

BROAD LANE DEVELOPMENT GETS A NAME

Two budding young designers from Cottenham Village College have won a competition to supply Beazer Homes with the design and logo to promote Tenison Manor, the company's new development on the Broad Lane site in Cottenham.

Friends Leah Scott and Hannah Scott, both 13, created the winning designs, Hannah producing the name for the site and Leah the intricate logo. Based on Cottenham's history, Hannah chose the name Tenison after Archbishop Thomas Tenison who was born in Cottenham in 1636. Leah's logo of a Saxon urn and a trowel was designed with the knowledge that the development is being built on the site of an old medieval settlement.

Kevin Grant of Beazer Homes said "I am delighted with the girls' work, it conveys exactly the image we are looking for. We have taken particular care to make sure that Tenison Manor will blend in with the local surroundings, incorporating many of the original features of the area, down to the moat that surrounds the old Saxon site. Leah and Hannah have taken all of this into account with their creations and I am sure that they have a good future in design work ahead of them. They fully deserve their prizes of book tokens and we look forward to seeing them again at the opening of Tenison Manor later in the year".

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Kevin Grant of Beazer Homes, celebrating with Hannah Scott, left, and Leah Scott, right.

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- 10 Women's Institute Christmas Miscellany
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A CHILD'S GOLD SIGNET RING

has been handed in to the Newsletter recently. It was found in the High Street and can be claimed by telephoning the Editor, Bridget Walker, on Cottenham 250559. Please be prepared to describe the decoration on the ring correctly, to ensure the rightful owner is found.



DIARY NOTES

- a reminder that there is a Bus Pass Refund session on September 26, Communal Room, Coolidge Gardens, from 4.00 - 6.00. Bring your bus pass to claim to refund.

Cottenham Library is running monthly events for the winter season, the first two are listed above. Tickets in advance from the Library.

The British Legion Women's Section have Poppy Appeal coffee mornings for five Wednesday mornings from 15 October to 12 November, see above.

The annual Art Exhibition at the Village College runs from 24-28 October, with the opening on Friday evening, 24th, by Penny Bustin, formerly of BBC Look East. Saturday 25 and Sunday 26, 11.00 - 5.00/Monday 27 and Tuesday 28, 2.00 - 5.00

New Year's Eve at Cottenham Village College - contact CVC in October for tickets for this year's event.

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The proposed route for Cottenham is on Tuesdays travelling Cottenham/Histon/Oakington/Girton, but all routes are subject to change depending on interest and take-up. The service is unable to cater for hospital appointments, and only guide dogs are allowed on board. Members may have a friend

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To obtain a leaflet giving more details, telephone 01223 506335. There is an annual registration fee of £4 to cover administration costs, this entitles you to become a full member of the scheme and have a say in the running of it. Cambridge Dial-a-Ride is based at the Zion Baptist Church, East Road, Cambridge CB1 1BD

NEW STRADA DAY CENTRE OPENS AT COTTENHAM COURT

Last year a consortium of the Cambridge and District Stroke Club and Cambridge ADA (Action for Dysphasic Adults) obtained a grant from the National Lottery Charities Board to open a Day Centre for those who were disabled and/or dysphasic following a stroke. We called ourselves STRADA! The Day Centre was finally opened at Cottenham Court Nursing Home, nearby the Village College, on Friday 18th July and is open every Friday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

We have a physiotherapist attending in the mornings and a speech and language therapist in the afternoons, and we are able to give carers some hours off, leaving their charges in a friendly social atmosphere. New members are welcome and enquiries can be directed to me or to Cottenham Court. Lunch and refreshments are available.

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Pupils from Cottenham Primary School took on a number of roles from porters to surgeons during a visit to BUPA Cambridge Lea Hospital in Impington on Friday 20 June. A pupil in Mrs. Brown's class was due to go into hospital and Alice Craske-Gawthrop, a theatre nurse from BUPA Cambridge Lea, gave a very successful talk to the class in May to help allay any fears children may have when a hospital stay is necessary.

The next logical step was a visit to a hospital, particularly into the operating theatre. The children became budding surgeons, theatre and

recovery nurses, gas men (anaesthetists), porters and patients. They learned about how gas is given, why the staff wear special gowns and why infection control is important. In a patient's room, a selection of activities included how to take their temperature and making a bed with hospital corners.

