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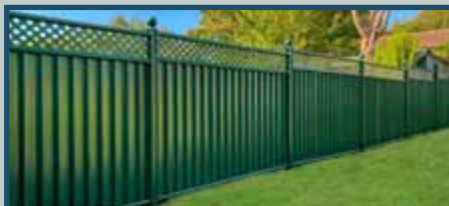
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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to another edition of the *Fen Edge News*. As I sit writing this article, fresh from a week away in the sun, the clocks have changed and there's a distinct autumnal chill in the air to join the recent wet weather. As we adjust to and contemplate the cooler temperatures and the shorter days promised by the next few months, what better time is there to look forward to next summer and another *Fen Edge Festival*?

The *Fen Edge Festival* is held every other year (now on even years thanks to Covid-19) and is the flagship event of the *Fen Edge Community Association* (FECA). For the many of you that will have attended previous festivals, you'll know what a fantastic event this is and for those new to the *Fen Edge Patch*, suffice to say you have a real treat in store next summer, when our combined villages come together to provide such a fun, diverse and astonishingly well scheduled and organised weekend.

Such events don't just happen magically however and it's important to recognise the hard work and dedication of the festival committee and all the volunteers that give up their spare time and energy to ensure the festival's continued success. The festival wouldn't exist were it not for these volunteers, many of whom have been involved in previous events. But it's also important to note that we could always use more help and we're always on the lookout for new blood to join the team – whether that's in the organising and planning phase or volunteering during the festival itself. Volunteering is its own satisfying reward and a great way of giving something back to this wonderful community we all live in. If you are interested and feel you have something or some time to offer, no matter how big or small, email chair@fenedge.co.uk and you'll be welcomed with open arms.

One underlying principle of the Festival is to provide all round family fun for the whole

weekend at modest expense. The music and entertainment events are all free and we strive to keep the price of rides and activities below usual commercial levels, particularly for children. Never has this principle been more important and more difficult to achieve however, than in the current challenging economic climate. There are significant overheads and expense in hosting a festival of this size relating to marquees, toilets, security etc. and it's thanks mainly to a number of very loyal sponsors who contribute time and again that we have always been able to adhere to our affordability goals.

That said, we do need and are looking for further sponsors who may be interested in sponsoring the event. For any local business able to help and wishing to get involved, it's a great way to engage with the local customer base; and your contribution would be widely recognised through event advertising. If this is something you would be able to help with please contact sponsorship@fenedgefestival.co.uk where yet more open arms await you.

Finally a quick reminder for the lifeblood of FECA, our member organisations. The Festival provides a unique and important opportunity for community groups and member organisations to not only raise vital funds but also to promote themselves and attract new members. If you represent one of our many and varied members, please take some time to think about how you would like to be involved in the festival, whether this is running a stall or competition, putting on a demonstration or something altogether different – now is the time to be planning it.

Based on all previous events, rest assured that it will all come together and the *Fen Edge Festival 2024* will be a resounding success. Until then, have a great few months, stay safe and best wishes to you all.

Mark Hurworth



What's on and when in the villages

DECEMBER

Fri 1 Friends of All Saints' Church, Landbeach (FOALs) – Arrival of New Bells at All Saints' Church, Landbeach (p39)

Fri 1 6.30–9.30pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach (FOALs) – Gala Dinner at All Saints' Church, Landbeach (p39)

Fri 1 7–9pm Care Network Cambridgeshire – Stand up comedy at the Meadows, 299 Arbury Road, Cambridge CB4 2JL (p19)

Sat 2–Sun 3 10am–5.30pm Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach (FOALs) – Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' Church, Landbeach (p39)

Mon 4 7.30–9.30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Making a Christmas Swag* by Doreen Young at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Wed 6–Fri 8 7.30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Peter Panto at Cottenham Village College (p59)

Sat 9 1pm and 5.30pm Cottenham Theatre Workshop – Peter Panto at Cottenham Village College (p59)

Sat 9 2.30–3.30pm Tithe Barn Trust – Carol Singing and Nativity Play at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p39)

Mon 11 Willingham Women's Institute – Christmas Party (Members only) at Willingham Social Club (p29)

Mon 11 7.30–9.30pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *Introduction to the Geology of the Chalk Springs and Chalk Streams of Cambridgeshire* by Dr Steve Boreham at St Andrew's Centre, Histon (p13)

Tue 12 2.30–4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Tea, Chat and Entertainment (Christmas songs and carols) at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Tue 12 6–8pm Cottenham Parish Council – Carols on the Green at Cottenham Village Green (p45)

Wed 13 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Christmas Party at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Sat 16 2.30pm All Saints' Church, Cottenham – Messy Christmas: *followed by Live Nativity* (p43)

Sat 16 4–6pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Real Christmas Grotto (p43)

Sat 16 8pm Cottenham Parish Council – Christmas disco by Dean Minter of Eclipse Disco at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Sun 17 6pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Evening Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies (p43)

Sun 17 7pm All Saints' Church, Rampton – Carol Service (p43)

Tue 19 7.30pm Beer and Carols at Landbeach Social Club (p39)

Tue 19 7–9pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Quiet Space (p43)

Thu 21 6.30–8.30pm Cottenham Community Centre – Mulled wine and mince pies (p55)

Fri 22 4–6pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Real Christmas Grotto (p43)

Sat 23 4–6pm Cottenham Baptist Church – Real Christmas Grotto (p43)

Sun 24 10.30am Cottenham Baptist Church – Christmas festival service (p43)

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Sun 24 4pm All Saints' Church, Cottenham – Carols in the Churchyard (p43)

Sun 24 6pm All Saints' Church, Cottenham – Carols by Candlelight (p43)

Sun 24 11.30pm All Saints' Church, Rampton – Midnight Communion (p43)

Mon 25 8.30am All Saints' Church, Cottenham – Communion: *Book of Common Prayer* (p43)

Mon 25 10.30am All Saints' Church, Cottenham – Family Communion (p43)

Mon 25 10.30am Cottenham Baptist Church – All age Christmas Day celebration (p43)

Tue 26 10.30am–12pm Fen Edge Walkers – Walk. Meet at the Broad Lane High Street Junction for a 10.30am start. Dogs must be kept under control. Children are welcome.

