

SCROOGE CELEBRATIONS FLOP AS COTTENHAM RALLYS

The misery and humbug enjoyed by the disciples of Scrooge are set to continue. The front-page article in the last edition of the newsletter by the departing editors, Miranda and Michael, certainly stimulated a response. No fewer than eighteen Cottenham residents came forward to offer editorial assistance for the newsletter. There is no chance that this valuable Cottenham institution will fold after such an expression of support. I would like to thank all those who so kindly offered their services - your offers of assistance are greatly appreciated.

As for me, well I guess I was the lucky one - I'll let you know later! My name is James Martin, and I moved into the village four and a half years ago with my wife Anne and our two children, Kate and Aidan. We have spent many years roaming Britain and Norway following my career in the oil industry. We never guessed we would live near

Cambridge, let alone that I would work in a building that resembles a large circus marquee (answers on a post card if you can identify the location of the building, its architect and the name of the company I work for).

I look forward to the continuing support of all the regular and irregular contributors to the newsletter. I would also appreciate any ideas readers have for articles, issues you would like raised, or any other items that would add value to the newsletter. It really is a publication by the people of Cottenham for the people of Cottenham.

The letter entitled "The Younger Generation" published in the last edition of the newsletter stimulated both a prolific and vigorous response from Cottenham residents. A selection of letters appears in this issue. Cars are often parked on the road outside the library doors and sometimes on the pavement, causing an obstruction to both pedestri-

ans and road users alike on a busy double bend in a residential area. I am grateful to Cottenham Library staff, for sending in a copy of an official council leaflet which is available from the library; I quote: "COTTENHAM LIBRARY CAR PARK - The car park at the rear of the library is for customers' use as well as staff. Please feel free to park if space is available. Should the car park be full and you have to park on the street, please consider the residents. In particular, parking on the corner outside the library doors is causing a problem in Margett Street and should be avoided".

On a lighter and important note, the Cottenham newsletter editorial team would like to wish Miranda and Michael both success and happiness in their new life in Ireland. Their contribution to the newsletter in recent months is greatly appreciated.

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VILLAGE DIARY

MARCH

26th Bus Pass Refunds at Franklin Gardens Community Room.
4:00pm - 6:00pm.

APRIL

10th Another Bumper Jumble, Cottenham Village College. 2:00pm.
10th Salvation Army Jumble Sale, 10:00am - 11:30am.
13th Cambridge Osteoporosis Support Group. Cookery demonstration at Dry
Drayton Village Hall. 2:00pm - 4:00pm.
14th WI. 'Patio Gardening', a talk by Mr Rodney Tibbs. Franklin Gardens
at 7:30pm.
17th Royal British Legion, Cottenham. Toad in the hole, followed by Bingo.
18th Yesteryear Road Run. Cottenham Village Green, and Rampton, and
Willingham,.... 09:30am start, returns Cottenham 4:00pm.
19th AGM Cottenham Wine and Beer Circle. Wine competition.
25th Wildlife Trust. Guided walk around Hayley Wood. Meet at end of Hayley
Lane on the B1046 Longstowe - Little Gransden road at 2:30pm.
28th 'Happy Birthday Mr Cromwell', a talk by Neville M. Williams with Simon
Bray at Cottenham Village Library. 7:30pm.

MAY

1st Fun Run, Cottenham Village College. Registration from 9.00am., race
Starts 10.30am.
8th Ladybird Pre-school. Grand Auction of Promises.
12th WI. 'Making Paper Butterflies', demonstration by Ivy Richards.
Franklin Gardens at 7:30pm.
15th Wildlife Trust. Annual 'Bring & Buy' plant sale. 6 Cross Keys Court,
Cottenham at 2:15pm.
15th Royal British Legion, Cottenham. Ploughman's Platter, followed by The
Beechcombers.
15th Cottenham Primary School PTA, Live Band.

BUMPER JUMBLE

Another Bumper Jumble - in aid of
Cams Handicapped Group minibus
appeal, will take place at Cottenham
Village College on Saturday, April
10th at 2pm. There will be lots of
good jumble, nearly new, books, bric-
a-brac etc. Refreshments will be
available and admission is 20p.

Please contact Vic on 01954 -
250383 with offers of help or goods.

