activity is the difficulty the Editor faces now with every Fen Edge News to accommodate

the copy submitted by members. FECA's grant-making has continued to grow alongside the membership and we now regularly give grants totalling more than £10,000 every year to community groups. It has been a pleasure to be involved in all this and while I step down as chair in May, I do hope to be able to stay on as a Trustee. I would also like to thank the other Trustees and members on the Management Committee who put considerable time and energy in to ensuring that FECA's contribution to the community continues to grow. They have been and continue to be fantastic. If you are interested in getting involved as a member of the Management Committee, do please get in touch. That particularly applies if you live in Rampton, Landbeach or Waterbeach which are underrepresented on the Committee at the moment. It is a very rewarding way to get involved in the life of the community and I thoroughly recommend it. Please send an email to [chair@fenedge.co.uk](mailto:chair@fenedge.co.uk) and I would be very pleased to discuss with you.

In the meantime, please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all at the Festival in June.

## FROM THE FEN EDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

We've welcomed 2 new member groups in 2022: *The Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach* and *Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum*.

The recently formed Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach aims to increase the use of the parish church as a village asset for community activities, and to fund-raise for the upkeep of its structure – see p27. Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum is devoted to preserving the history of the Waterbeach RAF Station (1938 to 1966) and then 39 Engineer Regiment Barracks (1966 to 2012) – see p43.

We've provided over £8,000 in grants to various member groups (to financial year end March 2022). The most recent grants are £2,773 to Cottenham Parish Council towards the total cost of providing a new audio system at the Village Hall and a grant of £1,000 to All Saints' Church Cottenham towards the cost of a replacement clock-winding motor in the Church Tower.

We would like to publicly thank our many loyal advertisers for their continued support – we couldn't produce the Fen Edge News without them.

# FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY

## What's on and when in the villages

### APRIL

**Wed 6–Sat 9 7.30pm** Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Spring Production: *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Cottenham Village College (p11)  
**Thu 7–Fri 8** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Easter themed children's craft activities (p55)  
**Fri 8 7.30pm** Cottenham Village Society – Talk: *The Cambridge Horse Tramway* by David Stubbings at Cottenham Village College (p23)  
**Mon 11 7.30pm** Willingham Women's Institute – Social event at Willingham Social Club (p55)  
**Wed 13 7.30pm** Cottenham Women's Institute – Meeting at Cottenham Village Hall (p21)  
**Thu 14–Fri 15** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Easter themed children's craft activities (p55)  
**Fri 15 3.30–5.30pm** All Saints' Church – Messy Church: *Messy Easter* at All Saint's Church, Cottenham (p13)  
**Mon 18** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Easter Monday Family Day (p55)  
**Sun 24 2–4pm** Whirl & Twirl Round Dance Club – Dance at Cottenham Community Centre (p57)  
**Sun 24 2–4pm** Cottenham Bowls Club – Open Day (p21)  
**Fri 29 7.30pm** Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk: *Growing Tropical Plants in the UK* by Zsuzsa Serer at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p7)

### MAY

**Mon 2** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – May Day Celebration (p55)  
**Wed 4** Cottenham Village College – School Tennis Festival (p15)  
**Thu 5 7pm** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – AGM: Meet the Tithe Barn Trust volunteer team and learn all about the Tithe Barn project (p27)  
**Sat 7 7pm** Friends of All Saints' Church – Quiz (p13)  
**Sun 8 1.30–4.30pm** Rampton's Bear Hunt – at Rampton Village Hall  
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**Wed 11 7.30pm** Cottenham Women's Institute – Meeting at Cottenham Village Hall (p21)  
**Sat 21 7pm** Arthur Rank Hospice Charity – Star Shine Night Walk at Cambridge Rugby Football Club, Grantchester Road, CB3 9ED

**Fri 27 7.30pm** Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk: *From Crowbar to Crocosmia – the Making of a Fenland Garden* by Neil and Claire Callan at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p7)

**Sun 29 2–4pm** Whirl & Twirl Round Dance Club – Dance at Cottenham Community Centre (p57)

### JUNE

**Thu 2–Fri 3** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Jubilee-themed children's craft activities (p55)  
**Sun 5** Cottenham Parish Council – Queen's Jubilee Event Day at Cottenham Recreation Ground  
**Mon 13** Willingham Women's Institute – Garden Party (p55)  
**Wed 15 7.30pm** Cottenham Women's Institute – Meeting at Cottenham Village Hall (p21)  
**Thu 16 6.30pm** Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust – Drama: *Shakespeare at the Tithe Barn* (p27)  
**Sun 19** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Fathers' Day Model Steam Engines (p55)  
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**Fri 24 7–11pm** Cottenham Primary School PTCA – Summer Dance at Cottenham Village Green (p19)  
**Fri 24 7.30pm** Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk: *Gardening for Climate Change* by Nigel Start at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p7)  
**Sat 25–Sun 26** The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – 1940s' Weekend (p55)  
**Sun 26** Cottenham Gardeners Club – Lunchtime garden party at Barbara Davenport's in Wilburton (p7)  
**Sun 26 7.30pm** Friends of All Saints' Church – Concert by New Cambridge Singers (p13)

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**Sat 2 7pm** Friends of All Saints' Church – Guided Wine Tasting at Garden of 27 High Street (p13)  
**Sat 9 7.30pm** Friends of All Saints' Church – Concert by Fen Edge Orchestra (p13)  
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# FEN EDGE FESTIVAL

In-case you haven't heard about it yet the Fen Edge Festival is back in 2022, and everyone's invited! After an enforced lay-off, FECA and the Organising Committee are really excited to be able to bring the Festival back on **24-26 June**, and look forward to seeing everyone.

The Festival usually happens every two years. It brings the five Fen Edge villages together for a three-day celebration of family fun, activities, music and entertainment.

All the usual events, stalls and activities will be taking place, centred as ever on Cottenham Village Green and Village College.

The Venue music tent is morphing into the Fen Edge's very own mini-Glastonbury Pyramid Stage to offer you the very best in local musical talent. The mini fun-fair will be back with the very popular carousel. FECA groups and others will be showcasing their activities, including girls' soccer. We are also hoping to have an open-air cinema and a silent-disco.

Sustainability remains a key theme for the Festival. I'm sure there are some of you still using your eco cups from last time! This year we are taking things even further. We are working with Sustainable Cottenham to further reduce waste. Sustainable Cottenham and Cambridge Sustainable Food will be holding cooking demonstrations, and we will be planting our own virtual festival forest around the Fen Edge through tree sponsorship.

There are lots of ways to get involved. To showcase your group, contact [activities@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:activities@fenedgefestival.co.uk). If you are able to help, even for an hour or two, let us know using [volunteer@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@fenedgefestival.co.uk).

Keep an eye out for more news as we get closer to the summer. Please drop me an email, if you have any ideas or questions about the Festival, [chair@fenedgefestival.co.uk](mailto:chair@fenedgefestival.co.uk).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at FEF22!

Tim Jones

FEF22 Organising Committee Chair

# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## COTTENHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUST LTD

We are opening our activity in 2022 with a call to all three Local authorities to check their Land Assets for parcels of land which might be suitable for our purposes.

Cottenham's approved *Neighbourhood Development Plan* endorses the independently assessed need for 90 or so locally-affordable homes. To be locally-affordable they have to cost their occupiers no more than 3 or 4 times their household income, not the 6 to 8 times required for "affordable" homes. The occupiers will not be supported by housing benefits but fall into the so-called "squeezed middle" who neither qualify for social housing nor can afford the "affordable" homes being built in SVV Cottenham.

Building locally-affordable homes around Cottenham village is a challenge, requiring co-operation of the land-owner, architects, developers, builders and government to make the finances work. Private landowners locally are only willing to offer up land via the Local Plan in the hope that jackpot prices can be achieved. However, thanks in part to the Neighbourhood Plan, no new housing sites in Cottenham have yet been allocated under that draft plan, despite the 49,000 new homes target in the plan period. If successful we will aim, with our project partners, to raise funds from various community-led housing funds through Homes England, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Combined Authority and others to deliver around 30 of those locally-affordable homes as soon as possible.