Staff at BUPA Cambridge Lea Hospital were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm, interest to learn and behaviour. The hospital received some splendid drawings of the children's visit which it intends to display in the out-patients' reception area.

77% reduction

Travis Perkins

A WORD OF CAUTION

Over the past two months members of the public have been approached in their homes by youngsters asking to be sponsored on a walk on behalf of various charities. Many of these young callers are bogus. Please ensure that anyone representing themselves on behalf of any charity has identification. If they are legitimate they will not mind being asked for proof. Secondly, they should have official Sponsorship Forms from the charity concerned. If you are not sure, then decline and contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. *Issued by the British Red Cross, Cambridge.*

COTTENHAM DAY CENTRE

On Saturday 26 July the Day Centre held their annual summer fete at Stevens Close. Mr. Jones from the Hopbind opened the event and kindly donated a cheque in the sum of £345 to the Day Centre funds. A very enjoyable afternoon ensued and the splendid sum of approximately £352 was also raised. May we thank all the stall holders, drivers and visitors for all their hard work and kind contributions which helped to make a very successful day. *Olive Johnson*

VILLAGE SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

We have been asked recently if the booklets on Cottenham which have been produced by the Village Society over the years are still in print and, if so, how to obtain them. We have enquired about these and are told that most titles are available. Ten of these small booklets have been produced, with titles including Cottenham Ablaze, Cottenham Commons and Cheese, Cottenham's Inns and Hostelrys and Cottenham's Orchards and Gardens. If you would like to purchase any, please contact Francis Garrett on 01223 355747.

JASPER KAY'S BIRD REPORT

August/September

The breeding season for birds is virtually over by mid-August, but at this time there are still some strange-looking immature birds in the garden. These scruffy short tailed birds are usually sparrows, starlings and blackbirds.

Since my last report I have heard that kestrels have bred again in the high bird box on Fen Reeves, and barn owls have produced young at the north end of Long Drove.

Some less common birds have been recorded during the summer in

Cottenham. A hobby was seen chasing small birds at Mitchell Hill farm and another was seen above B & C Motors in the High Street in early August. A lesser spotted woodpecker was seen in Long Drove and curlews have been seen and heard flying over the village.

In spite of the warm weather in early August, birds have the instinctive feeling that the breeding season is over and that the year is changing. The last cuckoo was heard in early July and most swifts left the area in the first week of August, although a

pair was seen above the Village College on August 13th.

Many birds are forming flocks again - crows, jackdaws, mistle thrushes and lapwings. During the evening there have been huge flocks of starlings noisily chattering in the trees and then flying off in a black cloud. On several evenings noisy flocks of geese and herring gulls have flown over the village, and young swallows have been gathering on telegraph wires to try out their wings before their long journey south in September.

WANTED - PECKS AND THURLBOURNS

The Editors of the Newsletter have recently received enquiries for relatives to come forward to collect mementoes of two Cottenham families.

Firstly, a medal has been unearthed in the garden of a house in the High Street. On one side it bears the inscription "Cambridgeshire County Council Education Committee..FOR GOOD CONDUCT, INDUSTRY AND PUNC-

TUAL ATTENDANCE" and on the other "AWARDED TO CYRIL PECK..1915". The owner of this medal would like to return it to the family.

Secondly, a reader is trying to contact relatives of Private E. Thurlbourn of Cottenham (West Kents) Regiment who died of wounds received in action on October 5 1916. This reader has a post-card showing Private Thurlbourn, the

date he died and a short verse. He would like it to be returned to the family if they are still living in the area and would like it.

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The Good Night Service is a registered charity which offers a sitting service to families who have a child with a physical and/or learning disability aged from birth to 19 years. Such families often find it difficult to arrange child care and are therefore grateful to have the opportunity of a specialist sitting service. The service was conceived in 1992 and covers the cities of Cambridge and Ely and the surrounding rural area.

The service aims to ease the pressure on family life for all members and enables respite opportunities for parents where the child does not have to leave the family home. There are currently nearly 60 families using the service.