ARTICLES, DATES AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

Paper copy, PC floppy disk or e-mail
submissions are all welcome. Please
contact me if you have any questions.
Dates for the next issue (No. 51)
should span end of May, June and
July.

James

LADYBIRD PRE-SCHOOL

Two exiting events organised by
Ladybird Pre-school:

One: Stock up on yummy teatime
treats at our Cake Sale on the morning
of Saturday 20th March (Stall outside
Co-op) after getting your Toy bargains
at the Toy Library sale.

Two: Try your hand at our Grand
Auction of Promises on the 8th of
May. All sorts of unusual, exciting
and valuable prizes will be available
to the highest bidder, so keep this date
free.

Give us a ring on 01954 - 250891 to
find out more about any of these
events.



DIARY NOTES

Cottenham Toy Library -

Thursdays 2.30 - 4.00 - March 18th; April 1st & 15th; May 6th & 20th.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS - ALTERATIONS FOR EASTER.

Good Friday, 2nd April & Friday 9th April - Double collection on Saturday 10th April.

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Cottenham and Rampton Branch of the Royal British Legion is still alive, and still meets at the Branch Headquarters at 121 High Street, Cottenham.

Forthcoming Social Events are:

April 17th Toad in the Hole, followed by Bingo.

May 15th Plougmans Platter, followed by The Beechcombers.

For more information about the Legion or bookings for events, please contact Mr Gadbury on 01954 - 203427 or Mrs Leach on 01954 - 203112.

SUMMER SCHOOL

We are delighted with the range of course that we are able to offer this year for our summer school.

Last year was amazingly successful. We had over 200 students who experienced a wonderful mixture of learning and enjoyment.

Some of the tutors will be returning this year; others will be fresh faces with new skills and knowledge to offer.

Leaflets are available at the Village College and all local libraries; if you have friends and relatives living further away who would like a copy, we will be glad to send them one. Contact the Community Office 01954 - 288944.

teenagers from the College to plan something - outing, activity, special event - and take advantage of this money, please contact Jenny Kaye, Community Office, Cottenham Village College 01954 - 288944.

MILLENNIUM MONEY

Millennium Money over the next two years is enabling us to engage in all sorts of exciting new projects, linking pupils at Cottenham Village College and Over 60's. Our writing workshop, held in February, sparked off animated conversations, laughter and pages of written information when teenagers met senior citizens and spent the day together exchanging memories, attitudes and comparing life styles. The finished pieces of work will be published on the Internet through Tesco 2000 and in booklet form. The atmosphere of shared enjoyment and mutual

respect will, we hope, remain with us all for a long while.

The money also encourages young people to use their initiative. Two girls have run craft workshops for themselves and their classmates, and have joined with members of STRADA (stroke patient club) for two afternoons of sugarcraft and dough. The results are attractive, manipulating the materials is therapeutic and the shared activity is very enjoyable for all.

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This Group was formed in 1997 by a lady, who in September 1994, had crush fractures of her spine, but had no knowledge of osteoporosis. All she then knew was intense pain day and night. Eventually she discovered the National Osteoporosis Society and from then on learned to manage her life. As soon as she was able, she started to raise money to fund the formation of a local group. She was determined that no one else would suffer in ignorance if she could help it. Having raised £500, she then set about forming a committee but that was harder and took longer than raising the money. Finally in February 1997 with the help of the National Osteoporosis Regional Co-ordinator the group was formed.

We meet every two months at The Village Hall, Dry Drayton, which has easy access for wheelchairs. Our varied speakers are not only

informative but also amusing and over a cup of tea and a biscuit we make many friends. Osteoporosis can attack men and several come along either in their own right or as a partner. As one in three women and one in twelve men will get osteoporosis in their lifetime, we are delighted to see how much more information about this crippling disease is now available.

Although we rely on the NOS Headquarters for our up to date information we are a local group, and are totally self supporting and rely on voluntary help. Our meetings are open to all, not just members of the NOS. We welcome a contribution of 50 pence towards expenses and any small item for our Bring & Buy. Do join us. Please contact Maureen Sharp on 01954 - 251217. Forthcoming events include:

Tuesday 13 April 1999 2.00-4.00pm (Note date due to Easter) Annie Hartwright. Regional NOS Co-ordinator. Cookery demonstration "Naughty but Nice".

