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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Dear FEN readers, What a summer it has been, with a return to near normal life. I am sure it has allowed our member groups to think about plans for autumn and winter. FECA has been busy working together to bring some new fund-raising ideas and

some old favourites such as the Fun Run – maybe with a change of starting point!

FECA has also been approached by the Yesteryear Road Run committee to see if we would be able to take over the helm in running the event. Not only does this event showcase some amazing vehicles, but it is also a great fund raiser, which in

the current times, is vitally important for all groups and charities. There have been some health and safety changes in how the event would need to be run, but we will try and get this off the ground if possible.

As always, we cannot run these events without kind volunteers, so if you are interested however big or small, please contact me at chair@fenedge.co.uk.

Grant update – we have given some great grants out to our member groups: Cottenham Community Centre have received a grant to help towards their solar panels, goals for Cottenham Colts FC, wool for the wool group at CCC, sponsorship towards Willingham Social Club beer festival and a grant to help support an anti-bullying roadshow at Cottenham Primary School, to name a few. See how varied the grants can be. FECA fund raising and grants allows these groups and communities to benefit!

Stay warm and safe,

Lucy Dumbrell

FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to Wendy Dear for proof-reading this edition of Fen Edge News. There is room for more to join the editorial team. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact editor@fenedge.co.uk.

THE FARMLAND MUSEUM AND DENNY ABBEY

We hope you were able to visit us at the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey during 2022, to learn about Fenland history, have fun at our events or simply to enjoy a homemade piece of cake!

At the end of October each year, we close for the winter; but that doesn't mean we aren't busy behind the scenes. During the winter, our volunteers are busy with repairs and maintenance, refreshing our displays and getting ready to welcome you back in the spring.

Many of our volunteers are seen by our visitors throughout the summer but others are busy on hidden jobs that are nonetheless vital to keep the museum going. Our gardening squad keep the allotment and the cottage garden blooming. The maintenance team look after the farming machinery – a long round of checking and oiling and painting and fixing. Everything in our collection is very carefully looked after. Even items not on display at the moment are documented and tracked by our collections volunteers so we know where everything is and its condition.

Would you like to join us? The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey could not survive without the work done by volunteers and we are always looking for more to help out. When we open in 2023, we will be looking for volunteers to welcome our visitors and work in our gift shop, or help out in our café. If any of these roles appeal to you, do get in touch for a chat about how it all works. Email is best while we are closed to info@farmlandmuseum.org.uk

For more information on the Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey and to find out more about what we've got planned in 2023, visit www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY

What's on and when in the villages

NOVEMBER

Sat 26-Sun 27 Rotary Club Cambridge South – Charity Car Parking (p15)

Sat 26 10am–2pm Cottenham Community Centre – Christmas Market (p53)

Tue 29 10am–1pm Cottenham Community Centre – Fuel Bill Advice by Utility Warehouse (p53)

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

DECEMBER

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

Sat 3 6–7.30pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach – Concert by St Augustine's Choir at All Saints' Church Landbeach (p27)

Sun 4 4pm Friends of All Saints' Cottenham – Concert by Camerata East at All Saints' Church Cottenham (p45)

Mon 5 7–9pmWillingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Making a Christmas wreath* by Carol Bailey at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Tue 6 10am–1pm Cottenham Community
Centre – Fuel Bill Advice by Utility Warehouse (p53)

Tue 6 6pm Cottenham Parish Council – Carols on the Green at Cottenham Village Green (p41) **Wed 7 7.30–9.30pm** Cottenham Women's

Institute – Christmas Party at Cottenham Village Hall (p65)

Sat 10 1.30-3.30pmTithe Barn Trust –
Story telling and Carol Singing at Landbeach Tithe
Barn (p29)

Sun 11 10.30am Cottenham Baptist Church – Get in the mood for Christmas and sing your way through the Christmas story (p43)

Sun II 4–6pm Cottenham Baptist Church – The Real Christmas Grotto (p43)

Mon 12 7.30–9pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: From Snowball Earth to the Anthropocene by Dr Colin Summerhayes at St Andrew's Centre, Histon (p11)

Mon 12 7.30pmWillingham Women's Institute – Christmas Party at Willingham Social Club Wed 14 6.30pmAll Saints' Church – Carol singing around the village, meet at Salvation Army, Cottenham (p43)

Sat 17–Sun 18 Rotary Club Cambridge South – Charity Car Parking (p15)

Sat 17 2.30–3.30pmAll Saints' Church – Messy Christmas at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p43) Sat 17 3.30pmAll Saints' Church – Live Nativity at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p43)

Sat 17 and Sun 18 4–6pm Cottenham Baptist Church – The Real Christmas Grotto (p43)

Sun 18 10.30am Cottenham Baptist Church – Nativity from scratch (p43)

Sun 18 7pmAll Saints' Church – Carol Service at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p43)

Wed 21 7–9pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Quiet Space (p43)

Sat 24 4pmAll Saints' Church – Outdoor Carol Service with Cottenham Brass at All Saints' Church, Cottenham Churchyard (p43)

Sat 24 7pmAll Saints' Church – Indoor Carol Service with the Church Choir and Junior Prime Brass at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p43)

Sat 24 I I.30pmAll Saints' Church – Midnight Communion at All Saints' Church, Rampton (p43)

Sun 25 8.30amAll Saints' Church – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p43)

Sun 25 10.30amAll Saints' Church – Family Communion at All Saints' Church, Cottenham (p43) Sun 25 10.30am Cottenham Baptist Church – Christmas Day all-age celebration (p43) Tue 27–Sat 31 Rotary Club Cambridge South – Charity Car Parking (p15)

JANUARY

Wed 11 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk: Pearl, an evening on the life and history of Pearls by Jason Middleton at Cottenham Village Hall (p65)

Fri 13 7.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – New Year Party at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p41)

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Fri 13 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: Cottenham and the Cambridgeshire Fruit Industry by Jonathan Spain at Cottenham Village Hall (p57)

FEBRUARY

Mon 6 7–9pmWillingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Twelve tremendous trees* by Gwenda Kid at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Wed 8 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk: *Wildlife in your Garden* by Peter Pilbeam at Cottenham Village Hall (p65)

Fri 10 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: Impington Hall, a story 350 years in the making by Eleanor Whitehead at Cottenham Village Hall (p57)

Sat 18 9.30am–12.30pmTithe Barn Trust – Outdoor Gym: Vegetation management & bench installation at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p29)

Fri 24 7.30pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – AGM at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p41) Sat 25 10am–12pm Rampton '77 Committee – Grand Jumble Sale at Rampton Village Hall Sat 25 7.30pm Fen Edge Orchestra – Concert at Histon Baptist Church (p13)

MARCH

Mon 6 7-9pmWillingham Gardening Club – AGM and Gardeners' Question Time at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Wed 8 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk: *Ely Cathedral* by Jan Munt at Cottenham Village Hall (p65)

Fri 10 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: The History of Mackays by Duncan Mackay at Cottenham Village Hall (p57)

Sat II I0am–2pm Cottenham Repair Café – at Cottenham Community Centre (p61)

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

Nature Recovery Group

The Scouts and volunteers from Sustainable Cottenham's Nature Recovery Group clearing the Moat at Tenison Manor. Reeds and rushes were removed to create more open water for the Great Crested Newt breeding season next year (March onwards). Sustainable Cottenham's article is on p47.



Enjoying the October sunshine at the Willingham Feast. See main article on p21.





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StitchWild takes to Junk.

Our group had the opportunity recently to make our own junk journals. If you aren't familiar with junk journals, here is a little bit of background on journals in general and junk journals in particular; and a little bit of how we made our junk journals! The practice of keeping a journal is an art, a craft, a discipline, a ritual, and for many journal keepers, a release. It is a conduit for the ideas, inspiration, experiences and dreams that flow in and out of our daily lives; a way to say those things that don't get said in everyday life. Although daily experiences may be recorded, as in a written diary, junk journals are more typically visual journals in which art work, photographs, found objects, collages, newspaper clippings, and other found items find a home and become a record of our experiences.