Volunteers from all ages and backgrounds are needed as sitters. They

should be 16 years of age or over, be able to offer at least one evening a month, and have a caring and sensitive attitude towards young people with special needs. Once references have been taken up they will be matched with a family in their own vicinity.

Volunteers will receive ongoing support and access to training opportunities, all expenses reimbursed, and the reward and fulfilment of supporting a family. There are currently several families living within this area waiting for the opportunity of a Good Night sitter. If you are interested in sitting for a family within your local community, please contact Annie Saunders, 18-20 Signet Court, Swanns Road, Cambridge CB5 8LA, telephone 01223 718443.

THE COTTENHAM SENIORS CLUB

The Club was formed in the mid-1960s when it was known as the Cottenham Older Peoples Club. We now meet every other Friday afternoon at the Village College from October through to May and enjoy a varied programme of talks, slides, demonstrations, our own entertainment, carol and band concerts by Village College pupils and other activities.

We are a friendly and informal group and older people who come to live in the village find that join-

ing is a useful way of meeting people and making friends. We meet at 2.30 pm in the Common Room at the College and our term starts on 10th October 1997. New members will be very much welcomed, and we can help with transport.

For further details please ring Mrs. Vera Medlow on 250373 or Ray Lawton on 250744, or simply come along to one of our early meetings. The first three will be on 10th and 31st October, and 14th November.
Ray Lawton

COTTENHAM HELPLINE

The Helpline is important for a number of elderly and less able residents of the village who need assistance with small tasks around the home. The Helpline began in 1994 and has built up a group of volunteers who offer free help with odd jobs such as gardening, errands, shopping and trips to the library. People living alone, or those confined to their homes, especially welcome callers from the Helpline.

The Helpline has relied on a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers, but we would very much like to extend this and would like to hear from anyone who can either make use of our services, or those with some spare time on their hands who would be prepared to offer their talents to this important community project. We would especially welcome volunteers who are able to cut grass which sadly has an awful knack of growing quickly at this time of the year.

Helpline's two co-ordinators would love to hear from you if you need help or if you wish to volunteer your services. Please call Mrs. Gladys Collins on Mondays and Fridays, 01954 201590, and Mrs. Ivy Richards on Wednesdays, 01954 250937. Thank you.

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Our Community activities include the special attraction of "A Real Feast" during October. This month will bring an event to every village - music, drama, dance - featuring a performance of "Between the Flat Land and the Sky" on Thursday October 9th. We look forward to your support for these events. Further details from Community Office, Cottenham Village College, tel. 01954 288944

Christopher Davis

THE CHARITY GALA GROUP'S COTTENHAM EXTRAVAGANZA 11 JULY 1998

Yes, you did read correctly, July 1998. Well, all good events take some organising. The Cottenham Extravaganza will be a fun-filled fundraising event in aid of three causes - Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, Friends of Arthur Rank House (Mill Road, Cambridge) and MAGPAS.

Between now and then we will hopefully be holding more smaller events with the intention of fundraising for village causes. This is where we need your help. Perhaps you know of a 'good cause', i.e. a local group or society etc. that needs help, or perhaps

your own organisation is holding a fundraising event but doesn't have people to man the event. If the Gala Group's volunteers can help, let us know. Alternatively, perhaps you would like to help us! Any suggestions, we'd gladly welcome your thoughts. Contact M. Baldry on 01954 202797 or C. Impey on 01954 252466

CAN YOU CARE?

Caring people are wanted to help families with children who have physical and/or learning disabilities. By looking after children for anything between an occasional few hours, an overnight stay, weekend or part of the school holidays, you can offer the parents a much needed break and the children an enjoyable change.

You don't need any special qualifications, just lots of energy and understanding. Whether you are

single, married, divorced, working or not working, we'd like to hear from you.

You will need to be assessed and approved as carers for Cambridgeshire County Council. In return you will receive training, support and expenses payment for the care given. If you would like to know more, please contact Cambridge Family Link Scheme, 18-20 Signet Court, Swanns Road, Cambridge, tel. 01223 718441.