Sun 31 10.30am–12pm Cogwheel Counselling – Cogwheel Canter Running Festival at Girton Recreation Ground, CB3 0FH (p21)

JANUARY

Mon 8 7.30–9pm Willingham Women's Institute – Talk: *May Morris – remarkable Woman* by Fiona Rose at Willingham Social Club (p29)

Tue 9 2.30–4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Talk by Ann Chapman communications lead at Age UK at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Wed 10 7.30–9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – An evening of reflexivity by Janice Crane at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Fri 12 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk by Edward Pollard, County Butterfly Recorder at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Fri 12 7.30–9pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – New Year Party at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p43)

FEN EDGE EVENTS DIARY



Sat 13 7-9pm Friends of All Saints' Cottenham – All ages quiz at All Saints' Church Hall, Cottenham (p43)

Mon 15 7.30-9.30pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *The Northwest Highlands Controversy; how one man's ego held back science* by Dr Reg Nicholls at St Andrew's Centre, Histon (p15)

Tue 23 2.30-4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Tea and Chat at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Fri 26 7.30-9.30pm Rampton '77 Committee – Rampton Revue and Pantomime at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Sat 27 8-10pm Rampton '77 Committee – Rampton Revue and Pantomime at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

FEBRUARY

Sat 3 7.30-9.30pm Fen Edge Orchestra – Concert: *a varied programme of music including Beethoven, Haydn, Janacek and Lyadov* at Histon Baptist Church (p9)

Mon 5 7.30-9.30pm Willingham Gardening Club – Talk: *Forward Looking Gardening* by Sharka Baxter at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Tue 6 2.30-4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Talk: *Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue, including support for high risk vulnerable missing people* by Wayne Bent at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Wed 7 Friends of All Saints' Church Landbeach (FOALs) – Evening Professional Wine Tasting: *with matching cheeses* at All Saints' Church, Landbeach (p39)

Fri 9 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk by Speaker from Museum of Cambridge at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Sat 10-Sun 11 Stitch Wild – Textiles East 2024: *at which textile artists exhibit their work and retailers showcase their products for purchase* at Burgess Hall, One Leisure, St Ives PE27 6WU (p11)

Mon 12 7.30-9.30pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *Ediacran fossils in Namibia* by Dr Alex Liu at St Andrew's Centre, Histon (p15)

Mon 12 7.30-9pm Willingham Women's Institute – Talk: *Suffolk Shingle: Tales of Treasure and Trash* by Kate Osbourne at Willingham Social Club (p29)

Wed 14 7.30-9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – Talk: *the Life of Lord Haven at Anglesey Abbey* by Helen Ackroyd (National Trust) at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Tue 20 2.30-4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Tea and Chat at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Fri 23 7.30-9pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – AGM at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p43)

Sat 24 9am-12.30pm Tithe Barn Trust – Outdoor Gym at Landbeach Tithe Barn (p39)

MARCH

Mon 4 7.30-9.30pm Willingham Gardening Club – AGM at Willingham Social Club (p25)

Tue 5 2.30-4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Talk: *Mammals in your garden* by Peter Pilbeam at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Fri 8 7.30pm Cottenham Village Society – Talk: *A Letter from America* by Caroline Norton at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Mon 11 7.30-9.30pm Cambridgeshire Geological Society – Talk: *The interpretation of the periglacial landsystem through LiDAR* by Dr David Giles at St Andrew's Centre, Histon (p15)

Mon 11 7.30-9pm Willingham Women's Institute – Annual meeting, with cheese and wine at Willingham Social Club (p29)

Wed 13 7.30-9.30pm Cottenham Women's Institute – AGM & Beetle Drive at Cottenham Village Hall (p45)

Tue 19 2.30-4.30pm Rampton Tea Club – Tea and Chat at Rampton Village Hall (p37)

Fri 22 7.30-9pm Cottenham Gardeners Club – Talk at Franklin Gardens Community Room (p43)

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FEN EDGE FESTIVAL 2024



Carousel at FEF 2022. Photo: Amy Pledger

If you cast your mind back to June 2022, you will remember a fabulous weekend of entertainment, amazing weather and lots of fun had by all – especially after a 3-year break since the previous Fen Edge Festival due to Covid-19. The event definitely had a party feel!

The festival would not have been such a success without some key people, firstly the committee (you know who you are) who worked tirelessly in the lead up to and during the event. Secondly our very generous sponsors and finally all of you who ran stalls and attended the event.

Over the last nine festivals, in addition to monies raised directly by groups, FECA has raised over £50,000 which has helped to fund many local projects for member groups including:

- tennis nets for *Cottenham Tennis Club*
- goal posts and flood lights for *Cottenham Colts*
- lawnmower for *Willingham Bowls Club*
- solar panels on *Cottenham Community Centre*
- playground at *Cottenham Recreation Ground*
- swimming pool repairs at *Cottenham Primary school*
- specialist Covid-19 cleaning for *Landbeach Tithe Barn Trust*
- digital projector and clock repairs for *All Saints' Church, Cottenham*
- skate park at *Rampton Recreation Ground*
- audio visual equipment for *Cottenham Village College*
- accessible toilet for *Willingham Social Club*
- sponsorship of class at *Rampton Horse Show*

The festival committee has now started planning for our tenth festival for 2024. The dates are confirmed as **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 June 2024**. If you would like to be involved please contact chair@fenedgefestival.co.uk. In particular, we are looking for people who have experience with health and safety, finance, electrics and fundraising.

FEN EDGE ORCHESTRA

Save the Date – Saturday 3 February 2024, 7.30pm at Histon Baptist Church

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Enjoy a varied programme of music including Beethoven, Haydn, Janacek and Lyadov in the warm and comfortable Histon Baptist Church, which also has convenient parking.

If you are thinking of joining an orchestra, why not investigate Fen Edge Orchestra? Come and hear us play, and if you like what you hear, complete the contact box. The orchestra is always happy to hear from possible new members. At the time of writing, we are looking for lower string players, but we have a waiting list for all instruments. There are no auditions. We rehearse in Cottenham Village Hall from 7.30 – 9.30pm on Wednesdays in term time.



FEO rehearsing for the February concert in Histon Baptist Church last year

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At the moment, StitchWild members are preparing for *Textiles East 2024*, an event on **Saturday 10 – Sunday 11 February 2024** at which textile artists exhibit their work and retailers showcase their products for purchase. *Textiles East* is held at Burgess Hall, One Leisure, St Ives PE27 6WU.

This year we have as a theme, 'Anything Goes!' Our group is composed of ten or so fiercely independent textile artists, working in very diverse media and in many varied favourite subjects – so sometimes finding a theme that we all feel like we can contribute to can be a challenge. This one is wide open enough to include us all in our diversity!

As a group, we have come together over the past five or so years. We range in age from 50-ish to 70-ish and we have come to be textile artists along many different roads. Despite all our differences, we have one common aim – to support and nurture each other in the work that we love!

A quote from Peggy Levison Nolan found its way to my inbox recently

Almost all of my close friends are artists. It's an easier community to navigate. No dress code, not much pressure to be beautiful at any cost. Here it is honourable to age and survive without fear.

To echo a current phrase, as a group, we have 'found our tribe'. I suspect most of the groups in the Fen Edge community could say the same thing. It's that feeling you get when you are among people who understand your engagement with and commitment to a common interest. They 'get' you, you 'get' them. Even though we may be looking at the world through our own perspective, we

suspend judgement and pre-determined attitudes in our interactions with each other regarding our shared interest. We become more compassionate, tolerant and confident because of our shared respect for each other and our commitment to the group. We develop the courage to step outside our comfort zone and to grow beyond our current abilities.

In a world where many people young and old often feel lonely, having a tribe that revolves around a common interest can be an incredibly rewarding and uplifting experience. And what could be better than authentic and compassionate experiences with those who share the things you love?

To close with another quote from Vironika Jugaleva

Plenty of people will think you're crazy, no matter what you do. Don't let that stop you from finding the people who think you're incredible—the ones who need to hear your voice, because it reminds them of their own. Your tribe. They're out there. Don't let your critics interfere with your search for them.

We hope to see some of you at our exhibition in St Ives in February 2024!



