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NEWSLETTER STAFF RESIGN -

NEW FACES NEEDED FOR EDITORIAL JOBS

*IS THIS THE END OF
THE COTTENHAM
NEWSLETTER ?*

*LAST ISSUE MAY BE
JULY/AUGUST THIS
YEAR !!*

*CAN YOU HELP KEEP
THE NEWSLETTER
GOING ?*

ARE YOU CREATIVE ?

*CAN YOU SPARE THE
TIME ?*

After nearly nine years of editing and typing forty-five issues of the Cottenham Newsletter, Ruth Rogers and Bridget Walker have decided to stand down. The various unpaid jobs of Editor, Copy Typist, Word Processor Operator, Spellechecker, Proofreader and occasional Copywriter are therefore about to become vacant, as from the end of July this year. The July/August issue will be their final production and the September/October issue will not appear in the village unless someone volunteers to take over the responsibility of producing it.

Ruth and Bridget are anxious to achieve a smooth hand-over to whichever public-spirited Cottenham resident is willing to take on this bi-monthly production, and they will of course do all they can to aid and assist the new incumbent.

The actual type-setting of the Newsletter is done by another volunteer, Neil Shaw, and the printing is in the capable hands of Target Litho printers, so all that the new editor needs is an eye for literacy, grammar, spelling, punctuation, deadline dates.....plus the ability to conjure up an interesting and readable local paper every eight weeks! Accounts and Distribution are in the capable hands of yet another volunteer, Peter Robertson, which considerably eases the burden, and there is a team of distributors to do the task of stuffing the Newsletter through every door in the village.

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VILLAGE DIARY

JUNE

- 6 Grand Open Day, Cottenham Fire Station, 2.00 - 4.00
 7 "The Messiah", All Saints Church, 7.30
 17 "Archaeology", Alison Taylor, Library 7.30pm
 20 Concert - 15th/16th C.music, All Saints Church, 7.30
 26 "The Family Lathyrus" talk, Gardeners Club, CVC 7.45
 28 Concert, St. Cecilia Choir, All Saints Church, 7.30

JULY

- 11 Charity Gala Day "Cottenham Extravaganza"
 25 Concert, Schola Gregoriana, All Saints Church, 7.30

AUGUST

- 3 Jazz at the Old Schoolroom, ticket only, tel.250135

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Autumn Show, Cottenham Village College
 16 "Cambridgeshire from the Air", Library 7.30 £1.50
 18 "Growing and Showing", Gardeners Club, CVC 7.45

OCTOBER

- 21 "Flower Essences Therapy", Library 7.30, £1.50
 23 "History of the NCCPG", Gardeners Club, CVC 7.45
 Toy Library Nearly New Sale at Baptist Church 9.30-11

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY

The party of children will now be arriving in Cottenham on Sunday 14th June and staying until 21st June. The fund-raising TableTop sale on 4 April raised £388 and further donations from residents and organisations in Cottenham increased this figure to £618. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Paul Shepherd, Secretary, Cottenham Baptist Church.

DOES ANYONE WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

Regular readers will know that we are in the habit of printing articles submitted by Cottenham residents. We would like to extend our range of both contributors and topics, so if anyone wants to get into print, send us your offerings. As usual, THE EDITOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.....but we promise to read all your contributions.



DIARY NOTES

Cottenham Library is running monthly events (see above)
 Tickets in advance from the Library.

Toy Library -

Thursdays, 2.30 - 4.00 - June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, August 6 and 20, September 3 and 17.

Refuse Collections - alterations for Bank Holiday weeks. Collections will be made on Saturday 30 May, Saturday 5th September, Saturday 2 January (Christmas and New Year double collection).

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DIARY DATES -
 THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR ENTRIES IN THIS SECTION -
 CHARITY EVENTS ESPECIALLY WELCOME.

EILEEN DIAZ

would like to thank the residents of Pelham Way who contributed to the following collections:
 £10 sent to the Distonia Society (November collection)
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Wednesday June 17th - Mini Outing
There will be a conducted tour of the Farmyard Museum at Denny Abbey (on the A10, near Waterbeach), starting at 7.00pm. The cost will be £2.40 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Frank Boysen, 99 Lambs Lane, Cottenham, not later than 12th June. If transport is required, please telephone Cottenham 250116.

COTTENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Some of you may have noticed the building activity at the Baptist Church last year. At the rear of the Church there is now a modern kitchen with a large serving hatch, also new toilets which include wheelchair access, and a nappy changing facility. There is a good-sized room on the ground floor, also a new staircase to the large upper room.