Junk journals were first made from throwaway items; junk mail, cereal box covers, pages from old newspapers, old ledger pages, maps, vintage papers and photos, book pages and the like; the flotsam and jetsam of daily life. They started as a form of rebellion against the idea that you need to buy expensive papers and supplies to store memories in a book or create personal artwork. But the name junk journal doesn't have to mean ugly or junky. Everyday craft and art items can be used to make them a beautiful piece of art. A junk journal can be a random collection of found items; or it can have a specific theme, which can be reflected in the decorating of the front cover. Many junk journals are used as garden, recipe or travel journals; and these

one-of-a-kind creations can be thought of as containers for one's own personal spirit and individual vision! With that in mind, we set about making our own junk journals!

Our group's brief was to make a small journal from a snack bar box, which made the cover size about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall and with a spine of about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A journal this size can be quite easily made in a few hours. The first step is to decorate the cover. This can be done by painting, collaging, stamping, stencilling, stitching; the possibilities are endless. Covers can be reinforced with materials such as acrylic wax or matt medium, which will strengthen them for the handling that they receive both in the construction process and in the journaling process.

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Next, we selected our pages from an assortment of the materials mentioned above. Pages can be constructed with pockets to insert smaller items that add to the journal's charm and individuality and make it interactive. Binding our papers into the cover was the next step, with a fancy tassel added for decoration to the spine, and we were then all set to begin journaling to our hearts content!

Making books is a departure from the usual type of textile art that is hung for display. There is something quite tactile about the making of a book—the

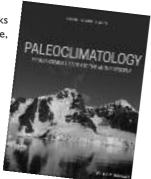
constant handling of the materials, the arranging of the pages, turning them back and forth, deciding on the order, how to fill the book, whether it be by drawing, painting, collaging, adding stitch, etc. This constant contact with it makes it an old friend by the time it is finished.

My hope is that you might be bitten by the 'book bug' as I have, and look into making your own junk journals! YouTube is full of instructional videos which have helped me in my journey of junk journal making, so I challenge you collect some 'junk' and have a go!

Diane Cowell

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We hold monthly talks at St Andrew's Centre, Histon on the 2nd Monday of each month from September to June. The talks start at 7.30pm (doors open 7 pm) and are open to everyone (£3 charge for non-members).



Monday 12 December at 7.30pm –
Paleoclimateology: From Snowball Earth to the
Anthropocene, by Dr Colin Summerhayes, Scott
Polar Institute.

Dr Colin Summerhayes is the former Executive Director of Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (2004–2010) and an Emeritus Associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute of Cambridge University. He has carried out research and managed research programmes on aspects of past climate change in academia, in government laboratories, in intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. This talk is based on his recent book, of the same name, and explains how greenhouse gases and temperatures varied through time, giving us alternating periods of warm greenhouse climate and cold icehouse climate over the past 800 million years. It explains how it is that Antarctica was once covered by subtropical forests, and why ice sheets did not cover it until 34 million years ago. It also explains the origins of the global Ice Age of the past 2.6 million years, explores the roles of the Sun and of the Earth's orbit in controlling past climate change, and provides a past natural analogue for today's unnatural global warming. The past is the key to understanding the future.

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FRIENDS OF WORTS MEADOW

Wort's Meadow LNR (Local Nature Reserve) in Landbeach continues to provide a peaceful haven for wildlife and people alike, but there have been some challenges associated with the very dry summer of 2022. In late March, the ponds on the site were full and a torchlight survey revealed Great Crested Newts in good numbers (in all six), along with Smooth Newts and a few Common Frogs. By June water levels were well down and by August all the ponds were either completely dry, revealing cracked mud or reduced to thick, gloopy puddles of mud. Our pond dipping event was cancelled due to lack of water! Many small and microscopic pond inhabitants can return quite quickly once there is sufficient water, but undoubtedly some larger species will take longer. One way of finding at least 15 minutes of complete quiet in a busy world, is to take part in a nest box watch whereby you stand or sit very quietly watching a nest box around the middle of May, when birds are likely to be feeding their young. It's really exciting to see a Blue Tit flying in with a beak full of caterpillars and making a rapid exit to search for more. This year out of 23 boxes watched, 7 were in use by Blue Tits and 7 or 8 by Great Tits.

Our management of the Bourne Wood area of the reserve was given a boost in September, when a twelve-strong group from the planning department of Bidwells came for a community help day and clambered about in the mud removing excess reeds and re-fencing the wood pond area, as well as fighting off invading brambles in the main clearings. A big thank you to them and also to Cambridge Conservation Volunteers who helped us in February by clearing scrub that was invading paths.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, except August and December, join our friendly work parties to help manage the reserve – coffee provided! FOWM group is free to join. Our open events provide the chance to learn about and enjoy the wildlife of Worts Meadow Local Nature Reserve in Landbeach and help with recording. Volunteers can also help with the practical management of



By the end of July the smaller wildlife ponds resembled parched desert. Photo: Frances Dipper.

the site. For more information, to send in wildlife photographs and records, or to be added to our email list, contact Frances Dipper on 01223 861836, frances.dipper@sustenergy.co.uk.

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If you enjoy the concert, you may decide that you'd like to join us. We are a friendly bunch of people, and are always glad to hear from potential new players. There are no auditions. At the time of writing, we are looking for competent violin players (grade 7 standard, or above), a double bass and a trumpet. If we don't have space for your instrument, we can put your name on a waiting list if you get in touch via our website.

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Also, if you are wanting to park in Cambridge on those days, it is just £7 for as long as you wish in car park opening hours and all the proceeds goes for Charitable good causes. A wonderful way of giving to charity at Christmas, whilst parking for Christmas shopping or to see an early show.

Please look for the Rotary signs on Lensfield Road (Chemistry building) and Tennis Court Road (Downing site). Many thanks to the University for allowing us to use these car parks.

About Rotary – Also please see the website www.cambridge-southrotary.org.uk if you would

like to know more about Rotary - whose motto is "Service above Self" and main worldwide aim to eradicate Polio worldwide within the next few years. Our club meets on alternate Mondays (except bank holidays) 6 for 6.30pm at the Arundel Hotel Cambridge with great speakers. New guests and potential members are very welcome – we would love to hear from you. I would be happy to have a chat with anyone who may be interested – do get in touch

Peace activities – Rotary Peace scholars from overseas may study for a Master's degree at the University of Bradford. One Rotary Peace Fellow (who spoke in Cottenham in 2019) has studied the behaviour of young men re violence against women and is expecting his PhD at Cambridge University any day now and another, with a UN security responsibility, is coming from Liberia to visit us in Cambridge. I am sure that he will be speaking to the club – if you would like to hear him, please do get in touch – they are both wonderful and inspiring speakers.

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Rotary global scholars – 5 scholars have just started Masters courses at Cambridge University. I heard them a few days ago, they are brilliant and a real lift to my hopes for the future of the world.

Tanzania – We have installed beehives for Naalarami school. 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 which does not have any other water supply.

Also, a team of volunteer students (www.cambridgedevelopment.org) from Cambridge University teamed up with us, as one of them is a Rotary scholar, with volunteer students from Dar Es Salaam to teach English to students and teachers at this school for Maasai children this summer. They took our Rotary club supplied pictorial dictionaries, second hand children's reading books (thank you Arthur Rank)

and laptops. The children had a wonderful time and learned some English – a language in which they will be taught if they go to secondary school.

Ukraine – Rotary International has Peace as one of its 7 aspects and Rotary in East Anglia have now established a link with the Rotary club of Kiev International, which is delivering humanitarian aid. We are now financially supporting their work, including setting up refugee centres within Ukraine.