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Setting up a new club

Would you like to help form a new exciting Rotary club to help others and have fun?

The *Rotary Club of Cambridge South* would very much welcome new members and is setting up a new satellite club (*Cambridge Community Rotary Club*) with freedom of what projects to get involved with.

Probable regular club meetings from January 2024 will be at 6–7pm on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (3rd Wednesday socials) at *Scott's All Day*, Mill Road, Cambridge. For more information, visit courtlinstoker.wixsite.com/ccrotaryclub

You can also contact the club chair Courtlin with any questions at cambridgecommunityrotaryclub@gmail.com

Just some of the activities that the *Rotary Club of Cambridge South* is involved with: -

Charity car parking at Christmas in Cambridge – please help us. This activity has been running for 25 years and has raised over £300,000 in the last 10 years, mainly for local charities.

If you can help (for a time slot or two on 2–3, 9–10, 16–17, 23 and 27–31 December) with the car

parking please get in touch. We need more volunteers – help to raise money for charity (£32,000 last year). Please also park with us at *Lensfield Road* or *Tennis Court Road* (just a few yards before the multi-storey car park) and all your parking fee will go to charity (two grants have been made to Fen Edge charities in recent years). This is a fun and fulfilling activity, albeit cold on some days!

Please contact me (see below) if you would like to know more about Rotary. Our motto is “Service above Self” and the theme this year is “Create hope in the World.” Our main worldwide aim is to eradicate Polio world-wide within the next few years.

The club meets on alternate Mondays (except bank holidays) at 6 for 6.30pm at *Madingley Hall*, Cambridge. We have excellent 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 and I will give more details.

Memory café – This is extremely popular. It is for people with memory loss and their partners, relatives and/or carers. It is held at *Girton* on the first Friday of each month including 1 December at 10am. It is at *St Vincent's Close Community Hall* CB3 0PE

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (CGS)

All are welcome at our monthly talks on local and world geology at *St Andrew's Centre*, *Histon* 7.30–9pm, doors open at 7pm. Non members £3, Members free. For information, visit www.cambsgeology.org/events. Don't forget your contribution (or two) to our *show and tell* table where you can share (for the evening) your rock and fossil finds with us.

Monday December 11 – *Introduction to the Geology of the Chalk Springs and Chalk Streams of Cambridgeshire*, by Dr Steve Boreham, Ecologist and geologist.

The chalk springs of Cambridgeshire provide a unique aquatic habitat and



have a vital role in feeding the chalk streams that flow through the southern part of the county. These springs arise in a variety of styles and geological settings, and there is considerable debate about what constitutes a chalk stream. Understanding their variations is essential if the geodiversity of these landforms is to be preserved.

So far, CGS has obtained *Local Geological Site* (LGS) designation for 4 Chalk Springs: *Nine Wells* (Cambridge), *Burwell*, *Giant's Grave* (Cambridge) and *Fowlmere*. We are now researching others to propose them for future LGS status. These include those at *Orwell*, *Fulbourn*, *Great Wilbraham* and *Bassingbourn*. If you know of other chalk springs in the county, please let us know.

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Monday 14 January – *The Northwest Highlands Controversy; how one man's ego held back science*, by Dr Reg Nicholls, previous Chair of CGS.

The North West (NW) Highlands of Scotland can be classed as one of the most complex and interesting geological areas in the world. Due to its complexity, it was amongst the last to be properly mapped and explained.

To this day new observations or evidence allows us to revise its story. The elucidation of the geology was not helped by the massive ego of one of the giants of 19th century geology – Sir Roderick Impey Murchison! The story of the path to the geological truth has now been termed the *Northwest Highland Controversy*. This talk will discuss the politics and personalities as well as the



science that led to the fuller understanding of the rocks of the NW.

Monday 12 February – *Ediacran fossils in Namibia*, by Dr Alex Liu, Lecturer in Palaeobiology, Dept of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge.

Dr Liu's research investigates the interval of geological time encompassing the origin and radiation of animals, between ~700–520 million years ago. His group discovered new fossil specimens (including novel taxa), logged new sections, and initiated collaborations with the *Geological Survey of Namibia*.

Monday 11 March – *The interpretation of the periglacial landsystem through LiDAR*, by Dr David Giles, Technical Director, Card Geotechnics Ltd.

This presentation presents a review of the relict periglacial landsystem that gave rise to a significant ground legacy of geohazards and will demonstrate the advances in ground model assessment offered by airborne LiDAR (laser scanning) data sets for engineering geomorphology. The available LiDAR data and generated models are described, and examples of their use presented from classic case study sites.

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We held our first quiz night since Covid-19 on 29 September this year. The event was a great success in that it raised over £500 and a lot of people enjoyed a fun evening out.

Enormous thanks are due to: an anonymous benefactor who paid the cost of hiring the *Cottenham Village Hall*; Nathalie Morgan, who provided refreshments brought back from France; Andrew Snelson, who provided the questions; Kit Kilgour, who compered the evening; and all of the other volunteers.

And last but not least, thank you to all of the local Businesses who donated prizes: *Cottenham Reflexology* by Georgiana; *Les Ward Greengrocers*; *Cottenham Coop*; *The Bushel Box*; *Lot 25 Café*; *Rumbles Fish Bar* (Willingham); and *Foxhay English Cider*.

The money raised will go a long way towards the cost of entertaining our French visitors when they next come to the *Fen Edge Patch* in May 2024.

Our visitors are hosted by members of FETA, who provide food, accommodation and informal entertainment, entirely at their own expense. FETA arranges the group events. It is nice to be able to give our guests a small gift as a souvenir of their visit. It is these formal activities that our funds raised together with any grants received, will help to pay for.

FETA is always happy to welcome new members that live in one of the *Fen Edge Patch* villages (*Waterbeach*, *Landbeach*, *Cottenham*, *Rampton* or *Willingham*).



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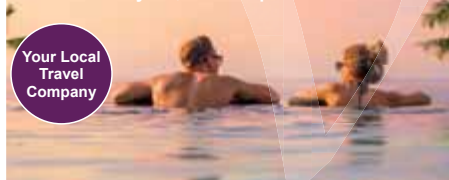
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With the rising cost of living causing increased financial and family/social strain, keeping all the cogs turning is more difficult than ever for many people. When life feels too difficult, it can be tempting to ignore problems, and this is where Cogwheel Counselling seeks to help – the analogy with cogs turning a wheel is how the charity derived its name back in 1988.

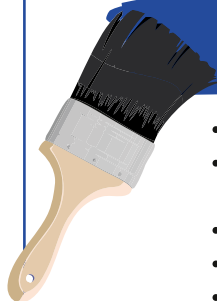
Cogwheel provides affordable and accessible counselling to individuals of all ages (including children and young people) on low and limited incomes. Potential clients can refer themselves directly to Cogwheel through the charity website www.cogwheel.org.uk

Cogwheel's office and counselling rooms are based in the centre of Cambridge and there is also a Counselling hub in Sawston.

The difference that the mental health counselling provided by Cogwheel can make to its clients can be transformative, enabling them to function better in their lives, in their families, in their work and in their community. Cogwheel seeks to help with the management of mental health issues before they escalate and, for some, become overwhelming.