Frank Morris: Chair, Cottenham CLT Limited

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Or drop us a line at [admin@cottenhamclt.org.uk](mailto:admin@cottenhamclt.org.uk)

## COTTENHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Cottenham Gardeners' Club usually meets on the last Friday of the month, at Franklin Gardens Community Room, with refreshments served from 7.30 pm, followed by a talk at 7.45. The evening closes with a raffle, for which prizes are always welcome.

**Friday 29 April**, Zsuzsa Serer will talk about Growing Tropical Plants in the UK. A plant sale will follow.

**Friday 27 May**, the talk is by Neil and Claire Callan: From Crowbar to Crocosmia – the Making of a Fenland Garden.

**Friday 24 June**, the talk is Gardening for Climate Change by Nigel Start.

**Sunday 26 June** the lunchtime Garden Party will be held in the garden of Barbara Davenport at Wilburton.

**Monday 18 July** is an afternoon garden visit to Twin Tarns at Somersham, followed by a cream tea.

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## SUSTAINABLE COTTENHAM

### Eco Eats

Building on the success of VegFest last September,

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**Family cookery workshops** – Helped by Cottenham Primary School we'll be offering special family cookery workshops, run by our Eco Eats partner Cambridge Sustainable Food. These workshops will share easy ways to prepare tasty meals ticking all the boxes – healthy, economical and climate friendly.

**Eco Eats Recipe Book** – This summer we launch our Eco Eats Recipe Book. A collection of tried and tested recipes recommended by Cottenham residents and chefs, the booklet aims to inspire you to increase the proportion of vegetarian and vegan meals you cook.

### Sustainable Cottenham at Fen Edge Festival

Sustainability will be at the heart of the FEF this year. As well as extending the reusable cups initiative which saved 1,500 disposable cups from going to waste in 2019, Sustainable Cottenham has been working with FEF to bring a range of local

climate change and biodiversity organisations to the new Eco Zone. This will be the place to find ideas and information on what you can do to help the planet, make contacts, get involved, or pick up some low-emission, zero-waste products from eco traders such as *Green Blue You*.

Come to meet us on Sustainable Cottenham's own stand at FEF. We'll have live cookery demonstrations by local chefs, plus special guest chef Anthony Pitcher; tips to help you reduce waste; our Nature Recovery group will show their projects and plans together with other local biodiversity activists, and much more!

### Nature recovery update

We've been busy over autumn and winter on our Nature Recovery projects, which have so far focussed on spaces owned by Cottenham Parish Council who have warmly supported us.

November saw our first steps towards creating wildflower mini-meadows, with a pilot plot on the South West corner of The Green. We first removed as much grass as possible by mowing and scarifying, then broadcast a perennial wildflower mix.

Meanwhile, WARG Field on Histon Road is showing signs of spring already. We stopped mowing the field last summer, and within a few weeks it was full of wildflowers and insects. This year, we can already see rosettes of bee orchids growing and hope to see them flower. Together with the *New Life on the Old West* (NLOW) project, run by ACRE and funded by the National Lottery, we have created a small wildlife pond and planted apple trees.

Winter has also been the time to work at Fen Reeves wood without disturbing nesting birds. Planted by volunteers in 1993, the wood has grown splendidly, but to optimise its wildlife value and make it a more attractive walking destination from Cottenham, we need to thin and coppice some trees and clear some (but definitely not all) of the brambles and scrub. Again, working with NLOW, we've had two volunteer work parties opening up the woodland floor to the sky to encourage growth of a wider range of plants at ground level. Cottenham Scouts have kindly made bird boxes, and these will be in place by spring.

Planning obstacles (ecology report, traffic management plan) have finally been overcome for another project funded by NLOW, the creation of a decent sized pond on the Old Rec. We hope to get digging as soon as the ground is dry enough not to damage the surrounding field.

For all these projects, we are very grateful for the support (and occasional hard work) of a growing number of volunteers. If you would like to get involved, contact us through the Sustainable Cottenham website.

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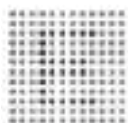
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## COTTENHAM COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

A big thank you to all those who continue to volunteer for the Community Allotment. Much has happened over the past year including the extension of our original plot and, after a lot of hard work and a wonderful volunteer day by the Co-op store managers, the creation of our new Junior Allotment - a newly cleared plot ready for design and planting by children and young people. This is a very exciting project that we hope will involve the schools and preschools in our village as well as local volunteer groups and any families who would like to join us. If you are interested in finding out more about the Junior Allotment or getting involved in our regular volunteer weekends (1st Sunday afternoon and 3rd Saturday morning of each month) please contact us on [cottenham.allotment@gmail.com](mailto:cottenham.allotment@gmail.com) or take a look at our Facebook page.

We are really looking forward to the Spring and Summer when once again we can grow and harvest produce which can be used at the Cottenham Coffee Shop, and the Foodbank, as well as being enjoyed by our hard-working volunteers.

## COTTENHAM AND RAMPTON LUNCH AND SOCIAL CLUB

To better reflect the nature of our club and its membership the Cottenham Day Centre has a new name! We are now the Cottenham and Rampton Lunch and Social Club.

Membership is for people of pensionable age and we will continue to meet every Tuesday at Coolidge Gardens Community Room. Our friendly team of volunteers will provide morning coffee and afternoon tea and serve a freshly cooked two course lunch. Members organise their own activities which can include bingo, raffle, quizzes or anything else they would like and there is plenty of time for chat. Occasionally we support members with organising trips out as well.

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*The new Junior Allotment*

## COTTENHAM THEATRE WORKSHOP

### The importance of having a spring show

For our Spring production this year, we're performing Oscar Wilde's classic – 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.

The play is the story of two bachelors, John 'Jack' Worthing, and Algernon 'Algy' Moncrieff, who create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. They attempt to win the hearts of two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest. Working within the social conventions of late Victorian London, the play's major themes are the triviality with which it treats institutions as serious as marriage and the resulting satire of Victorian ways.

Directed by our long-term member and friend, Helen McCallum – this show promises to serve up a myriad of laughs and will definitely include an infamous handbag!

The show(s) will run from **Wednesday 6 April to Saturday 9 April** at Cottenham Village College.

Performances begin at 7.30pm.

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COTTENHAM WITH RAMPTON

Join us for **Messy Easter**.

Free family fun, food, crafts, and stories about Easter as we re-launch Messy Church in

Cottenham on **Saturday**

**15 April** at 3.30–5.30pm

at All Saints' Church Cottenham.



## FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS COTTENHAM



'Stands the church clock at ten to three?' The Cottenham Parish church clock doesn't. It doesn't currently show that time, about which Rupert Brooke was nostalgic, even twice a day. It needs to be repaired.

If you have one of the calendars

produced this year by the Friends of All Saints Cottenham, you may have read that this clock was made by the same company that made clocks for St Paul's Cathedral and St Pancras station. Bits of it have worn out and changing a battery will not be enough. The repairs will be expensive.

The Friends of All Saints is a charitable trust with the main purpose of supporting the repair and enhancement of the church building. The Friends put on events of their own to raise funds and work with other groups or organisations which wish to use the church building for their own activities.

The Friends of All Saints is separate from the community that worships in the church but works closely with the Rector and PCC. The building has its origins in the late middle ages and is the only Grade I listed building in Cottenham. If you are also pleased to have this historic building in Cottenham, please consider joining the Friends or coming along

to the events being held this year. Details of membership are on the Friends' website.

Through its lifetime, the church building has been used for both religious and other community activities and the Rector and PCC support its continuing use by community groups for different purposes. The acoustics are great for musical events. There is space for temporary exhibitions. It has a fitted projector and large retractable screen suitable for films and presentations. Might it be right for your event or activity?

Friends' events before the summer include:

**Saturday 7 May**, 7pm – a Quiz in the church hall

**Sunday 26 June**, 7.30pm (FEF weekend) – a Concert by the New Cambridge Singers

**Saturday 2 July**, 7pm – early evening in a garden of 27 High Street – a guided Wine Tasting

**Saturday 9 July**, 7.30pm – a Concert by the Fen Edge Orchestra.

Look out also for other events being planned: A photographic competition, An Auction of Promises, A wine and cheese evening, Thumping Gorilla music promotion, Concerts by the Medlock Ensemble.

