

COTTENHAM CONSERVATION AREA SCHEME

At the beginning of August 1990 an exhibition was held in Cottenham to explain the implications of extending the conservation area designation and to provide a means to gauge the level of local support for an enhancement project in Cottenham. Local people supported the idea of a grant scheme for the conservation area and for action to renovate derelict property in the village. This also received the support of Cottenham Parish Council.

The Cottenham Conservation Area Enhancement Scheme was launched in October 1990, offering grants of up to 40% to restore original building features (e.g. the reinstatement of sash windows, railings and gates) and up to 25% for certain repairs (including thatch, slate roofs, windows and doors). The launch of this scheme was followed by the Cottenham Village Design Statement, prepared by residents (The Cottenham Village Design

Group) and formally adopted by South Cambridgeshire District Council as supplementary planning guidance in 1994.

The Conservation Area Scheme finished on 31 March 1997. A total of 52 grant applications have been received over that period, with a total of £58,122 worth of grant being offered, encouraging works to the value of £216,018 being undertaken in the conservation area. The grants have ranged in scale from £74 to £5,000, for works varying from chimney repointing to the reinstatement of hung sash windows, from iron railing to the repair of fish-scale slate roofs. The scheme has also assisted the resiting of the village sign at the Lambs Lane junction and has helped to reduce the impact of the County Council's traffic calming scheme. The District Council has also awarded £27,059 Housing Act grants for additional renovation work in the High Street.

So far as derelict buildings are concerned, 118 High Street is now occupied, the corner of Telegraph Street has been renovated and plans have been received for the improvement of the old Sabberton's shop (Garside's garage) on the Lambs Lane corner. Although some work remains, much has been done to ensure the enhancement of the conservation area.

In 1996 two projects in Cottenham were short-listed for the South Cambs. District Council Conservation Awards. These were the repair of the metal water tower on top of the windmill in Lambs Lane, and the reinstatement of sash windows with the removal of paint from brickwork at 11 Histon Road. The former was undertaken by the owner, Mike Mason of Mason Engineering, and involved working inside the metal tank on top of the mill in dangerous conditions.

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- JUNE**
- 5 Toy Library 2.30-4.30
 - 7 Footpath Walk, Waterbeach-Ely, contact Jasper Kay, 250485
 - 7 English Sinfonia Family Concert, CVC
 - 7 Methodist Fete, CVC 10-2.00pm
 - 19 Toy Library 2.30-4.30
 - 20-22 Flower Festival at The Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey, tel.01223 860988
 - 21 Gala Day, Cottenham Village College
 - 25 Dawn Chorus Walk, contact Jasper Kay, 250485
 - 27 "The Scented Garden", Gardeners Club CVC 7.45
 - 28 All Saints Church Fete, 24 High Street, 2.30
- JULY**
- 3 Toy Library 2.30-4.30
 - 6 Another footpath walk, contact Pauline Starling on 01223 862491
 - 9 Summer Fair, Primary School PTA, 6 - 9 pm
 - 12 Summer MiniMarket, Salvation Army, 10-12.30
 - 17 Toy Library 2.30-4.30
 - 20 Archaeology Day at The Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey
 - 25 "House Plants", Gardeners Club CVC 7.45
- AUGUST**
- 2 Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning, Salvation Army, 10.00
 - 7 Toy Library, 2.30-4.30
 - 11-15 Summer School at CVC
 - 21 Toy Library, 2.30-4.30

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He received a special award for this important repair to a building of historic interest (this tank provided the first piped fresh water supply to Cottenham).

The properties in the conservation area which have received grant aid under the scheme are:

High Street - 1 (Fitzwilliam Cottage), 13, 29, 35 (Ivatt Farm), 41 (Tithe Cottage), 46, 60 (Marlborough House), barn at 85, 87, 90, 146 149,157,164 (Eversley House),185 (Mitchell House), 202, 218, 219, 227/229, 230, 264, barn at 279, 306, 307, 316, 327, 337, 344/346, The Three Horse Shoes, Baptist Chapel;