Cogwheel has had a challenging time financially and fundraising is a continual pressure. Information on how to support Cogwheel is available on our website and all are welcome to the *Cogwheel Canter Running Festival* being held on New Year's Eve. This is family centred event with a range of distances from 200m to 10k- event information available at www.cogwheel5kcanter.org.uk

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WATERBEACH MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

The museum tells the story of the former airfield from 1938 when the land was bought, the RAF arriving in 1941 and leaving in 1966. The Royal Engineers arrived in 1966 and left in 2012. The site is now being developed as Waterbeach (New Town).

Visitors – Our visitors are many and various. Recently we had a visit from a former Royal Engineer who had purchased a Harley Davidson military 350cc motor cycle with panniers at each corner, as it were. This motor cycle had been allocated to the Royal Engineers at Waterbeach during 1996, first with 53 Field Squadron (Air SP) and later to 39 UK Engineer Regiment both at Waterbeach. Later it transferred back to 53 Sqn. Presumably they had returned from an overseas deployment.

When sold on to civilian use, it had only 800 miles on the clock. It now has eleven thousand, some of it in Europe. It must have been in store for a time before being sold to MOD dealers and then in 2007 sold to the current proud owner. Military records are meticulous, enabling tracing the life of any equipment. This motor cycle is in splendid condition. The panniers don't hold as much as would appear in the first place, though. The front left-hand pannier had space for a firearm.

A few years ago we had a services veteran motor cycle club visit and leading the group was a motor cycle and side car. The passenger was in charge of the machine gun on the front of the sidecar (covered up for going through the street!).

Visitors come from all over the world to visit. Recently a lady



came from Australia, her family still living in Waterbeach and her father flew with 514 Squadron from RAF Waterbeach between 1943 to 1945 we believe. We never know where the next visitor will come from!

Interacting with the community – recently we have hosted with our partners from *Duxford Radio Trust* (DRT), *Brownies and Guides* for their communications badge. They were required to learn and use the Morse key on the display depicted in the last issue of this magazine. There was a strict adjudicator. We are pleased to say all the candidates passed the test. They are also learning the phonetic alphabet.

BBQ for Museum Friends – we hosted a BBQ in September for the *Friends of the Museum* and our partners, DRT. This was our third annual BBQ and a great way to meet our *Friends of the Museum* (of which we have about 60), to update them and show off recent acquisitions. You are welcome to join!

Museum Voluntary Stewards Interested in Military or local history? – Then we would like to hear from you. We are looking for people to join our stewarding team to explain to our visitors what *Waterbeach RAF Station and Engineers Barracks* was all about and interpret the museum displays. If you feel you would like to explore joining us, please contact Adrian below.

When we are open – on the first Sunday and Wednesday of the months from March to October 10am–4pm. Also, on the third Sunday all year when there is a *Community Market* at the former Barracks 10am–3pm. We will open for visiting groups at other times.

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WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

As we are approaching the end of the year, I thought it might be nice to recap on some of the provisions the Council makes for residents to take part in activities within the village.

Ploughman Hall – The hall is located on West Fen Road and is a very popular destination for a wide range of activities including baby groups, dance classes, badminton, ballroom dancing and exercise classes for both younger and older residents. The hall is also regularly hired out for party bookings and individual events.

The Hall is also used for community led events including the repair café and feast weekend events.

Part of the hall is separated out and is leased to Willingham Youth Trust who run a youth club once a week, a very popular venue with a long waiting list of those wanting to attend. The Youth Trust is always looking for new volunteers to help them and Connexions deliver the scheme to our young people.

Public Hall – The hall is located on the High Street and is predominantly used by the Scouting group to run their regular sessions throughout the week.

Pavilion and Recreation Ground – We are very lucky in the village to have a large recreation ground which currently caters for cricket, football, and a bowls club. The Council are in the process of bringing together a project for a multi-use games area on the Recreation Ground which will be available for tennis and netball. A planning application has been submitted for the scheme and we await the outcome. If successful I am sure many residents will enjoy these new facilities.

QEII Field Play Park – Many of you will have seen or maybe used the extensive play-park

situated behind the Ploughman Hall. This is incredibly popular especially in the summer and is used both by residents and visitors from wider afield. Equipment is provided for a wide age range of children and includes a zip wire, slide, swings, trampoline, under 5s area and many more.

Barton Field and Meadow Road – As mentioned previously both these sites have been provided as open natural spaces for visitors to enjoy. Meadow Road will soon benefit from a nature pond at the rear of the site and has had many trees and hedgerows planted which will mature over time and bring added benefit to the area and wildlife. Barton Field also will continue to be enhanced whilst being kept natural for everyone to enjoy through the changing seasons.

Community Orchard – The community orchard is an area that continues to thrive and develop with a wide number of fruit trees, wild-flower planting and woodland area. The footpath along Earith Road that was added last year thanks to an A14 Legacy Grant has made it much easier for residents to gain safe access so they can enjoy walks or picnics in this lovely spot.

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 meet on the first Monday of the month at *Willingham Social Club*, with refreshments from 7pm. The meeting begins at 7.30pm.

Events – Monday 4 December – *Making a Christmas Swag* with Doreen Young

Monday 5 February – *Forward Looking Gardening* by Sharika Baxter

Monday 4 March – Annual General Meeting

New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email:

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WILLINGHAM WHEELS

Sofa to 50k 2024

I am sure many of you will have heard of the *Couch to 5km* training plan? The idea is to transform you from 'couch potato' to 'runner', getting you running three miles (or 5k) on a regular basis in just two months.

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Following the success of recent schemes, Willingham Wheels are gearing up to run a *Sofa to 50km* programme in partnership with the *Over Day Centre Bike Rides*!

We will start the 8-week training plan on **Tuesday 7 May**. Rides are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7.30pm) and Sunday mornings (9.30am). Time commitment ranges from a

minimum of 1 hour 30 minutes to a maximum of 6 hours 30 minutes per week to allow you to participate in all rides.

The plan will culminate in a 50km ride as part of the *Over Day Centre Bike Rides 2024* on **Sunday June 30** (More details to follow). Under 16's are most welcome to join but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you are interested in taking part or want to find out more, please contact Nigel at sofa250k@outlook.com

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Willingham Wheels Sofa to 50km Class of 2023



We have a new minister, Kwaku Efah. He was installed at WBC on Saturday 11 November, in front of a church full to capacity. Kwaku is newly ordained as a minister and comes to us from

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At the time of writing, the end of 2023 is in sight. We are preparing for our Christmas Party on **Monday 11 December** (a member only event), when we will be

entertained by the *Burlesque Bombshells*. Clearly it's not just Jam and Jerusalem at our Willingham WI !

Our first meeting in 2024 will be on **Monday 8 January**. Our speaker will be Fiona Rose and her talk is *May Morris – remarkable Woman*. Born in 1862, May was the youngest daughter of Jane and William Morris. She was taught to embroider by her mother and her aunt. Her father taught her textile design. May went on to excel in the field of embroidery becoming *Head of Embroidery* at the family firm of *Morris & Co* by the time she was twenty-three. May also designed wallpapers, made jewellery and was talented in many other areas.

