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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



I would like to introduce myself; my name is Lucy Dumbrell and I have just taken over the position of Chair at the Fen Edge Community Association (FECA). Our previous Chair, Neil Gough, stood down after six

productive years at the helm. I would like to thank Neil for his amazing hard work with FECA, including doubling the membership within this time – these are large shoes to fill, and I hope to do you and our members proud!

As I am writing this, we have just enjoyed all that the Fen Edge Festival has to offer – what an amazing event this was! The FEF22 committee have

been working flat-out to ensure the festival was the best it possibly could be – this is no mean feat as they are all volunteers with their own busy lives to lead – well done you awesome bunch!

Let's go back to basics – what is FECA? It is based on the catchment area of Cottenham Village College (the Fen Edge Patch). It is a charity run by volunteer trustees who raise money from community events like the Fen Edge Festival and the Cottenham Fun Run, and generating funds from our loyal advertisers in the Fen Edge News to benefit our members.

We currently have 70+ member organisations from the patch – Cottenham, Willingham, Waterbeach, Landbeach and Rampton. These groups range from the Guides, Willingham Wheels, Rampton Horseshow to name a few. It's £15 per year to join, this gives members the opportunity to communicate with the 7,500+ households in the patch via the Fen Edge News plus the opportunity to apply for grants from the money raised by the Association. We are always looking for new members so please do contact me if you have any questions.

The committee and I are looking at new ways to raise money and run community events – maybe a new event might pop up in the not-so-distant future.

Community and fundraising are at the heart of all we do, and we would love you to be a part of it too!

Many thanks – **Lucy**

FROM THE EDITOR

The Fen Edge News (FEN) is delivered to all households in the Fen Edge Patch. Advertising in the Fen Edge News raises thousands of pounds a year; which is returned to member organisations in the form of grants.

Putting the editorial content of the FEN together is done by myself and one other trustee as proof reader. I am looking for somebody to take on some of this work – to learn the ropes and inject fresh ideas. If you would like to contribute to the editing of FEN, you would also be contributing for the benefit of the local community.

Want to give it a go?

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Adrian Stephens

FROM THE FEN EDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

We've welcomed 2 new member groups in 2022: Sandy Hill Community Project Centre is a new, innovative, not-for-profit centre near Cottenham. The centre was formed in response to the mental health crisis following the Covid pandemic and offers a wide variety of outdoor activities to support positive mental health and wellbeing for those in the local and wider community. www.sandyhillcpc.co.uk

The Cambridgeshire Geological Society (p13) promotes interest in the geology of Cambridgeshire, the UK and worldwide. The Society created the Fen Edge Trail an exciting project linking the geology and landscapes of the Fen Edge to the local history, culture and wildlife. www.cambsgeology.org

FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY

What's on and when in the villages

AUGUST

Mon 1 7.30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Meetings restart at Willingham Social Club, (p25)

Wed 3 Cottenham Gardeners Club – Coach Trip to RHS Hyde Hall

Thu 4–Fri 5 The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Teddy Bear's Picnic (p19)

Mon 8–Fri 19 Cottenham Tennis Club – Summer Camp (p65)

Fri 12 6.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Evening Drinks Party for members at Somersham

Sun 14 5pm The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Drama: *The Reluctant Dragon* by Quantum Theatre (p19)

Thu 18–Fri 19 The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Fenland Life trail & children's activities (p19)

Sat 20 2pm Friends of Worts Meadow – Pond Dipping at Worts Meadow

Thu 25–Fri 26 The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Medieval crafts, activities and trail (p19)

Sun 28–Mon 29 The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Medieval Special Event (p19)

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1 Cottenham Women's Institute – Visit to Sandringham House (p57)

Sun 4 Fen Edge Twinning Association – Film: *Petite Maman* at Cottenham Community Centre (p17)

Thu 8 10.30am–12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: cake, coffee, chat, and a five-minute thought for the day (p51)

Fri 9 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – AGM & Talk: *Memories of Margett Street School, Cottenham* by Glynis Pilbeam at Cottenham Village Hall

Sun 11 3.30pm Friends of All Saints' Cottenham – Chamber concert by members of the Medlock Ensemble at All Saints' Church Cottenham (p51)

Mon 12 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *Metals in Magmas: Tracking Metal Chemistry and Magmatic Processes in Indonesian Volcanoes* by Dr Nick Barber at St Andrews Centre, School Hill, Histon (p13)

Mon 12 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Talk: *Made in Willingham* at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Wed 14 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Flower Arranging by Wayne Bailey Flowers at Cottenham Village Hall (p57)

Sat 17 8.30am Rampton Horse Show – at the Parkland, High Street, Rampton (p29)

Sun 18 Rotary Club Cambridge South – Homeless Football at the all-weather pitches behind Abbey swimming pool (p15)

Tue 20 The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Heritage Open Day (p19)

Wed 21 7pm Whirl & Twirl Round Dance Club – Beginners group starts at Cottenham Community Centre (p17)

Sat 24 10am All Saints' Church Cottenham – Coffee Morning: *for Macmillan* at the Church Hall (p51)

Fri 30 7pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – An evening concert by Corpus Christi Chapel Choir at All Saints' Church Landbeach (p39)

Fri 30 7.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk: *Digging for Victory, The Wartime Garden* at Franklin Gardens Community Room

OCTOBER

Sat 8 3.30pm All Saints' Church Cottenham – Messy Church Harvest at the Church (p51)

Sun 9 10.30am All Saints' Church Cottenham – Harvest Festival (p51)

Mon 10 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Talk: *The Pankhurst Family* by Maureen James at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Mon 10 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *Darwin and the Geology of Galapagos* by Professor David Norman at St Andrews Centre, School Hill, Histon (p13)

Wed 12 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Musical Fun: *The Band of Ukes* at Cottenham Village Hall (p57)

Thu 13 10.30am–12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: cake, coffee, chat, and a five-minute thought for the day (p51)

Fri 14 7pm Cottenham Primary School PTCA – Quiz & AGM at Cottenham Primary School Hall (p61)

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Fri 14 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: *Plough Witching to Distaff Days, Rural customs of Cambridgeshire* by Maureen James at Cottenham Village Hall (p43)

Thu 27–Sun 30 The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey – Pumpkin Carving (p19)

Thu 27 7pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – Cheese & Wine with Poetry, Prose, & Pictures: *Old Landbeach Re-visited* by Steve Parnwell and Susan Edwards at All Saints' Church Landbeach (p39)

Fri 28 7.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk & Plant sale: *The Secret Life of Plants* at Franklin Gardens Community Room

Sun 30 10.30am–12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Sunday Brunch Service, which begins with bacon and egg rolls, croissants, fruit, yogurts, coffee and tea (p51)

NOVEMBER

Sat 5 3pm All Saints' Church Cottenham – Time to Remember Service (p51)

Sun 6 10.30am All Saints' Church Cottenham – Back to Church Sunday (p51)

Wed 9 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk by Brian Eversham, CEO of the Bedfordshire/Cambridgeshire/Northamptonshire wildlife trust at Cottenham Village Hall (p57)

Thu 10 10.30am–12pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Thursday hub: cake, coffee, chat, and a five-minute thought for the day (p51)

Fri 11–Mon 14 Fen Edge Twinning Association – Visitors here (p17)

Fri 11 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: *The WWI letters of Stanley Parker, a Rampton man* by Alison Dickens at Cottenham Village Hall

Mon 14 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *Natural Hazards turning into disasters* by Dr Ekbal Hussain at St Andrews Centre, School Hill, Histon (p13)

Mon 14 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Talk: *Haddenham Arts Centre* at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Sat 19 7pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – Quiz & Pudding Evening at All Saints' Church Landbeach (p39)

Fri 25 7.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk:

Action for Swifts at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p53)

Wed 30–Fri 2 7.30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Play: *The Nutcracker* at Cottenham Village College (p63)

DECEMBER

Sat 3 1pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Play: *The Nutcracker* at Cottenham Village College (p63)

Sat 3 5.30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Play: *The Nutcracker* at Cottenham Village College (p63)

Sat 3 7pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – Choral Concert by St Augustine's Choir at All Saints' Church Landbeach (p39)

Mon 12 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *Paleoclimatology from Snowball Earth to anthropocene* by Prof Colin Summerhayes at St Andrews Centre, School Hill, Histon (p13)

Mon 12 7.30pm Willingham Women's Institute – Christmas Party at Willingham Social Club (p25)



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Can it really be three years since joyousness and jollity made its presence felt in Cottenham? People surged forth, from Friday to Sunday, shaking off the restrictions of the pandemic and thoroughly enjoying all that was on offer. The weather was mostly kind and the only problem was not being able to be in many different places at the same time!

Tim Jones, Chair of the FEF organising committee, declared the festival – the ninth since 2005 – to be about family, friends and community, a time for fun. And so it was! With an eye on the future, sustainability was key. The reusable cup scheme was expanded to include all bars and types of drink, significantly reducing the amount of waste going to landfill from the event. In addition, funds were allocated to the government-backed Woodland Carbon Code project to invest in woodland to reduce CO₂ emissions equivalent to the festival's estimated carbon footprint.

On the Village Green, at the College, in the *Community Centre Café*, there was an enticing (almost overwhelming!) range of options. The 'FEF programme' was indispensable, providing details of what was going on where and when. It helped everyone discover an amazing array of craftiness, singing, dancing, archaeology (fresh from the 'dig' on the Broad Lane fields where new ponds will soon appear). Then there was as a medieval combat performance by *Shire of Flintheath* that took everyone back to the Middle Ages – and no Tardis needed!