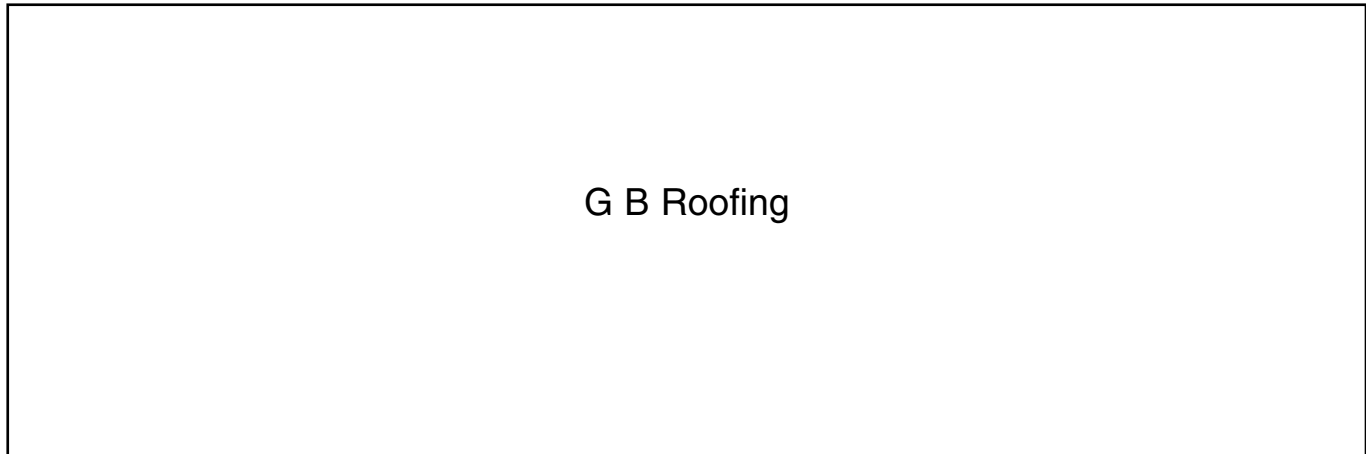
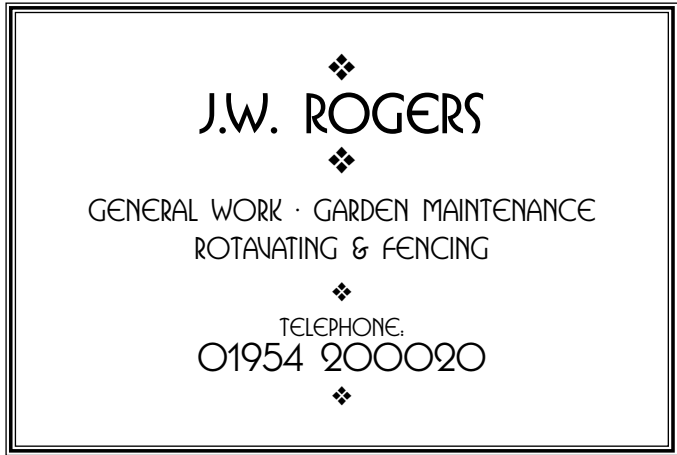
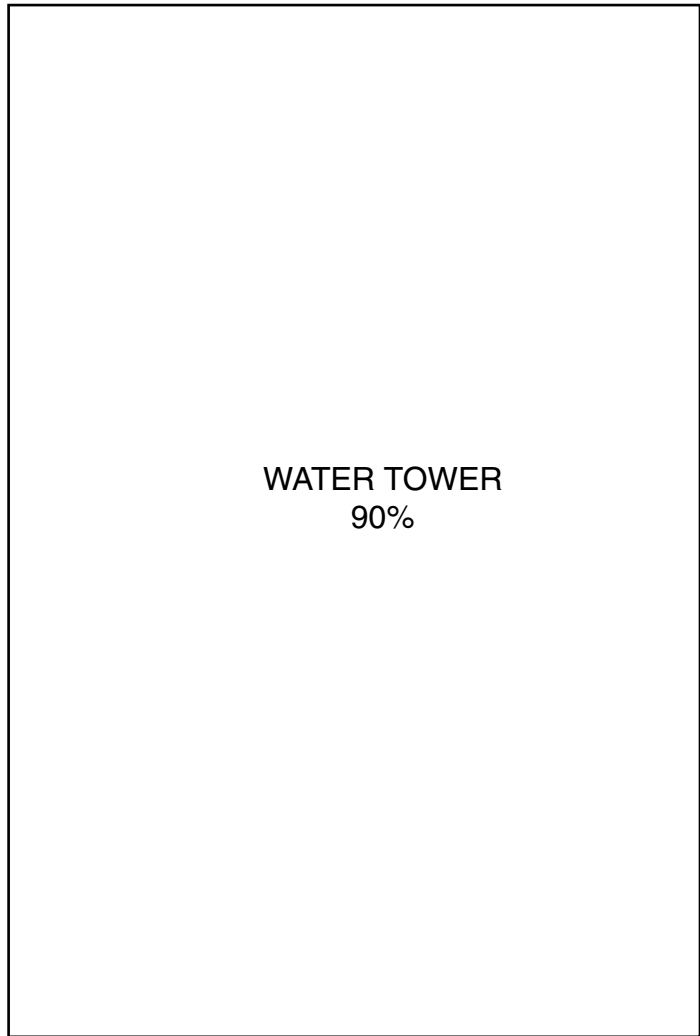
Denmark Road - 29, 60 (Old Thatch);