It is intended that announcements about all events will be made on at least the following websites:

[www.friendsforallsaaintscottenham.org.uk](http://www.friendsforallsaaintscottenham.org.uk),

[www.fenedge.co.uk](http://www.fenedge.co.uk), and [www.cottenham.org](http://www.cottenham.org).

Contact: John Stanford, Chairman,  
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## COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Despite the challenges of the past few months, we continue to run our Sunday service, allowing people to join us in person and also live online. People are always welcome to join us for the first time. We are especially looking forward to our celebrations on Mothering Sunday, Good Friday (for all ages and with refreshments) and Easter Sunday, for our Family Celebration.

In the Spring, following a long break, we are hoping to start up our under 1s group and Thursday Hub once a month. For more details on dates and times and other information on what is happening over the next few months follow us on Facebook or take a look at our website

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# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## COTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB

### Tennis makes its presence known!

Despite Covid, Cottenham Tennis Club had a successful 2021. Membership has climbed to 150 (from 39 two years ago!) attributable to a growing village, increased interest in playing the game and great coaching opportunities for all ages ([www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk)). The courts at the Sports Centre offer a range of options. Women's play is on Monday evenings, social on Wednesdays from 7.00 to 9.30pm, with four courts used for friendly sets, with switches every four games to ensure everyone gets a chance to up their play with men and women of different levels. Saturday mornings has adult coaching from 8.30am followed by social tennis at 10.30.

Match play is encouraged. Our new men's second team did well in the winter league and came second overall in their group, gaining promotion. The men's and women's first teams had mixed success playing a variety of clubs round the region but enjoyed their visits. The pandemic put paid to the traditional after-match teas or sharing pizzas at The Chequers, but with spring and summer ahead we live in hope. Annual membership starts in March for families, adults and juniors, from £10 for the youngest. Thanks to the Co-op Community Fund, we have a special deal for the first 10 young people, aged 11 to 21 and new to the club, to sign up: £10 for half-price membership for a year (all info on [www.cottenhamtennis.co.uk](http://www.cottenhamtennis.co.uk)). An under-16 team started training in January and hope to join in competitions this summer. Another first for CTC!

**Kids on court**—There's a wide range of kids' coaching each weekday evening (except Tuesday) and Saturday mornings. Children at several Fen Edge Primary Schools can attend breakfast clubs, before-school fun games being a great way to introduce



*Primary School year 6 rackets*

youngsters to the sport. More information on [www.gamesettennis.co.uk](http://www.gamesettennis.co.uk). On **Wednesday 4 May** Cottenham Village College is hosting a School Tennis Festival for schools across South Cambridgeshire with many children in years 3 and 4 taking part. Our coaches and club have been working with local primary schools in preparation and there'll be membership offers for all children taking part. **2022 is action-packed**—CTC will focus on tennis-for-free during May and from **Sunday 8 May**, there'll be new family-friendly club sessions. After that June is bustin' out all over! It's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Parish Council is holding an activities day on Sunday 5 June at the Recreation Ground. Free tennis is a must! We are on the ball re the courts at the Rec and we'll be running activities there this summer, including daytime sessions for pre-schoolers aged 3-4. We want to make the most of this much appreciated venue for families (contact [info@cottenhamtennis.co.uk](mailto:info@cottenhamtennis.co.uk)) The last weekend in June is the biggie — the Fen Edge Festival. CTC will be at the Sports Centre promoting the game that can be played by all ages. Check out the website [www.cottenhamtennis.co.uk](http://www.cottenhamtennis.co.uk) to see what we have planned.

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# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB

As this is written in mid-February, there are plans afoot to remove all Covid restrictions so, by the time you read this, and as the weather improves, we will hopefully see life getting back even more towards 'normality'. Fingers crossed. We are really looking forward to this summer's cricket being as close to how things used to be as possible!!

### JUNIOR CRICKET

We have lots of plans for our youngsters this summer.

**All Stars and Dynamos** – We will be running an ECB All Stars programme for age 5–8 boys and girls. This will be on Thursday evenings, 5–6pm on the recreation ground starting on **Thursday May 26** and continuing for eight weeks until Thursday July 14.

For older children (8–11 years, boys and girls), there is an ECB Dynamos programme which we'll be running on Wednesday evenings, 5–6pm, again on the recreation ground and starting on **Wednesday May 25** until Wednesday July 13.

The All Stars coaching provides a really fun introduction to cricket to get our youngsters enthused about the game and develop some basic skills. Dynamos takes this a step further; participants developing new cricketing skills including batting, bowling and fielding. It's a fast-paced and exciting game of countdown cricket – a new format that mirrors *The Hundred*. It's designed for children graduating from the *All Stars* Cricket programme but is also perfect for those who are new to the game.

To find out more about either of these programmes, simply go to either [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars) or [www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket) where you will also be able to sign up for our courses at Cottenham CC.

**Under-11s team** – We are planning to run an under-11s side this summer for both boys and girls. This team

will play some competitive games after school in the summer term. It will be a form of pairs cricket where everyone gets the chance to bat and bowl for a reasonable time. We are looking for youngsters in years 5 and 6 who feel they are ready and would like to have a go. We will be running some professional coaching sessions for this group in the Village College Sports Hall after school on Mondays, 4.30–6pm starting on **Monday March 28** and running to Monday April 25. The matches themselves start in May. The matches are normally 10-a-side so we'll need a squad of 13 or 14 youngsters to get things going. Anyone interested should please just turn up on March 28, about 4.15pm as we'll need to do a bit of necessary admin beforehand!! Do come along and give it a try!

### SENIOR CRICKET

We'll be running our usual two adult teams this summer; a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. We have some pre-season net sessions booked at Fenner's Indoor School in Cambridge in March/April so please go to the News section of our website (below) for details. We are always keen to reach out to local cricketers not currently playing for Cottenham to join us. Our Club is one of the oldest in Cambridgeshire (170 years and counting!). Please do get in touch and come along.

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Chairman: Ralph Lamble (01954 250313)

Vice Chairman: Dave Partridge (01954 203210)

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# FECA IN COTTENHAM

## COTTENHAM UNITED FC

The team has continued to consolidate in its new division, Kershaw League 1A, and is currently sitting comfortably in mid-table in February. Our main aims this season were to consolidate the 1st team and perhaps, if fortune smiled on us, to enjoy a Cup run. So far, we are extremely pleased that we look to be achieving both with the side making it through to the semi-finals of the Creake Charity Shield at the end of February. Harry West (Manager) and Toby Burkett (Assistant Manager) are certainly doing a great job in their first season in charge. We are really keen to keep the Club moving forward and are now looking to recruit some new players to further strengthen the squad so, if you have just moved to the area and are looking to continue playing or would simply like to get back into football with us, please do get in touch.

Training sessions on the outdoor, all-weather surface at Cottenham Sports Centre (Village College) are continuing, 8-9pm on Wednesday evenings. All are most welcome to join us at training. Do come along if you're interested in playing a few games towards the end of the season.

We would like to thank the new Club Committee for all their hard work behind the scenes this season. Club Secretary, Jason Stuchbury, is stepping down at the end of the 2021/22 campaign. We very much want to place on record our sincere thanks to Jason for the great job he has done for us over the last four years. Anyone interested in our Club Secretary job, please contact us (details on right).



*Cottenham on the attack. Photo courtesy of Mike Donnelly.*

Playing will be taking a bit of a break after April until we start preparing for the 2022/23 season in early July on the Recreation Ground at Lambs Lane (our home ground). Either keep your eye on the website or drop us an email nearer that time for details of pre-season training, matches etc. You can contact us by email at [cottenhamunitedfc@hotmail.com](mailto:cottenhamunitedfc@hotmail.com) And do check out our website, <https://www.cottenhamunitedfc.co.uk> for our social feeds.