We look forward to hearing about this remarkable woman from our speaker.

On **Monday 12 February** we welcome Kate Osbourne from *Beach Bonkers* for her talk on *Suffolk Shingle: Tales of Treasure and Trash*. According to Kate's website, beach combing is:

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On **Monday 11 March** we have our **Annual Meeting**, and a social evening with cheese and wine.

New members are always very welcome at Willingham WI. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in *Willingham Social Club*. If you would like to join us, please email willinghamwi28@gmail.com and we will update you on our meetings.



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See description for 27 January.

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) 10am – 4pm
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See description for 27 January.

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) 10am – 4pm
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10am – 1pm Fee: £23

In this workshop we will practise qigong exercises to participate in 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.

Upholstery (Lisa Cramp) 10am – 4pm
Fee: £90 plus materials

See description for 27 January.

Embossed Letters (Liz Barrow)
10am – 4pm Fee: £45

This workshop will appeal particularly to those with some calligraphic experience, however it will be accessible to everyone including complete beginners to lettering. Participants will examine the Neuland lettering style, and then design their own letter which they will emboss onto plain paper, adding simple decorative elements if wished. The letter can be left as its own piece of art, or combined with some pen calligraphy, and used as a greeting card. Help and guidance will be available throughout the day.

Adult Classes 2024

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

During this workshop you will create a unique and beautiful Copperfoil Stained Glass panel based upon an image of your choosing. Please bring a photograph or drawing of what you would like to make (not from glass). I will show

you how to translate your photograph into a glass piece. During the course you will experiment with cutting glass, shaping it using a grinding machine, copper foiling it, and finally attaching the fragments together with a soldering iron. There will be a charge for glass and specific materials that will be paid directly to the Tutor at the beginning of the class.

DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES

Materials extra unless otherwise stated. Please bring along your own refreshments.

MONDAY

15, 22, 29 Jan; 5, 12, 26 Feb; 4, 11, 18 Mar

Dressmaking (Sally Tilley) **8 weeks 12.30-2.30pm Fee: £136**

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

Watercolour Painting for Beginners (David Hyde) 9.45am – 11.45am Fee: £136

This is a day course for total beginners or for those wanting to revive their interest in this wonderful medium. This course will take you on a journey that will improve your confidence. A journey taken step by step using David's tried and tested watercolour approach. A list of basic materials will be needed.

Watercolour Painting for Beginners (David Hyde) 6pm – 8pm Fee: £136

An early evening course for total beginners or for those wanting to revive their interest in this wonderful medium. This course will take you on a journey that will improve your confidence. A journey taken step by step using David's tried and tested watercolour approach. A list of basic materials will be needed.

Creative with Clay (Larry Mogridge) – 8 weeks 7-9pm Fee: £162 includes clay and firing

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.

TUESDAY

16, 23, 30 Jan; 6, 13, 27 Feb; 5, 12, 19 Mar

Drawing for Fun! (Lisa Fretwell) – 5 weeks **(16, 30 Jan; 13 Feb, 5, 19 Mar)** **9.30am – 12.30pm Fee: £102 plus materials**

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.

More Adventures in Patchwork & Quilting (Marion Curtis) – 5 weeks **(23 Jan; 6, 27 Feb; 2, 26 March)** **1.30pm – 3.30pm Fee: £68 plus materials**

Although this course has been running from September there is no problem with newcomers joining in, whether you are a beginner or someone who wishes to extend their skills. The tutor has put together some ideas covering a variety of common techniques to create a series of blocks giving a more modern look. These blocks will all fit together to make a sampler quilt or you may just use the blocks in a personal project. Basic experience in using a sewing machine is essential such as being able to wind a bobbin, thread up the machine and sew in a straight line. Patchwork is much easier to access than dressmaking and is a great way to use even basic sewing skills to be creative.

Fitness for Mature Movers (Margaret Briggs) **Ploughman Hall, Willingham** **11.30am–12.30pm Fee: £30**

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

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

18, 25 Jan; 1, 8, 15, 29 Feb; 8, 15, 22 Mar

French Conversation (Jean-Louis Barges)
10am–12 noon Fee: £136

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: £340

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

NEW ADULT LEARNING COURSE IDEAS

We're always keen to hear about new course ideas – contact Jackie Eade, Adult Learning Officer, if you have ideas about new courses that you'd like to try, or if you're a Tutor with a new course suggestion.

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Adult Classes 2024

Announcing Vivify

Cottenham Village College have officially partnered with Vivify Venues to run the hiring of its facilities. Vivify Venues are school hire specialists who want inspire people everywhere to get the most out of life, bring communities together, and help schools generate much-needed revenue. Cottenham Village College believe that by appointing Vivify, not only are they securing the future availability of the local community facilities for hire, but they will be able to utilise additional facilities which until now have not been made available due to staffing pressures.



Cottenham Sports Centre at Cottenham Village College will soon be looking to reopen on Sundays but regrettably, the Fitness Suite will not be re-opening for memberships. The Fitness Suite can however be booked by instructors for classes and personal training.

A bit about Vivify

Vivify are passionate about getting under-utilised school spaces open to the community for a range of sports, leisure, and educational activities. They offer spaces for conferences and events, artistic activities, sports and much more! Get in touch today via our website www.vivifyvenues.com or contact hello@vivifyvenues.com

Join the Team!

Our Community Hosts are responsible for opening and closing our schools across the UK on evenings, weekends and school holidays. We enroll all of our hosts onto our thorough Training Academy, where they learn everything from operational standards, security, safeguarding and customer service. During the recruitment process we put a particular emphasis on our values, as it is crucial our hosts understand just how meaningful a lettings programme can be. There are vacancies at Cottenham Village College, please use the contact details below for more information.

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FECA IN RAMPTON



We meet twice a month in Rampton Village Hall. We provide a regular social opportunity for people from Rampton and neighbouring villages to come together to share tea/cakes and to join in other activities in a friendly atmosphere. Educational talks

are given at one of the monthly meetings.

The *Tea Club* was formed in November 2008. It was started initially by a group of six people who used to meet regularly to enjoy tea and biscuits and a "get together". It quickly grew to a group of 20. The *Tea Club* meets on alternate Tuesdays in the village hall. Members are mostly over 60 but we welcome all ages and residents from our neighbouring villages.

There is no membership fee; we charge £2 entrance at each meeting to cover costs.

The *Tea Club* is a friendly group. As one of our members said: "I joined the *Tea Club* to meet my neighbours. I moved here shortly after I was widowed. Many of these are now my friends and I very much value the support that we all get from one another."

Meetings – are held in *Rampton Village Hall*, 2.30–4.30pm.

Tuesday 12 December – Tea, chat and entertainment. Christmas songs and carols.

Tuesday 9 January – Talk by Ann Chapman communications lead at Age UK.

Tuesday 23 January – Tea and chat.

Tuesday 6 February – Talk on *Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue*, including support for high risk vulnerable missing people, by Wayne Bent.

Tuesday 20 February – Tea and chat.

Tuesday 5 March – Talk: *Mammals in your garden*, by Peter Pilbeam, includes a quiz on identifying small mammals.

Tuesday 19 March – Tea and chat.