Histon Road - 5, 11;

Telegraph Street - 29;

Corbett Street - 19, 23, 44.

Mike Mason says internal work only on the Tower received the Award, more outside work is needed and will continue as funds become available. The work is not yet visible from the road!



JASPER KAY'S BIRD REPORT

April 1997

Once again the erratic spring weather has discouraged summer birds from arriving in large numbers. I heard three chiffchaffs in Milton Country Park on March 15th and one was heard in Broad Lane a few days later. Willow warblers were heard in Church Lane on April 11th and swallows were seen there from April 9th onwards, but they have been very few in numbers during April.

We heard a cuckoo from our

garden on April 25th and the following days, but only one glimpse of a house martin and a whitethroat. A passing wheatear was seen near Rampton on April 25th and there have been many yellow wagtails near the Old West river.

Everyone recognises a magpie. They are handsome, intelligent birds, but they are much maligned. It is true that they eat eggs and chicks from other birds' nests, but research has shown that they do far less damage than cats, cars or

sparrowhawks. Magpies are surrounded by myth and suspicion, and it is said that the magpie was the only creature not allowed in the Ark. I was talking to a Cottenham man recently when a magpie flew past. He crossed his thumbs and explained: "I cross the magpie, the magpie cross me. Bad luck to the magpie, good luck to me"! He also told me that some people take off their hat when a magpie flies by. Recently I saw fifteen magpies on a small tree near Cottenham Lode, apparently a flock of magpies is known as a "tiding".

COMMUNITY MINIBUS APPEAL

Stepping Stones
84% reduction

Many villagers have been involved in raising funds in order to replace the existing ageing bus with a new bus with forward facing seats and fitted with all the required safety arrangements. It is also intended to have the bus modified to incorporate a rear door lift and wheelchair anchor points, to enable it to be used by the less able.

In the first four months of this year,

our total has risen to £17,000, helped by the proceeds of a Tea Party and Bring and Buy sale in Franklin Gardens. Students at the Village College entered the Cambridge Evening News Community Challenge Awards and won a £300 cheque. and former student Vanessa Summerhill (nee Smith) has raised over £600 through sponsorship in the London Marathon, her first attempt and a very creditable 4 hours 48 minutes.

Travis Perkins

Many others have helped in various ways, each contributing and taking us closer to our target - £25,000. Have you supported the appeal? If you have, we thank you most sincerely. If you have not, please give some thought to how you can help. Can you organise a fund raising event or give a donation? Please contact the Community Office at the Village College, tel. 01954 288944.

Mike Herbert, Chairman, Fen Edge Community Association.

CYCLEWAY CAMPAIGN

The meeting in April to consider a cycleway to Cambridge was hi-jacked by experienced adult cycle commuters who were willing to accept the present path by the B1049 but done a little better.

However, Nigel Brigham from Sustrans (the people doing the National Cycle Network with funds from the Lottery) asked if we would allow our hypothetical 12-year old child to cycle by himself on this to Histon, let alone to Cambridge. Another worthwhile question was "why are we putting up with the volume and speed of traffic on the B1049? Why should massive artics be thundering past, creating windstorms enough to put a nervous rider in the ditch beside the present cycle path?"

The main problem for the local authority spokesmen, Michael Monk and John Richards, the County Cycle Officer, was the lack of funds to do anything much for cycling - about £200,000 in total for the Cambridge area, so we will have to raise our own funds or do some hard lobbying to get our scheme, if we can decide on one, to reality.

Maybe we should start by getting better cycling facilities within the village. We could look at making it safe to cycle (and walk) to either or both the Primary School and the College. It does seem daft that we have a cycle path from Rampton here that gives out as soon as it gets to the village, giving plenty of opportunity for accident before reaching school.