Ian Stuchbury (Chairman)

Dave Partridge (Club Comm. Member)

## COTTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTCA

We are very excited to be planning for the Fen Edge Summer Dance this year which will be held on **Friday 24 June 2022, 7-11pm** on Cottenham Village Green.

We are unable to predict what other events we will be able to organise this year but watch this space. Community support is so important to us and the continued support we have had is very much appreciated.

There are a few ways to support Cottenham Primary School, either through easyfundraising [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), this means that you can shop as usual but when you shop through

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We also want to, again, thank everyone that has continued to support us including a huge thank you to Les Ward, Longhorn and Malary, plus many more local businesses and supporters.



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## COTTENHAM RENEGADES RUFC

The welcome return to full contact rugby in the Autumn has seen Cottenham Renegades do well in Eastern Counties Division 1 West. As the final games were played, Renegades managed to sneak past Shelford 3 into second place behind Cambridge 3. The last two games saw record-breaking score lines with Renegades beating Haverhill 69-0 and Cantabrigians 27-0.

Finishing in the top two was important because the top two teams from each of the Eastern County leagues (West, North and South) then play each other in a second-round league. The results against Cambridge carry over into that round (sadly as they beat Renegades twice in fiercely contested games). The second league sees Renegades pitched against Wymondham 2, North Walsham 2, Ipswich 2 and Sudbury 2.

At the time of writing, Renegades have just paid their first visit to Wymondham, coming away with a well-deserved 24-12 victory. It was really good to meet Wymondham for the first time. They have magnificent facilities having sold their original ground to a developer; they were able to set themselves up with four lovely pitches (two floodlit) and a clubhouse that wouldn't look out of place at a premiership club! For all that, they were very friendly and welcoming (off the pitch anyway).



*Renegades full-back Ross Catchpole breaks through a gap in the Cantabrigian's defence in January. He scored four tries in the game. Photograph: Peter Haigh.*

If you fancy trying your hand at rugby, Renegades are always on the lookout for new players. You may have played at school or with a club a while back and would like to get back into it. Or maybe you have never played but think you might like to try it out. Either way, you will get a great welcome if you come along to try out Renegades. Renegades take the game seriously but having fun is what the club is really about. If you are interested have a look at the Renegades website (<http://renegadesrugby.net/>) and come along to a training session (Tuesday 7:30 at Cottenham Village College Sports Centre). Make some space in your life for fun!

## COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB

It was great to be playing outdoor bowls again in the summer of 2021.

During the winter we have been playing short mat bowls in the club house. It is a great way to spend an afternoon, gentle exercise, company and a cup of tea with a biscuit or two.

We are looking forward to a more normal outdoor season this summer starting in May. We run a number of teams, 2 are in the afternoon on a Monday and Friday, 4 are on different evenings. There are different levels of ability so there is sure to be a team for you.

We have had 2 successful social events after a 2-year absence. A presentation dinner with a race night, to give out awards and trophies and a Christmas lunch. We are hoping that we can hold more social events in 2022.

We are holding an Open Day on Sunday 24 April 2-4pm. If you are interested come along and give bowling a try. If you are unable to attend that afternoon contact any of the members below and we will be able to organise a session.

Cottenham Bowls Club is a very friendly club with members from Cottenham and surrounding villages so come and give us a try. Everyone is welcome.

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## COTTENHAM DISTRICT GUIDES, BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

At the Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East Annual Awards afternoon in January eight leaders from Cottenham and Willingham received awards.

Linda Cawley, Tawny Owl at Willingham Brownies, received a Good Service award for excellent service to guiding; for her work with international guiding including inspiring and enabling young people in the county to have international experiences.

Nat Bignell, a past leader of Willingham Guides and Rangers, also received a Good Service Award. The award recognised the work she does at the Jarman Centre, Cambridgeshire East's residential house and camping grounds, as well as that with Willingham Guides.

Lynn McGoff, Brown Owl with the Brownies and a leader of the Guides and Rangers in Willingham, received her 40 years Long Service Award. She started as a Young Leader in Sunderland and then became an adult leader when she moved first to Cambridge city and then to Willingham.

Becca Rodgers, a leader with the Guides and Rangers, also received a Long Service Award. She has been a leader for 10 years. Originally a Guide in Willingham, Becca qualified as an adult leader during her time at university in Cardiff and became a Guide leader there. After university, she returned to Willingham Guides and Rangers to be a leader inspiring a new generation of girls.



*Left to right: Nat Bignell, Becca Rodgers, Linda Cawley and Lynn McGoff (far right) receiving their awards from Claire Course (second right), Cambridgeshire East Guides County Commissioner.*

Emily MacDonald from Cottenham Brownies received her 10 years Long Service Award. As a child she was a Rainbow and Brownie. Then, at the age of 14 she started volunteering with Brownies for her DoF Award and has stayed ever since!

Fran Halls, a leader with Cottenham Guides achieved her 10 years Long Service Award. She joined guiding when her daughter was in Brownies and has been involved in some way ever since, and she is nearly 20! She really enjoys getting to know the girls and feeling she's helping the community in some way.

Eleanor Willats and Molly Haigh, both Rainbow leaders in Cottenham, received 5 years Long Service Awards. Congratulations to all the leaders. If this has inspired you to be a leader or your daughter would like to join Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10), Guides (aged 10-14) or Rangers (aged 14-18) get in touch with us by registering at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

In 2021 the Village Society was 50 years old. This year we are able to celebrate our anniversary with a special afternoon tea for our members.

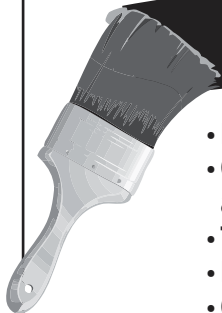
The society has played a pivotal role in recording the history of Cottenham. Members of the education group have published many booklets on topics of interest about the village, from medieval to modern times; amongst them themes of farming, dairy, agriculture and orchards, public houses and the many fires that raged through the thatched houses in the High Street. The most recent publication was Cottenham in Focus, which is an

illustrated general history of Cottenham, recently reprinted and available to buy.

The society continues to collect pictures of Cottenham and gives 'slide shows' of Cottenham Past and Present. Come and see our displays at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and the Fen Edge Festival in June. You will find many of the pictures on the Cottenham community archive website [www.cottenham.ccan.co.uk](http://www.cottenham.ccan.co.uk)

Come to the talk on Friday April 8, 7.30pm, The Cambridge Horse Tramway by David Stubbings at Cottenham Village Hall.

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**Classes and room hire** – Many classes, including Pilates, Yoga, Dance (separate classes for adults and children), Mucky Pups etc are running well. Do check with the class leader or the community centre. We hope to have more classes soon.

From Easter, Little Humbugs will run each Wednesday during term time in the hall at 10.30am for pre-schoolers. There is a craft group (Tuesdays at 10) and a knitting group (Wednesdays at 10) for adults in the coffee shop

If you would like to run a class on behalf of the centre, please contact [bookings@cottenhamcc.org](mailto:bookings@cottenhamcc.org)

Room Hire, including for children's parties. There are three rooms (main hall, studio, coffee shop) for hire (Full entertainment licence etc held). Food provision can often be arranged through the coffee shop.

Our wonderful new back kitchen facilities are great including for a pop-up café.

We encourage classes, community activities and we welcome organisations looking to try out new community projects.

For other enquiries see the website or email [bookings@cottenhamcc.org](mailto:bookings@cottenhamcc.org)

Please DO NOT come to the Community Centre if you feel at all unwell, thank you.

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# FECA IN LANDBEACH

## FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, LANDBEACH

The Friends of All Saints' Church, Landbeach (FOAL) was formed following an excellent, traditional Pudding and Quiz evening in the church in November. We are opening up our parish church building to community projects and activities; always in coordination with the other Landbeach village assets (including Tithe Barn, Village Hall, Sports & Social Club, Baptist Church, Worts Meadow). The activity will also help to raise funds for the preservation of our iconic Parish Church. We enjoy great acoustics, space, good light, heritage, heating, servery, Wi-Fi. All residents, from Landbeach and surrounds, are warmly welcome. Already, the following interest groups are coming together to use this facility.