Tuesday 1 June 1999 2.00 - 4.00pm Valerie Zarno, qualified aromatherapist from Histon.

Tuesday 3 August 1999 2.00-4.00pm Ann Lock, Head of Occupational Therapy at Newmarket Hospital.

Tuesday 5 October 1999 2.00-4.00pm Rosemary Fitzgerald, member of the Acupuncture Council.

Tuesday 7 December 1999 2.00-4.00pm Speaker for the meeting to be confirmed.

Tuesday 1 February 2000 2.00-4.00pm Social Gathering (Provisional-as this year).

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COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

In the last Newsletter we reported that the Council was awaiting the completion of the "consultation" process dealing with proposed changes to the speed restrictions in Histon Road. The Parish Council's proposal, based on requests from residents, was that the current 40 mph limit at Appletrees should be reduced to 30 mph. Well, it seems that the consultation process is now complete, and after 21/2 years the decision is that the speed limits should stay as they are! It appears that this decision is based on two contentions:

- 1) That the only way of ensuring that motorists could be made to reduce speed would be by the construction of physical restrictions such as those on Twentypence Road, which would be expensive and potentially cause tail-backs at peak periods, and
- 2) That the Police claim that the new restrictions, if imposed simply by new signs, would be impossible to enforce.

The Council is clearly disappointed with this conclusion, particularly after the time taken to reach it. Copies of the letters from the county Council and the Police are displayed on the Parish notice boards. If residents wish to comment on this decision, would they please do so, in writing, either direct to the County Council (your County Councillor is Peter Stroude) or via the Parish Council. By the way, the other traffic matter, of parking restrictions at the High Street/Margett Street junction appears to still be lost in the "black hole" of consultation.

One of the major tasks of the Parish Council is the provision of recreation-

al and sporting facilities. At its February meeting, the Council approved a significant programme of improvement to the playing surfaces at the Recreation Ground. With the active participation of the Sports Clubs themselves, we hope to secure further improvement projects in the longer term.

The other main centre of recreational facilities is the Village College. The swimming pool at the College has been a popular amenity for many years. Having been repaired several times, the plastic liner of the pool has finally given up the ghost. To replace it may cost up to £4000. Although the maintenance of facilities at Village College is not the direct responsibility of the Parish Council, it was decided that, rather than lose this popular facility, we should meet the cost of a replacement. The Council has also agreed to contribute to the funding of another

project, based at the Village College, to provide a skateboarding track.

Another youth activity that will be supported this year is our local Scouts. They have been working hard raising funds to finance their new building and the Council, always well disposed towards those who help themselves, will be making a contribution of £5.000 towards their building fund.

While most of the above looks towards the future, the past must not be forgotten. The village War Memorial is a permanent reminder of the sacrifice made by the families of Cottenham so that we can all enjoy the freedom to do the kind of things that are described in the pages of this Newsletter. It is showing the effects of time, and, sadly, occasional vandalism. This year, a refurbishment exercise will repair or replace damaged stonework and restore the lettering.

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JASPER KAY'S BIRD REPORT

It is always interesting that birds are so active in winter, whereas many animals hibernate, butterflies disappear and many plants lie dormant.

On the 9th of January, I took a local walk and saw 40 different species of bird. It was a beautiful day and almost every possible bird was out and about. In the following few days, I saw several more birds, making a total of over 50 species within the week. These birds included four different gulls, four different finches, three buntings, three tits and two woodpeckers. Here are the highlights:

Church Lane: Kestrel, bullfinches, long tailed tits.

Long Drove: fieldfares, redwings, mistle thrushes, dunnocks, green woodpecker, greemfinch, yellow hammer reed bunting, snipe.

Old West River: tufted duck, cormorants, linnets, meadow pipets, herons, goldfinches, short eared owl.

Aldreth Causeway Bridge: golden plovers, curley, pied wagtails, skylarks.

Rampton Spinney: great spotted woodpecker, jay.

Other people have reported a kingfisher on Cottenham Lode, and several sightings of barn owls on Long Drove and near Broad Lane. A

green sandpiper was seen on the riverbank.

Now, as I write this in late February, there are already signs of coming spring. Birds are singing, particularly robins, mistle thrushes, dunnocks and tits; the rooks are building on the Green; and birds are inspecting nest boxes.