We are now able to hire out these modern facilities for private functions or meetings during the week. For our

Sunday services we can now accommodate wheelchairs, and a comprehensive sound system incorporates a loop for the hard of hearing. Creche and Sunday School (Supernovas) are available on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am. We welcome everyone. For further information, please contact Paul Shepherd, Church Secretary, on Cottenham 200038

AN INVITATION FROM COTTENHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Cottenham W.I celebrated 70 years in 1996. It is open to any woman living in the village.
We meet regularly on the second Wednesday of the month (except August)
at 7.30 pm in Franklin Gardens Community3y Room, just off Lyles Road.

Our meeting is usually publicised in this magazine, in the Village Diary section,
and also by posters around the village.

Our programme is very varied, from talks and demonstrations to meals and Beetle drives.
We seldom discuss "jam making" and sometimes sing "Jerusalem"!!

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Brenda Buttifant, President.

Phil Seal

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JOTTINGS FROM THE VILLAGE LIBRARY, MARGETT STREET

As I write this, the Library celebrates its 4th birthday in its purpose built premises. The Library has become the venue for a regular series of literature events, demonstrations and talks. The March meeting, when Michael Bowyer talked on "The RAF in Cambridgeshire 1918-1988" was a sell-out, with people having to be turned away on the night.

We are limited to 50 seats, so it is best to buy tickets in advance. Coming up are:

20 May "Colour Analysis", Marilyn Gunn - Appearance Matters.

17 June "Archaeology in Cambridgeshire", Alison Taylor

16 September "Cambridgeshire from the Air", Sue Oosthuizen

21 October "Flower Essences Therapy", Sue Monk

18 November "Sugarcraft, Christmas pieces for Cakes", Anne Cornwall.

All meetings begin at 7.30 pm and cost £1.50 including refreshments.

Further developments to note are the adoption of the flower beds in front of the library and around the car park, by the Cottenham Gardeners Club. Already the group of volunteers have worked hard and we look forward to seeing the results of their labours.

Finally, as a result of negotiations with the Parish Council and sponsorship offers from the Cottenham British School Trust, we look forward to the installations of both a CD Rom machine and an Internet connection in the not too distant future. These additions to the Library should prove of benefit both educationally and for the local business community.

Brenda Buttifant, Library Supervisor.

NEWS FROM FEN EDGE PATCH

If you would like to gain new skills or knowledge, meet interesting people and enjoy a holiday with a difference without the bother and expense of going away from Cottenham, then maybe our Summer School is for you.

Many of our courses are art and craft based - patchwork, spinning, indigo dyeing, silkscreen printing, weaving, Fenland drawing, watercolour painting. We have new young tutors for papier mache and working models (automata) and we are also lucky to have Mike Petty, well known to many Cambridgeshire residents through the Cambridge Collection and the Cambridge News, who will lead a week of study and field visits on the Isle of Ely. The word processing course could give you a qualification at the end of the week; the health course could make you feel well.

Children aged 11 plus can be accepted provided the tutor is in agreement. Monday August 10th - Friday August 14th. 3 and 5 day courses. Further details from Cottenham Village College, tel. 01954 288944

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COTTENHAM VILLAGE DESIGN GROUP - WHAT IS THAT?

Cottenham was one of the first villages in Britain to produce a Design Statement, which has become a model for other villages across the country by being incorporated in the Countryside Commission's information pack. The Design Statement was approved as Supplementary Planning Guidance by South Cambs District Council in May 1994, and a copy of the statement was delivered to every house in the village, as well as being available at the Parish Council's centenary celebrations on the Green, in June 1994.

The Cottenham Village Design Group comments on Cottenham planning applications and arranges public meetings. For instance, the lecture room at the Village College was standing room only in February 1998 to hear spokespersons from Beazer Homes, who are developing the Broad Lane site, and from Wimpey, who are planning to build 109 houses on the Denmark Road site.

The main way that the group acts is to monitor all planning applications and to make comments to South Cambs District Council's Planning Department (with copies to the Parish Council). These comments are made from the platform of the Design Statement and there is no room for individual views (except in interpreting the Statement). In accordance with the Cottenham Village Design Group's Constitution, committee members withdraw from any discussions where they have a personal interest.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications. It was agreed at the outset with South Cambs

District Council and with the Parish Council that the Design Group's comments would be made separately (and may thus at times differ) from those of the Parish Council. The comments can be viewed at the library or by contacting the Secretary. You are welcome to contact the secretary or any member to agree or disagree with the interpretation of the Design Statement.

The Group campaigns on specific issues, such as for a cycle route to Cambridge and against the proposal to erect a communications tower in the village. It also meets representatives from other villages who are considering whether to write a Village Design Statement (the latest request for information and for a meeting is from Lavenham in Suffolk).