**Fun Singing Group** – Zoë Hart is starting a fun singing group – Landbeach Singers - for all who are interested. No previous experience needed. Please contact Zoë on foals.info@gmail.com or 07739 184405.

**IT Club** – There is a call for an introduction to the use

of social media and smart phones, particularly for our more senior residents. We plan to start in March. Might you be interested? Please contact Zoë on foals.info@gmail.com or 07739 184405.

**Great Regional Story Swap** – Stories from the Beach – share your recollections and experiences and turn them into short videos. Preserve the stories of the Beaches for posterity. To find out more, please contact Pip on pip@pilgrimprojects.co.uk

**Bell Ringing** – The ancient art of English Bell Ringing is alive and well in All Saints'. Tower Captain Barbara Le Gallez offers trial sessions and expert training. Would you like to try it? Contact Barbara on blegallez@yahoo.co.uk or 01223 860283.

For information about FOAL, and our events, please contact:

foals.info@gmail.com for Hon Sec: Zoë Hart or 07739 184405, or Chair: John Buckley on john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk or 01223 861836. See also <http://www.landbeach.org.uk/> and the Landbeach Community Facebook page.

## LANDBEACH TITHE BARN TRUST

### We are seeking a new Chair of Trustees

Gemma O'Shea, Trust Chair for the past five years, is stepping down so the search is on for an enthusiastic and experienced person to take on this important role and help drive forward the Trust's goals.

Since its creation in 2016, the Tithe Barn Trust has been working to save one of Cambridgeshire's last genuine tithe barns and ensure its future as a valued community asset. In this time the barn has been saved from possible irreversible collapse by re-thatching and having its timber structure extensively repaired. The latest achievement has been a successful fundraising campaign to enable the installation of eco-friendly toilets in the year ahead. These will further enhance the barn's value as a local community asset.

Gemma O'Shea commented: 'Since its creation, the Tithe Barn Trust has made great progress in preserving this rare medieval structure. We have also hosted varied community events from country markets, theatre and storytelling to art classes, preschool visits and more. I have really enjoyed my time as Chair and it has been a great privilege to work with a such a committed group.



*Gemma O'Shea at the Tithe Barn*

I wish the Trust and all who support it every success for the future.'

Details of the Chair's role can be found on our volunteering web-page at <https://tithebarntrust.org.uk/join-get-involved/volunteer/> It is hoped to have the new Chair in place by late spring 2022.

### Events

**Thursday 5 May** – Annual General Meeting, 7pm. Free. Meet the Tithe Barn Trust volunteer team and learn all about the Tithe Barn project.

**Thursday 16 June** – Shakespeare at the Tithe Barn, 6.30pm. Free, but donations welcome. The Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts (CSVPA) return with another fabulous abridged Shakespeare performance.

For further details go to [www.tithebarntrust.org.uk](http://www.tithebarntrust.org.uk) or contact David Chalcraft [david.chalcraft@talk21.com](mailto:david.chalcraft@talk21.com) or 07905 019387.

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## ENROL NOW FOR SUMMER 2022 COURSES

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**We will back in the office from the 19th April 2022**

**Classes start week commencing 25th April 2022**

**Half-term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022**

**Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May**

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**Saturday Workshops – 7th May, 11th June 2022**

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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## SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Materials extra unless otherwise stated - please bring a packed lunch & your own refreshments for the day.

### SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

#### **Calligraphy (Liz Barrow) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45**

This is a practical workshop where participants will examine the Neuland lettering style, and then design their own letter which they will emboss onto plain paper, adding simple decorative elements if wished. The letter can be left as its own piece of art or combined with some pen calligraphy and used as a greeting card. Suitable for all levels including newcomers to Calligraphy.

#### **Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) 10am – 4pm - 2 Saturdays (7 May, 11 June) Fee: £90**

For all those interested in dressmaking from complete beginners to the more experienced wanting to brush up their skills. You will learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit garments. As well as this you will be taught basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practise your skills. More advanced learners will be encouraged to make more complicated garments.

#### **Emergency First Aid at Work (Colin Fordham) 9am – 4pm Fee: £75**

Acquire new skills to enable you to handle lifesaving situations at home, work or on the road. Theoretical & practical training is given, and a Certificate (valid for 3 years) will be awarded for successful completion of the course, a First Aid Manual is included in the fee.

#### **NEW! Indian Cookery made Easy! (Mina Joshi) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45 (plus ingredients)**

This is a very simple basic Indian Cookery Class designed for anyone who will cook for themselves for the first time. Going to university, leaving home for the first time, or just want to learn how to cook delicious Indian food – this course is for you! The workshop will be informative as well as fun, helping boost your confidence and enable you to make delicious and affordable meals.

#### **Nuno Felting (Ricki Outis) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45**

A fun day doing wet felting to create a beautiful, light weight scarf. With the combination of woolly fibres and gauzy fabrics we will create an elegant nuno scarf with a beautiful drape. This workshop is a good for beginners and those with some felting experience who can develop more complex layering and shapes.

#### **NEW! Having Fun with Drawing! (Lisa Fretwell) 10am – 4pm: £45 plus materials**

Have you always wanted to draw but never thought you could? If so, this course is for you – the tutor will teach you how to loosen up with your drawing and have fun! You will explore some mindfulness drawing techniques to begin with, then experiment with continuous line drawings, followed by drawing with sticks, inks and scissors. After lunch, we will draw a still life – using pencil or any of the other techniques that you liked the best! Please bring a banana, apple or pear with you. A materials list will be sent to you. No prior experience required.

#### **Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) 10am – 4pm - 2 Saturdays (7 May, 11 June) Fee: £90**

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 (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra).

#### **Watercolours for Beginners (David Hyde) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45**

This course is aimed at beginners and those with a little experience. Watercolour is the most popular medium in the United Kingdom. The techniques for watercolour painting are straightforward and, with a little practise, will start you on a new path capturing the beauty of landscape in watercolour. Materials extra – tutor will provide details before class.

### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

#### **NEW! Magnificent Mosaics (Lisa Fretwell) 9.30am-4pm Fee: £53**

During this workshop you will create a unique, vibrant mosaic panel. Using glass fragments onto clear glass, it can be hung in a window or framed up afterwards. You will experiment with cutting glass, shaping it using a grinding machine, then using the small fragments and clear glue to make an image. The whole image will be grouted at the end to make it waterproof. Please bring a picture to work from and then Lisa will show you how to translate it into a mosaic picture. Materials extra.

#### **Lino Printing (Clive Riggs) 10am – 4pm Fee: £55 (includes materials)**

Suitable for beginners or those with some experience. An in-depth exploration of a range of techniques both for multiple prints or one-offs. You will have the opportunity to print by hand or with a press, producing both colour and black & white. All materials included.

## SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### **Silver Jewellery Making for Beginners (Tina Yates)** **10am – 4pm Fee: £70 plus materials**

This is a day for those who would like to learn some basic silversmithing skills, including soldering, shaping, and texturing. These skills will then be used to make some simple pieces of jewellery, including two simple rings, cut out a shape for a small pendant, or, if time allows, two shapes for earrings. Principles of designing and knowledge of Hallmarking will also be covered.

### **T'ai Chi – Qigong for the year of the Tiger (Alison Warlow) 10am – 1pm Fee: £23**

We will practise qigong exercises to engage with and handle the dynamic and sometimes unpredictable energies of the tiger. We will cultivate our own power, confidence, enthusiasm, and generosity. And we will look at Chinese astrology along the way.