Blackcaps, chiffchaffs and terns have already been seen in East Anglia, and although some of these birds may have over-wintered here, there are clear indications of warmer weather to come.

Jasper Kay

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Cambridge Colleges and Country Walk and Fun Day - 20th of June 1999.

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Everyone welcome, British Heart Foundation are looking for volunteers to help. Side shows games, stalls, etc. also welcome.

Please contact Howard Taylor, BHF Representative on 01954 - 230644 if you can help of for further details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MY CROMWELL

South Cambridgeshire Libraries present: "Happy Birthday My Cromwell" - a talk by Neville M. Williams with Simon Bray. In Cottenham Library at 7:30pm on Wednesday the 28th of April 1999. Tickets are £1.50 and include wine. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and to look at Simon's costume. Call at the Library to collect tickets, or phone 01954 - 273322.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HAMSTER!

I am no ordinary hamster. I originated from the Syrian Desert, but now I lead a life of commuting in England.

Each weekday morning, I am woken at approximately 8:30am, and carried a short distance to the Cottenham Methodist Church Hall. Here I am transferred into another home (yes, I am a two house hamster), for a period of 3 1/2 hours. During this time I can study the "goings-on" of Stepping Stones Montessori.

You know, Maria Montessori was the first female Italian doctor. She developed a unique teaching method through observing children with special needs and noticing how they developed and progressed. She devised a set of equipment to stretch

them a little step at a time. Montessori then realised that this method could be as successful with any child.

The session begins at 9:15am with a circle and registration time. After circle time, the children select their own work from the Montessori environment. The idea is that the children should have a free choice of any equipment within the Montessori environment, but once they have selected the exercise, there is a particular sequence to follow. The areas they can choose from range from practical life to mathematics, geometry to geography, language to science. There is also a nature table, which is where you will find me - Monty the hamster.

A strong emphasis is placed on

social skills and behaviour, encouraging the children to respect themselves, each other and the equipment they use. The Directresses aim to build the children's confidence and independence in order to prepare them for their life ahead. After a quiet half-hour (when the children go outside to play), they come in again to end the session with singing, music or music and movement (this can become a little noisy - don't forget, I am nocturnal). They finally depart at 12:15pm and I start my commute home, unless I have been loaned to one of the children for an evening out.

If you like to come and meet me, or are interested in finding out more about the Stepping Stones Montessori, please contact Amanda Sandberg on 01954 - 251346.

YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN

Sunday 18th April

A busy 12 months has gone by, and once again it's time for the Yesteryear Road Run. Come and see us in Cottenham on this very important fundraising day.

Come and see the parade of vintage vehicles, tractors and motorcycles. Our route will start from Cottenham at 9:30am, moving on to Rampton, Willingham, Over and Swavesey, where we will be stopping for lunch at the Trinity Foot (approximately 12:30pm). Here you can view the vehicles at close quarters. We will then continue to Longstanton, Oakington and Histon, returning to Cottenham by approximately 4:00pm.

There will be stalls, entertainment and refreshments on the Village Greens at Histon and Cottenham.

This is the sixth year of the Yesteryear Road Run, and each year

TRACTOR

it gets bigger. We will again be collecting for MAGPAS. Last year we raised £6,500.

This will be a great event for all the family, please come and give us your support. If you need any further information, or wish to help in any way, please contact Frances Hedger on 01954 - 250965.

NAVAL TRIVIA

When at anchor, 'wives' were not expected to rise at the same time as the sailors. As most females were less hairy than sailors, the call 'show a leg' allowed wives to remain in the hammock. If no leg was shown and the hammock obviously had an occupant who was either unwilling or too drunk

MENINGITIS CHARITIES BENEFIT

A total of **£1800** was raised for the National Meningitis Trust and Meningitis Research charities in the second half of last year. The total included:

- **£700** from a raffle held during C.T.W's pantomime and I would like to thank Clive Borrow, Sue Bainbridge and Margaret Palmer for their help.
- **£440** from the Jazz Night, our thanks to Tony and Jean Pearson and the Band.
- **£460** from Vic Minter and his wonderful Christmas light display. Also, thank you to all who either took part in these events or sent donations. Our total raised during 1998 was £3250.