There was also bushcraft and culture, a repair café with restoration as its prime purpose, animals, a magic show, retro gaming and graffiti artists. Youngsters put on a great gymnastics display and there was a free *C Fit Bootcamp* for the over 16s. Fitness is a goal for sure in the Fen Edge. There was line dancing, *Pilates* and *Zumba* on the Sunday, as well as *Whirl and Twirl* to

test your rhythmic capacity.

To cool down you could relax and listen to fabulous local musicians: *Fen Edge Orchestra*, *Cottenham Brass Juniors* and *Songs of Praise*, as well as the impressive *BigMouth* (over 18s) and *VoxPop* (under 18s) all of whom share more than a stave or two with *TyrannoChorus* which made their presence known on the Saturday in the main marquee. What a great lot of voices we have in the Fen Edge!

For this FEF I was a double volunteer. I was among the over 100 locals who carried out the requests of the organisers to keep everyone safe when crossing the road, to pick up rubbish and arrange chairs in the marquee. On the Saturday it was wearing of the green (t-shirts!) at *Tennis for Free* on the College courts, and what a great turn-out it was! A real hit, in fact, with a wide range of ages wanting to test their expertise with a very active ball machine. On the Sunday, *Cottenham Tennis Club* ran a tombola, and managed the Crazy Golf, which was the club's way of thanking FECA for their support.

As for eating and drinking, we were spoiled for choice! 1st and 2nd *Cottenham Guides* worked wonders at the *Festival Café* in the College's common room while, in the main marquee on the green, the *Fen Edge Baking Competition* revealed some very clever local talent. There was an *EcoZone* with chefs who brought new insight and modernity to seasonal produce, and that which can be foraged.



Happy crowd basks in the sun at the Venue

FEN EDGE FESTIVAL

There were cakes in abundance, tempting sweets and an array of enticing food stalls encompassing the world's cuisine: Mexican, Italian, Greek, Indian, plus BBQs, freshly cooked fish and chips, kebabs and treats from the *Longhorn Farm* shop. Ladybird Pre-School made an impression with their Pimm's, and the Milton Brewery offered pints of their inimitable nectar. The FECA committee must have been delighted by the response from the Fen Edge's five villages. Everyone slotted themselves enthusiastically into the programming, putting entertainment to the fore.

The Venue was a kaleidoscope of live performance, laughter-makers like Barbara and Chloe (aka Clarissa and Daphne), young performers from CVC and local academy schools, delightful musicians like Lucy Maynard and Liz Monroe. It was all there: classic and tongue-in-cheek blues, folk and country, disco and the Beatles. At the *Community Centre Café*, some of Cottenham's finest performers provided toe-tapping entertainment as well.

Traditions were there, too. Friday's *Tea on the Green* in the marquee, arranged by the *Cottenham and Rampton Lunch and Social Club*, was a magnet for all of pensionable age, packed to the gunnels for food and refreshments. In the evening the PTCA from Cottenham Primary School organised their renowned Summer Dance in the main marquee – it has always been a sell-out, and it was this time too. Those keen on the outdoors and listening to late night soul and party classics were treated to *Dance Away* on Saturday evening, sitting on picnic chairs and under protective blankets – until a little rain brought it to an end.

Closing down of the FEF on Sunday night took various forms. At All Saints' Church, at the far end of the village, the *New Cambridge Singers* presented music by Vaughan Williams (this year is the 150th anniversary of his birth), John Tavener and Jakob Mantjarvi, followed by Spanish songs accompanied by guitar.



Bollywood comes to the Fen Edge

In the main marquee on the green the astonishing Luke Harries combined dance and acrobatics in a Cyr Wheel act, a breath-taking prelude to three sessions of silent disco, four channels of music streamed through personal headphones. Then, the grand finale, a fire and pyrotechnic spectacle to remember. Absolutely amazing.

Among those we have to thank are this year's Festival organising committee: Tim, Lucy, Paul K, Rebecca N, Linda, Annabel, Rebecca B, Amy, Graham, Andrew, Christine, Alan, Tom, Peter, Paul M, Bob, Michele, Neil, Simon B and Simon H.

PSST – Give a little thought to the stalwarts, the volunteers who put in many hours to set up the festival, wearing high-visibility jackets and ensuring the safety of all. Then they dismantled the lot so that by Monday no trace remained of the event that had brought pleasure to the thousands who sampled FEF 2022.

The festival just could not run without a mini-army of volunteers. If you think you might have a couple of hours to spare to help next time or if you have any comments or feedback about the 2022 event, we'd love to hear from you. Just drop Tim an email - chair@fenedgefestival.co.uk

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STITCHWILD

Spotlight on: *#PieceForPeace*: A 21st Century Quilting Bee!

British quiltmakers have all probably heard of quilting bees (work parties centred around quilt making); and exposure to television shows like *Little House on the Prairie* has familiarised us to the cooperative nature of women sharing such work on the US frontier. British textile history is full of stories about women participating in cottage industries, earning a meagre living doing piecework during their spare time; so cooperative sewing isn't anything new. And quilters are a generous bunch. What began for most of them as the desire to make something to make their world a little more comfortable, warm and beautiful often turns into a love of the craft; and a wish to inject some comfort, warmth and beauty into the lives of those less fortunate.

We now turn the spotlight on *#PieceForPeace*, a mission that a couple of our members have had the opportunity to participate in! It was started by a German celebrity quilter, Claudia Pfeil, who embodies the generous spirit found in most quilters – when disasters strike, rush to your sewing machine and make quilts. Just after the war in Ukraine began, Claudia put the word out to her vast army of friends and Facebook followers around the world for quilt blocks to be stitched and posted to her studio in Krefeld, Germany. Once received, Claudia planned to make the blocks into quilt tops and then quilt them and distribute them to Ukrainian children arriving in Germany. She was hoping to receive enough blocks (each quilt takes 20 eight-inch blocks) to hand out a few dozen in her area. Some of our StitchWild members responded to the call and sent blocks over. Before long, quilting groups, fabric manufacturers, and private individuals were donating blocks, bolts of fabric, wadding (the soft layer within a quilt), and thread to help Claudia get the job done. Pictures of quilts being handed out to children who came to Germany with little other than the clothes they were wearing began to appear on Claudia's Facebook page. All was well! Within the first few weeks, however, Claudia had received 17,400 blocks from quilters all over Europe, North America and beyond, enough for more than 800 quilts; and she was receiving more



blocks daily. Clearly, this was more than Claudia's Quilting Army in Germany had anticipated and could cope with. She came up with the idea of *#PieceForPeace* outposts to be established in Europe, the UK and Ireland, North America and beyond. Outpost heads would receive quilt block kits from Claudia, distribute them to their volunteer stitchers, finish them into quilts, and then distribute them locally. In the UK, a Quilter's Guild member stepped up to the challenge to head the UK outpost, and before long, a network was established to piece blocks into quilts, get them quilted and finished and then distributed.

Locally, we have formed a team of volunteers to assemble quilts, pass them on to a volunteer with an industrial quilting machine to be quilted, then on to more local helpers to finish the quilts; and finally, send them to another volunteer with links to one of the many Ukrainian churches in our region for distribution. What began as a 'what can I do to help' has very quickly turned into a worldwide initiative that we are proud to be a part of!

If anyone in the area has any questions about helping to make quilts, making a donation, or to request a quilt for a refugee, please contact Diane Cowell at cowelldm@aol.com



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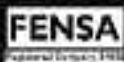
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The *Fen Edge Trail* is a project set up by the Cambridgeshire Geological Society (www.cambsgeology.org).

A series of walks around the fen edge of Cambridgeshire will, eventually, combine to link the border with Lincolnshire, in the northwest, to the border with Suffolk, in the southeast. The Trail takes the 5-metre contour (where the land reaches 5 metres above sea-level) as the approximate fen edge, with the walks linking the local landscape and geology to the history, culture and wildlife. The many places of interest and significant features to be seen, highlight the importance of the fen edge area. So far, 10 Walk Guides have been published and another 10 or so are due this year. You can follow the guides to do each walk individually or adapt them into shorter round trips, whilst the more adventurous can walk several together to complete more of the Trail! You can reach the start and end of each walk by public transport (although not every day on some routes) and all are on publicly accessible paths/pavements (although, unfortunately, not always accessible other than on foot). Each part of the walk has a description of the local interest, so you can just visit some of the places mentioned (if practical) rather than do a complete walk. The guides can be downloaded free from the website www.fenedgetrail.org/overview/walks. We are currently putting together the details for the Swavesey to Willingham walk via Over and the Willingham to Cottenham walk via Rampton. We are also looking for options for Cottenham to Waterbeach via Landbeach. One feature of the area is the *Cottenham Sandstone*, a distinctive local rock that is part of the *Woburn Sands Formation* (forming a band from Bedfordshire through Gamlingay to Cottenham and then north past Ely). A distinctive, hard, dark brown stone, it can be seen in the churches at Cottenham and Rampton. If you know of any local pits where it was quarried, we'd love to know! The old



courses of major rivers are a feature of the area between Over and Waterbeach, including the small valley now carrying Beck Brook and a previous course of the Cam between Willingham and Over. The walks are put together by volunteers with a range of interests and knowledge. If you would like to help, e.g., by testing the directions or providing details of places to include, get in touch info@cambsgeology.org.

We enjoyed chatting to several people from local villages at the Fen Edge Festival and look forward to meeting more in the future.

Autumn meeting and talk programme 2022 – Talks held at St Andrews Centre, School Hill, Histon, CB24 9JE. Doors open at 7pm and the talk is 7.30–9pm. Visitors are welcome (£3 charge).