### **NEW! Mindfulness and Relaxation Techniques for Beginners (Pauline Matthews) – 10am – 1pm** **Fee: £23**

Do you wish you could learn a new skill and practice it anywhere? After a difficult few years this workshop will give you an opportunity to have a few hours to yourself and learn techniques to feel more at ease with the world. Look at how you can incorporate being kinder to yourself in everyday life. Give you a sense of being 'in the moment', feeling less rushed and able to get more out of life. This course will be taken at your own pace with an opportunity to share your experiences and explore what works best for you

## DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES

### MONDAY

**No classes on 2nd May (Bank Holiday), 4th July (CVC closed)**

### **Adult Ballet for Beginners Level 2 (Nicci Spray) – 10 weeks 7.30-8.30pm Fee: £65 starts 25th April**

For complete beginners, those who took ballet as a child and have had a break, or older dancers who would like to maintain their mobility. The lessons will focus on teaching basic ballet barre and centre technique with correct posture and alignment. A good foundation from which students can progress safely to further levels.

### **Adult Tap Dancing Beginners Level 2 (Nicci Spray) – 10 weeks 6.30-7.30pm Fee: £65 starts 25th April**

For complete beginners, those who took tap as a child, or older dancers who would like to maintain their mobility. The lessons will focus on teaching basic tap technique and tap steps, accompanied by a variety of music. A good foundation from which learners can progress safely to further levels.

### **Art History: Baroque to Rococo (Lisa Fretwell) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £130 starts 25th April**

This course is aimed at anyone who would like to know more about Baroque and Rococo art between approx. 1600-1775. I will introduce to this period starting with the influences upon it. The course will focus essentially upon painting and sculpture. We will look at how the work evolved during this period in terms of colour, chiaroscuro, and elaborate decoration. Different artists and their work will be studied each week so that students can gain an insight into how their work developed during this fascinating era.

### **Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £155 includes clay & firing starts 25th April**

Explore, create and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects using a variety of stoneware clays, slips, and glazes.

### **Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) – 10 weeks 12.30-2.30pm Fee: £130 starts 25th April**

Learn how to make basic pattern alterations, cut out, assemble and fit garments. Be guided through the purchase of fabrics & patterns, basic dressmaking techniques and make samples to practise your new skills. Suitable for all abilities. Materials extra.

### **Watercolour Painting for Improvers (David Hyde) – 10 weeks 10am-12pm Fee: £130 starts 25th April**

This course is for people with some experience of Watercolour. It is the most popular medium, and for very good reason. There is little to compare with the beauty of transparent colour washes; watercolours are handled in a way that is impossible with other mediums. This course will have a definite bias towards traditional landscape painting. There will be plenty of new colour mixes, tips and 'tricks of the trade' for you to learn and enjoy. Learners to provide own materials.

## TUESDAY

**NEW! Contemporary Textiles- Wet and Woolly (Ricki Outis) – 5 weeks (alternate Tuesdays)**  
**10am – 3.30pm Fee: £180 starts 26th April**

In this five-week class, we will be looking at the combination of colouring and felting to create beautiful and unique textiles. The course will include dyeing and printing on wool and silk fabrics and wet felting to make scarves, bags, or sample pieces for stitchers. All levels are welcome to join in the fun.

**NEW! Drawing Techniques for Beginners (Lisa Fretwell) – 5 weeks (alternate Tuesdays)**  
**9.45 – 11.45am Fee: £65 starts 3rd May**

During this short course, I will show you the basics of how to use a variety of drawing techniques through a series of exercises that can be used to draw anything! This course will be running every other Tuesday morning so that students have time to complete their work in their own time in between classes.

**NEW! Pilates for Beginners (Nadine Anderson) – 10 weeks 11am – 12pm Fee: £65 starts 26th April**

A fun class that will help learners find the tools to move well and safely and build greater awareness of their posture, alignment, and breathing. Using Pilates exercises, with modifications where needed, learners will explore the main principles of Breathing, Balance, Centring, Concentration, Control, Flow and Precision. The class is low impact and will have standing, seated, and laying on the floor components.

**Fitness for Mature Movers (Margaret Briggs) – 5 weeks 11.30am-12.30pm Fee: £30**

**PLOUGHMAN HALL, WILLINGHAM starts 26th April**

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

## WEDNESDAY

**Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £155 includes clay & firing starts 27th April**

Explore, create and express your ideas in the versatile medium of clay. Practise techniques including hand building, throwing, decoration and glaze effects using a variety of stoneware clays, slips and glazes.

**Fitness for Mature Movers (Margaret Briggs) Cottenham Village College – 5 weeks 2.30-3.30pm Fee: £30 starts 27th April**

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

**Guitar Roots & Branches (Brooks Williams) – 10 weeks 6.45-8.45pm Fee: £130 Starts 26th April**

A fun, hands on workshop with lots of playing & singing. Expand your guitar playing by exploring the music that inspired the music we know. We will be looking at strumming and fingerpicking, chords that move up the neck of the guitar, and riffs we can play based around those chords. We will do all this by learning and playing classic blues, country, folk and rock songs. Participants should be familiar with the basic 1st position chords like: E, A, G, D, C, B7, F, Em, Am, Dm, Bm (no class 1st March)

**Introduction to Woodwork & Carpentry (Chris Dommett) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £130 starts 26th April**

An informative & enjoyable course enabling progression from idea to conclusion. We offer a top quality, extensively equipped workshop you will design & make a woodwork project of your choice. Suitable for complete beginners and those wishing to work on projects. Bring your own woodwork materials.

**T'ai Chi for Beginners Plus (Alison Warlow) – 10 weeks 7-8pm Fee: £65 starts 26th April**

For beginners or those with a basic knowledge.

**T'ai Chi for Improvers (Alison Warlow) – 10 weeks 8-9pm Fee: £65 starts 26th April**

For those with at least one year's experience.

**Silver Jewellery Making for Beginners (Tina Yates) – 5 weeks, 7-9pm Fee: £100 starts 8th June**

For those who want to get started in creating their own silver jewellery designs, and for those who may have done some basic silver shaping and soldering, and now want to learn the basics of designing, and further silversmithing skills. You will learn the basic principles of shaping and soldering silver to create jewellery and the practical side of designing your own pieces.

**NEW! Vegetarian Indian Cookery (Mina Joshi) – 4 weeks 6-8pm Fee: £52 starts 27th April**

Learn to cook traditional Indian food from the comfort of your own kitchen. You will cook 2 dishes each evening which will form a meal you can eat straight away or save or freeze for another day! Dishes will include Balti curry and plain rice, Jalfrezi curry and plain parathas, Puris and chickpea and potato curry, Kenyan style sweet potatoes and green beans curry with saffron rice.



## THURSDAY

### French Conversation (Jean-Louis Barges) – 10 weeks 10.15am-12.15pm Fee: £130 starts 28th April

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

### Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) – 10 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £325 starts 28th April

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 (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra).

## FRIDAY

### Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) – 10 weeks 10am-3.30pm Fee: £325 starts 29th April

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 (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra).

## 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 for us.

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- 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.
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Cottenham Village College aims to ensure that all personal data collected about staff, pupils, parents, governors, visitors and other individuals is collected, stored and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). To see our data protection policy please go to:

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### 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@astrecottonham.org](mailto:community@astrecottonham.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

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### 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.

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The Show takes place on the historic Parkland site in Rampton village just adjacent to All Saints' Church. Parking is available this year for cars, trailers and horseboxes, so please roll up and enjoy a fun day out. Refreshments are available all day including some excellent coffee and bacon butties! Classes include Showing, Dressage, Show Jumping, Gymkhana and Fun classes, such as Fancy Dress. Also, you can bring your dog and enter our Dog

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# FECA IN WATERBEACH

## WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

**About the museum** – Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum (WMHM) is devoted to preserving the history of the Waterbeach RAF Station from 1938 to 1966 and then 39 Engineer Regiment Barracks from 1966 to 2012 and those who were stationed there.

Largely built on Winfold Farm, the airfield officially opened in January 1941. Waterbeach Station was operated by the RAF throughout the Second World War and post-war period. Waterbeach airfield was used successively for bombers, for training by Transport Command (until 1950) and for fighter squadrons (until 1962). The site was handed over to the Royal Engineers in 1966.

**Museum History** – In 1984 the Engineers set up a museum to commemorate the men and women who served at Waterbeach Station. The contents of the barracks museum were donated in 2012, by the Army, to the newly formed trust known as Waterbeach Military Heritage Museum to look

after the collection for the village. Although the barracks were vacated by the MoD in March 2013 the museum continues to operate on the barracks site in the same building with the co-operation of Urban & Civic Waterbeach new town developers. The museum is full of RAF and Engineers artifacts ephemera and photographs.