Janet and Roger Byard

to get out, it was common practice to cut through the head rope to spill him out.

Old Salt

DISTRICT COUNCIL NOTES.

SOUTH CAMBS LOCAL PLAN

The Local Plan, which outlines planning policies for South Cambridgeshire and its individual villages, has been revised. The intention is that the Plan should provide the framework for local planning decisions for a number of years to come.

The revised or 'Review' Plan has now been placed 'on deposit'. This means that anyone can view it and make representations about its proposals if they wish to do so. Copies are available at all public libraries, and district councillors can also provide details.

For Cottenham, the Plan proposes no changes to the existing development framework, including the two large sites currently being developed for housing off Beech Road and Denmark Road. This means that the Council is not proposing any extra large-scale new development in Cottenham for the foreseeable future.

If you want to make representations about the Plan - either to support it, or to make objections to any aspect of it - you have to get them to the Planning Director at South Cambridgeshire Hall, 9-11 Hills

Road, Cambridge, CB2 1PB by noon on Monday the 29th of March, 1999. Forms for making representations can be obtained from the Planning Department at South Cambs. Hall.

Rex Collinson.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S 'SURGERIES'.

Councillor Rex Collinson will be continuing his monthly surgeries on the 3rd Friday of each month between 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Communal Room at Franklin Gardens. He also holds a surgery on the first Friday of each month between 6:00 - 6:30pm in Rampton Village Hall, although there will not be a surgery there on the first Friday in April - as this will be Good Friday.

At all other times, Councillor Collinson is happy to be contacted at home - 20 Rampton Road, Cottenham, Tel: 251377.

Surgeries are not held during the month of August, but Councillor Collinson can still usually be contacted at home.

HIGHGATE FARM REDUCE EXISTING AD
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COTTENHAM BELLRINGERS' MAYDAY APPEAL

The bellringers of All Saints' are planning a sponsored quarter peal in aid of The Children's Society. This is part of a national appeal and involves three quarters of an hour's continuous ringing by a band of six people on Saturday 1st of May. We think we can do it - and the more sponsorship we have, the harder it will be to fail!

If you'd like to be a sponsor or make a donation, please contact Tower Secretary, Heather Wilkin (251424), or Tower Captain, Simon Wilson (251105) before 1st of May. Please help us to help The Children's Society.

THE COTTENHAM EXTRAVAGANZA II

Yes it's true, an action packed family fun day is returning. When? - I hear you cry, Saturday the 22nd of July 2000 I know it's a long way off, but all good events take a lot of planning. The Charities we will be raising money for time are: MAG-PAS, The District Nurses, and local Cottenham causes. Because the event will be held in the year 2000, we wanted some of the money to stay in the village, and this is where you come in. Do you know of a worthy 'Cottenham cause' i.e. charity, organisation, club etc. that would benefit from such an event? If you do, please let us know. If you don't contact us, we cannot help!

Alternatively, perhaps you'd like to help us organise or run this village event, as I am sure you can appreciate, it takes many pairs of hands! Watch this space for more details of this action packed family fun day.

Please send you nominations to: C. Impey, Cottenham Causes, The Charity Gala Group, 123 Coolidge Gardens, Cottenham, or call 01954 - 202797.

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SARAH JANE

SWIMMING IS FOR ALL

Do you look forward to the long warm summer days and a daily swim with friends in our outdoor pool at Cottenham Village College? Or the family barbecues with water fun in the cool of the evening?

We are busy preparing for the '99 season with our special times for adults, families and lane swimming; in addition to the general sessions.

BUT we do need some more supervisors to maintain this full programme, and would welcome new volunteers. Please contact Geoff Redhead at the Village College on 01954 - 288944. Come to meet us at our AGM on Wednesday the 14th of April at 7:30pm.

FEN REEVES UPDATE

A resounding success once again for the Christmas tree shredding day, 200+ trees were placed in the trailers provided, for shredding as mulch in the woodland. Thanks to all of you who supported this adventure, and perhaps the millennium will bring a future increase with this now yearly event.

The committee is very pleased to advise that we have recently received 2 donations. The first was from PI Research who are based off Twenty Pence Road, for a new bench seat and towards the cost of our replacement signboard (the previous signboard was vandalised). The second was from Anglian

Water, for general work within the woodland. A big thank you to both these companies for their kind support.

