

## THE NEW MINIBUS ARRIVES AT COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

We've made it! By a combination of Community and College effort, we now have a new minibus which seats sixteen and a driver. It has all the required safety features, comfortable forward-facing seats and is now ready for hire and use by the community.

At present it does not have the rear door

lift for easy access for wheelchairs. It was decided that we should get the bus on the road so that it could start to earn income from hire which, together with further fund raising, will enable us to fulfil our aim of the lift being fitted, hopefully later in the year. However, we do have manual ramps, so that wheelchair access is still possible.

Our sincere thanks go to all who have supported our appeal. It is not possible to mention all individuals who have contributed, but our thanks go to the Parish Councils of the Fen Edge villages, to South Cambridgeshire District Council, Landbeach Widows Charity, Cambridge Newspapers and our own Community Association, who were all major contributors. Local businesses and clubs have helped, as have sponsored events, car cleaning, garden parties, plant sales, churches and those who wish their contributions to remain anonymous. A big THANK YOU to all.

A final offer of interest-free loans from the Swimming Pool Club and the Community Association has enabled us to go ahead and make the purchase. We can all feel well pleased with ourselves as it is by our own efforts that we have achieved our bus, which will be a much needed local resource. One last effort is now needed to have the tail lift fitted and repay the loans. Contributions from businesses and individuals who have yet to be involved will be most welcome.

*Minibus Appeal Committee*

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# VILLAGE DIARY

## AUGUST

- 2 Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning, Salvation Army, 10.30  
7 Toy Library, 2.30-4.30  
11-15 Summer School at CVC  
21 Toy Library, 2.30-4.30

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Toy Library  
10 "History of Jewellery", Women's Institute  
13 Autumn Show, Cottenham Village College  
18 Toy Library  
20 Harvest Festival, Royal British Legion Hall, 7.00 pm  
26 "Climbers and Ramblers", Gardeners Club, CVC 7.45

## OCTOBER

- 2 Toy Library  
8 "Ladies Fashions", Women's Institute  
16 Toy Library  
12 Cottenham Feast Sunday  
24-28 Art Fund Exhibition at CVC  
31 Ornamental Bamboos and Grasses, Gardeners Club, CVC 7.45

## NOVEMBER

- 6 Toy Library  
12 Members Night, Women's Institute  
20 Toy Library  
28 "Gardening Problems", Gardeners Club, CVC 7.45

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## COTTENHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

All our walks have been very well supported this year. Now there are just two walks and the YHA weekend left. You can just turn up for the walks but the weekends are popular and get booked up quickly so make up your mind soon. It's always good to see new faces!

- Sunday 10 August - Fenland walk by river and fields. 3/4 miles, suitable for all. Meet 2 pm at Twenty Pence Inn, contact Jenny Kay on 250485
- Saturday 6 September - Swavesey lakes and river, 11 mile circular walk with a pub stop. Minibus from CVC or meet at Swavesey Church at 10 am. Contact Vanessa Summerhill for minibus, 250682
- Friday 3 - Sunday 5 October - Autumn Youth Hostel Weekend, walking in the Chilterns, staying at Ivinghoe.

## GET WELL, MOYRA

As we write, Moyra Borg, our splendid local taxi driver and newsletter columnist, is in Addenbrooke's recovering from an operation following a brain haemorrhage. Many people have said how much they enjoy her pieces in the Newsletter, so from all her readers we should like to send her our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. She is in all our thoughts.

*Ruth Rogers and Bridget Walker*

## "FAVOURITE FAYRE" FROM FEN EDGE PATCH

Earlier in the year local cooks were invited to have their favourite recipes printed in a locally published cook book. The book is now ready and has a selection of 38 recipes for Starters, Soups, Savouries, Desserts, Cakes, Biscuits and Sweets. The star recipe chosen by Clare Waterson of Rappaport's Delicatessen who gave a prize, was submitted by June Goddard. The book will be a useful addition to any kitchen bookshelf and is an ideal small Christmas present - avoid the rush and crush, shop early for Christmas!

The cookbook is available - price £2.00 - from Sue Herbert, 20 Pelham Way, tel.250014.

All proceeds to the Minibus Appeal.