We are open **the first Sunday and Wednesday of the month** from March to October 10am–4pm. Other opening times are advertised on village notice boards, social media and on our web pages. We will open for visiting groups at other times. The adjoining Community Room to the museum could be used for meetings. From time-to-time there are events taking place on the Barracks so as there are people about, we will open providing we have the stewards.

Contact email:

[waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org](mailto:waterbeachmilitarymuseum@waterbeach.org)

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# FECA IN WILLINGHAM

## WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

A meeting to discuss the future of Willingham Gardening Club was arranged for March 7.

At the time of drafting this article the outcome of these discussions is awaited. No talks have so far been arranged for the rest of this year. In the meantime, here are some jobs for you to get on with in the garden.

**Deadhead Spring bulbs** – Promptly remove faded flower heads from spring-flowering bulbs to stop them wasting energy by developing unwanted seed heads. Pinch off the whole flowerhead between the finger and thumb, or use snippers. Leave the stems and foliage for at least another six weeks to die down and return energy to the bulbs. Some bulbs can be left to set seed and spread naturally, including crocus, cyclamen, erythronium, fritillaria and snowdrops.

**Protect against slugs and snails** – Now is the time to be watchful. New shoots and tender seedlings are particularly vulnerable to slug and snail predation. So, prioritise barriers against them where the plants are just sprouting. Stop slugs and snails reaching shoots in pots.

**Prune for winter** – Winter flowering shrubs such as Sarcococcas, Daphnes, winter flowering Viburnams, winter Jasmine and Lonicera Fragrantissima, are coming to the end of their flowering season. Spring pruning gives them enough time to produce new growth that will flower well in winter.

**Planted containers** – Plants grown in containers provide many benefits in the garden: from a focal point to draw the eye, to the injection of extra cover where other plants have passed their best. Perhaps the greatest benefit of containers is their portability and variety. Containerised flowering lilies inserted into a summer border can revitalise it instantly, while pots of fragrant plants near entrances are particularly enjoyable on entering and leaving.

**Invest in irrigation** – A drip system with a nozzle arranged in each pot, and all the pots placed on trays, should do the job, but its best done now.

**Jobs for June** – If you're looking for colour

inspiration in the garden, think about the colours you already enjoy in the house before heading out to the garden centre.

To help the garden look good all the year round, plant plenty of evergreens and supplement these with perennials that will come back year after year. Maintenance doesn't need to be a chore. Weed suppressant membranes put down in borders, which you can cut and plant through, will keep them tidy all year round with zero maintenance. Don't be afraid of artificial lawns. If your lifestyle does not allow you the time to mow, there are some remarkably good artificial options on the market.

Nourish gardens and containers with time release fertilisers that continue feeding plants for long periods.

Freshen up your outdoor space by washing down old and weary looking garden furniture and giving it a fresh coat of paint to help transform the garden.

Add fresh mulch to your borders every year to keep the weeds down and help soil retain water, so you can water less.

Don't let the decisions you made last year restrict you now: you can always move things around and replant if you have a change of mind.

If you can get out into the garden after a heavy shower, the weeds will put up less resistance. Even the deep-rooted dandelions will pull up easily from the wet soil with an additional twist to the plant.

Wait to prune evergreens, such as boxwood, until they have produced most of their new growth.

That way you won't have to tackle them again until next year.

**Check your water butt** – It is better to use rainwater than tap water on all plants when watering, but the water needs to be relatively clean. Check your water butts and add Citrox – or a similar product – to keep the water sweet. To stop leaves falling into the water cover the butt with a lid and, to filter out debris, tie a pair of tights over the drainpipe feed. You can avoid the water becoming smelly or carrying diseases if you clean water butts annually. Check Cambridge Water Company's website for deals on water butts.

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# FECA IN WILLINGHAM

## WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

The new season is almost here and we have been preparing as best we can during the winter months. The true bonus is the relaxing of Covid-19 rules that will allow us to play in the leagues this year with relevant safety. League play is important for our members and members of all bowls clubs, the interaction and social mixing is even more important after the last two years, we look forward to a really fun, competitive season.

We are in the *Ely and District League* which is played on Monday and Friday afternoons, a really friendly league. We are also in the *Mixed Business House League* which is played in the evenings, great league if you include visit to a local pub as well.

I am also very pleased to say that *Willingham Bowls Club Community Scheme* will be able to go ahead. This will be on Wednesday mornings 11am–12.45pm. The scheme encourages anyone to try playing bowls or just come and watch and have a cup of tea and biscuits. This is free to all who attend

thanks to our sponsors. We have all the equipment, all you need are flat sole shoes, no heels and that's it. The *Scheme* will also be offered to local Surgeries who can advise patients needing some light exercise to attend.

We always welcome new members, we are a friendly club who play for the fun of it. Our membership fees for this year have not been finalised yet but will be between £25-£30, 16 years and younger are free.

We are a small active club and we have two teams playing during the winter at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club. This current season has been very successful, we should finish in the top half of one league and with a small squad everyone gets to play. A really super way to spend a winter's evening.

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## WILLINGHAM WHEELS

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music providers and hope to also have some kind of bar facility.

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After a brief hiatus due to staffing issues, Willingham Youth Club is up and running again, and it has been fantastic to see so many young people flooding back through our doors on a Wednesday night. We have a wonderful team of youth workers from Connections Bus Project who run the youth club sessions, but we are always in need of more volunteers to help make sure youth club runs smoothly. If you are interested in volunteering on a Wednesday night, please email us ([enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org)) or drop us a message on Facebook or Instagram. We can provide DBS checks if needed and will make sure you are fully prepared before you start! We are also able to offer safeguarding training and youth worker training for anyone

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**Defibrillators** – As a result of a new defibrillator being donated to the Wolves by the Football Association, we have been able to relocate the one based at the Pavilion to the Primary School. This means the village now has three units, one on the front of the Pavilion, one on the front of the Library and one on the front of the Primary School. We are currently working on a final unit which will hopefully be located in the telephone box on the High Street.

Several people have mentioned that they are uncertain as to how the units work, so it is hoped to arrange some training for residents over the coming months. Please keep an eye on the Council's website for further information or contact the Parish Council office to book a place.

**Ploughman Hall** – As Covid-19 restrictions lift it has been good to see the hall back in use with party bookings and our regular users returning to run their varied classes. Anyone interested in making a booking or requiring more information on the groups that run in the hall should contact the Parish Office for details.

**Council Vacancies** – At time of writing the Council currently has two vacancies. As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Councillors are community leaders and represent the interests of the communities they serve. If you feel you would like to contribute to your community by joining our dedicated team, please either call the Parish Office or any of the Councillors listed below or more information.

**Hedge planting in Willingham** – In January Willingham Parish Council was involved in two hedge planting projects, with the aim of encouraging wildlife and capturing carbon. With funding from a grant from the SCDC's Zero Carbon Communities scheme a hedge was planted along the 350m boundary of a piece of land off Black Pit Drove recently donated to the village by a resident. Native species hawthorn, blackthorn, wild privet, dog rose and hazel were used. The aim is that the local community will be involved in the future to help in maintenance and creating habitats, and we plan to incorporate nature trails, surveys and monitoring.

The second hedge is at the Council's Meadow Road site, and includes around 230 native-species saplings. Cambridge Tree Planting Community obtained the saplings from the Ovo Energy I Dig Trees scheme and organised volunteers to do the planting, the youngest



*Meadow Road hedge*

being two girls of 6 and 8! We are grateful to Sam Medley from the Cambridge Tree Planting Community and Christine Hertoghe from Avalon Eco Farm for arranging this.

Both of these areas will be left largely untouched, apart from essential maintenance and construction of some habitats, to allow wildlife to flourish and provide peaceful outdoor space for residents. To this end Willingham Action Group were also able to obtain a grant of £500 (our thanks go to the wonderful Localgiving organisation – [www.localgiving.org](http://www.localgiving.org) – and their magic little grants scheme) and these funds will be used for signs on Barton Field giving details of plants and wildlife to be found there.