Contact – ramptonteaclub@gmail.com, 01954 252043

RAMPTON '77 COMMITTEE

The *Rampton Revue and Pantomime* will be held on **Friday 26 January** at 7.30pm in *Rampton Village Hall*. There will be a few limited tickets available for **Saturday 27 January** at 8pm. For more details see www.ramptonvillagehall.co.uk

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LANDBEACH TITHE BARN TRUST

Events

Saturday 9 December 2.30–3.30pm – Come and join in with carol singing and a nativity play.

Start your festive season with carol singing, mulled wine, fruit juice and mince pies in the atmospheric space of the Tithe Barn. There will be a combination of well-known carols and a 'Living Christmas' portrayal of the Christmas story. Wrap-up well as the barn is not heated to enjoy the festive decorations and magical space!

Saturday 24 February 9am–12.30pm – Outdoor Gym.

The barn is situated in a beautiful open space and we will be managing vegetation and planting a few trees. Bring sturdy shoes, warm working clothes, tools if you have some (we will also have some for you to use), plus your own picnic for a break (outside or in the barn).

We need you! We're a small charity and not-for-profit volunteer group, but with a big ambition, our mission: *Ensuring the long-term survival of the rare and ancient Tithe Barn, by breathing new life into the site, for everyone to enjoy.*

The barn is a beautiful and ancient building in a lovely setting on the edge of Landbeach village - and it needs looking after. In general the barn is

closed from mid-December to Easter, however our band of friendly volunteers give as much (or as little) time as they can spare all year round to ensure the barn is well-maintained and that our diverse events are enjoyable.

So, if you are looking for something for your next new year's resolution, make new friends, work in an amazing space and know that you're helping a great cause – three fabulous reasons to volunteer with us. To find out more go to tithebarntrust.org.uk/join-get-involved/volunteer/ or email tithebarntrust@gmail.com – we look forward to hearing from you and sharing this lovely place.

Currently we also are looking for trustees – including someone keen

to lead on events as part of a team – from ideas, planning and on-the-day support.

The tithe barn has easy car and cycle parking, accessible eco-toilets and the park and ride bus PR5 between Cambridge and Milton stops at Landbeach – see www.cambridgeparkandride.info/downloads/milton-tt.pdf

Our entrance gate is opposite no 2 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach CB25 9FA.

Go to www.tithebarntrust.org.uk to learn more about us.



Carols at the tithe barn

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, LANDBEACH (FOALS)

Opening up our Parish Church building to community projects.

During the year, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to support the project to enhance the bell tower from a peal of four to a peal of six. The

two new bells have now been cast, and you can see videos and photos of the casting process on the FOALS Facebook page.

Work is starting on tuning and preparing them for action. These new bells are to be on display in the church for the *Christmas Tree Festival* on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December – see below.

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They are then to be lifted and hung in the tower in time to ring for Christmas!

Our planned programme includes some novel and prospectively epic events!

Saturday 18 November 7–9pm – Pudding (Savoury) Pie and Quiz Evening, which is a slight expansion of the ever-popular *Pudding and Quiz Evening*.

Friday 1 December – Afternoon: Arrival of the new bells. 6.30–9.30pm: *Gala Dinner amidst the Christmas Trees* – A professionally catered black tie dinner will be served amidst the forest of the Christmas Tree festival. Cost is £50 / ticket. Spaces are limited, and booking essential: janemaryoakes@gmail.com or 07740 282387

Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December 10am–5.30pm – Christmas Tree Festival, which will feature an estimated 40 trees inside the church. Each tree will feature a motive or message by those placing them (groups, schools, businesses, individuals).

There will be a small entry charge to view the ‘forest,’ except during the Sunday services. Setup

will be in the week before. There is no charge for placing a tree – maybe you would like to do so too? Contact Wendy on 01223 864766 and wendy.slaninka@btinternet.com

Tuesday 19 December 7.30 for 8.00 pm – Beer and carols in the Social Club (not a FOALS event)

Christmas Eve **Sunday 24 December 4–5pm – Christingle** (not a FOALS event)

Wednesday 7 February Evening – Professional wine tasting with matching cheeses

Bell Ringing – Ring our centuries-old bells in the ancient tradition of church bell ringing. Trial sessions by arrangement, and weekly expert tuition on Wednesday evenings 7–8.30pm ringing at both Landbeach and Horningsea. Please contact Barbara LeGallez on blegallez@yahoo.co.uk or 01223 860283

We hope you like our programme, and we look forward to seeing you at as many of these events as possible.

Contacts: foals.info@gmail.com Facebook: Landbeach Community, and FOALS
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, COTTENHAM

Christmas Services 2023

Saturday 16 December 2.30pm – Messy Christmas, followed by Live Nativity at All Saints' Church, Cottenham

Sunday 17 December 7pm – Carol Service at All Saints' Church, Rampton

Sunday 24 December – Cottenham: Carols in the Churchyard at 4pm and at Carols by Candlelight 6pm; Rampton: Midnight Communion at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day **Monday 25 December** – 8.30am Book of Common Prayer Communion, 10.30am Family Communion both at All Saints' Church, Cottenham

THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS, COTTENHAM

We will be holding an all ages quiz on **Saturday 13 January** in the All Saints' Church Hall, Cottenham. Come from 6.30pm ready for a 7pm start. Come with a team of 6 or join a team on the night. There will be prizes and a raffle.

Bring your own food and drinks though tea and coffee will be provided.

Email friendsofallsaintscottenham@gmail.com or just turn up and pay on the night! Adults £5, under 16s £3

COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

The Real Christmas Grotto

This began in 2020, during lock-down, when churches were closed and there was little opportunity to enjoy Christmas traditions. During that time the Baptist Church in Cottenham was turned into a grotto that retold the Christmas story, along with real characters, a stable, and animal smells!

Since 2020, we have run this event every year – telling the story of Jesus' birth in creative ways as people walk around the grotto.

There are actors that invite you into the Christmas story, film clips, activities to join in with along the way, snacks, and a place to pause and be still – every year is different.

You can walk around at your own speed either on your own or in a group. This year the grotto is once again taking place at the Baptist Church on **Saturday 16, Friday 22, and Saturday 23 December** from 4–6pm. It is free for everyone – slots can be booked through the church website (www.cottenhambaptist.org.uk). Don't miss out on a chance to enter into the story and enjoy the adventure of Christmas.

We will also be running a variety of **other events** during December:

Sunday 17 December – Evening carol service at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies



Tuesday 19 December – Quiet Space to reflect and pray between 7–9pm

Sunday 24 December – Christmas festival service at 10.30am, including a variety of Christmas activities before joining for carols together

Monday 25 December – All age Christmas Day celebration at 10.30am

COTTENHAM GARDENERS CLUB

October's meeting was changed and our local nurseryman, Joe Sharman, was able to step in. We hope to have the talk on *Lavender Farming* next year.

There is no meeting in December, but we look forward to our *New Year Party* on **Friday 12 January**, with drinks provided by the club and supper brought by members and committee. The entertainment for the evening is a garden-related quiz. Guests and visitors are very welcome at this festive meeting at a cost of £6 per head.

On **Friday 23 February** is our AGM, with the much-anticipated unveiling of the new programme. Subscriptions will be due, likely to remain at £20 following last year's increase. After the formal business there is usually a short entertainment.