Monday 12 September – Dr Nick Barber, Cambridgeshire Earth Science, *Metals in Magmas: Tracking Metal Chemistry and Magmatic Processes in Indonesian Volcanoes*

Monday 10 October – Professor David Norman, Cambridgeshire Earth Science, *Darwin and the Geology of Galapagos*

Monday 14 November – Dr Ekbal Hussain, BGS, *Natural Hazards turning into disasters*

Monday 12 December – Prof Colin Summerhayes, Scott Polar Institute, *Paleoclimateology from Snowball Earth to anthropocene*



Cottenham sandstone amongst limestone rubble in Cottenham church

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Tanzania – We are installing beehives for Naalarami school – a school for Maasai children. This should help with sustainability and keep out elephants (they apparently do not like bees!), which have visited the school and dismantled the rainwater catchment and storage that we have installed for the school. They do not have any other water supply.

Also, a team of volunteer students (www.cambridgedevelopment.org) from Cambridge University, has teamed up with us, as one of them is a Rotary scholar. They are planning to fly there and join with 10 volunteer students from Dar Es Salaam to teach English to students and teachers this summer. They will go laden with Rotary supplied pictorial dictionaries (like those we have supplied to Cottenham Village College), second hand children's reading books (partly from the charity shop in Cottenham - thank you) and laptops. There are now a few solar panels for phone charging and lights for the teachers, and we are hoping the Government will supply mains electricity soon. In Tanzania, students must pass an exam to go on to secondary school and if they pass (as the students from Naalarami are now doing), they are then taught in English rather than their first language, Kiswahili!

Ukraine – Rotary International has Peace as one of its 7 aspects and Rotary in East Anglia has now established a link with the Rotary club of Kiev International. Their club president has spoken to us on Zoom three times about the wonderful work that Rotary is doing delivering humanitarian aid. We are now financially supporting their work, including setting up refugee centres within Ukraine.

In addition, we are beginning to help pay for essentials for Ukrainian refugees here, including in the Fen Edge.

Memory café – This is held at Girton on the first Friday of every month starting at 10am. It is at St Vincent's Close Community Hall CB3 0PE. People from Fen Edge are warmly welcome.

Homeless football – A tournament is being planned with homeless organisations for Sunday 18 September at the all-weather pitches behind the Abbey swimming pool.

Our club – If you would like to help with any of our activities, we would love to hear from you. I would be very happy to have a chat with anyone who may be interested – do get in touch.

Please see the website www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk if you would like to know more about Rotary, whose motto is "Service above Self".

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

Polio – Rotary International, with the World Health Organization, aims to eradicate Polio world-wide within the next few years. Pakistan had, for the first time, no cases of the wild virus in 2021, thanks, in no small part, to the wonderful Rotary donations and volunteer vaccinators! If this continues, it will leave Afghanistan as the only country where it is endemic – a far cry from when Rotary first persuaded the WHO to support this vaccination campaign. The infrastructure has been widely used for Covid-19 vaccinations.

The recent discovery of vaccination-derived Polio virus (in some parts of the world a live vaccine is used, but not in the UK) in London's sewage is a warning to us all to ensure that we complete the eradication of Polio from the world as soon as possible.

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Vive Le Jumelage – Let's reconnect with our French Friends

Did you know that the Fen Edge Villages of Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham are twinned with Avrillé, in the Loire Valley, France? The Fen Edge Twinning Association was formed over 20 years ago and great friendships have been forged. Until Covid-19 hit, there were annual trips to or from France, but as you would expect there were no visits in the last couple of years.

The twinning trips have always been truly rewarding shared experiences and we are pleased to announce that our French friends are planning to visit the Fen Edge Patch villages in November 2022. Assuming that the global situation does not change again and it is safe, they will arrive in the evening of **Friday 11 November** and leave early on **Monday 14 November 2022**. This visit coincides with Remembrance weekend and is a really suitable weekend to re-establish our close link with France. It's also been a long time since the community of English twinningers have met and we cannot wait until November for the fun to restart.

We will be working with the Cottenham Community Cinema to provide a French flavour to accompany their showing of *Petite Maman* on



FETA at the Fen Edge Festival 2019

Sunday 4 September. For more information, check out their Facebook page. By the time you read this, we will also have celebrated Bastille Day with a summer picnic at Waterbeach Tillage Hall and hosted a stall at the Fen Edge Festival.

As always, the association is keen to welcome new members so, if you are interested in helping our cultural exchanges, as a host, as a visitor or simply with interest and moral support, please get in touch. Contact natmorgan@hotmail.co.uk or fenedgetwinning@gmail.com for more information or visit www.facebook.com/fenedgetwinning

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FEN EDGE GROUPS

FEN EDGE ORCHESTRA

The Fen Edge Orchestra was delighted and relieved to complete a year's rehearsing after the disruption of Covid-19. It was a joy to take part in the Fen Edge Festival in June, and also to give a July concert in All Saints' Church Cottenham. The performance included a range of music, including Beethoven's 5th Symphony.

As the new academic year begins, the orchestra will be preparing for a winter concert. Look out for details about this a bit nearer the time. Rehearsals take place in the new Cottenham Village Hall on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7.30pm and finishing at 9.30pm, with a short break for socialising.

The orchestra is a well-balanced group, and is always

pleased to hear from more potential members. At the moment, there is space for more violins (ideally grade 7 or above), double bass, French horn and trumpet. If you play any other instrument and would be interested in joining the orchestra, get in touch via the website, and you will be put on a waiting list. There are no auditions – when there is a space for your instrument, you will be invited along to a rehearsal, to see how you like it.

The orchestra is informal and friendly, and always tries to improve its standards, coaxed along by its director, Evan Turner.

Take a look at the website, which will give you more information about the orchestra.

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THE FARMLAND MUSEUM AND DENNY ABBEY



Have you visited The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey recently? It's a great day out for all the family! The Farmland Museum is your local museum, telling the story of farming, communities and life in the Cambridgeshire Fens. The site is also the home of

Denny Abbey, a Grade I listed, former Benedictine Monastery. It was lived in by three different religious orders and finished life as a farmhouse. Today it is an architectural jigsaw of windows, blocked doorways and arches. Inside, the pieces begin to fit together as visitors stand in the crossing of the 12th century Benedictine church.

The museum and abbey are open every Thursday to Sunday, and Bank Holiday Monday, until the end of October from 10am to 4pm.

Throughout the summer there's lots going on for visitors of all ages, including a brand-new exhibition on the lives of women in the Fens.

Over the school summer holidays, we will be running weekly themed activities every Thursday and Friday, including a school for knights, life as a Victorian and a teddy bear's picnic. To find out more, visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk.

August Bank Holiday weekend sees a Medieval Special Event on **Sunday 28 August** and **Monday 29 August** with re-enactors ready to delight!

We are also excited to be hosting an outdoor

performance of Quantum Theatre's adaption of Kenneth Grahame's *The Reluctant Dragon* on **Sunday 14 August** at 5pm. Go to www.quantumtheatre.co.uk to book your tickets now!

And if that's not enough, our on-site cafe, the *Docky Box*, will be open at all times the museum is open, serving a range of homemade goodies from scones to sausage rolls, and great tea and coffee.

Come along soon to learn about the history of the Cambridgeshire Fens, relax and play in our grounds or simply enjoy a refreshing cup of tea and cake.

All admission tickets provide free repeat entry for 12 months and admission is free for English Heritage members. We also welcome pre-booked groups and schools. For more information visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Diary dates

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 August – Knight Club

Thursday 11 and Friday 12 August – Teddy Bear's Picnic

Sunday 14 August – Quantum Theatre's *The Reluctant Dragon*

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 August – Fenland Life trail and children's activities

Thursday 25 and Friday 26 August – Medieval crafts, activities and trail

Sunday 28 and Monday 29 August – Medieval Special Event

Saturday 10 September – Heritage Open Day

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FECA IN WILLINGHAM

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Defibrillators – In the last issue we mentioned that we were going to try and arrange training for residents. We managed to run two sessions, both of which were very popular with a wide age range of residents attending. Our thanks go to Tom Miller for kindly giving up his time to teach us all such a useful skill.

We are still waiting for the adoption process to complete so that the final unit can be located in the telephone box on the High Street.

Platinum Jubilee Picnic – The Parish Council donated funds for expenses required to run the Jubilee Picnic on the Recreation Ground. Despite the damp weather, there was a great turnout and those who braved the drizzle enjoyed the stalls, food, drink and displays, particularly the band *Stone Cold Stumble* who found it hard to get away. A succession of Councillors staffed a table where a map of Council owned properties and land was a useful conversation starter with many people now aware of where the Landing Ground is. The Council, on behalf of the whole village, are grateful for all the volunteers and

particularly to Paul Knighton for the hard work (and worry) that went into organising what was a successful and unforgettable event.

Willingham Action Group had the following to say about the day:

Thanks to the last-minute marquee-donors Howard Berry and the Scouts, Tim Mead, the erectors, the stoic stallholders, Kromebar for all their help in getting Willingham Jubilee cups for us, Vegan Witch (food truck), Robin from Mr. Verrecchia the ice cream van, Cat Pawsey and her rounders crew, Teresa Weston for the printing, Willingham Village Facebook for the social media support and, above all, Stone Cold Stumble for their exceptional two sets of music perfect for the occasion. Thanks also to Willingham Parish Council for funding the event and providing personnel. Councillors Law, King, and Smith were fantastic.

The Ukrainian Appeal JustGiving page ended up with £130 with all donations now in, so thanks to those who gave.