## CAR SHARE TO WORK?

One of our readers has suggested that we have a car share section where car drivers can offer lifts and potential passengers can ask for them. This is a great idea - much against my better judgement I have had to travel into Cambridge at around 9 am twice just recently, it was dreadful and my heart went out to everyone who has to do the journey every day. Traffic problems are going to have to be addressed in the near future or we shall grind to a halt - can we do our bit? Please get in touch if you would like to use the Newsletter for this. *Ruth Rogers*

## KIDZONE

aka Cottenham Out of School Club

The Club was established in January 1996 in response to an increasing need for quality childcare provision for primary aged children of working parents. We were lucky enough to obtain the use of the Sports and Social Club, its location by the primary school makes it both safe and easy for us to collect the children, and the use of the recreation ground for sport, kite flying and games is ideal in allowing the children the space they need to play.

Initially numbers were low, but as we have become more well known up to 25 children now attend most sessions. The majority of the children attend because their parents work, but some do use us as a type of junior youth club, a safe place for them to meet and play with their friends.

In addition to term time childcare, we are also open during school holidays, with short 3-hour morning or afternoon sessions, or all day childcare from 8.30 - 5.30. Our staff are both fully trained and very experienced, and we are committed to providing a safe and happy environment for all the children in our care. The Club is non-profit making, and the low charges for sessions are used to fund our expenses.

For further details about the club, please phone Lynda Dockerill on 201661 or Julie Groves on 250451.

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Refund sessions for residents who have purchased a concessionary bus pass from the Post Office will be held on Friday 26th September 1997 at the Communal Room, Coolidge Gardens Sheltered Bungalows, and on Friday 27th March 1998 at the Communal Room, Franklin Gardens. Both sessions will run from 4 - 6 pm. Just bring your bus pass along to claim the refund.

The refund, which is £3 per pass for the current financial year, is provided by Cottenham Parish Council and can be claimed only during the period for which

the bus pass is valid. When you claim your refund, your pass will be stamped so that you will have a record that you have claimed it.

Concessionary bus passes can be purchased from Cottenham Post Office. They allow a discount of 50% off the bus fare for single journeys up to a maximum discount of £1 per journey. To qualify for a pass you need to be in receipt of a state retirement pension or to be registered disabled, deaf or blind. Blind passengers who purchase a concessionary bus pass are entitled to free bus travel.

## THE WAYSIDE GARDEN

There may be many people who have never visited the Community Garden in Cottenham, a lovely retreat in the centre of the village offering seats surrounded by attractive plants and space for young children to run around.

During the school summer holidays you can also have a cup of tea or coffee each Friday morning (weather permitting) from 10.30 to 11.45 am, so please come in and enjoy this little oasis. The Wayside Garden entrance is beside 214 High Street, very convenient for the shops and Franklin Gardens.

## A TASTE OF GOOD THINGS TO COME

This August will see yet another Holiday Playscheme launched across all our villages. Benji Warwick and his team will be planning a wide variety of activities - sporty, crafty, zany - and all are encouraged to join in; children, their parents and also CVC students who would like to help.

Our third Summer School has some exciting new courses, as well as old favourites, promising a stimulating and enjoyable week

for all who take part. A holiday with a difference. 50% reduction for all in full-time education. September brings the Autumn Show and then introduces our Autumn programme of classes and community activities. Watch out for our lively brochure, soon to drop through your letterbox.

And now for something completely new, an October Arts Festival. Major and minor events to be staged across the villages,

catering for all ages. Pre school story time, music workshop, guided tour of old buildings followed by cream teas, poetry workshop and starring the Tollhouse Company in a Fenland production of "Between the Flat Land and the Sky" on October 9th. Further details of all these events plus many more from the Community Office, CVC, tel. Cottenham 288944

Christopher Davis

### Let The Dream Begin

Losing weight becomes a reality with *Slimming* **WORLD'S** Sin-A-Day Eating Plans. Why not come along to your local class at the **Community Room Coolidge Gdns** (off Beach Road) Every **THURSDAY at 5-30pm and 7-00pm** (New Members included with the 7-00pm Class) **Contact Georgina on 01354 688197**