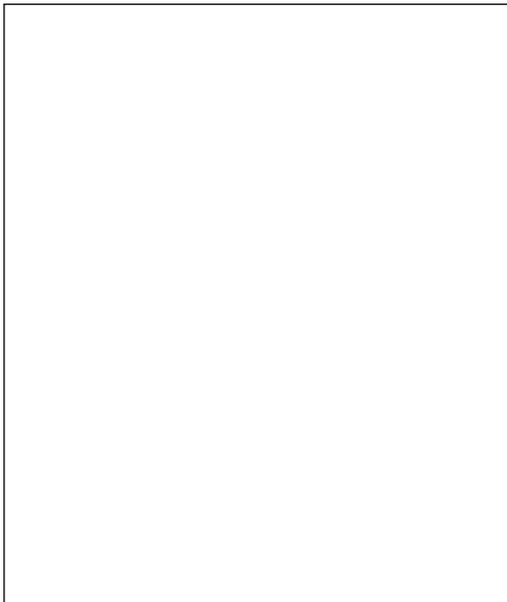
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Diary Date:

Christmas Shredding Day, 9th January 2000 - yes, 2000!

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LETTERS to the Editors

THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Dear Editor,

Further to your letter about the "younger generation" in Issue 49: since when have library books been more important than the safety of a baby in a pram? Surely in hindsight, the car driver needed educating, not the person pushing the pram.

J. Beaumont

Dear Editor,

Oh dear oh dear! I have just received your excellent publication through my letterbox, and I read your "letters to the editor" section with interest.

A letter from "name and address supplied" on the subject of the younger generation has at last got me reaching for my keyboard. I find her remarks quite astonishing regarding the young lady with the pushchair. Although I do agree there was no reason whatsoever to be abusive, does she really think that she is entitled to park on a footpath and make people "walk around her car"? Would she feel any remorse if the young lady concerned, not least the child, were knocked down by the driver?

I suppose it is possible that she in fact lives in Cottenham. So has she like so many others of today lost the use of her legs and is unable to walk like normal people? If she is an invalid, then I am sorry for her. With regard to where she should park, I suggest that she parks her car in her own driveway and, for the sake of her health, walks to the library.

Yes, we do have abusive, unpleasant and selfish people in Cottenham, but may I say that it is not only the younger generation who qualify, but many car drivers who think they are entitled to park anywhere without consideration of others.

Name and address supplied.

Dear Editor,

In reply to the letter in Issue 49 re: "the insolence of young people", we, as three older Cottenham residents, are ashamed of the attitude of the elderly person. We would have expected them to park in the car park provided at the rear of the library, instead of illegally parking on the pavement at the front.

This person had the audacity to complain about a young person's so-called insolence. The young lady had every right to complain, because of the dangerous situation in which she had been placed, having to risk the life of her child by pushing her pram along the road on a double bend.

We ourselves push our mother in a wheelchair and would have been equally "insolent" faced with the same situation. Or would that have been acceptable, because we are older? Also, does this person ever consider the problems blind people have while walking on pavements?

Names and addresses supplied.

Dear Editor,

I refer to the front page of the previous edition of the Cottenham Newsletter, referring to the "Disciples of Scrooge" in the village celebrating the demise of the village newsletter.

I find it distasteful that the departing editors saw fit to leave on such a sour note - the later paragraphs on the page go some way to compensate for this misjudgement, but the article regarding the parking at the Library brings the reader up short again. I read this piece in utter amazement, and came to the conclusion that it must be a spoof, introduced as a parting shot. If there really is someone in the village who has contributed this unpleasant piece of

writing, then I am very sorry for either him or her.

Equally, I believe that the Editor's decision is final on letters submitted for publication - this might well have been a case for a rejection. And, of course, there is a perfectly good car park at the rear of the Library building. I rest my case.

Name and address supplied.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Dear Editor,

We have over the past couple of months been in the process of buying a house in the village. Your newsletter has been very useful while we have been sorting everything out. It has helped with numbers and information.

I am now available for part-time work and was wondering whether any opportunities exist in and around the village? I have typing experience and would relish face-to-face contact with clients, possibly as a receptionist.

Alison Kitching Tel: 01954 203116

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