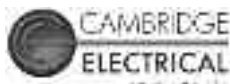
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FECA IN WILLINGHAM

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Jubilee Bench – The Council purchased a commemorative bench for the Platinum Jubilee which has now been delivered. A spot in the QEII field has been chosen and the bench will soon be installed ready for visitors to sit and relax.

Environment and Sustainability – The Parish Council's environment and biodiversity projects are moving forward. The native species hedge along Barton Field, planted with a Zero Carbon Communities grant from SCDC is growing well. The field, recently given to the Parish Council, is partly woodland and partly grasses and wildflowers that have been left to rewild over the past few years. A display board is to be erected there with the aid of money obtained by Willingham Action Group from the Local giving organisation Magic Little Grants scheme. Using information from our village biodiversity survey and from the last owner we are

identifying species to put on the board. The name Barton is after the family who owned it for many years up to the 1980s and used it for growing flowers, like many other smallholders in the village. Members of the family still live around the Fen Edge patch and are helping us with our historical understanding of the field dating back over a century.

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 for more information.

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WILLINGHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the time of writing, Willingham WI is preparing for its usual summer break, not meeting in August.

However, some of our members will be visiting the Cambridge University Botanic Garden for an afternoon guided tour of the garden, which is very likely to be preceded by lunch at the Garden Café.

For our Autumn WI meetings, we have a variety of speakers and activities. **Monday 12 September** – *Made in Willingham*; **Monday 10 October** – *The Pankhurst Family* with Maureen James;

Monday 14 November – A talk about Haddenham Arts Centre;

Monday 12 December – our Christmas party. New members are always very welcome at Willingham WI. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Social Club in Willingham. If you would like to join us, please email willinghamwi28@gmail.com

WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

At its meeting on Monday 6 June, a new committee for Willingham Gardening Club was successfully elected. The meeting was also an opportunity for new and previous members to discuss the future direction of the club, including what activities they would like to be included in the programme. The committee is busy planning a rich programme of activities for the next year, from talks by local experts to hands-on horticultural tutorials.

The June meeting concluded with a free plant, seed and produce swap, provided by many of the attendees, who had been very generous.

Willingham Gardening Club usually meets on the first Monday of the month at Willingham Social Club, with refreshments from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. As club membership fees are not yet being taken, there will be an on-the-door fee of £3 per person.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 1 August**. For further information about the Club, please contact willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com



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514 Squadron RAF 2022 reunion at Waterbeach

Saturday 11 June saw the annual reunion of 514 Squadron RAF at the former base occupied initially by various Squadrons of the RAF, and latterly by the Royal Engineers.

The day started with a Service of Dedication and Commemoration at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The Service was conducted by Canon Brian J Macdonald-Milne, who was Officiating Chaplain at Waterbeach Barracks 1983–1988 and also Vicar of Waterbeach and Rector of Landbeach.



*Members of 514 Sqn RAF Reunion. Eddie Humes front row 3rd from right.
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During the service, a wreath was laid at the Squadron memorial to honour the 437 personnel who lost their lives whilst serving on the Squadron.

Squadron veteran Eddie Humes, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, was guest of honour.

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FECA IN WATERBEACH / RAMPTON

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Eddie, a Navigator, was the sole survivor of his crew after their Lancaster was shot down over Belgium returning home from a mission to Nazi Germany in April 1944. He was taken prisoner of war, and despite a badly injured leg, subsequently ended up on the infamous 'long march' in March 1945.

Following a buffet lunch, a fly past was carried out over the former main runway by a Hurricane Mark IIC, PZ865, operated by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and flown by F/L Giles Croft.

During the afternoon, a ceremony was held at the memorial garden on site to inter the ashes, which had been brought from Australia, of former Squadron veteran Lewis Shaw (RAAF). The day concluded with a visit to the museum on site to view the many artefacts collected over the years to record and illustrate the occupation of the base by the RAF and Royal Engineers. 514 Squadron Association wish to record their thanks to Urban & Civic for allowing the reunion to take place on the base once again.

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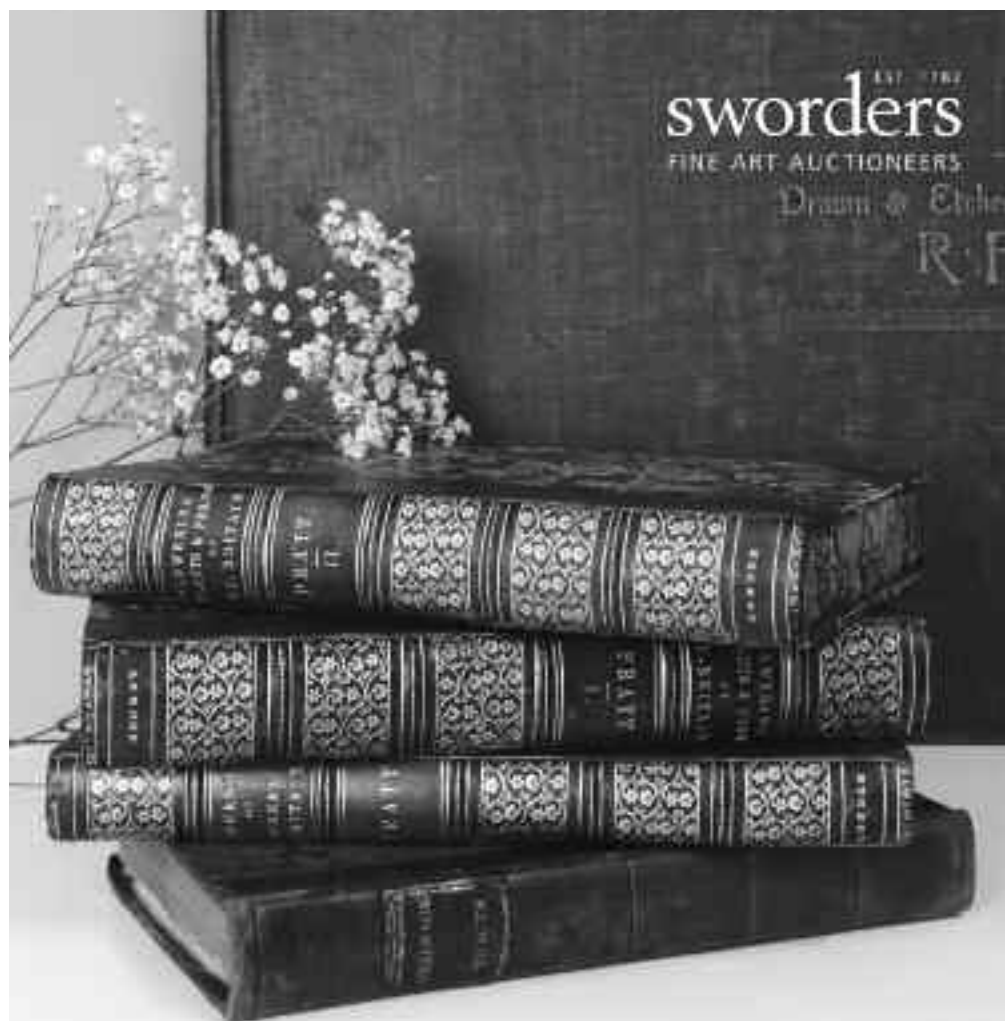
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10am – 2pm Fee: £35 includes ingredients.**

Tap into an abundance of cookery expertise with local chefs Rosie Sykes and Bea Brown in a fun and friendly cook-in. You'll prepare a simple but delicious, two course lunch, using local, seasonal produce. We will round off the session by eating together (or take the food to eat at home!). You'll pick up lots of tips and ideas to help you save time and money in the kitchen and be kinder to the planet too!

Rosie and Bea are both part of Cambridge Sustainable Food's acclaimed work; they relish repurposing surplus food, promoting climate-friendly eating and sharing their passion for good food with others! Rosie's third book Roasting Pan Suppers was published by The National Trust in 2021.

**Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) 10am – 4pm -
3 Saturdays (24 Sept, 15 Oct, 19 Nov)
Fee: £135 plus materials**

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.

**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.

**Screen Printing on Fabric (Ricki Outis),
10am – 4pm Fee £45 plus materials**

Small scale screen printing - the emphasis is on the experimental, creating simple paper stencils with small silk screens to create bold shapes and pattern on fabric. The course is aimed at those with some experience of screen printing as well as beginners and it is an opportunity to work in a studio atmosphere with tutor support. Come with lots of plain fabrics and leave with a great pile of colourful prints!

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

**Felted Bags (Ricki Outis) 10am – 4pm
Fee: £45 plus materials**

We will be starting with fleece and building up layers to make an amazing, felted bag without any seams. You will learn the basics of wet felting and use of resist shapes. Guidance will be given on design so that you create your own template, and your bag will be totally unique. Lots of soap, warm water, rubbing and rolling- wet felting is a very sensory activity and the result is luxurious, colourful, and textural.

**CAMBRIDGE
SUSTAINABLE FOOD**

**NEW! Planet-friendly
Cooking: Autumn
Locavore Brunch**

**(In partnership with Sustainable Cottenham)
10am – 2pm Fee: £35 includes ingredients.**

Tap into an abundance of cookery expertise with local chefs Rosie Sykes and Bea Brown in a fun and friendly cook-in. You'll prepare a simple but delicious, two course brunch, using local, seasonal produce. We will round off the session by eating together (or take the food to eat at home!). You'll pick up lots of tips and ideas to help you save time and money in the kitchen and be kinder to the planet too!

**Spectacular Stained Glass (Lisa Fretwell)
10am - 4pm: £45 plus materials**

During this workshop you will create a unique and beautiful Copperfoil Stained Glass panel based upon a nature theme. Experiment with cutting glass, shaping it using a grinding machine, copper foiling it, and finally attaching the fragments together with a soldering iron. A choice of designs will be available for you to use unless you would like to bring your own. Please bring a printed picture with you and then I will translate it into a design for glass. Materials extra.

**Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) 10am – 4pm -
3 Saturdays (24 Sept, 15 Oct, 19 Nov)
Fee: £135 plus materials**

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! Woodland Wall Art (Melanie Missin-Keating)
10am - 4pm Fee: £45 plus materials**

Come and join in this Autumn creating a wonderful piece of woodland art. In this workshop, you'll be using a variety of techniques, including transfer paints, print blocks, free motion embroidery and gilding flakes, to make your own wall hanging based on trees.

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**NEW! Art of Listening (Ruth Barnett)
10am – 4pm Fee: £25**

In our world of communicating through technology, we may have temporarily mislaid our ability to receive information from others and respond in a useful, meaningful way. In this one-day workshop we will go back to basics to equip you to have positive interactions in settings which may otherwise have been difficult to handle. We will practice different techniques to enable you to feel more confident in day-to-day exchanges. Listening is a serious business but learning about it will be fun. Should you feel inspired to continue building on these practical skills, this workshop may stand as a precursor to a foundation course in counselling skills.

T'ai Chi: Qigong in Autumn (Alison Warlow)
10am – 1pm Fee: £23

In this workshop we will practise qigong (chi kung) exercises to help us tune into the qualities of the season - releasing what is no longer useful and crystallising what is valuable. In the Chinese five element tradition Autumn is the season of Metal, so we will also be focussing on its associated organ, the lungs.

Basic Life Support First Aid for Adult and Paediatrics (Colin Fordham) 10am – 1pm Fee: £35

This short course covers the key lifesaving aspects for adult and paediatric first aid. You will be taken through

the lifesaving aspects of CPR, recovery position and managing a choking casualty. A certificate of attendance will be given on successful completion of the course.

An Introduction to Exercise: Pilates, Yoga and Exercise to Music (Sarah Ferries) 10am – 2pm Fee: £30

This half day session gives a good introduction to three popular forms of exercise and is aimed at those people who are new to exercise or have fallen out of the habit. All the sessions are low impact and can even be done in a chair if necessary.

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER



NEW! Christmas Candle Making (Delivered by local company, Miller and Ward) 10am – 2pm Fee: £60

Join us for a festive themed candle making workshop where you will make

a variety of products to scent your home with this Christmas! The course is designed for total beginners and focuses on the use of natural waxes. We will guide you through wax selection, wick sizing, fragrance choices, safety and regulatory requirements, giving you enough knowledge to create your own candles and melts at home. All tools and materials will be provided.

Hosting an Indian Dinner (Mina Joshi) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45 (plus ingredients)

Come and join us to learn how to cook delicious Indian food. On the menu will be garlic and coriander paratha, cardamom rice, mixed vegetable curry and cucumber raita.

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 and 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.

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.

NEW! Calligraphy for Christmas (Liz Barrow) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45 plus materials

This workshop is suitable for beginners and more experienced calligraphers alike. You'll start by learning or revising a traditional script, and then you'll put your lettering skills to use in a choice of festive projects. You'll go home with lots of ideas for making hand-lettered and decorative items to appeal to all the family and enhance your Christmas table or tree.

DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES

MONDAY

Watercolour Painting for Improvers (David Hyde) – 10 weeks 9.45am – 11.45am Fee: £130 starts 19th September

This course is for people with some experience of Watercolour. It is the most popular medium, and for very good reason. There is little to compare with the beauty of transparent colour washes; 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.

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) – 10 weeks 12.30-2.30pm Fee: £130 starts 19th September

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.

Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £155 includes clay & firing starts 19th September

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.

NEW! Spanish for Beginners (Lili Caceda) – 10 weeks 7-8.30pm Fee: £100 starts 19th September

A dynamic course with activities designed for you learn the basic language skills to communicate simply in everyday situations in Spanish, such as how to greet, introduce oneself and basic conversations. No experience required.

NEW! Drawing Techniques for Beginners (Lisa Fretwell) – 6 weeks (alternate Mondays) 7-9pm Fee: £78 plus materials starts 19th September

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!

Drawing Techniques for Beginners (Lisa Fretwell) – 6 weeks (alternate Tuesdays) 9.30 – 11.30am

Fee: £78 plus materials starts 20th September

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.

Contemporary Textiles: Waste Not, Want Not (Ricki Outis) – 6 weeks (alternate Tuesdays) 10am – 3.30pm plus materials

Fee: £215 starts 27th September

This term our theme will be sustainability. We'll start with some worn pairs of denim jeans, chop them up, reassemble, embellish with dyes, apply stitch (darning and decorative), and metal waste to make a unique piece of textile art. Then we'll explore other recycled materials and make our own handmade papers. The emphasis will be on the experimental. Join us to reinforce, reuse and up-cycle!

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

PLOUGHMAN HALL, WILLINGHAM starts 20th September

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

This course will be running every other Monday evening so that students have time to complete their work in their own time in-between classes.

NEW! Pilates for Absolute Beginners (Sarah Ferries) – 6 weeks 6.15 – 7.15pm Fee: £40 starts 26th September

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.

NEW! Pilates for Improvers (Sarah Ferries) – 6 weeks 7.30 – 8.30pm Fee: £40 starts 26th September

For those who have already learnt some Pilates and want to progress and improve on their strength, mobility, and flexibility in a safe yet challenging way.

TUESDAY

Guitar Roots & Branches (Brooks Williams) – 7 weeks 6.45-8.45pm Fee: £90 starts 11th October Classes taking place on 11th, 18th October; 1st, 22nd, 29th November; 6th, 13th December

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.

Introduction to Woodwork & Carpentry (Chris Dommett) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £130 starts 20th September

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 Improvers (Alison Warlow) – 10 weeks 7-8pm Fee: £65 starts 20th September

For those with at least one year's experience.

T'ai Chi for Beginners (Alison Warlow) – 10 weeks 8-9pm Fee: £65 starts 20th September

For beginners.

WEDNESDAY

Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) – 10 weeks
7-9pm Fee: £155 includes clay & firing
starts 21st September

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 21st September

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!

Silver Jewellery Making (Tina Yates) – 5 weeks,
7-9pm Fee: £100 starts 2nd November

For those who want to get started in creating their own silver jewellery designs, and for those who may have done some previous silver work and want to build on those silversmithing skills. You will learn the principles of shaping and soldering silver to create jewellery and the practical side of designing your own pieces. And for those who have some experience, you will have help in learning further techniques to create your designs.

NEW! Calligraphy (Liz Barrow) - 5 weeks,
9.30am – 1pm Fee: £110 starts 21st September

This practical, hands-on course is suitable for complete beginners to calligraphy, but will also be of interest to those who have done some calligraphy before (perhaps at Summer School or a one-day workshop.) Looking at some amazing manuscripts which were scribed hundreds of years ago, we will write a modern version of a historical script. We will add various decorative touches, ranging from knotwork to the use of colour and gold to embellish the calligraphy. Everyone will have the chance to create at least one finished piece of work as a showcase for your new skills.

NEW! A Little Book of Stitches (Melanie Missin-Keating) – 10 weeks, 7-9pm Fee: £130
starts 21st September

There is nothing quite like hand embroidery. Some people use it to 'paint' their canvas or fabric to create the most amazing pictures, whether they are beautiful landscapes, still life or abstract, these will always be pieces of textile art. Embroidery stitches and techniques are as old as time itself and I am happy to share some of them with you. I hope you can share this ancient craft to keep this artform alive and kicking! You will be making a little book, using different embroidery stitches and some of their variants. You will stitch sample stitch pages and some pictorial pages using the sample stitches learnt. The book will then be put together using ribbon and beads.

THURSDAY

French Conversation (Jean-Louis Barges) –
10 weeks 10am-12 noon Fee: £130
starts 22nd September

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

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) – 10 weeks
10am-3.30pm Fee: £325 starts 22nd September

Learn the techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediate level learners can continue to upholster an existing project or to start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery learning new and more advanced techniques (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra).

NEW! Art History - Rococo to Impressionism
(Lisa Fretwell) – 10 weeks 12.30 – 2.30pm
Fee: £130 starts 22nd September

This course is aimed at anyone who would like to know more about European painting between 1715–1886. Introducing the main art movements during this period including the Romantics, the Pre-Raphaelites and Impressionism. Selected artists including – Monet, Millet, Turner and Fredrick will be studied each week so that students can gain an insight into how the periods linked together, and why these artists and their works were so important during this era.

FRIDAY

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) – 10 weeks
10am-3.30pm Fee: £325 starts 23rd September

Learn the techniques and skills to upholster a small chair or stool in traditional or modern upholstery. Intermediate level learners can continue to upholster an

existing project or to start a larger project in either modern or traditional upholstery learning new and more advanced techniques (Students bring their own piece of furniture – materials extra).

NEW ADULT LEARNING COURSE IDEAS:

We're always keen to know about new course ideas – contact the Adult Learning team 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.

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

SATURDAY FAMILY WORKSHOPS - Returning this Autumn

Saturday 15th October

All about Birds!

10 - 11.30 am (Suitable for children aged 4-10)

During this workshop you will be given an interactive experience, including looking at birds and learning how to identify them, listening to their songs and learning how to recognise them in your garden. Secondly, you will be shown how to make recyclable fat balls for your garden to take home with you, and finally, you will be shown step by step how to draw a bird and use colours to create realistic looking feathers.

Saturday 19th November

Make a Christmas Bag!