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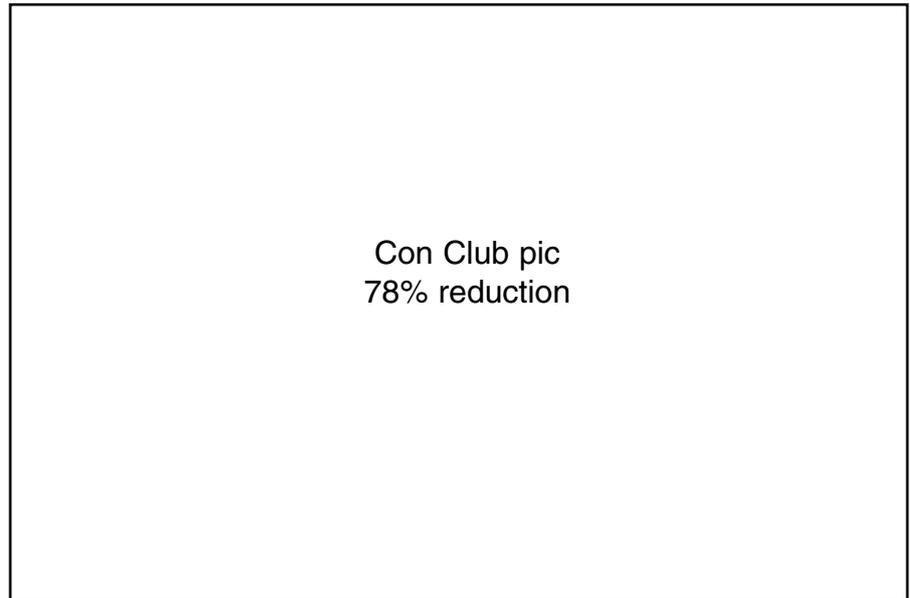
# THE "CON CLUB"

For nearly 100 years the Conservative Club building has been one of the most prominent landmarks in Cottenham High Street. Since it was first built in 1905, the Club has provided a meeting point for generations of village residents. Many more have gathered at the equally famous, or occasionally notorious "Con Club Bench", as the seat along the front of the building has always been known, and from which, the elder statesmen of the village have watched the world go by for as long as anyone can remember.

The Victoria Institute, as it was originally called, was built by one Frederick Darrell, a former Cottenham resident who is said to have made a fortune in the diamond mines of South Africa, and who let the premises to the original members at a rent of five shillings (25p!) a year. The Institute's objects were to "promote the diffusion of useful knowledge and information for the well-being of all classes", and as such it contained a public reading room and a library. In those days, no alcohol was allowed on the premises, and on the site of the present bar was a Bath Room for use by members of the public at a nominal charge! By 1910, it seems that Darrell's fortunes had declined, and the

Institute was put up for sale. Having been purchased by John Morlin Goode, a prominent local resident, it was renamed the Constitutional Club. By 1933 the club had changed its name again, to the Conservative Club, and the building was left to the members by the will of John Morlin Goode's widow, Elizabeth. The Lordship Hall, the building immediately behind the club, served, among other things, as the village cinema and dance hall, before it became the Club's snooker room.

Worthy though the motives of the founders certainly were, times change, and the present Club is run simply as a social club. New members of all political persuasions (or none) are welcome. The Club offers 3 full-size snooker tables, maintained in excellent condition, a comfortable and very competitively priced bar with all the usual pub games, plus table tennis and separate meeting rooms, which are also available for hire. There is a regular programme of social events.



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# JASPER KAY'S BIRD REPORT

May/June 1997

In the bird world May and June are the principal months for breeding. In and around the village there has been frantic activity in building nests, breeding and rearing young birds. Many people have reported birds (mainly tits) nesting in their gardens but we will all be surprised later in the year to find nests which are at present well hidden in foliage.

Wherever birds are seen in pairs, it is a fair assumption that they are breeding. Early in June, on a short evening walk in Church Lane, I found ample evidence of the following birds nesting: spotted flycatchers, blackcaps, whitethroats, blackbirds, willow warblers, wrens, chaffinches, swallows, woodpigeons, yellowhammers and turtle doves. No doubt there are many more.

The spotted flycatchers are particularly welcome as they were scarce last year. They can often be seen in the churchyard, perched on gravestones. Another pair has been seen in Margett Street. Tawny owls have bred in the centre of the village and house martins have built on the usual houses in the High Street, but fewer than five years ago. Great spotted woodpeckers have bred near the church and two pairs have nested in Rampton Spinney.