In addition, we are helping to pay for essentials such as school shoes for Ukrainian refugees here, including in Cottenham. If you are hosting and have needs such as this for your guests, please get in touch.

Homeless football – A tournament was held on Sunday 18 September at the all-weather pitches behind the Abbey swimming pool. 8 teams (7 from homeless organisations and a police team) had a really good day to raise morale and self-esteem.

Mike Smith, Rotary Club of Cambridge South



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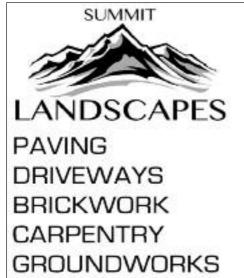
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FECA IN WILLINGHAM

WILLINGHAM ACTION GROUP

Willingham's October Feast
Although initially in doubt, the
Willingham Feast for 2022 was
ultimately put together by
Willingham Action Group (WAG)
just in time to straddle the usual
historical dates from days of yore.
As in the past, Willingham Social
Club, through chairman John Carey,
kindly allowed inclusion of the Beer
Festival (23–25 September) and the
Custard Comedy (7 October) events
in the programme, with the Fun Fair
(1st week in October) also integral

The Repair Café held in the Ploughman Hall on Sunday 2

to the celebrations.

October, superbly organised by Alex

Mueller, proved very popular, with quite a few people actually queueing outside, broken bits in hand, waiting for the doors to open! Attendance of the *Market on the Green* on 8 October was more muted. The second day on Sunday 9 had to be cancelled due to lack of stalls.

One of the headline attractions for the Saturday, the Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA) with their A14 finds and dig boxes for the kids, had to cancel in the preceding week because of the rail strikes. Steve Moore kindly stepped in with his Willingham history display. Thank you to Chloe and Dave of Kromebar for coming along with their beer and beverages,



Willingham WI unveils commemorative Queen's Platinum Jubilee Plaque as the Village Feast gets underway on the Green

despite our warning, which turned out to be all too accurate, that things might be slow for them. Fortunately, the sun came out and stayed warm and bright, bringing a fair trickle of visitors. The refreshments stall was popular, with thanks for all the generous donations to WAG, and the nine craft and information stalls populating the minimarket all had a good day, with most getting plenty of interest and/or turning a reasonable profit.

Thanks also to everyone who helped put up and take down the FECA marquee (thanks also to Fen Edge Community Association for the loan of the marquee), including those kind residents who, on

seeing us struggle, spontaneously appeared on the Green to assist!! Also on the programme were the *Art Expo* in the library, and the photography exhibition in the public hall. Both events were superbly curated and proved to be well worth a visit. And St. Mary and All Saints Church had a well-attended *Harvest Festival* on Sunday 9 October, followed by a simple yet delicious village lunch comprising a choice of four soups and several types of bread, with cake, shortbread, tea and coffee to finish.

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Some cider at the Beer Festival

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The Ceilidh on Friday 14 October turned out to be a fitting finale with all 80 online (Eventbrite) tickets selling – 40 in the last week! Many thanks to Sue Berry and the whole Berry family for doing the heavy lifting and to John Mullett for the calling, music and organising the Ukrainian appeal side of the proceedings. £8 per ticket including a delicious ploughman's supper was just about the right price point, while the raffle and further donations, including a share of the door, meant that Direct

Support for Ukraine garnered something in the region of £500. A further share of the door of £120 was donated to the charity Cambridge Rare Disease Network.

Finally, we also wish to sincerely thank Willingham Parish Council for its support in providing facilities at no or reduced cost and keeping us on the straight and narrow with regard to risk assessments, temporary event notices and insurance requirements, all of which are unavoidable aspects of community events today.

WILLINGHAM WHEELS - Over Day Centre Bike Rides raise £2,200

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this year's bike rides on 12 June, especially to the riders who participated and gave so generously. There were five rides jointly organised by Willingham Wheels and Swavesey and Over Cycling Club. Two family routes started from Northstowe as a new option this year. One family route, the 20-miler and the 50-miler started from Over. I 13 riders joined us with nearly £2,200 raised for the Day Centre, helping it provide essential services for the elderly of our wider community. We were most fortunate to have sponsorship from Law & Lewis, Joiners; Redmayne, Arnold & Harris, Estate Agents; and Cambridgeshire Bathrooms. Sponsorship covered event expenses so that all rider donations went to the Day Centre. Very many thanks to Tom Miller (First Aider), Darryl Bass from Passionate Flowers, Broom Wagon and Brucies Bikes (Mechanical Support). Thanks also to Tesco Bar Hill (for drinks and snackstop water and fruit for the family rides), to Fen Edge Community Association (for the medals), to the Over Community Centre (for the BBQ and bar and for the after-rides social), the talented duo RPM (for live music), to local Women's Institutes and friends (for superb cakes for the cake and raffle table), to all local businesses who so generously gave raffle prizes and to the registration teams, rides marshals and sweepers who helped run the event.

The photos below capture the spirit of some of the rides and social after.







We hope you can join us for next year's rides, provisionally Sunday 25 June.



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FECA IN WILLINGHAM

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillors – Since the last edition the Council has co-opted two new Councillors, Councillor Arman Memarzadeh and Councillor Mick Gibbs. We welcome both to the team and look forward to working with them. This now means we are back up to a full cohort of fifteen.

Fireworks – The Scouts will be holding their usual firework display on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 5 November. The Council are happy to support the event by offering free use of their grounds in order for residents to enjoy this extremely popular event.

Highways improvements – The long-awaited footpath to the orchard has now been completed. The monies were secured through the A14 Legacy Grant and will enable visitors to access the orchard much more safely on foot. Just in time for the picking season!

The Council were also very pleased that their Minor Highway Bid for works on Station Road was approved. These are scheduled to take place during December 2022. This will involve some road closures and temporary traffic lights and the alternative route is via Over. The works will include improved signage and central road markings to emphasise the 30mph limit.

Buses – The Parish Council were dismayed to hear of Stagecoach's decision to terminate the Citi 5 service at the end of October. The Council have been gathering feedback from residents and making strong representations to the Mayor and MP as well as County Council. It is hoped that the bus provision in and around the village will be restored and retained long term.

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

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WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

We invite everyone to join our relaxed and friendly evenings with like-minded gardening enthusiasts. Meetings are held every first Monday of the month at Willingham Social Club, with refreshments from 7pm and ending around 9pm. An on-the-door fee of £3 per person is requested from non-members. Please see the following planned programme of events (no meeting in lanuary):

Monday 5 December – Making a Christmas wreath, a live demonstration from Carol Bailey.

Monday 6 February – Twelve tremendous trees, an invited talk by Gwenda Kid.

Monday 6 March – Annual General Meeting and Gardeners' Ouestion Time.

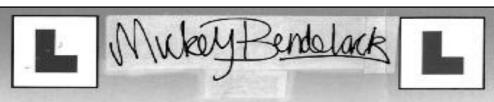
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FECA IN LANDBEACH

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Opening up our Parish Church building to community projects

Thank You — Many thanks to all those who have supported our events to date, and made them fun and successful; and for your very generous support for our fund raising. We are presently donating funds raised at our events to the Bell Augmentation Project to add two further bells, making a much fuller peal of six bells (hence 6 a-peal), as a great traditional community asset for folk of all ages. We have directly contributed so far £1,450.53. Building on donations being received, and on an early start of generous private donations, the project is working with funding bodies to close in on the further £19,700 that is needed.

Summer Events – We have enjoyed a splendid folk gig by Camus, marvellous themed floral creations by the Flower Arrangers for the Platinum Jubilee, and an expanded garden party with live music, assorted stalls, and cream teas, with visiting goats and a donkey; all benefiting from the hot weather.