Part of the National Cycle Network will be alongside the railway from Oakington to the Science park, also there will be a NCN Cambridge to Ely route, so does our Cambridge cycleway even have to go to Histon? How about via Westwick or via Landbeach?

If you don't drop me a note at 32 Corbett Street soon to say what YOU want, we will end up at best with a small improvement to what we have got already, which is probably not what any of us would really like.

Randall Foggie, 32 Corbett Street, Cottenham.

COTTENHAM MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

My name is Madeleine Bird and I have been the Warden for 4 weeks. My experience is still fairly limited but already I have been overwhelmed by the positive response I have received from all concerned.

The Scheme involves visiting and telephoning housebound or older residents of Cottenham to see if everything is all right. The Scheme is also there on a social level. Not everyone has family and friends close by who can make daily contact with them. My role is to provide this, as well as contacting a doctor, district nurse or any other services should the need arise.

I have also been pleasantly surprised how many organisations/churches provide care and entertainment for the elderly in Cottenham. This new Scheme provides an extra, and in some cases only, daily contact for those who for some reason cannot attend any of the above. Members can expect a visit or daily telephone call between 9.30am and 11.30am, Monday - Friday. There is always time for a chat and, time permitting, that little job you just cannot do for yourself.

The Scheme could be expanded to include new members, so if you are interested in joining or have a relation who would benefit, please contact Jenny Kay, tel. 288944.

Christopher Davis

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CONFESSIONS OF A TAXI DRIVER

by Moyra A. Borg

One of the most exciting things about Spring is deciding which will be the first day to wear “those shorts”. This is decided on a whim and certainly not on any complex formula of wind chill factors derived from weather forecasts.

Various “friends” try to hide my shorts each year. They pretend they have got lost in the wash, or blown backwards to Siberia. If they had, then Lakenheath would surely have scrambled all crews in pursuit of an Unidentified Flying Object thought to be a burst barrage balloon, colour navy, size Extra Large.

Then there are the friends who tell you the truth, i.e. that they (the shorts) don't do a lot for one and that is, of course, how you know they are real friends. The answer is obvious, ban all mirrors apart from trick ones. Anyway, Benny Hill has passed on, so someone has to wear funny shorts.

Spring also means that soon I should find out what strange creature decided to spend the winter on my kitchen curtains. Yes, in the autumn a caterpillar climbed up my curtains - very posh ones. Sanderson fabric don't you know, but the really common pattern called Willow Bough or similar. So realistic are the willow leaves on the

curtains that the myopic creature was convinced that it had lodged in a lusciously leafy location. It sat there, motionless, until it turned into a chrysalis, and once this had happened I didn't have the heart to pull it off. My only worry is that one day it will wake up hungry and eat my curtains. It will probably hatch into a beautiful butterfly which I will miss because I'll be out on a taxi trip.

Next time (if there is one after this!), remind me to tell you about the French spies.

(Editor: She gets worse, doesn't she. And have you seen the new orange trousers?)

ST GREGORY'S AID TO RUSSIA WORKSHOP APPEAL

Last year we printed an appeal for dressmaking equipment, materials, needles, threads, anything to help the workshops in St. Petersburg which provide support for the sick and needy. There was a good response and Liz Cook, who organised the collection in Cottenham, has received a letter (written in English) from one of the recipients of our donated goods who writes 'Hello Ms Liz, I discovered your address not long ago in the St. Gregory community branch...I have little business making puppets...six women work with me, all have disabled person in their families or very poor. Now you can to know we need your help very much, now we are right, St. Gregory give me the part of your help. I'm happy to know kind people. Ms Liz, thank you personally and thank all English helped us!' She wrote a long letter describing her life in St. Petersburg, and sent some drawings but sadly we do not have space for more.

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On March 22 the Ladybird Pre-School opened its doors to 60 children aged between 4 and 10 years to take part in three hours of Easter fun. With volunteers, mums, dads and students from the Village College, the children made hot cross buns, table decorations, Easter biscuits, chocolate nests, cards, paper flowers, and they sewed felt rabbits and decorated eggs.

Most children participated in every activity and still had time to enjoy the garden and join a story session. The three hours flew by and the children went home loaded with goodies and gifts. Much to our surprise, and with the help of donated resources, we made a small profit. Many thanks to everyone who helped, supported and attended.