10 - 11.30 am (Suitable for children aged 5-10)

Draw your own celebratory motif, cut it out and screen print it onto a cloth bag. This makes a unique gift bag which can be passed on year after year. You can slip a gift in it for your grandparents or just keep it yourself, to safely store your special holiday treasures!

All children must be joined by their adult or carer. Each child place: £10.

Accompanying adult can attend for free!

Email the Adult Learning team to find out more: community@astrecottonham.org

ENROLLING IN CLASSES – Adult Learning Terms & Conditions

Office hours – during term time only: Monday–Thursday 9am–2pm and Monday–Wednesday evenings 6.30–8pm.

Enrolling by phone: call us on 01954 288751

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

Payment: by cash, cheques made payable to ASTREA ACADEMY TRUST, or by debit/credit card.

Enrolment and Fee Policy

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

DATA PROTECTION: OPT-IN to receive information about courses – if you wish to receive information about Adult Learning courses please email your details to community@astrecottonham.org, and you will be added to the mailing list.

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:

<https://www.astrecottonham.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Astrea-Data-Protection-Policy-2019-21.pdf>

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
- Please note that we attempt to run classes on consecutive weeks, however if this isn't the case we will let you know the dates in advance as far as possible

- In the event of Tutor illness or school closure due to severe weather conditions resulting in a cancelled class, an additional class may be offered at the end of the course

- Free parking is available (at own risk)

- **PAT Testing** – any personal electrical items used on school premises must hold a current PAT certificate unless under 1 year old, eg: Sewing Machine, Overlocker, glue guns, soldering irons etc.

Equality & Diversity

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

Additional Learning Support

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

Safeguarding

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

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

Transport Difficulties

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

Learning Partners

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

INSURANCE AND LOSSES

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

VENUE HIRE at COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

Excellent facilities available for hire evenings and some weekends for meetings, conferences or clubs. This can be on a block booking or casual basis. Contact the College for further information on 01954 288751 Or Email community@astreacottenham.org



Cottenham Sports Centre boasts an array of quality sports facilities; open to the public:
Monday – Friday 4pm-10pm, Saturday 8am-5pm & Sunday 8am-12pm
Tel: 01954 288760 or visit: cottenhamsportscentre.co.uk

- Fitness suite (Cardio and weight resistance machines)
- A dance / aerobics studio, with wood sprung floor with Air Conditioning & Heating
- A floodlit artificial turf pitch

- Multi use sports hall (3 badminton courts)
- Gymnasium (smaller hall suitable for martial arts, etc.)
- Four floodlit tennis / netball courts
- Modern changing rooms, with showers and lockers

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

SPORTS CENTRE MEMBERSHIPS & COURSES

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

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE THE START OF THE MEMBERSHIP OR COURSE IF APPLICABLE
To book a Sports Centre membership/course, please visit our website or contact 01954 288760 from 4pm

FITNESS CLASSES 2022

Monday:	Circuits	7-8 pm	Gymnasium
Tuesday:	BOXFIT (coming soon)	7-8pm	Gymnasium
Saturday:	Circuits (coming soon)	8-9am	Outside/Main Sports Hall
Per Class:	£5/6		

(More classes starting later in the year / visit our website for more information)

Fitness Suite Memberships

Silver Membership Student (Gym Only)	£15.00	per month
Silver Membership Adult Standard (Gym Only)	£17.00	per month
Silver Membership Over 60's (Gym Only)	£13.00	per month
Gold 3 Month Membership Student (Gym Only)	£36.00	per month
Gold 3 Month Membership Adult Standard (Gym Only)	£41.00	per month
Gold 3 Month Membership Over 60's (Gym Only)	£30.00	per month
NHS Monthly Membership	£13.00	per month
Single Session:	£6.00 (Weekends – £3)	

Badminton Classes

For Dates visit – Badminton & Social Classes (cottenhamsportscentre.co.uk)

Kids Club	5.30 – 6.30pm	
Beginners	6.00 – 7.00pm	£5 per session Pay as You Go
Intermediates	7.00 – 8.00pm	£5 per session Pay as You Go
Advanced	8.00 – 10.00pm	£5 per session Pay as You Go

DISCOUNTED TERM PRICES AVAILABLE

Prices per Hour

Badminton	£9.00 per court	9-A-Side Outdoor 3G Pitch	£64.00
Basketball	£8.00 per mini court	Sports Hall Room Hire	£35.00
Tennis Court	£6.50 per court	Dance Studio Room Hire	£18.00
Netball Court	£18.00 per court	Gymnasium Hall Room Hire	£22.00
5-A-Side Indoor Football	£35.00	Children's Parties	Prices vary on activity
5-A-Side Outdoor 3G Pitch	£32.00		

Get in touch to find out what else we have to offer.
We also have discounted club rates available.

Online Booking System

It has never been easier now to book an activity, pay for a Gym Membership or to grab any offers available.

Our system operates 24/7 and can be used on your home computer, phone, or tablet.

New customers to our online booking system will need to create an account.

You will be asked for your name, address, contact details and emergency contact details.

Once created, you can log in whenever and wherever you are.

All transactions are secure through 'Opayo'.

Use the address below to access the site
cottenhamsportscentre.co.uk/online-booking

Cottenham Sports Centre Membership – Year Pass

One off fee of **£50** to gain access to everything we have to offer!

What's included:

- Every Sporting Activity Discounted
 - Every Sporting Course Discounted (Term & PAYG)
 - Gym Membership Discounted (Silver Monthly Memberships Only)
 - Every Fitness Class Discounted (In partnership with the Sports Centre)
 - Offers Available Only to Members
- Online and Reception Purchases – Visit our website for more details

Supporting Locally

At Cottenham Sports Centre, we are determined to provide excellent and affordable sport and fitness activities to the local communities and further afield.

We also want to help community groups and organisations find a home for their events and activities.

We are proud to provide a home to so many sport and fitness clubs/organisations.

These groups include Cottenham Colts Football, Cottenham Tennis Club, Cottenham Gymnastics, ABM School of Ballet, Rink Hockey, Cottenham Netball Club, Slimming World and more!

We look forward to welcoming you at Cottenham Sports Centre.

Your local community sports & fitness centre

Adam Newland – Sports Centre Manager

FECA IN LANDBEACH

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, LANDBEACH

Opening up our Parish Church building to community projects

Events Look-ahead – There has been a splendid series of events in the village over the spring and the Jubilee celebrations; it is all happening at Landbeach! Do join us at these events – 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Friday 30 September – An evening concert by the Corpus Christi Chapel Choir in All Saints'

Thursday 27 October – *Old Landbeach Re-visited:* Cheese & Wine with Poetry, Prose, & Pictures; all validated by a reunion of former members of the Landbeach Village School. Led by early resident Steve Parnwell, and Susan Edwards.

Saturday 19 November – Pudding Evening, that perennial favourite as the nights draw in, with quizzes as always – and no cheating!

Saturday 3 December – An evening choral concert by the St Augustine's Choir; with numbers to open the Christmas season.

Contact: foals.info@gmail.com or
john.buckley@sustenergy.co.uk 01223 861836

Bell ringing – Funds raised by FOALS are being donated to the bell augmentation fund; adding two lighter bells to increase the number of bells in our tower from four to six; plus a training bell. This project will make the bell tower very attractive to ringers new and old. The bell ringers are always keen to welcome new ringers; with an introduction and trial, and expert tuition, for this reviving ancient and traditional skill.

Do make contact if you might be interested: Barbara LeGallez blegallez@yahoo.co.uk or 01223 860283

LANDBEACH TITHE BARN TRUST

Celebrating the opening of eco-toilets – perhaps an unusual thing to celebrate but these newly installed eco-toilets will be a game changer for the charity, enabling more people to enjoy the Tithe Barn in Landbeach and its varied events offered throughout the year.

Following intense discussion and research, successful fundraising has made this project possible thanks to

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fantastic local support from the many individual donors to our Spend a Penny campaign, our volunteers and members of the Tithe Barn Trust.

In addition, this work has been made possible by a substantial award from the Postcode Community Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of the People's Postcode Lottery. The Tithe Barn Trust values all the contributions made towards achieving this significant goal. These fully accessible eco-toilets are now installed and will be available from June whenever the Barn is open.

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The logo for the Tithe Barn Trust, featuring the words "Tithe Barn Trust" in a stylized, blocky font. The word "Tithe" is on the top line, "Barn" is in the middle, and "Trust" is on the bottom line. The text is white and set against a dark, rectangular background.

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The Tithe Barn Trust is grateful for support given over the recent many years by our amazing public and anonymous donors, members and grant providers.

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COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB

The club has made a pretty good start to the season – the 1st team sitting top of their League and the 2nd XI in second place in theirs. It will certainly not be easy to maintain those positions, but the most important thing for us is that our players get maximum pleasure from their cricket and real enjoyment from playing together.

Our junior programmes are well under way with ECB All Stars and Dynamos. These are really fun activities for boys and girls ages 5–8 and 8–11 respectively. They're proving a great success. Our under-11 squad, which is largely under-10s really, is halfway through its summer term season. Given that they had played no competitive cricket at all beforehand, they are performing well and getting better all the time. Despite often playing against more experienced teams, they are holding their own. We've already notched up one notable win against Histon and are hopeful of more success in the weeks to come.

We have net practice on Wednesdays, 6–8pm at the nets behind the Village College and there will still be a



Change-over time for under-11 batting pairs at the recreation ground

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SUSTAINABLE COTTENHAM

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reusable cups at the Fen Edge Festival (FEF): the expanded reusable plastic cups scheme, managed by Sustainable Cottenham, saved over 2,500 single use plastic glasses from landfill at the 2022 Fen Edge Festival. It made a significant difference to the event's carbon footprint as well as reducing the waste generated. However, there are still further improvements to be made and we will be looking at this for future festivals.