Autumn Events – A concert by the *Corpus Christi Chapel Choir* was billed as *Make the Church Sing*. That is exactly what they did; surely this parish church can rarely have resounded better. As we go to press, we are about to host *Old Landbeach Revisited* including a reunion of the old village school. Watch this space for the school report!

Forthcoming Events – All held at All Saints' Church, Landbeach

Saturday 3 December 6–7.30pm – Open the Christmas season with *St Augustine's Choir.* Join the choir of St Augustine's for their concert at the start of the festive season. Enjoy seven seasonal choral pieces; one involving brass and our own church bells, and join in with eight well-known carols. No charge. Donations appreciated. Refreshments. Enquiries: John Buckley 01223 861836

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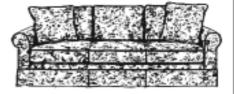
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FECA IN LANDBEACH

Tithe Barn Trust

The big step forward for the year has been the installation of our new eco-toilets (as covered in the Autumn Fen Edge News). These innovative facilities have greatly enhanced the ease of use and

attractiveness of the tithe barn at Landbeach as a venue and have already helped make a variety of events go well.



Over the course of the year the barn has hosted

cultural and entertainment events ranging from a

Grinding Corn

hilarious youth performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth by the Cambridge School of Visual and Performing Arts, an Open Studios display of a wide variety of artworks by local artists, life drawing classes, and live music performances by local student musicians. We've also hosted a country market, a much-appreciated visit to the Tithe Barn and Landbeach parish church by the Burwell History Society and a delightful harvest-time visit by children from the local Beach Babies nursery. The barn also supported this year's national Heritage Open Day by offering heritage talks about the barn and interactive harvest-themed events for children. **Development** – We are preparing for the sensitive installation of an electricity and water supply, which will further enhance the usability of the barn and its role as a valued community asset. An enhanced range of community events is being planned and will be publicised soon through our website and newsletter. You can sign up to receive notifications and updates at www.tithebarntrust.org.uk/news/e-news/ We love the see the barn in use and really enjoy bringing its fascinating history to life. If you would like

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Forthcoming events at the Tithe Barn in Landbeach. Entrance opposite 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach CB25 9FA – north-east of Cambridge. Cycle and car parking available.

Saturday 19 November 9.30am—12.30pm — Outdoor Gym:Vegetation management & bench installation. No prior experience required. Your help & skills are appreciated, please join us.

Saturday 10 December 1.30–3.30pm – Fabulous festive live story telling for children with Kimberley 1:30–2:00pm and Carol Singing and Joyful music at the barn 2:00–3:30pm.All are welcome to join all the singing to celebrate the festive season & end of the year. At arrival you will be greeted with a warm drink either mulled wine or fruit juice and mince pies. Both are free events however donations welcome to support the upkeep of the Barn and All Saints' Church in Landbeach.

Saturday 18 February 9.30am – 12.30pm – Outdoor Gym:Vegetation management & tree / shrub planting. No prior experience required. Your help & skills are appreciated – please join us. For further details go to www.tithebarntrust.org.uk

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SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

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SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY



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Join us for a special workshop themed around the importance of self-care and the role aromatherapy can play to aid relaxation and sleep. You will create two beautiful pure essential oil candles and a selection of wax melts. This workshop 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.

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) 10am - 4pm - 3 Saturdays (28 Jan, 25 Feb, 25 March) 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.

Calligraphy – Gothic Script and Decorative Capitals (Liz Barrow) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45 plus materials

This workshop is an introduction to traditional calligraphy, you will learn to write with an edged nib, in two traditional calligraphic styles (Gothic script and Lombardic Versals - the latter is a form of decorative capital letter). You will use some colour and use your new skills to make a small concertina booklet, either using a favourite quotation, or as an unusual Christmas or birthday greeting. Suitable for complete beginners as well as those with a little calligraphic experience.

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

This workshop will be a cook along class where you will be shown the authentic way to make various dishes from scratch using locally sourced ingredients. You will learn to cook: kidney beans and sweetcorn curry, potato, peas and aubergine curry, zafrani rice (saffron rice), garlic and coriander naan and cucumber raita.

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.

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) 10am – 4pm -3 Saturdays (28 Jan, 25 Feb, 25 March) 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! Willow Weaving - Obelisks (Karen Bek) 10.30am - 4pm Fee: £110 includes all materials

Learn how to make a willow obelisk for the garden on this one-day workshop. You will learn a few different basketry techniques to make an obelisk that can be used to support sweet peas, beans or peas or simply used as a structural focal point in the garden. You will learn how to weave around strong willow uprights using a range of different willows to create attractive basket weave patterns or a spiral effect that will support and showcase your plants. The obelisks can be made to heights between 4 and 8 feet high.

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

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

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

Spectacular Stained Glass (Lisa Fretwell) 9.30am-4pm Fee: £53

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Tai Chi – Qigong in Springtime (Alison Warlow) 10am – 1pm Fee: £23

In this workshop we will practise qigong (chi kung) exercises to take advantage of the qualities of the season - growth, expansion and the free flow of energy. We will draw on Chinese five element tradition

to embody elements associated with the liver and the eyes - vision, decisiveness, planning and the qualities of the deer -gentleness, grace & curiosity.

NEW! Trumpets of Spring Wreath Making (Melanie Missin-Keating) – 10am – 4pm Fee: £45

Daffodils are the epitome of Spring, bringing joyous colour back into our world, so what better to have some in our home on a pretty wreath which can be used year after year. There will be some machine stitching involved to create the daffodils and leaves. Organza, raffia and any other bits that take your fancy will be added to fill out the wreath and make it into your own piece of Spring.

Dyeing to Felt (Ricki Outis) 10am - 4pm Fee: £45 plus materials

Learn about dyeing wool fibres in rainbow colours so that you have your own beautiful wool tops for making unique felted surfaces. A very practical day with some felting, but the emphasis will be on the dyeing process – no experience necessary, suitable for the beginner or those with some experience. Material costs are extra.

NEW! A Kingfisher in Acrylics (David Hyde) 10am – 4pm Fee: £45 plus materials

Join David Hyde for a workshop in Acrylics. The subject will be the beautiful kingfisher. Acrylics can prove

difficult to use for a lot of people, especially when trying to paint detail. Learn techniques that will overcome the main problems and help you paint with confidence.

Material costs are extra.

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH



Candle Making for Beginners (Delivered by local company, Miller and Ward) 10am – 2pm Fee: £60 Join us for a relaxed and informative day, creating beautiful fragranced container

candles and wax melts. This workshop will be themed around the season of Spring and will include a selection of fragrance oils which are particularly suitable as well as a new selection of coloured glass vessels to choose from. The workshop 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.

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.

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

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NEW! Willow Weaving – Serving Platters (Karen Bek) 10.30am – 4pm Fee: £110 includes all materials

This workshop will teach you how to weave a simple willow platter that can be used as a serving platter or bowl for bread or fruit or simply used as a table centrepiece. You can choose to make an oval or circular platter and will have a range of willow colours to choose from. You will learn how to attach ribs to a preformed frame and how to weave and shape the basket.

DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES

MONDAY

NEW! Beginner Ballet (Anna Harris) – 10 weeks 7 – 8pm Fee £65 starts 9th January

For anyone wanting to have some fun, do some light exercise and learn a new or refresh an old skill. In beginner Ballet, we will work on basic techniques at the barre and in the centre with a focus on strengthening our core and maintaining a correct posture. Every class will finish with the opportunity to put some of these skills to work in a short dance piece which we will build on each week. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes, bring a bottle of water and ballet or soft jazz shoes if you have them, if not some sensible socks are fine to start you off.