We have been asked if we will run another craft day, and the answer is YES, on June 28th, with ideas such as making kites, puppets, model boats, cookery etc. So start planning, but remember places will be limited. Bookings will be accepted from 16th June. *Rosemary Miller*

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As we look forward to warm summer days, our programme hopes to make the best of the weather. There will be adult daytime swimming classes and two Saturday Day Schools for painting 'al fresco' - a mixed media day by the river at Ely introducing a new professional artist, Peter Graham, on June 7th, and a watercolour day with our well established tutor, Sarah Taylor, on June 14th.

Now is the time to enjoy the Cambridgeshire countryside at its best. You are invited to come on a lovely river walk from Cambridge to Ely (total 17 miles,

with a shorter distance if you start from Waterbeach) on Saturday June 7th; or how about celebrating mid-summer with an early morning walk (5.30 am start) followed by a swim and a cooked breakfast on Wednesday June 25th.

Our excursions are booking up fast, but we still have places for Legoland, Yarmouth and Cadbury World, the chocoholics paradise.

August brings the summer school. If it is as popular and enjoyable as the previous two,

we can assure all participants a very special week, learning new skills in a holiday atmosphere. Perhaps you know friends from further afield who might like to join in - we have had students from Iceland and Australia as well as Peterborough and Tunbridge Wells!

Further details from the Community Office, Cottenham Village College, tel. 288944

METHODIST CHURCH

Membership is growing steadily. Pastoral care and worship are the two main targets for innovation this year and we invite all Cottenham residents to sample the changes our fellowship will be making.

We meet in the Methodist Chapel, opposite the Co-op,

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there are modern, central, purpose built facilities awaiting the results of the last baby boom, and anyone wanting to set up a group is very welcome to contact either:-

Helen Gardner, tel. 250242, or David Warford, tel. 250523

BAN THE BIN BAGS

Are you one of the guilty ones?

Do you put your bin bags on the path outside your house days before the dustmen are due to call? Plenty of people in the village do, and the Newsletter has received complaints to pass on to those who perpetrate this dastardly crime against the rest of us. Seriously, if you are in the habit of putting your bags out before time, how about mending your ways? You don't want to see the bags. Well, the rest of us don't either - and after all, everybody knows who you are!

THOMAS DIGNEY

would like to thank "all the people who raised money at the New Year's Eve party for me, also everybody who sent gifts and cards whilst I was in hospital. I am now recovering very well and am back at school."

COFFEE MORNING/BRING AND BUY SALE IN MARCH

Joyce and I would like to thank all the many who supported us again this year. We sent £515 to the Leukemia Research Fund, which was once again an increase on last year. Will all those whose gifts came through

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The programme will include "Peter and the Wolf", with Ruth Maddox as the narrator.

An evening not to be missed. Book early at the Village College, tel. 288944

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

are holding a Summer Fete on 28th June at 2.30 pm in the gardens of Brooklands, 24 High Street.

This will be opened by our very own BBC House Detective, Mac Dowdy. It will be a show based on family fun and entertainment - strawberry teas and a barbecue will be available.

Look out for posters for other events before the Fete.

What's Happening

THE "J" TEAM HOLIDAY CLUB

Following previous successes, Churches Together in Cottenham (CTC) promises four fun mornings for children aged 7 - 11 at Cottenham Village College. From Monday 21st July to Thursday 24th July a team of committed Christians will supervise activities, including stories, games, songs, drama, art and videos. Tickets for these FREE activities will be sent to your children's schools nearer the time. Churches Together in Cottenham has organised this event.

*in
Cottenham*

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK - WHERE DOES RATTY LIVE?

June 7 - 15 is National Wildlife Week, organised by the Wildlife Trust. The aim is to make people aware of the wildlife around them, see the value of the natural world and involve them in caring for it. This year the theme focuses on the water vole, which is now threatened with extinction in Britain.

Water voles live in burrows on river banks and are about 20cm from nose to tail, with rich brown fur and chubby faces that

help tell them apart from brown rats. They make a distinctive 'plop' when they enter the water, and a V shape when swimming. Water Volewatch is asking children and adults alike to take part in a national survey to find out where "Ratty" still lives.

For a Water Volewatch survey form, contact your local Wildlife Trust on 01223 846363.

COTTENHAM AND RAMPTON GARDENERS CLUB

If you'd like to know more about shrubs, house plants, climbers or ramblers, or talk over your own garden problems, come along to our monthly meetings at Cottenham Village College (7.45 pm on the last Friday of the month, except August and December) or contact Douglas Palmer on Cottenham 250322, Christine Brown on 250883 or Peter Robertson on 200080.

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