What we eat can help save the planet! Sustainable Cottenham has produced a recipe book as part of its Eco Eats project. The recipes are vegetarian or vegan and have been recommended by Cottenham residents as suitable for busy families. They use seasonal and locally sourced ingredients. We hope they will inspire and encourage you to try some new ideas for inexpensive planet-friendly meals.

The book costs £2.50 and if you would like to pay for a copy of our recipe book by bank payment, we are able to take payment online and then deliver locally (Cottenham, Rampton, Willingham, Landbeach and Waterbeach). To order a book please email chris@sustainablecottenham.org.uk



Cottenham Repair Café at FEF – the Repair Café at FEF was a hive of activity with people bringing along bikes, clothing, electricals and even a tent to be fixed – just in time for summer holidays. Our dedicated team of volunteer repairers carefully dismantled, stitched, tinkered, tested and problem-solved, mending 30 items on the day.

But the Repair Café is about much more than getting your item fixed. You get to learn how your possessions work and how to maintain them so they don't stop working again. You also come away with an enthusiasm for repair and hopefully feeling empowered to have a go at some yourself. One visitor who said they would now feel much more confident to try a repair themselves said the event was "Amazing. Well impressed with the repairer's knowledge and helpfulness. Highly recommend."

To hear about future Repair Cafés in Cottenham follow us on Facebook @RepairCafeCham. Event listings for all local Repair Cafés can be found at www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafe
Sustainable Cottenham at FEF – Our stall in FEF's new Ecozone featured our current themes – Eco Eats, Plastic Free Cottenham and Nature Recovery. Here are some moments from a busy weekend:

Cookery demo by Steve the Foraging Chef – a masterclass in exploring the bold flavours of plants we've forgotten to eat – packed with

surprises, such as a ground elder pesto and a soup with pickled allium seeds.

Cookery demo by Chef Anthony Pitcher of 'Pop?' – using vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit fresh from the allotment to bring out pure flavours and character. Both of our two chefs were emphatic about essentially zero food waste, with practical tips on how to preserve and use all the offcuts and trimmings. Thanks to Cambridge Sustainable Food for bringing the demos to FEF as part of *Eco Eats*.



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The **Coffee Shop** is now open 10am–2pm, five days a week and 10am–4.30pm on Mondays. Just come along, or to reserve a table or to place a takeaway order you can call us on 01954 202109 during opening hours. There is some outside seating available as well. Jane, Tricia, and the team look forward to welcoming you.

Come and enjoy a great coffee or tea or hot chocolate, delicious scones and cake or great light lunch from our menu. Bring your friends and family. Please note the coffee shop (only) will be closed Saturday 20 to Tuesday 30 August inclusive for a summer break for our wonderful volunteers and staff.

Events – The music quiz at the Queen's Jubilee was a sell-out success and we had a super weekend for Fen Edge Festival with a Disney film, *Encanto*, which was enjoyed by lots of youngsters, and on Saturday and Sunday computer gaming (many thanks to Andrew Fell) and music from a number of artists with special thanks to Dave Bradley. We hope that you were able to pop in to experience the great atmosphere and view the exciting and special postcard entries in our competition. Our special thanks to Annabelle Campbell for arranging this competition.

Community Cinema on the first Sunday of the month starting Sunday September 4. Please watch for our adverts. Films start at 7.30pm each time. See top class films at a fraction of the cost and without having to travel. Full details at www.facebook.com/CottenhamCommunityCinema Also do check www.facebook.com/CottCommCentre for other information

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We have been moving to saving energy and towards becoming greener, with Infra-red heaters, LED lighting with movement detectors as well as insulation. We have now applied for grants to install Solar panels and have begun a fundraising appeal. Please do consider donating in the collection boxes, or by card at the coffee shop (our Bank details are also on the collection box) when you are visiting the Community Centre.

If you can help with fundraising in any way for this exciting project, please do get in touch – ideas welcome.

Classes – Our classes include Pilates, Yoga, Adults' Dance, Children's Dance and Mucky Pups and are running well. Do check with the class leader or the community centre. We hope to have more classes soon.

There is a craft group (**Tuesdays at 10am**) and a knitting group (**Wednesdays at 10am**) for adults in the coffee shop. Also do come to DXD play (formerly Dads Play) monthly, on **Saturday mornings**

If you would like to run a class (e.g., for pre-schoolers) on behalf of the Centre, please contact bookings@cottenhamcc.org

Room Hire – 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. Children's parties and even a cinema party (we have all the equipment). Our new stainless steel kitchen facilities off the hall are great including for a pop-up café so if you are a chef do consider this possibility.

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10.30am–12pm every second Thursday of the month.

Dates for this term:

Thursday 8 September,

Thursday 13 October,

Thursday 10 November.

Sunday Brunch Service – On the months with a fifth Sunday we hold a special Sunday Brunch Service which begins with bacon and egg rolls, croissants, fruit, yogurts, coffee and tea. You can join us for free to enjoy this along with our morning quiz, and short service. We begin at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. Our next Sunday Brunch Service is on **Sunday 30 October**.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH COTTENHAM WITH RAMPTON

Events

Saturday 24 September – Coffee Morning for Macmillan from 10am in the Church Hall

Saturday 8 October – Messy Church Harvest from 3.30pm in Church. Crafts, story, food and fun!

Sunday 9 October – Harvest Festival at 10.30am

Saturday 5 November – Time to Remember service at 3pm in the Church. Remembering those loved and lost.

Sunday 6 November – Back to Church Sunday.

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Events

A chamber concert by members of the Medlock Ensemble at 3.30pm on **Sunday 11 September**

The full Medlock ensemble will perform at 4 pm on **Sunday 4 December**.

Other events in the pipeline but without a settled date at the time of writing are:

A Family Quiz Night at All Saints Hall. A quiz to test your general knowledge, popular and academic, which everyone can participate in while enjoying some general conviviality.

A Winter 2022–3 Astronomy Evening back by popular demand. A chance to see the heavens through a telescope under expert supervision from local expert astronomers with talks and burgers.

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COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB

After having little or no bowls in 2020/21, 2022 has seen plenty of activity at the bowls club. We have 6 league teams and, to date, this year has seen many of the teams winning more than they are losing. There are outdoor bowls matches until the end of August, with matches being played at the Recreation Ground most Monday and Friday afternoons with league matches in the evening on two or three evenings each week. For those who do not know, the bowls green is situated on the Recreation Ground; after coming down the driveway turn left and the bowls club is right at the end. Please do consider just taking a walk or ride up to the bowls club and see all of the action taking place – you may even get a cup of tea.

In the winter months there is short mat bowls in the club house. This a good place to meet, put the world to rights and have a friendly game of short mat bowls.


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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. 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 targeted in the plan period.

If successful we will aim, with our project partners, to raise funds from various community-led housing funds

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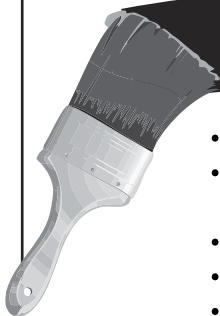
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COTTENHAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Currently the Club has one team playing in the Cambridgeshire *Kershaw League* Division 1A. We finished the 2021/22 season very strongly indeed after playing our final two games away against the top two sides, Debden and Melbourn. We drew at Debden, which put them at the top of the table, but Melbourn could overhaul them by beating us a week later. We put in one of our best performances winning 2-1 and ending Melbourn's Championship hopes. We were cheered on by a large group of supporters, including, unsurprisingly, several of the Debden squad. It was a really great effort from the team which gave us a 4th place finish and an outside chance of promotion, which has still yet to be decided by the League.

Huge congratulations are due to all the team, which has got stronger and more confident throughout the season, and to Harry West (Manager) and Toby Burkett (Assistant Manager)

who have done a magnificent job in their first season at the helm. This was essentially a new team starting out in a new League and we couldn't have asked for any more from them. Really well done!

By the time you're reading this, pre-season training will have just got under way so it's an ideal time to come along. We will be training twice a week on the field at the back of Cottenham Village College from the week beginning Monday 4 July. Anyone interested in joining us to keep the Red and Blacks moving forward will be very welcome indeed. Please just contact us at cottenhamunitedfc@hotmail.com to check the days and times in case anything has changed between now and then!

And please check out our website, www.cottenhamunitedfc.co.uk for our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook links. We are all very excited about the 2022/23 season and the prospects of the team's progress and development. It's definitely a good time to join us.

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 27-40.

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 saw Renegades pitched against Wymondham 2, North Walsham 2, Ipswich 2 and Sudbury 2.

The second half of the league is necessarily a higher standard as it features the top two teams from the three East of England leagues. A good win over Wymondham (12-24), was followed by a complete annihilation at Sudbury (83-7), where

their second team was greatly enhanced with first team players whose game that day was cancelled. This was followed by another brutal defeat from North Walsham when they came to Cottenham (12-85). The following week Renegades travelled to North Walsham and although the home side won in the end (54-45), the losing dressing room was in high spirits after that game. Sudbury came to Cottenham and without their first team enhancements were beaten 29-25 in a riveting game. This was followed by a closely fought battle with Ipswich which they won 18-24 (having pulled out of the first game against Renegades). The last game of the season saw Wymondham come to Cottenham and a good win for Renegades who beat them 38-14 in a dazzling display of flowing rugby from both sides.