The March meeting will probably be on **Friday 22 March** (to avoid Good Friday), with a speaker yet to be decided.

Cottenham Gardeners Club meets at *Franklin Gardens Community Room*, usually on the last Friday of the month, with refreshments served from 7.30pm. A talk follows at 7.45pm and the evening closes with a raffle.

Visitors can try a single speaker meeting for £3.

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COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Carols on the Green – Our annual Carols on the Green is taking place on **Tuesday 12 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 with Jo: clerk@cottenham-pc.gov.uk

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*.

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Dancing at Cottenham Village Hall – The *Balcony Room* upstairs at *Cottenham Village Hall* on *Lambs Lane* is perfect for a dance and we've had many bops of one sort or another. In October we hosted traditional ceilidh band *Frog on A Bike*, which was sold out, and on **Saturday 16 December** at 8pm DJ Dean Minter of *Eclipse Disco* will get us on our feet for a Christmas disco www.wegotickets.com/event/596571

Earlier in the afternoon, there will be a kids' disco with games and prizes, run by Eliza Grace Entertainment www.wegotickets.com/event/596570. Looking forward to 2024 we plan to hold another ceilidh and maybe even a Bollywood dance night!

The **bar team** is delighted to be joined by Sapph Grant as Bar Supervisor who is bringing fresh ideas and experience as well as keeping us organised. The backbone of the bar remains the team of volunteers who help run the bar shifts.

It is a fun way to meet new people and tends to be once every month or two, depending on when you are available. If you are interested please contact Christine Ward cllr.ward@cottenham-pc.gov.uk



COTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Now winter is well and truly here, we are looking forward to our

Christmas celebrations and a variety of activities and speakers to look forward to in our 2024 programme.

Wednesday 13 December is our *Christmas Party* and we will be welcoming back the *Band of Ukes* to entertain us. We will also be having a fun quiz and Christmas nibbles.

Wednesday 10 January is an evening of *Reflexology* with Janice Crane.

Wednesday 14 February is a talk by Helen Ackroyd from the *National Trust* about the *Life of Lord Haven at Anglesey Abbey*, this should be a very interesting evening.

Wednesday 13 March is our *Resolutions and Annual Meeting*, along with a social evening including a *Beetle Drive* and a quiz for fun.

Every **Wednesday afternoon** we host a *Rummikub Club* which is open to all members and non-members, at *Stevens Close Community Centre* between 2–4pm. You can play or just come along for a cup of tea and a chat. Tuition is available for

those that have not played before. There is a charge of £1 per session.

New members and visitors are always very welcome at *Cottenham WI*. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, we meet in the *Village Hall* in *Lambs Lane* from 7.30–9.30pm. Follow us on Facebook or just come along to one of our meetings.

COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

Our new programme for 2024 has a very interesting mixture of talks. We meet on the second Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the *Village Hall*. Everyone is welcome to join us. There is a fee of £3 for non members.

Friday 12 January – Edward Pollard, *County Butterfly Recorder*

Friday 09 February – Speaker from *Museum of Cambridge* (formerly *Folk Museum*), to be confirmed

Friday 08 March – Caroline Norton, *A Letter from America*

Friday 12 Apr – David Stubbings, *Cambridge Museum of Technology*

For more information contact the secretary, email: cottvillsoc@gmail.com

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COTTENHAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



The 2023/24 season is underway with the club now playing in the *Cambridgeshire Senior B* league after successfully gaining promotion last season.

We have started well and are holding our own in the new league, as we currently sit mid table. With games in hand we will look to push on for another possible promotion.

We are a friendly village team who are always on the look out for new players.

If you are interested in playing senior football then please do get in touch with us via our email: cottenhamunitedfc@hotmail.com or check out our website: www.cottenhamunitedfc.co.uk and our twitter and Facebook accounts for further information about the club.

Our training nights are currently held at *Cottenham Village College Sports Centre* on their 3G pitch every Wednesday 8–9pm. Do come along and ask for Harry West (manager) or Paul Mcfarlane (coach).

COTTENHAM UNITED COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

The new football season is well underway and the girls and boys teams at Cottenham Colts are doing the village proud in their league and cup fixtures. The club now has 15 boys' teams and 6 girls' teams covering age groups from under 7 to under 17.

Our youngest girls team are the under 9s who are made up of a mixture of year 2 and year 3 girls playing 7v7 matches. The girls have made an impressive start to their football careers learning to play as a team and supporting each other on the pitch.

Our youngest boys' team are the newly formed under 7s who play 5v5 games in the league. The boys have scored plenty of goals in their matches so far and are becoming a really solid team, working hard for each other and always playing in the right spirit.

If you have young children who want to play, please get in touch with the club and we will put you in contact with any newly forming teams. We are especially interested to hear from any parents who would be interested in running a team.

If you want to see any of our teams play, games take place on Saturday mornings from 9.30am either at the *Recreation Ground* or at *Cottenham Village College*. Positive supporters are always welcome.

Thank you to our players and young referees who continue to represent the village in a positive way, week in, week out.



Cottenham Under 9 Girls. Photo by Jon Darby.



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The club had a mixed summer following the huge success of 2022 when both our 1st and 2nd adult teams earned promotion. We were definitely anticipating tougher seasons for both sides in 2023!

After a tricky start, the 1st XI got going really well. Senior 3 is an unusual division in that, of the nine teams, four get relegated and two promoted so only three stay put! The club's main aim was to consolidate and this we did, finishing fourth. In fact, if one of our games against the bottom club hadn't been cancelled, we could easily have been right in the mix for another promotion so definitely a season of which to be very proud.

Our 2nd team had a much more difficult time. For various reasons, we were unable to field a consistently strong side and the jump from Junior 4 to Junior 3 is a pretty significant one in terms of the quality of the opposition. In the end, we just couldn't accumulate enough runs on a regular basis to win matches.

So we ended up in the bottom two and will now have to lick our wounds and start again in the division below. It was a really tough baptism for new skipper Martyn Davies, but he did a brilliant job motivating the side. Here's to a much better season next time around!

In addition to all this, our juniors really enjoyed their summer of cricket. We put on a full programme of *All Stars* (5–8 years) and *Dynamos* (8–11 years) courses and are massively indebted to Duncan Robson and Shaun Pepper for making both courses so successful and engaging brilliantly with the youngsters.

We also ran an under-12s team, mostly under-11s in fact, plus an under-10 player to boot, so really young. As last year, we were playing against older and more experienced opponents. But we were always competitive having one excellent win away at *Fulbourn* and pushing the League leaders *Sawston* and *Babraham* all the way on their own ground in our last match. Very well done indeed to all the players!

Finally, some important 'thank yous'. Thanks to all our committee members for their hard work and dedication; to the parents and coaches who helped in the running of our under-12s this summer and a very special mention to professional coach Ben Rowbotham, who got on really well with the youngsters and definitely improved their skills throughout the summer term.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, Nigel Bolitho's *BV Services*, *Create Signs* and Jegan Shan's *Banana Leaf Restaurant* on Milton Rd. Thanks, also, to the Parish Council for their continued and hugely appreciated support in helping the Club to progress with its facilities. I also really want to give special thanks to new groundsmen Danny Wright of *Brookfield Services* and Wayne Hardy of *Mr Groundsman* for producing a good quality playing surface every week.