NEW! Beginner Jazz (Anna Harris) – 10 weeks 8-9pm Fee £65 starts 9th January

Get your body moving and have some fun whilst learning some basic Jazz techniques. This class is for everyone who loves to move and would like to express themselves in this creative way. Exercises will include some centre work and basic travelling and gentle turns for those able. Each class will include working on a

short routine to a range of music, anything from musical theatre to old and new modern pop and jazz classics. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes, bring a bottle of water and soft jazz shoes or trainers if you have them, if not some sensible socks are fine to start you off.

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) - 10 weeks 12.30-2.30pm Fee: £130 starts 9th January

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 9th January

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.

Drawing for Fun! (Lisa E Fretwell) – 5 weeks (alternate Mondays) 7-9pm

Fee: £65 plus materials starts 9th January

To develop the basic skills to learn to draw and really look at your subject, using a variety of interesting and fun techniques. For new beginner students, there will be a series of initial drawing technique exercises for you before you progress. Suitable for all.

Pilates for Beginners Plus (Sarah Ferries) – 8 weeks 6.15 – 7.15pm Fee: £52 starts 9th January Classes running on 9th, 16th, 23rd January; 20th, 27th February; 6th, 13th, 20th March (no classes w/c 30th Jan, 6th Feb)

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.

Pilates for Improvers (Sarah Ferries) – 8 weeks 7.30 – 8.30pm Fee: £52 starts 9th January Classes running on 9th, 16th, 23rd January; 20th, 27th February; 6th, 13th, 20th March (no classes w/c 30th Jan, 6th Feb)

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.

Watercolour Painting for Improvers (David Hyde) – 10 weeks 9.45am – 11.45am Fee: £130 starts 9th January

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

TUESDAY

Drawing for Fun! (Lisa Fretwell) – 5 weeks (alternate Tuesdays) 9.30am – 12.30pm Fee: £97 plus materials starts 10th January

To develop the basic skills to learn to draw and really look at your subject, using a variety of interesting and fun techniques. For new beginner students, there will be a series of initial drawing technique exercises for you before you progress. Suitable for all.

Contemporary Textiles: Imprints from Nature (Ricki Outis) – 5 weeks (alternate Tuesdays) 10am – 3.30pm

Fee: £180 plus materials starts 17th January

We will be creating felts from both fibre and prefelts to create surfaces for some beautiful botanical patterning. We'll explore colour from plants as a direct print onto the wool to create magical and unexpected surfaces. We will use stitch to further embellish these surfaces.

NEW! Patchwork & Quilting for Beginners or Improvers (Marion Curtis) – 5 weeks (alternate Tuesdays) 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Fee: £65 plus materials starts 10th January

This course will introduce the beginner to the world of patchwork and quilting. Working through some traditional and non-traditional blocks, learners will gain in confidence to be able to design and make their own

quilt or similar patchwork and quilted items. Improvers may want to perfect their skills for more precise results. The tutor is a member of Cambridge Open Studios and you can view her textiles on their website.

Fitness for Mature Movers (Margaret Briggs) – 5 weeks 11.30am-12.30pm Fee: £30 PLOUGHMAN HALL, WILLINGHAM starts 10th January

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!

Guitar Roots & Branches (Brooks Williams) – 8 weeks 6.45-8.45pm Fee: £100 starts 10th January Classes taking place on 10th, 17th, 24th January, 7th, 21st, 28th February, 14th, 21st March

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.

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

An informative & enjoyable course enabling progression from idea to conclusion. We offer a top quality, extensively equipped workshop where 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 10th January For those with at least one year's experience.

T'ai Chi for Beginners (Alison Warlow) – 10 weeks 8-9pm Fee: £65 starts 10th January For those new or wanting to practice their T'ai Chi skills.

WEDNESDAY

Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) – 10 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £155 includes clay & firing starts 11th January

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 | | th January

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) – 10 weeks, 7–9pm Fee: £200 starts | 1th January

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! Introduction to Free Motion Stitching (Melanie Missin-Keating) – 5 weeks, 7-9pm Fee: £65 starts 22nd February

Free motion machining is drawing with your sewing machine needle. It does take practise but once you have mastered it, it will open so many more design and textile doors for you. In the workshop we will be starting from the beginning and just scribbling and drawing basic shapes with our sewing machine then gradually moving on to create floral shapes, apples, pears, writing and so on. By the end of the course, you will be able to 'draw' with your sewing machine needle confidently.

THURSDAY

French Conversation (Jean-Louis Barges) – 10 weeks 10am-12 noon Fee:£130 starts 12th January

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 12th January

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).

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SATURDAY FAMILY WORKSHOP

Drawing with Scissors Saturday 28th January, 10am – 12pm Lisa Fretwell

Suitable for 8 - 12 year olds

Do you love art? Would you like to learn a new, fun way of making pictures? If, so, join my course! I will show you how to 'draw' using just a pair of scissors and coloured paper, just like Matisse did! I will show you a quick presentation about Matisse and his work, and bring in lots of images to inspire you. By the end of the session, you will have lots of 'drawings' pieced together to make one beautiful collage. Come and join in, it's fun!

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

Accompanying adult can attend for free!

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

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@astreacottenham.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@astreacottenham.org with full details of course, name, address and telephone number.

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

Enrolment and Fee Policy

- For full course information: http://community.cvcweb.net
- Material charges are not included in the course fee unless otherwise stated.
- We accept bookings over the phone, please our 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
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- Please note, should you withdraw from a course that continues to meet, you will still be liable to pay any outstanding fees.
- Refunds will be paid in full if a class is unable to start due to insufficient enrolments.
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- 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
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DATA PROTECTION: OPT-IN to receive information about courses – if you wish to receive information about Adult Learning courses please go to our website:

http://community.cvcweb.net and follow the link to OPT IN to enable us to keep you updated regarding courses.

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: www.astreacottenham.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@astreacottenham.org Please note that we attempt to run classes on consecutive weeks, however if this isn't the case we will let you know the dates in advance as far as possible In the event of Tutor illness or school closure due to severe weather conditions resulting in a cancelled class, an additional class may be offered at the end of the course Free parking is available (at own risk)

PAT Testing – any personal electrical items used on school premises must hold a current PAT certificate unless under 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 conflore. 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 COVID 19

Please be assured we will do everything to ensure that you are safe while you are learning with us. We will adhere to all Government & College guidelines and regulations which are in place at the time of your course; and all learners will need to ensure they comply with all Government & College policies and procedures.

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 288751.

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 COTTENHAMVILLAGE 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 Sports Centre 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

7-8 pm Monday: Circuits Gymnasium **BOXFIT** (coming soon) Tuesday: 7-8pm Gymnasium

Saturday: Circuits (coming soon) 8-9am Outside/Main Sports Hall

Per Class:

(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 - 6.30 pm

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

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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.

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

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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 RAMPTON

RAMPTON HORSE SHOW

The 34th horse show was held on Saturday 17 September. For the second year running the weather was perfect. We were very pleased with the number of entries, both from our regular riders and handlers, but also an impressive number of new faces.

Proceeds from this year's show will be divided between our three chosen charities – MAGPAS Air Ambulance, Cambridge City Foodbank and Horse Rescue Fund.

Fen Edge Community Association kindly sponsored the In-Hand Championship class, judged by Jane Paterson, for which they have also generously provided a trophy awarded to the winner of this class.

Our 2022 In-Hand Champion was Rachel Hawes from Little Downham, with her pony, Kudos Jessie J. To qualify for entry to the overall championship class, Rachel and Kudos Jessie J. won the Equifest In-Hand Piebald/Skewbald class.

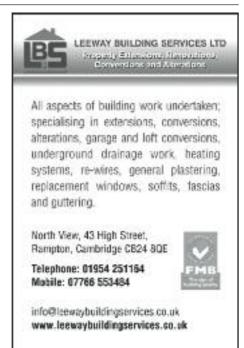
The Horse Show Committee will reconvene next



Kudos Jessie J.