It is good to see common terns fishing again on the Old West River but I have listened in vain this year for the strange voice of the grasshopper warbler. One man told me recently that a small bird flew into his window. He went outside to pick it up but before he could do so, a sparrowhawk had

swooped down and carried it off! Sparrowhawks are said to be on the increase, but they fly so swiftly they are hard to see. Blink and you've missed it!

There have recently been two unconfirmed sightings of unusual birds in the area. A buzzard was reported above the village (we saw several last year) and very surprisingly a hoopoe was reported between Rampton and Longstanton. Visitors to Spain and Southern France may well have seen or heard this beautiful bird and they do occasionally make visits to Southern England.

For two months now we have heard the cuckoo almost every doay, but they are the first birds to leave us in July. After all, they don't have to look after their young!

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# CHARITY COLLECTIONS IN COTTENHAM ON THE INCREASE!

## Meningitis Research and the Meningitis Trust

I would like to thank all those people who gave us flower pots and especially to Moyra (Cottenham Taxi) for that mention on her radio spot, it was very successful. The money raised so far this year is £2,154, of which £1,309 is from the sale of our plants, so many thanks to all who brought them. £350 was received from Mr. Vic Minter, donations from the viewing of his splendid Christmas lights. *Janet Byard, 51 Histon Road, Cottenham*

**CAMSIGHT** (The Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted) would like to thank the residents of Cottenham for their generosity and, in particular, the very kind people who collected on our behalf in March this year. The village raised £380.97 ((£19.67 more than last year) towards helping blind and partially sighted people in the county. We are most grateful for this wonderful result. *Mrs. Vicki Russell, House to House Collections Co-ordinator*

**YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN** Although April 13 seems a long while ago now, money has been coming in steadily since then and I am delighted to tell you that on June 27th a cheque for £6,100 was handed over to Magpas. This was £1,000 more than in 1996, which is fantastic. The sun shone and a great day was had by all. May I say a big heartfelt thankyou to everyone who contributed to the success and enjoyment of the day. We couldn't achieve such a result without everyone's help and support. Watch out for us in 1998 - Sunday April 19th.

*Frances Hedger*

**BRITISH RED CROSS** The House to House Collection in the village during British Red Cross Week raised a splendid £704.09 (an increase of £25.81 over last year). My thanks go to the many collectors (over thirty people) who give their time every year to help, and of course to those who put their hands in their pockets and purses yet again to make a generous contribution. *Bridget Walker*

## COTTENHAM AND DISTRICT AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 13th September

Despite the weather, the show organisers are still hoping for a bumper crop of fruit, flowers and vegetables to be entered for this year's Autumn Show, at the Village College. There are the usual classes for Art, Crafts, Vegetables, Fruit, Just for Fun, Flower Arranging, Wine and Beer, Preserves, Cookery and Photography, Flowers and Pot Plants plus, by popular demand, a repeat of the Pets (in cages) class.

New for this year is a Section called "A Fen Edge Village Design". Sponsored by the Cottenham Village Design Group, the class is "Your choice of best improvements to the look of your village in the past 5 years". Describe in up to 60 words and/or up to 4 photos or drawings. The entry should not be more than A3 size and a gold-tenn brick will be awarded for the most persuasive entry.

## LETTERS to the Editors

*Dear Editor*

Anthony and I would like to say thank you to everyone for the fantastic response we received in raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital in memory of our baby daughter Emily.

A special thank you to John and Wendy Capper and the Rev'd Ian Friars and his wife Jenny. Also Steve from Target Litho for donating the raffle tickets and to the local shops for donating raffle prizes, which helped us raise a grand total of £1,040 which will be used to buy equipment for the Cardiac I.C.U. Thank you all so much.

*Anthony and Debbie Stocker*

*Dear Editor*

May I please take up a small space in your newsletter to apologise to all those who came along to our fete to see Postman Pat. He did eventually arrive at 12.45 pm. We have written to the Post Office to complain, although this doesn't help any of you that stood waiting with young children.

I can only repeat how sorry I am that this happened but it was unfortunately beyond my control. *Julie Percival, on behalf of Cottenham Methodist Church.*

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