So, Cottenham Renegades came second in the Eastern Counties West Division 1 West League and third in the following shield competition. As a result of this excellent performance, Renegades have been promoted to Counties 2 Eastern Counties league; so new challenges for next season as Renegades will face some new opponents such as Woodbridge, Wisbech and Fakenham.

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As we are moving on through the Summer, we are now looking at our late Summer/Autumn programme. Our recent meetings have encouraged new members who

are enjoying our events and we look forward to hopefully finding more people will come along and join us.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Cottenham Village Hall from 7.30–9.30pm. The following meetings are arranged for the next 3 months:

Wednesday 14 September – Flower Arranging with Wayne Bailey Flowers

Wednesday 12 October – The Band of Ukes, an evening of Musical fun

Wednesday 9 November – Talk by Brian Eversham, CEO of the



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To cover our August meeting, we will be holding a Coffee Morning/Open House at Cottenham Community Centre (as the Coffee Shop will be on their well-deserved summer break). All are welcome to join in this event where you will be able to buy tea/coffee along with cakes to enjoy. A raffle will also be there to tempt you!

An extra Event: **Thursday 1 September** – Visit to Sandringham House. We have a few seats remaining on our coach trip for this visit to the Royal Residence in Norfolk. The house is only open at certain times of the year and with this Jubilee year it will be a chance to see extra exhibits on display. The cost of entry to the House and coach fare is £40. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Squires on 01954 488427.

We look forward to the coming meetings and hope you are able to enjoy them with us.

Contact: CottenhamWI@outlook.com and also Facebook at Cottenham WI

COTTENHAM UNITED COLTS FC

As the football season is coming to a close, we are able to celebrate a really successful year for Cottenham Colts. We managed to provide football to our community with 15 boys teams from U6s right through to U18s, 7 girls teams, a flourishing Monday night soccer school and a well-established Wildcats centre.

This year our U18 girls made it to a cup final, which wasn't to be – but they gave it their all and as always did our club proud.

Our U14 girls, formed 3 years ago, are home grown from our Cottenham Wildcats Centre. The first season was tough for the girls losing all games heavily. This season they played with all the usual enthusiasm and fun.

As the season progressed, they started to believe their dream might just become a reality. Their work rate and never-say-die attitude meant they went through the league season unbeaten. They truly deserve to be called champions. Well done ladies, you are amazing.



Special thanks go to the Parish Council for allowing us to use the new village hall and recreation ground and to celebrate in the new Lounge bar. Thank you to Jo and Jez Brook for all their support on the day and helping it flow so well.

We also say farewell to our U18 boys, who have finished their season playing Colts football and a huge thank you to their manager Benoit Macon who has been with them their entire Colts journey.

First ever League title for a Cottenham ladies side

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FEN EDGE GROUPS

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On **Sunday 29 May** we held our Cottenham Colts tournament which was attended by over 800 children! It was such a great day and was really lovely to watch the children from U6s to U14s from all over the county with their friends, playing the game with the right attitude. We also hosted a taster

session for the U5s, which was really well attended, and we hope to see more of them next season.

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, coaches, referees, children and their families for supporting us. We had fantastic feedback from the day, and we are already planning and looking forward to next year.

COTTENHAM CARE CAR

We need your help

Happily, we are, at last, getting the best of Covid-19 and our clients are slowly coming back. We are here ready and waiting but we have lost a number of drivers, so are asking for more volunteers. During Covid-19, a great many people willingly volunteered to help in countless ways, which included volunteer driving. I hope that some of the latter found they liked what they were doing and, even though they have returned to their work, would still be able to offer their services at times. Importantly, there is no fixed commitment, you can pick and choose what you do. All expenses are covered. Please feel free to talk to us.

Also, as our present Coordinator is getting older, we would like to recruit volunteer Deputy Coordinators who can take the phone for a day. This would suit someone who does not want to drive but who can't get out much and would like something meaningful to do.

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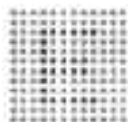
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COTTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTCA

Many thanks for supporting our events over the last few months, especially our Jubilee weekend and the Fen Edge Festival summer dance. Our Annual Quiz and AGM will be held on **Friday 14 October at 7pm** at Cottenham Primary School Hall, the first time in two years, so look out for details.

Here are some ways to help support our school:

Easyfundraising – (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you can shop with over 2,000 retailers like Amazon, Tesco, Argos, M&S and eBay. We'll receive a donation with every qualifying purchase you make. It won't cost you anything, and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes.

Unwanted currency – If you have any foreign coins, or British coins that are no longer legal tender, then pop them in an envelope marked "PTCA" and hand them in to the school. As a charity we are able to exchange them for cash!

Amazon smile – visit smile.amazon.co.uk and select Cottenham Primary School PTA as your chosen charity. Continue shopping via www.smile.amazon.co.uk (or enable Smile in your Amazon app) and we'll benefit every time you shop.

My School Fund – (www.myschoolfund.org) this website lets you link your debit/credit card to your school, so that when you spend with participating retailers, both you and CPS PTCA will receive e-gift cards based on a percentage of your overall spend.

DonateMySchool – We have a crowdfunding appeal to help raise funds. If you can make a one-off donation or would like to set up a regular payment, however small, then you can do so easily at www.donatemyschool.com/cps-ptca.

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Other initiatives – keep an eye on CPS PTCA's Facebook page for more quick and easy ways to help. If you know of another scheme that we should be taking part in, then please let us know!

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FECA IN COTTENHAM

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE COTTENHAM

The Cycling without Age Cottenham project will not be able to continue. This difficult decision has been reached after two years of careful work by a small organising group. Our foundation corresponded with the emergence of Covid, and the pandemic put our plans onto a longer timeframe from a very early stage.

Unfortunately, during that time period, although we have gained fundraising support from Co-op customers and a valuable link with the Community Trishaw operated by Histon and Impington (HI) Friends, the personal circumstances of our organisers have changed significantly, making it much harder to manage a community project based in Cottenham.

We are grateful to those who encouraged us and responded positively to our community survey last

Spring/ Summer. We had offers of passengers to ride the trishaw, and a number of potential pilots. We did not have anyone who felt able to give their time and energy to developing the group and managing the activities that need to happen behind the scenes, which is what we need lots of at this point.

It is with great regret that we have therefore decided to end the project. Arrangements are in place to return the Co-op Community funds to them – we believe these will be distributed to the other “Cottenham good causes for 2021–22”. We are hugely appreciative of the support of the Fen Edge Community Association, who have backed us and been our bankers throughout. The offer to work in partnership with HI Friends to make use of the trishaw remains, and the Facebook page will remain open in the short term to advise people of the status of the project.

COTTENHAM AND RAMPTON LUNCH AND SOCIAL CLUB

(Formerly Cottenham Day Centre)

We continue to grow both in membership and volunteers since changing our name. Our members socialise and have a freshly cooked 2-course meal on Tuesdays.

We have had a very busy June. We joined in the Jubilee lunch at Cottenham Village Hall on a very wet day. Our stall ran *Name the Bear* and *How Many Sweets in the Jar* activities. Several of our members came and helped and enjoyed the day.

On 23 June we put on an event at the Fen Edge Festival providing free tea in the marquee for 120 Fen Edge pensioners. It was a lot of hard work and organisation, but it was enjoyed by all. We were very lucky having help from a lot of people and organisations. AVEVA provided sponsorship and a member of staff to help on the day. Emmaus loaned us china, Les Ward donated the flowers, Ralph Carpenter and Cottenham Village Society set up a very interesting display, Maire Collins organised the quiz for us, Peggy Heap did the flowers on the tables and the Gough family allowed us to use their kitchen to prepare the food and provided manpower when needed. Our fantastic team of Lunch club volunteers made cakes and sandwiches and had much fun and laughter!!

If you would like to join our volunteers or become a member contact Pauline Brown on 07708 425720 or chair@cottenhamdaycentre.co.uk

COTTENHAM THEATRE WORKSHOP

Tickets for *The Nutcracker*, our 2022 Christmas Spectacular, will soon be on sale!

‘Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a... Mouse King!!

Cottenham Theatre Workshop’s latest Christmas Spectacular will be an adaptation of *The Nutcracker*. Based on the German novel, *The Nutcracker* and the *Mouse King* by E.T.A. Hoffman and drawing elements from the film *The Nutcracker* and the *Four Realms*, our latest Christmas show promises to serve lots of festive magic for the whole family to enjoy and will be directed by long-standing Cottenham Theatre Workshop member Gary Unwin-Riches.

The show will run from **Wednesday 30 November – Saturday December 3**, at Cottenham Village College. Weekday performances begin at 7.30pm and there are two performances on Saturday 3 December, a matinee showing at 1.00pm and an evening showing at 5.30pm.

Tickets will be available from mid-October via our website, www.cottenhamtheatre.com or through our third-party provider Ticketsource by calling 0333 666 4466 (additional booking fee applies).

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COTTENHAM TENNIS CLUB

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Toby continues his influential ways at the summer camp from **Monday 8 to Friday 19 August** designed for different age groups: 3-6, 7-11 and 12-16. Bookings via www.gamesettennis.co.uk

Family tournament in October, date to be confirmed, at CVC. Book via Toby at www.gamesettennis.co.uk

On the horizon: weekly coaching and, hopefully, cardio tennis will start again in September. Check www.cottenhamtennis.co.uk for dates.



Coach Toby with the tiny tots at play

Remember the half-price youth membership offer to students aged 11 to 21 – £10 for the rest of this year (until 31 March 2023) and no court fees to pay in club hours. Email info@cottenhamtennis.co.uk to take up the offer. Don't forget the grass courts at the Recreation Ground. They are available to all for tennis play – book via www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CottenhamTennisClub/Booking

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