March to start the preparations for our 2023 show. In the mean-time we would like to thank everyone who supported this year's show and made it so successful.









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COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor update – We are pleased to welcome Hannah Cook onto the Council. We still have one vacancy to fill. If you're interested, please see our website for details or come along to one of our meetings.

Playground projects — Our new toddler playground has been installed and is already in use. Thank you to everyone who worked with us on this project. Attention is now turned to the main playground area. Some repairs have been scheduled to take place before the end of the year.

Consultations have taken place with user groups and, once we have the information analysed, we'll draw up a tender early in 2023. It is hoped to get all the new work done in September 2023.

Community Gritting Scheme – Local volunteers can help to keep their community moving in freezing weather by taking part in the Community Gritting Scheme. Volunteers can sign up to grit local footpaths using equipment provided by Cambridgeshire County Council. To sign up, please apply directly to the County Council via the link below. For more information, please contact Beth: asstclerk@cottenhampc.org.uk

Connections Bus Project – A reminder that the Connections Bus is on at the Recreation Ground off Lambs Lane every Thursday from 7–9pm (term time only). This free service provides a mobile youth club and is open to all secondary age children. For more information, please see their website www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk

Carols on the Green – Our annual Carols on the Green is taking place on Tuesday 6 December at 6pm. With food, mulled wine, music from Cottenham Brass Juniors, singing and a visit from Father Christmas it's a great way to kick off the festive season! If you would like to host a stall or sponsor the Village Green Christmas tree please get in touch.

Cottenham Warm Hubs – keeping you warm this winter. Warm Hubs is a collaborative initiative designed to support residents across East and South Cambridgeshire this winter.

Run within existing community spaces, local residents can visit a safe, warm and friendly environment to enjoy refreshments and social activity, obtain information and advice, and share the company of others. The network of Warm Hubs will be truly community-led; coordinated and hosted by trained volunteers within the heart of local communities. Both Cottenham Village Hall and Community Centre

will initially be hosting a Warm Hub on Mondays 10am—I pm at the Hall and Fridays 3—6pm at the Centre. Whether you want to work, read, knit or just fancy some company everyone is welcome. The Hubs are free to attend and will provide free refreshments. Both venues are still in need of volunteers to help greet attendees, be responsible for refreshments, health and safety and promote the Hubs (we need a minimum of 3 volunteers per Hub and each session is 3 hours). Training will be given to everyone and a handbook will be provided. If you can help in any way, please get in contact with us via clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk or facebook.com/cottenhamwarmhubs

It is anticipated that the Hubs will start off simply by offering refreshments and perhaps some books and games; they will then evolve once we get to know people and what they want from the Hub.We will be opening from **7 and 11 November** and run weekly through to 31 March 2023. Please look out for posters with further details or follow our Facebook page.

Jo Brook, Parish Clerk PSLCC Email: clerk@cottenhampc.org.uk

Phone: 07503 328401

Beth (Asstclerk@cottenhampc.org.uk or 07490 459130) for all highways issues

Debbie (rfo@cottenhampc.org.uk)

for all finance matters

www.cottenhampc.org.uk

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COTTENHAM GARDENERS CLUB

The club usually meets on the last Friday of the month. Refreshments are served from 7.30 pm, followed by a talk starting at 7.45. The evening closes with a raffle, with prizes kindly supplied by members. There is no meeting December, but our New Year Party is on **Friday 13 January**, with a garden-related quiz followed by supper, supplied by members and committee. Guests are very welcome to join us at a cost of £6 each.

Our AGM will be held on **Friday 24 February**. The formal business will be followed by a short entertainment and the new programme for the year will be unveiled.

Friday 31 March will feature the first talk of the new season, yet to be decided!

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COTTENHAM

Christmas Events

Wednesday 14 December at 6.30pm – Carol Singing around the village. Join with the other Churches to sing your favourite carol. Meet up at the Salvation Army.

Saturday 17 December from 2.30 pm – Messy Christmas followed by the Live Nativity at 3.30pm at All Saints' Church, Cottenham.

Sunday 18 December at 7pm – Carol Service at All Saints' Church, Rampton.

Saturday 24 December at 4pm – outdoor Carol Service in the Churchyard with Cottenham Brass, at 7pm indoor Carol Service with the Church Choir and Junior Prime Brass both at All Saints' Church, Cottenham.

Saturday 24 December at 11.30pm – Midnight Communion at All Saints' Church, Rampton. The two churches join together to celebrate the first communion of Christmas Day.

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day at All Saints' Church, Cottenham. At 8.30am, Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion. At 10.30am, Communion service for all the family.

COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas Events

Sunday 11 December 10.30am – Get in the mood for Christmas and sing your way through the Christmas story.

Sunday 18 December 10.30am – Nativity from Scratch. An all-age service, where everyone has the opportunity to contribute to telling the nativity story. Dressing up is optional, props are provided.

Sunday 11, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 December 4–6pm – The Real Christmas Grotto. Join us for a new opportunity to walk through the Christmas story, come and interact with live characters, engage in activities and see Christmas from a new perspective. See our Facebook page to see when bookings open.

Wednesday 21 December 7–9pm – Quiet Space. A chance to pray and reflect.

Sunday 25 December 10.30am – Christmas Day all-age celebration. Join us for a fun break from unwrapping presents and dinner preparations to relax together and remember Christ's birth. And if you want to, bring a present to show the rest of the church family.

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Fund raising events coming up include an astronomy evening at some time this winter when the weather and moonlight permit and a family quiz in March.

Also in the pipeline are a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Group in April; a performance of

Shakespearean music by Hexachordia, an early music trio in May; a Concert by Camerata East (formerly the Helen Medlock Ensemble) in June; a concert by the Fen Edge Orchestra in July.

Please look out for further details of all these events on the websites and Facebook pages of the Friends of All Saints and the Fen Edge News. Please let us know where else you would like to see details.

The Friends is also supporting a concert by Camerata East to be held in the church to raise funds for a local charity. This will be in the afternoon of **Sunday 4 December**.

Do consider joining the Friends to show your support for the maintenance of this iconic building. You may contact us by email or via our website.

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healthier planet. Diet is a good place to start. There is scope for easy switches in the food choices we make, choices which can be good for our health, our pockets and our planet all at the same time.

The Eco Eats Recipe Book produced by Sustainable Cottenham (available to purchase for £2.50 from Les Wards Greengrocers and the Cottenham Community Café) is full of ideas for inexpensive planet friendly dishes. While understanding the true CO₂ impacts of different foods is a complex matter, there are some headline changes that will definitely help to reduce the carbon footprint of our diets. These include: cutting down on meat and dairy; enjoying lots of seasonal, locally grown produce; saying 'no' to perishable vegetables, fruits and fish air-freighted in from abroad; and cherishing our food and minimising waste.

It doesn't have to be about adopting an 'ism' -

vegetarianism or veganism; a resolution to try out some more meat-free dishes will make a difference. If you do go a step further to become vegetarian or vegan — or if you already are — that represents a really big saving of food-related CO₂ emissions, a saving of half or more than half when compared with an average diet.

Trying out some new planet-friendly dishes now is a great way to take advantage of the abundance of UK-grown seasonal veg in winter — including leeks, celeriac, parsnips, kale and Jerusalem artichokes. If planning a meat dish, bear in mind that beef and lamb have a far higher carbon footprint than other meats, while chicken has the lowest. With the rise in milk prices, it's now a really easy swap to reduce dairy foods by opting for plant-based milk instead — delicious on cereals and keeps for ages so no waste!

(Data from Prof. Sarah Bridle's authoritative book Food and Climate Change without the Hot Air. Check out Sarah's website Take a Bite out of Climate Change www.takeabitecc.org for lots of practical advice, info and resources.)

Happy new year and happy climate-friendly eating!