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COTTENHAM - THE PAST REVEALED

By *Richard Mortimer and Chris Evans*
Cambridge Archaeology Unit

At the Cambridge Archaeology Unit we are often presented with a chance to take a peek at history when conducting an archaeological dig. This was the case recently when the rare opportunity arose for a large scale, detailed study of the origins and development of parts of the historic village of Cottenham. The excavations, at a ten hectare site to the north west of the village centre, have provided a major insight into the fabric of early village life.

Revealing much about our ancestors, the dig has confirmed the existence of a village dating back to the late 5th or early 6th centuries, which remained almost unchanged until as late as the 14th century. Initial excavations, funded by Beazer Homes, the site developer, began in the late summer of 1996. The first

phase revealed a complexity of archaeological finds, far beyond anything anticipated, and led to a successful application to English Heritage for further funding. Significant findings include an unrecorded Roman road running from Cambridge through Cottenham to the Roman fen-edge settlement at Bullocks Haste, known to have been a major port and possibly an administrative and religious centre.

From its early origins, Cottenham grew to cover an area of 1.5 hectares by the Middle Saxon period. During the later Saxon period, the focus of the village moved to a central core at the south, perhaps around a village green. Several ditches may relate to the later Viking or Conquest period. Traditionally the siting of the church and the principal manor house within a village would provide clues as to a village's development. In Cottenham, the current

church is situated a kilometre further up the high street to the north-east, too far to be considered as the likely site of the original Saxon church. However, directly to the north of the manor, on the opposite side of the village, is a projection of higher ground which until recent times was known as Church Hill. It is possible that the Saxon church stood there until Norman redevelopment centuries later.

The manor house, Crowlands, known to date back to at least the 10th century, is sited in a moated area to the north east of the site with the village lying against the boundary of the manor's grounds. This pattern, with the manor directly between church and village, is a familiar design and is repeated in many other villages in the region.

By the 12th or 13th centuries, the village was beginning to resemble current day Cottenham, with the village 'thinning out' and turning to align more closely with the High Street. During the 14th century the village continued to 'thin out', with the features on the site reducing to a few large scale boundaries. One explanation for this may lie in the plagues associated with the century. With many properties left abandoned, plots may have been amalgamated, their buildings destroyed and land turned back to pasture.

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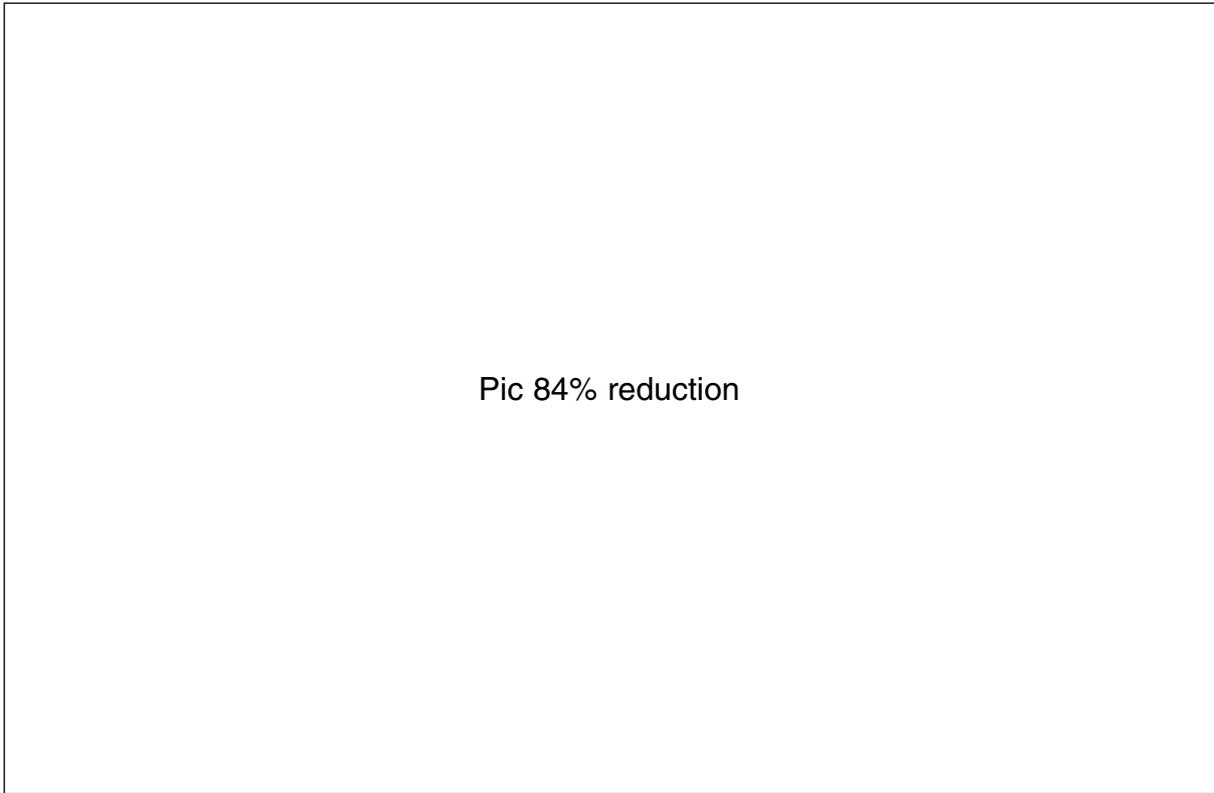
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Crowlands Manor was amalgamated with another local manor and a new house, Lordship House, was constructed to the south east of the site. Excavations also revealed a