The Statement has received wide acclaim from the Countryside Commission (a video is available from the Group), from the previous Government (John Gummer), from Prince Charles and even from the publications of the building trade. It has recently been featured on BBC TV Countryfile in connection with the proposed development in Stevenage.

New members are very welcome indeed, so if this seems interesting to you, then do please join the Group. It costs just £3 to cover incidental expenses. Please contact Marion Daniels on 252275 to join, Audrey Evers on 250569 for more information, or the current Chairman of the Group, Bill Miller, is available on 252101.

HELP TO INFLUENCE THE
COTTENHAM OF TOMORROW

CONCERTS FOR SUMMER AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We list below a tempting selection of forthcoming concerts to be held at All Saints Church. If you are interested, further information, prices and tickets can be obtained from the contact names given for each event.

Saturday 30 May

Concert by Howard Payne University Choir from Texas
(Henry Fleck, 5 Pelham Way, Cottenham, tel 250635)

Sunday 7th June

A Performance of The Messiah
(David Warham, 28 High St, Cottenham, tel. 250575)

Saturday 20th June

Concert with Musica Domum Dei (early music from the 15th and 16th centuries)
(Henry Fleck, 5 Pelham Way, tel. 250635)

Sunday 28th June

Concert by St. Cecilia Choir from USA
(Henry Fleck, 5 Pelham Way, tel. 250635)

Saturday 25th July

St. James' Day Concert with Schola Gregoriana
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JAZZIN' AROUND!

Once again the walls were bulging down at the Old Schoolroom when on April 6th we welcomed Bob Dwyer's Hot Seven. The band presented a programme of music dedicated to Bix Beiderbecke, the legendary cornet player from the 1920's, who died when he was only 28 but who in his short career left an indelible mark on the history of jazz. The whole band gave a stunning performance and everybody is looking forward to the next time we all get together.

That brings me very neatly to our next gathering, on June 1st. Our guests represent another merging of styles - not jazz and gypsy music, not jazz and Latin American music, or rock music but this time JAZZ AND LUNACY. Yes, folks, lock up your daughters, hide the hooch and prepare to enjoy Bob Kerr's Whoopee Band. Musical Mayhem is how he describes it and if you want a really fun time you will not be disappointed. Bob himself is a life-long admirer of Spike Jones and he comes to you via the Bonzo Dog Do-Da Band and the New Vaudeville Band. Do you remember "Winchester Cathedral"? Those were Bob Kerr's dulcet tones caressing your eardrums on that 1966 hit.

Once again, by the time you read this all the tickets will probably be gone, but I can warn you of the next one. On August 3rd, the session will take the form of a benefit for the rebuilding fund for the hall. Suitable venues for hire are hard to come by and I think it is so kind of the Rector to want to provide us with something even better!! This is our way of saying thank you and I do hope that you will come and say it with us. *Tony Pearson. Tel. 01954 250135*

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MOYRA'S GOINGS ON

"How do you fill your day?" Someone asked me exactly that, and she had a pen in her hand and a form on her desk. She was official, oh yes, and a doctor, working for Social Security. I was being 'examined' medically. The thought of this was quite frightening, especially as I had only had my head operated on and yet the accompanying letter said 'we may need to ask you to remove some of your clothes'. Ooh er!

So, in anticipation of the great unpeeling, I put on my special pink panther boxer shorts. How did I fill my day? Well, I had been pre-warned that they might ask this, yet it was still difficult to answer, so I said that I was trying to meet up with friends I had wanted to see but hadn't for a long time. Plus, quite philosophically I thought, I said "I am trying to do all the things that I haven't got round to when working." "Hmm", said the doctor and wrote down this pithy remark.

In essence, that is what I do. I have been on a calligraphy course, a history course, a wildlife gardening course, spent a day doing porcelain work, another day doing papercraft, plus as a joke I went to play badminton one evening, and have been going to play it

every week since!

I still feel as though every day is a luxury and a lucky bonus, which I do not by any means deserve. I sleep really well at night now, something I just could not do for the first seven months. I was sort of jet-lagged without the journey, awake most of the night feeling it was daytime, then grumpy and tired all day. Now, like magic, I go to sleep at night, and wake up and it's morning. The terrible empty feeling has not gone away but I cope with it by keeping busy. I feel as though I lost something when I collapsed, in fact I feel as though I lost that life I had.

This does seem to be true as I have 'come back' a completely different person. I suppose I have had to learn a very important lesson - that despite losing things which seem to be of central importance, life can and has to go on. I saw the most beautiful peacock butterfly the other day, it was resting on a pile of old grass trimmings (last year's) among a whole bush of stinging nettles. Perhaps these butterflies are quite common, but I had certainly never seen one before, in all its glory. Time is valuable, and I seem to be having a luxury of it at the moment. *Moyra Borg*

ABIGAIL CONCANNON

Those of you who read "Garden Notes" in our last issue may well have wondered who actually wrote it. The author was Abigail Concannon, a Cottenham resident who is a garden designer by profession. We hope she will be a regular contributor to the Newsletter in future, and make our apologies to her for not giving credit where credit was due!

LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

As we go to press, the results of the District Council and Parish Council elections on May 7th are not available. We shall be printing the names of those elected in our next issue, on the principle of better late than never.

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approved by a government inspector and provides a variety of educational activities through a carefully planned curriculum.

The Pre-school maintains strong links with Cottenham Primary School, which pre-school children visit regularly, and teachers visit the

Pre-school. From the beginning of the Summer term there will be places available from 9am to 3pm inclusive, for children aged 3 years to school age.

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COTTENHAM MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

The Mobile Warden scheme has now been in operation for almost a year and is proving invaluable to elderly residents who still enjoy living in their own homes. The Warden makes a daily telephone call and visits you personally at least once a week, and all members find this reassuring and helpful in maintaining a certain degree of independence.

Sons and daughters, or people with dependent relatives, are also glad to know that their elderly relative is receiving a call. Sometimes it is nice just to have a chat. Assistance can be provided with shopping or light household chores and occasionally transport can be arranged for local shopping or to collect pensions. If the Warden cannot meet your needs, she will help you to contact other organisations which can assist you.

Many local residents are able to care for their relatives for much of the year but need someone to step into their shoes when they go on holiday. The Scheme welcomes associate members and the Warden will provide help while you are away, within reasonable limits. This would be in addition to existing help from Social Services or friends and neighbours. Please try to give plenty of notice, as the Warden likes to introduce herself and understand each person's needs before the carer goes on holiday.

The cost to regular members is £2.00 per person per week, £3.00 for couples. Associate members pay £15.00 retaining fee per year. When the scheme is used, the number of calls/visits and the fee will be negotiated on an individual basis. For further information please ring Madeleine Bird (Mrs) on 01954 251182

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JASPER KAY'S BIRD REPORT - APRIL

April and May are two of the most exciting months of the year for bird watchers. In spite of the cold, wet weather, there were young black-birds and starlings hopping about the garden at the beginning of April and there have been plenty of signs of nest building with tits, sparrows and finches.

On April 15th I walked by the Great Ouse which was in part flooded. The extra shallow water on the banks had attracted a number of unexpected birds - snipe, redshank, oyster catchers, shovellers and shel-duck. A little earlier I had seen a short-eared owl on the river bank near Broad Lane Bridge.

The summer visitors have taken their time. I heard the first chif-fchaff on April 12th in our garden, but since then have heard them almost every day in Rampton Spinney, in Church Lane, at the Village College and in High Street gardens. I saw two tired looking swallows on April 18th and then not again until the 22nd. Funnily enough I saw wheatears in Yorkshire at the beginning of April.

Several people have reported blackcaps and it is well known that some of these birds, as well as chif-fchaffs, are now overwintering in Britain. Thrushes, robins, black-birds and skylarks are all singing

noisily, but I am still waiting for the first cuckoo. Looking back, I see that last year the cuckoo was first heard in Cottenham on April 27th.

It is not only the bad weather which is interfering with the birds' breeding programme. I hear that the tawny owl's nest in the trees of Mitchell House has been destroyed by squirrels, and the eggs eaten.

Our publication "Birdwatch 97" is now complete and is available from me at 85 High Street, Cottenham, price £1.



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- **Carers Consortium A.G.M. "Voice of Carers" - Thursday 11th June at Meadows Community Centre, St. Catherine Road, Cambridge 10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.**
- **"Take care of yourself day" - Saturday 13th June**

We also have information regarding support.

To receive The Carers Newsletter and obtain more information, or if you need help to attend, please ring the Carers' Centre (01223 712072)

Carers National Association contacts:

**Sue Austen, CNA Representative
Ely & Cambridgeshire - 01353 663928
Liz Earl, CNA Representative
Burwell - 01638 742739**

Christopher Davis

LETTERS to the Editors

Dear Editor

The Cambridgeshire Handicapped Children & Adults Group thank you for your support by advertising the recent jumble sale in the Newsletter. It resulted in a great day with lots of items being donated. We had a fantastic turnout of bargain hunters and the money raised for our new minibus has had a large injection.

The group's primary function is to improve the quality of life of the disabled within the Cambridgeshire area. Members raise money for outings, trips, parties etc. In addition, 18 months ago we began a special project to raise the £26,000 needed for a new minibus. We are well on our way towards our goal, but are always grateful for the support and donations that we receive from the public.

Yours sincerely

*Vic Pinner, President, 42 Dunstal Field,
Cottenham*

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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