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Extract from Cottenham Eco Eats Recipe Book

Shallot, fennel and chestnut casserole (v)

Serves 6

Ingredients

50ml olive oil

450g shallots, peeled and left whole

450g fennel roughly chopped

I x 400g tin plum tomatoes, chopped

300ml red wine

225g tinned or vacuum-packed chestnuts

50ml soy sauce

2 sprigs of fresh thyme about 20 sage leaves, finely chopped

salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method – Heat the olive oil in a large casserole dish. Add whole shallots, and cook for about 20 minutes over a medium heat, until browned and becoming tender.

Add the fennel, stir, cover and cook for 10 minutes.

Add the remainder of the ingredients and bring to the boil. Simmer for I hour; the chestnuts should be almost falling apart.

Season to taste and serve.

Spicy roast potatoes and Savoy cabbage are good accompaniments.

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Building locally-affordable homes around Cottenham village remains a challenge, requiring co-operation of the land-owner, architects, developers, builders and government to make the finances work. With interest rates moving back to more traditional levels, financial pressures are tighter on everyone.

Unfortunately, none of our three Local Authorities were able to identify land suitable for our purposes and which they were willing to discuss with us. The District Council is holding back some suitable land as a land bank, much as a developer does; meanwhile it plans to buy some of the so-called affordable homes from Tilia. Neither option can deliver locally-affordable homes.

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

If successful, we will aim, with our project partners, to raise funds from various community-led housing funds through Homes England, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority and others, to deliver around 30 of those locally-affordable homes as soon as possible.

Frank Morris: Chair, Cottenham CLT Limited

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Jitka is a designer with a difference. The website shares her personalised process, from hand-sketched designs to precision sewing and attentive fittings. Throughout the website, images of Jitka's real brides and snapshots of Jitka at work show how this talented designer can truly create designs as unique as the bride herself.

Time to dream

Based in Wilburton, Jitka's boutique is a nurturing space where she gets to know each individual bride-to-be. During an initial free visit, Jitka discusses ideas surrounded by a rich collection of inspiring bridalwear of every shape, fabric and detail. Through her bride-led approach Jitka listens attentively and without the pressure experienced at many established bridal stores.

Recently engaged?

Jitka Made-to-Measure is now looking towards the 2023 season, working with recently engaged brides to create their perfect gown. Bespoke designs that Jitka is crafting right now range from natural boho to whimsical style, high-necked chic to slinky fishtail, all demonstrating the versatility of her expertise.

And for brides who have a wedding booked for this winter, it is not too late. An in-house collection of over 100 inspired garments designed and made by Jitka are available to view exclusively by appointment, providing a last-minute opportunity to grab a dress off-the-peg that is still truly one-of-a-kind.

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COTTENHAM AND RAMPTON LUNCH AND SOCIAL CLUB

We meet every Tuesday at Coolidge Gardens Community Room to enjoy good company and a freshly cooked 2-course lunch. We would welcome new members (people of pensionable age) and volunteers, which help in a number of roles including cooking, serving, clearing up and driving. We are able to provide free transport to and from the Club. 35 years ago, the original Trustees and Members of the Cottenham Day Centre not only had the foresight to establish the Club on a sound footing, they also worked very hard to fundraise for a vehicle with disability access. That vehicle enabled everyone that needed social interaction and a hot meal to come to the Day Centre once a week. Our (newer!) Minibus is a very important asset for our club enabling many people to attend who would otherwise find it very difficult.

If you are interested in hearing more about us, as a member or a volunteer, please give me a call. Pauline Brown, Chair, 07708 425720 or 01954 250035

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help this Christmas, application forms will be available from Cottenham Post Office or online at www.cottenhamcharities.co.uk from Monday 21 st November and must be returned by Wednesday 7th December. Proof of eligibility will be required and only one application per household can be accepted.

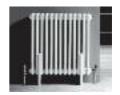
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COTTENHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Breaking News - Warm hub

The Community Centre is now open 3–6pm each Friday through the winter as a warm hub for anyone wanting to spend time here, free of charge and save on their heating costs at home. Do come along.

We need more volunteers so please do contact me if you can help bookings@cottenhamcc.org

Support from the Co-op – If you are a member and shop in the wonderful Co-op, opposite the Community Centre, please consider nominating Cottenham Community centre as your chosen charity to help us fund solar panels - to help the environment and cut our electricity costs

Volunteers – Volunteering at the coffee shop is a great opportunity to meet people, learn new skills, add to your CV and be part of a very worthwhile community facility. Please have a chat with Jane Tel 01954 202109 (when open) or manager@cottenhamcc.org.

The **Coffee Shop** is now open 10am–4.30pm on Mondays and 10am–2pm on Tuesdays to Saturdays. Please note the coffee shop will be closed **Saturday 24**

December to Tuesday 3 January 2023 inclusive. Thank you for supporting the Community Centre. Jane, Tricia, and the team look forward to welcoming you. Keep warm and enjoy a great coffee or tea or hot chocolate, delicious scones and cake or great light lunch from our menu.

Events – Community Cinema is on the first Sunday of the month (except January). Films starts at 7.30pm each time. See top class films at a fraction of the cost and without having to travel.

Funds and membership – We welcome your support. Membership is just £15 for an individual (seniors £10) with a loyalty bonus of a free beverage after you have bought ten drinks. You will also get a 10% discount on one-off room hire. Please download a membership form here: www.cottenhamcc.org/membership/

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Staff, volunteers and customers celebrating Cottenham Community Centre having been chosen for the Co-op Community Fund. Please choose Cottenham Community Centre as your chosen charity.

Healthy 4 Life) are thoroughly enjoyed. Do check with the class leader or the Community Centre whether spaces are available.

There is a craft group (Tuesdays at 10am) and a knitting group (Wednesdays at 10am) in the coffee shop. Just come along.

Little Humbugs (Wed morning) and Dads Play (Sat mornings) need a volunteer to re-start these wonderful activities. Could you help?

If you would like to run a class on behalf of the centre, please contact bookings@cottenhamcc.org

Room Hire – including for children's parties, there are three rooms (main hall, studio, coffee shop) for hire (Full entertainment licence etc held). Our wonderful new back kitchen facilities are great including for a pop-up café. We encourage classes, community activities and welcome organisations looking to try out new community projects.

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COTTENHAM COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Set up in March 2021, Cottenham Community Allotment is in its second season this year. Over the past eighteen months we have not only grown and harvested fruit and vegetables on a quarter sized plot, but we have also expanded and improved the space given to us. We now have a larger plot where we can grow and harvest a greater variety of produce, some of which is passed on to Cottenham Coffee Shop and the Foodbank. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who are committed to joining us on our work party weekends. Many of these volunteers have also taken on the extra commitment of weekly watering which, during this past summer, went above and beyond to keep the fruit and vegetables growing.

As well as the original allotment, we have recently developed a junior allotment for families who would like to start with small plots to have a go at growing fruit and vegetables. We now have four families on our Junior Allotment as well as a new shed for equipment suitable for different ages. In the coming months we hope to build raised beds in this area to improve the soil and make it easier to grow more produce there.

We would love more people to be involved in the allotment, whether occasionally or regularly as part of our work party team. If you are interested in finding out more about donating equipment and seeds, our junior allotment, or volunteering on the allotment please contact us on community. allotment@gmail.com.

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COTTENHAM UNITED COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

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We were able to hold a very successful 5-a-side Tournament in May, which is so critical to our club funding in keeping fees as low as possible and enabling purchase of kit and equipment. We would like to thank all our kind sponsors – a huge thanks to Fen Edge Community Association for their amazing support with grants and Cottenham Co-op for their Community Fund support. These have contributed significantly to our investment in much needed new sets of goals and other equipment. And it was our pleasure to help out at another wonderful Fen Edge Festival in June. We are now into the 2022/23 season and the number of teams continues to grow, in particular our girls' teams. And October brought a girls' celebration night at Cottenham Village College as we welcomed Cambridge United's No. I Dimi Mitov, in association with LifeBuoy UK and the EFL. And on a



Visit from CUFC Goalkeeper Dimi Mitov

Saturday, some of our under-15 and under-12 girls were ball crew versus Sheffield Wednesday. Great memories for all involved! We continue to grow as our village does too and we welcome new players, boys and girls age 6–18 years.