**Meetings** – Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 7.30pm. Agendas are published on the website and the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details)

Councillors' details can be found on the website [willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Council office details: Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham, CB24 5LP

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# FEN EDGE GROUPS

## STITCHWILD

In this quarter's News, we're continuing to turn our spotlight on the 'hidden gems' in our membership. Let me introduce Daphne Impey, from Bar Hill.

As with many of our group, Daphne learned to sew at home, making clothing and other things with her mother and her grandmother. Once in school, she gained her O level qualification in dressmaking at Coleridge Secondary School. Following this, Daphne secured a position producing patchwork (sewing together small pieces of fabric into a larger design) to be used in designer fashions for a then new to Cambridge clothing designer, Maggie Norton.

Maggie became well known for her inventive and witty designs in the midi skirt era of the early 1970's, when bohemian styles were reflecting the seismic changes in society due to the rise of women's liberation. Then, while raising her family, Daphne worked from home producing work for a variety of textile designers, among them Luke Eyres, a knitwork supplier for cricket sweaters; and Sara Fermi, who worked with the now famous Liberty designs. For those that haven't heard of Liberty fabrics, they are named after their creator, Arthur Liberty. He started out selling oriental fabric imports, and as demand for his fabrics grew, he then imported undyed fabric and had them handprinted in England. The prints have now expanded into luxury miniature floral, paisley and abstract designs that most Liberty customers will recognize.

Getting back to Daphne, by now it was the year 2000, and Daphne decided to continue her textiles education, obtaining her City and Guilds Patchwork and Quilting qualification at Brickworks Training Centre, working with such textile luminaries as Cherry Vernon Harcourt, Niki Chandler and Annette Morgan. In 2012, she herself began sharing her expertise by teaching City and Guilds Patchwork and Quilting in Peterborough, until the demise of City and Guilds sponsorship for these courses a few years ago. She has also taught *Learning to Sew* classes at centres in Bottisham and Impington Village College.

In addition to teaching, Daphne is an experienced and established exhibitor; belonging since 2006 to *Out of the Fold*, a group of textile artists based in Bury St Edmunds. This group normally holds exhibitions at least yearly in prestigious venues such as Bury St Edmunds galleries and the *Knitting and*



*Some work by Daphne Impey*

*Stitching Show* at Alexandra Palace, London and Harrogate. Covid provided only a temporary disruption, as the group quickly embraced Zoom technology and continued to meet regularly on-line. Their last exhibition was in September, in Bury St Edmunds Guildhall. Further exhibitions are planned for 2022.

Daphne often takes her inspiration from William Morris designs. (William Morris was a British designer and social activist during the British Arts and Crafts movement in the late 1800's. His well-known words 'Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful' are oft quoted). Often, she dyes her own fabrics, and uses unusual printing techniques; for example, a current work has involved printing fabric, using the skin of a cantaloupe melon as a printing tool. Another interesting work was made using recycled calico bags, initially used to transport and protect wicker coffins; which were printed and then 'discharged' (colour removed) using household bleach to obtain interesting and unusual designs. Daphne's work is always thoughtful and often involves nature studies. Her most current work in progress is based on observations at Swavesey Lakes. Stay tuned for our next featured artist *in the spotlight* in the next issue!

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At the time of writing, it begins to feel as if we may be getting back to 'normal'. Our meetings are once again face-to-face and our virtual meetings on Zoom are becoming part of our history. Despite the Pandemic our membership continues to thrive, and we have been busy planning what we hope will be an interesting Spring and Summer programme.

As our **Monday 11 April** meeting is close to Easter, we are planning a social evening with an Easter theme. No doubt chocolate will be involved one way or another. For our **Monday 9 May** meeting we welcome Dr Bill Block. The title of his talk is Antarctic Odyssey and he will speak about science in Antarctica with an emphasis on its nature and wildlife, interspersed with personal stories of his experiences. We are planning a Garden Party for our **Monday 13 June** meeting to celebrate the

Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will also be helping out with the Picnic in Willingham on **Sunday 5 June** (please see Willingham Wheels article on p49).

We plan to book a speaker for our July meeting, before we have our usual break from our meetings in August. New members are always very welcome at Willingham WI. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month, and we meet at 7.30 pm in the Social Club in Willingham. If you would like to join us, please email [willinghamwi28@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com) and we will be able to let you know the latest details of our meetings.

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- Camms Meals on Wheels, for a new kitchen freezer
- Dial-a-ride, towards a replacement bus
- Rowan Foundation, for 80 student art learning sessions
- Tom's Trust, to covers costs for 2 children for a year
- Addenbrookes Charity Trust, Contribution towards robotic surgery equipment
- Abbey People, for Food & Energy vouchers for those in the Abbey area
- Petals, for Counselling sessions for those who have lost a child
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- Red Balloon, for Replacement windows at their teaching HQ
- Find-a-cure, to support patient groups dealing with rare diseases
- Teenage Cancer Trust, to helping fund local specialist nurses
- Friends of Life Education, for Ventilation for mobile classrooms
- Wintercomfort, to help support the homeless
- CAMPOD, for Cambridge University research
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- Cam Crag, to support refugees
- Rotary Foundation, to End Polio, and for other good causes

Another **recent club success** is the Youth literacy project supplying (over 800 so far) second-hand children's books free to community centres and primary schools for children who do not have books at home. Others include supporting and supplying tools (thanks for your donations) to Africa and used medical equipment to the third world via Physionet.

**Homeless Football and disability sport** – Covid allowing, we hope to run a tournament in the Autumn for budding footballers from the homeless community. If you would like to offer (say) refereeing skills, do get in touch.

**Memory café** – This is held at Girton on the first Friday of every month. It is at St Vincent's Close

Community Hall CB3 0PE. People from Fen Edge villages are warmly welcome.

**100 years of Rotary in Cambridge** – To leave a lasting facility, the Cambridge clubs have funded a new central light and plinth on Christ's Pieces to help safety – do look out for it.

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Our club meets on alternate Mondays (except bank holidays) 6 for 6.30pm at the Arundel Hotel Cambridge (or on Zoom) with great speakers. Guests and potential members are very welcome – we would love to hear from you.

Please see the website

<http://www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk> if you would like to know more about Rotary – whose motto is *Service above Self*.

Contact: Mike Smith, Rotary Club of Cambridge South, [smithmichaelstanley@hotmail.com](mailto:smithmichaelstanley@hotmail.com)

## FEN EDGE ORCHESTRA

We are a sociable, community amateur orchestra, which rehearses from 7:30–9:30pm on Wednesday evenings in term time, at the new Cottenham Village Hall off Lamb's Lane. We play a wide range of music: this term's selection includes Beethoven Symphony No. 5 and Hérold's Clog Dance. We often play pieces specially arranged for our orchestra by our Music Director, Evan Turner, for example Concertino in the Hungarian Style (Rieding, Op. 21) and Eight Russian Folk Songs (Lyadov, Op. 58).

We haven't been able to hold concerts for a couple of years due to Covid-19, but with any luck, this year we will be back! We hope to be playing at the Fen Edge Festival in Cottenham in June, and we have set a concert date for the summer: **Saturday 9 July**, at All Saints' Church, Cottenham, raising funds for the Friends of All Saints.

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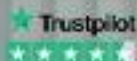


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It is our company policy to deliver the **best customer experience with a professional, friendly and a helpful service**. This is a service that goes beyond tree surgery and manages the entire project including planning applications and liaising with local authorities, police divisions, utility services and your neighbours.

### About us

We are trusted tree surgeons covering four family generations. Acacia is now established as a **class leading surgery with a reputation for quality tree services and consultancy**.

You will find our fully trained staff knowledgeable and helpful. We complete work to industry standards and best practice. All sites are left clean, safe and tidy.



We remain committed to providing our increasing network of satisfied clients with an efficient, friendly and helpful service where private, public and commercial clients can **feel confident in relying upon our expert knowledge**.

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