number of outbuildings which, along with the Manor, survived with alterations into the early part of this century.

The excavations at the site drew to a close at the beginning of the sum-

mer. The Tenison Manor development will ensure that the site will be preserved for future generations, until a time when far more sophisticated equipment may be available, to enable us to find out more about our ancestors and their way of life.



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Pictured is the early Saxon settlement under excavation at the site of Beazer's new development, Tenison Manor, in Cottenham, Cambridgeshire

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BEAZER HOMES AD

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Drivers are needed who are willing to drive either their own car, for which they get mileage, or the branch's specially-adapted vehicle for wheelchair users. Meanwhile escorts are needed to accompany the people on their journey.

Examples of when the service has been used in the past include when a young mother had to take her disabled son to a hospital appointment but also had to look after a lively toddler, and a partially sighted woman faced a difficult train journey to visit her sick brother. Escorts are also often required to accompany people on coach and air journeys.

Each driver and escort is specially trained and all work to a high standard of care. If you are interested in becoming a trained Red Cross volunteer or in offering financial support to Transport and Escort or other Red Cross projects, please contact Sallie Clark or Clare Brown on 01223 354434.

Dear Editor

Can I say a big thank you to my granddaughter Sarah Bidwell, of 4 Wilkin Walk. My sister and I are knitting squares to make blankets for people in homes and I mentioned we were buying wool. On Saturday she presented me with £2.80, she and her friends had sold some of their toys and raised the money without us knowing. She is only 8 years old and I think for children of that age to come up with something like that is very wonderful. The elderly never need think they are forgotten. *Rosina Gooding, 34 Rooks Street, Cottenham*

Dear Editor

Mrs. Ann Pauley and her daughter Carol would like to thank all who sponsored Paul (Mrs. Pauley's grandson) to do a parachute jump in aid of the charity Interstitial Cystitis Support Group. The sum of £400 was raised. Many thanks. *Mrs. A. Pauley, 42 Franklin Gardens*

LETTERS to the Editors

Dear Editor

Thank you so very much for your piece in the Newsletter which explained to everyone who read it what had happened to me. It is now, as I write, just over two months since my op. and I'm getting better, though slowly.

Please could I, through this letter, thank everyone for all they have done for me, for Mum who turned up from Malta, for my dear neighbour who sorted out my taxi jobs (and my house!) and for all the flowers, cards, best wishes and last but not least prayers from people I know and hardly know. Where would I have been without you all? Thank you all again. *Moyra Borg* (Editors Note: For the convenience of our readers, until Moyra is fully recovered we are now printing the telephone number of an alternative taxi service on the back page of the Newsletter.)

Letters for publication may be sent to either of the Editors, and should include the name and address of the sender, although this may be omitted from publication if requested. Please keep correspondence short and topical; please note that the Editors may use their discretion regarding publication, and their decision is final.

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