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COTTENHAM BOWLS CLUB

It was great to have a full summer outdoor season again. The weather was kind and the bowling good. We have 6 outdoor teams playing in the afternoon or evening. Two teams were very successful: Bowls Cambridgeshire County Triples won Division 2 and are promoted to Division 1; Cambridge and District won Division 4 and are promoted to Division 3 Well done to all the team captains and players who contribute so much to Cottenham Bowls Club. The indoor short mat is well under way. Everyone is welcome to give it a try and if you are interested you can contact Eric Hobbs on 01954 251956. It costs £20 for the season which runs from October to March if you want to play in our league or it costs £10 if you want to just have a roll up. It is a great way to spend the winter afternoons.

Cottenham Bowls Club is a very friendly club with members from Cottenham and surrounding villages so come and give us a try. Everyone is welcome. Contacts: Glen Clarke: 01954 250085
Website: www.hugofox.com/community/
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COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

We recently had a very interesting talk by Mike Petty about internet sources he has created for Cambridgeshire local history. He has collected all sorts of information you can find by searching on the Internet for Cambridgeshire History on your Computer – Mike Petty's Library on your Laptop. See what you can find about Cottenham in the past. **Events**

We meet at The Village Hall, off Lambs Lane, Cottenham on Fridays at 7.30 pm.

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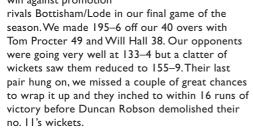
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COTTENHAM CRICKET CLUB

Promotion back to Senior League for Ist team Here at Cottenham Cricket Club, we enjoyed a really good summer. The Ist team finished second in their League and so gained promotion back to the Senior League. The 2nd team. after being promoted last season, narrowly missing out on a second successive jump, ending up third in their division. For the 1st team, it all boiled down to having to win against promotion



The 2nd XI also needed to win their last match to clinch promotion. Unfortunately for us, it was against the League leaders, Cam Kerala, the strongest team in the League and we unfortunately weren't able to pull it off on the day. For our juniors, we put on a full programme of All Stars (5-8 years) and Dynamos (8-11 years) courses and also ran a under-IIs team. The latter group, mostly under-10s in fact, were really thrown in at the deep end. They improved hugely as the term progressed and notched up one impressive victory against Histon which was extremely pleasing. A few heartfelt thanks. To all our committee members for their hard work; to all those parents and coaches who helped in the running of our under-IIs this summer; a special mention to our professional coach. Dan Robinson who brought them pretty much from scratch to become a competitive group; to our generous sponsors, Nigel Bolitho's BV Services; Create Signs and Jegan Shan,



who runs the Banana Leaf restaurant. Thanks, also, to the Parish Council for their continued and invaluable support and especially to groundsman Andrew King and his team for providing a good playing surface throughout the drought.

It will soon be time to start focusing on the 2023 season which, once we get into the New Year, really starts racing towards us! Indoor net practice will get going in early Spring so please keep an eye on the Club News section of our website for all the details. As ever, we are always very keen to welcome any cricketers in the neighbourhood who are not playing for us and might be interested in joining the Club to help keep us moving forward. 2022 was a great season and we are extremely keen to keep up that momentum.

We have 170 years of history behind us and it's vital we continue to nurture the Club for future generations as well as the current ones.

So please don't hesitate – get in touch and come and join us. You'll be very warmly welcomed indeed.

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For more event details see www.facebook.com/RepairCafeCham

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If you have any views or comments which you would like the PPG to take to our next meeting with Firs House, you can leave a letter at either surgery addressed to The Chair, Firs House PPG or email us at firsppg@gmail.com.

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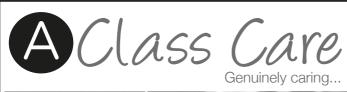
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Lessons are conducted by head coach Toby from Game Set Tennis to all children in years 3–6 across the academic year, using red learner balls and smaller rackets, donated by CTC. There are also Breakfast Club early morning sessions at Cottenham Primary School as well. Book online via

www.gamesettennis.co.uk

Having learnt the basics, to progress with tennis the way forward is weekly coaching. The club offers easy-play group sessions during term time for all ages, from 3 upwards. And the bonus is that you don't need to be a CTC member for your first six weeks of lessons. Weekly coaching ends in December and starts again on **Thursday 5 January**, sign up as above or email toby@gamesettennis.co.uk Family tennis events are always enjoyable. Sunday morning challenge in October was fuelled by lots of cake and enthusiasm as adult and child doubles were played out on short tennis courts with Josh and



Head coach Toby congratulates winners Josh and Alastair. Photo:Wendy Dear

Alastair coming out in front. All young participants received a prize.

All memberships are now half price, valid until Friday 31 March, 2023, just £5 for under 11s, and up to £42.50 for a family. Membership enables you to play for free at Cottenham Sports Centre four evenings a week plus weekend mornings and Wednesday club night. It's been a good year for tennis and lots more is planned for 2023. Check out the events page on our website www.cottenhamtennis.co.uk

COTTENHAM THEATRE WORKSHOP

Cottenham Theatre Workshop are delighted to announce that you can now order your tickets for our Christmas show – *The Nutcracker!*

Based on the German novel, The Nutcracker and the Mouse King by E.T.A. Hoffman and drawing elements from the 2018 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 CTW member Gary Unwin-Riches.

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

Tickets are available on our website.

www.cottenhamtheatre.com or through our third-party provider Ticketsource by calling 0333 666 4466 (additional booking fee applies).

Finally, we're starting to prepare for our Spring show, which we hope will take place in May 2023. Whilst we haven't fully



decided on a show yet – we've got a few options but need to confirm licensing rights! – we will be looking to get some sort of readthrough/auditions sorted in early 2023. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more details!

We hope to see many of you at the performances - enjoy the show.

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Nights are becoming darker and we now look forward to our winter evening meetings. Our successful and well-attended summer programme featured an enjoyable coffee morning at the Community Coffee Shop in August where village residents were joined by several Ukrainian families.

Meetings are held at the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30–9.30pm. The winter programme is now underway.

Wednesday 9 November – Brian Eversham, CEO of the Bedfordshire/Cambridgeshire/ Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, will speak on climate change and local wildlife.

Wednesday 7 December – Our Christmas Party with entertainment and refreshments.

After what we hope will be a Happy Christmas and New Year for members we move into the 2023 season of talks:

Wednesday 11 January – *Pearl*: an evening with Jewellery Expert Jason Middleton on the life and history of Pearls

Wednesday 8 February – *Wildlife in your Garden* by Peter Pilbeam, who is well known for his involvement in the many nature organisations within the natural world

Wednesday 8 March – *Ely Cathedral*: A fascinating insight to the History of the Cathedral, by Cathedral Guide Jan Munt.

People who are interested in attending are welcome to our meetings. If you decide after 3 free meetings that you wish to join the yearly fee for 2023 is £45.

We join outings organised by the Cambridgeshire WI featuring London theatres and places of interest within our area. And our own trips, organised by our President, Margaret Squires, this year have included the Cambridge Mosque, Madingley Hall, Denny Abbey and a planned visit to the ADC Theatre to see Chess. Margaret is also responsible for our Luncheon Club held every month. We are quite expert in restaurants and pubs which are local to us — always a good enjoyable lunchtime.

Please come and give us a try!

Cottenham WI – we are on Facebook and Cottenhamwi@outlook.com



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