Preparation for the 2024 season will be underway very soon. At junior level, we're planning to run *All Stars* and *Dynamos* again plus both an under-11s and an under-13s team, but we do need some help with the under-11s.

So if anyone has a youngster in that age group keen on cricket, please do think about getting involved and helping us get it off the ground. As ever, we are always keen to welcome any cricketers in the neighbourhood not playing for us and who might be interested in joining the club to help keep us moving forward.

Please don't hesitate – get in touch and come and join us. You'll be very warmly welcomed indeed. Keep your eye on the website and social media for news of our pre-season net practices and other developments.

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COTTENHAM RENEGADES RUFC

Rugby Clubs across East Anglia are shocked and saddened at the untimely death of Arturas Rudys, 27, who played for *Wisbech Rugby Club* in Cambridgeshire. In the course of the game a chest-to-chest collision involving Arturas seems to have caused a cardiac arrest. Strenuous efforts to resuscitate

him, including Air Ambulance medic were to no avail. He died at the scene.

Everyone at Cottenham Renegades was very sad to hear the news. We had two good games against Wisbech last year and were soundly beaten in both. Wisbech were then promoted into a higher league this year. We send our condolences to Arturas's family and everyone at Wisbech.

We had a difficult start to the season with two away games not played because of a lack of players. Each one cost five points, so Renegades are bottom of the table as I write. However, we have had a flurry of new talent joining us in the last few weeks, so hopefully, things will improve for the rest of the season.



George Mills picks from the back of a ruck and attacks the Newmarket defence. Photo by Peter Haigh.

The Rugby World Cup certainly delivered in spades. England was the surprising star of the home nations, having played poorly in the six nations and in the pre-world-cup games. Their performance against South Africa in the semi final was outstanding and they deserved to win that game. But it was not to be and the Saffers went on

to win a closely contested final against New Zealand.

If you fancy trying your hand at rugby, Renegades are always on the lookout for new players. You may have played at school or with a club a while back and would like to get

back into it. Or maybe you have never played but think

you might like to try it out.

Either way, you will get a great welcome if you come along to try out Renegades. Renegades take the game seriously but having fun is what the club is really about. If you are interested have a look at the Renegades website (renegadesrugby.net) and come along to watch a game and meet the players. You will get a warm welcome.

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We are delighted to note that the fantastic Fen Edge Festival will be running again next June and look forward to participating again.

Family tournament – The tennis gods must have been looking favourably upon us, following the deluge of Friday 13 October, as Saturday 14 turned out to be a brisk sunny Autumn day for our fifth and biggest ever family tournament.

The day started incredibly well with a cake stall held in conjunction with the Cottenham Colts, which raised over £200 for Crohn's and Colitis research – largely thanks to the very hungry footballers.

In the afternoon our superb coach, Toby from *Game Set Tennis* organised 18 pairs of child + parent (or + substitute adult) into our Halloween themed games. These followed tie break rules up to 7 points, using red junior balls on half size courts.

Group *Frankenstein* (aged 10–14) was won by Louise and Barnaby with Jack and Harry in second place. For the *Vampires* (aged 8–10 years) Roger and Ted won with Josh and Lucas coming second. The youngest group, *Dracula* (aged 6–9 years), was won by Alison and Milo with Paul and Imogen in second place. The prize for best Halloween outfit went to Mia (the witch).

Many thanks to Toby and to the organisers and the volunteers who ran the very popular and yummy cake stall. The kids (and adults) clearly needed some energy after all their exercise.

For all things *Cottenham Tennis* please visit our website
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/CottenhamTennisClub

Email info@cottenhamtennis.co.uk

Alternatively, why not visit us for our adult social evenings on Wednesday from 6.30pm onwards – we promise a warm welcome even if it's pretty cold at this time of year! (not if it's raining!!).

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What's on at the Community centre – classes.

Kids play is on the **first Saturday of each month** including 2 December at 10.30am. A great way for children and adults to meet and have fun together.

Little Humbugs runs fortnightly (term time) on Wednesdays 9.30–10.30am in the coffee shop and fortnightly on Fridays in the hall 11.15am–12.15pm. It's for babies and pre-schoolers and their carers. 30 minutes of singing, followed by half an hour of play, chat and refreshments.

Knitting group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the hall. **Craft group** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10am in the coffee shop.

Ballet (NEW) for children Wednesdays 4.15–5.45pm and 5.45–6.45pm and Saturdays 9.30–10.30am.

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Yoga Tuesdays 10–11.30am. **Zumba** Mondays and Thursdays 7–8pm. **Whirl and Twirl** Wednesdays 7–9pm and some Sundays including 10 December.

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For Activities and classes: Please contact individual activity organisers, details on our website: www.cottenhamcc.org/ Please Email us at: bookings@cottenhamcc.org if you'd like to arrange a class, community activity or new community project.

What's on – Events. Community Cinema with Licensed bar. Screenings start at 7.30pm on 1st Sunday of the month including 3 December. Doors open at 7.00pm. To book see our website or Facebook: [CottenhamCommunityCinema](https://www.facebook.com/CottenhamCommunityCinema)

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C & D League, Division 1, Cottenham A finished 4th

C & D League, Division 3, Cottenham B finished 10th

Business House Mixed League, Division 1, Cottenham finished 10th

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. 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.

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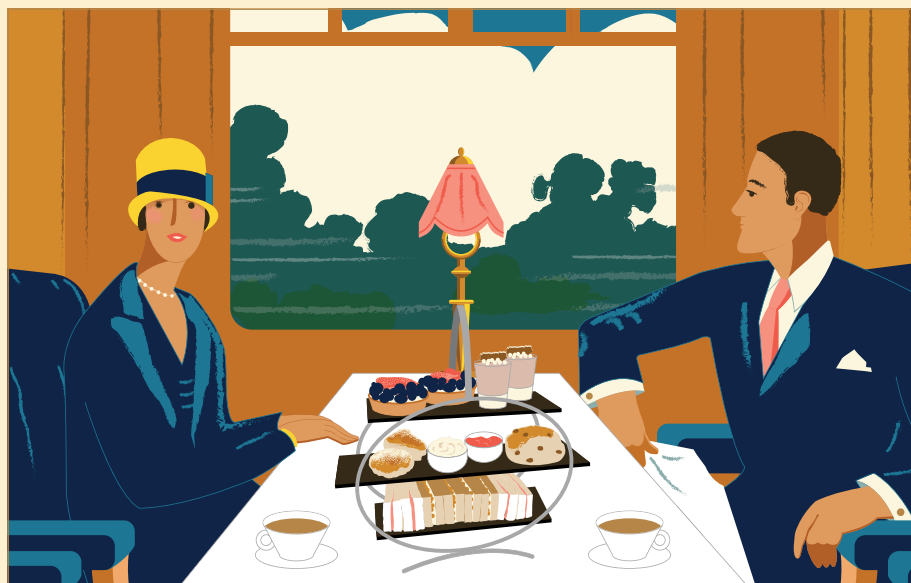
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