

FEAST PREPARATIONS

You may remember that the December 2000 / January 2001 edition of the *Cottenham Newsletter* contained a questionnaire regarding the Feast parade. This consultation was sparked by some adverse reaction to the changes made in the parade last year. Twenty two questionnaires were returned to Churches Together in Cottenham (CTIC), who organise the event.

Most replies indicated unhappiness with the alterations made last year, and organisers of the Feast acknowledge that this probably reflects a wider discontent. However, there was strong support for the Feast parade itself, and for the service on the Green. As a result of the consultation, a number of changes/reinstatements will be made for this year. Its date is Sunday October 14th.

CTIC have invited previous participants and others who are interested to join its Feast sub-committee, to allow input at an early stage, and their enthusiasm is encouraging. Many of the arrangements are not finalised, but we hope to be able to start from Brookfields Industrial Estate on Twentypence Road, with the possibility of some floats (involving small children, for instance) joining at Broad Lane. This plan depends on further consultations, including the advice of the Police.

Many people have missed the music of the parade, particularly the contribution of the Salvation Army band. The band has

been approached to play this year at the War Memorial and I am delighted that they have accepted. This is an opportunity to pay tribute to those who died serving their country. In addition to this, Cottenham Brass will probably play in the Parade, from a float.

It is not yet decided which charities will receive the proceeds from this year's Feast, but it is likely that a proportion will go to a more local charity, reflecting the preferences expressed in the questionnaire responses.

The Feast is a really great family occasion which brings the whole village together in a way that no other event does. It is always a first class day. I urge everyone in the village to participate. If you would like to enter a float and have not received an invitation, then please contact Sue Gymer (01954 252902). Sue would also love to hear from you if you would be interested in helping to organise the Feast Parade this year.

Eddie Murphy

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VILLAGE DIARY

July

- 17th Cottenham Parish Council Meeting, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
- 19th Cottenham Toy Library, Regular Session, Salvation Army Barn, 2:15pm – 4:15pm
- 20th Cottenham Seniors Club, Garden Party hosted by Mrs Margaret Brierly, 14 Telegraph Street Cottenham, 2:30pm
- 24th–26th Fen Edge Community Association, Circus skills for children aged 7 and above, Cottenham Village College, morning and afternoon
- 26th Salvation Army Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – noon
- 30th Fen Edge Community Association, Victorian drama week for children aged 6 – 11, Cottenham Village College. Mornings until August 3rd

August

- 4th Salvation Army Jumble Sale, Salvation Army Barn, High Street, 10:00am – 11:30am
- 6th–8th Fen Edge Community Association, DJ workshops age 13+, Cottenham Village College, mornings and afternoons
- 6th–10th Cottenham Summer School, Village College
- 9th Salvation Army Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, High Street, 10:00am – noon
- 17th Cottenham Seniors Club, Trip to Denny Abbey. For details ring Arlene Barnard on 01954 252626
- 23rd Salvation Army Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, High Street, 10:00am – noon

September

- 1st Salvation Army Jumble Sale, Salvation Army Barn, High Street, 10:00am – 11:30am
- 4th Cottenham Parish Council Meeting, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
- 6th Salvation Army Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, High Street, 10:00am – noon
- 12th Cottenham WI, Graphology, the art of handwriting analysis – a talk by Barbara Weaver, Franklin Gardens Community Centre, 7:30pm
- 14th Cottenham Village Society, AGM. Followed by Hugh Gautrey: Films of Village Life, Cottenham Primary School, 7:45pm
- 20th Salvation Army Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, High Street, 10:00am – noon
- 28th Cottenham Gardeners Club, Apples from Eve to the supermarket, Mr Dick Knight, Cottenham Village College, 7:45pm

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At the end of May a group of 35 adults and children from Waterbeach, Landbeach, Willingham, Cottenham and Rampton travelled to Avrillé, near Angers in the Loire Valley. Some of us travelled by car, others took the Eurostar to Paris then the TGV to Angers (only 5 hours).

Our twinning partners had arranged a marvellous weekend of visits and meals. The sun shone as we visited chateaux, rose gardens and markets. Avrillé itself is full of green spaces to walk and relax in.

Everyone who participated enjoyed the weekend and we are already thinking of the programme for next year when we welcome our French friends to Cambridgeshire in May.

If you would like to know more, please call John or Deborah Loveluck on 01954 200309 or come along to the AGM in September at Cottenham Village College (date to be arranged).

Fen Edge Community Association

The Autumn Show 2001

Saturday 8th September

Cottenham Village College

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WAYSIDE GARDEN UPDATE

We are happy to announce that after many months, South Cambridgeshire District Council is going to grant us a licence to take over the care of the plot of land outside the old Wayside Garden. We welcome ideas and input from the community as we embark upon this project. Please contact Andrew Withers (252173) or Simone Navon (252675). Watch this space for developments.

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MESSY MOMENTS

Cottenham Toy Library committee have just announced three dates for messy play sessions during the forthcoming summer holidays. These will be on Thursday 26th July at 43 Margett Street, Thursday 9th August at 10a Telegraph Street and Thursday 23rd August at 3 Lyles Road. All sessions are from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Following last year's format, children can expect to leave the sessions with smiling faces having enjoyed exploring the properties of sand, water, paint and spaghetti with the occasional blob of play dough on their shoes. These mornings were enjoyed by more than sixty children last year, and proved popular with parents who welcomed the chance to see a mess at someone else's house!

Family tickets are priced at £2.50 and are available at toy library sessions (Thursday 19th of July and Thursdays 2nd and 16th of August).

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COTTENHAM BRICKS

Nowadays, most bricks are produced in a few giant factories; they are a tightly controlled, mass-produced product, so uniform that their makers have to add back surface variation. However, most older houses in Cottenham are built from bricks made in a small, local brickworks right here in the village.

Before railways and tarmac, transporting heavy loads was expensive, so materials were found as locally as possible. Early bricks were usually reddish, as on a few of the oldest houses in Cottenham. These may have come by barge from Burwell or been made locally by travelling brick-makers and fired in temporary 'clamps'.

The period 1830–1860 was a boom time for Cottenham; bricks were required aplenty to house the growing population and to rebuild after a series of disastrous fires. By c.1830, John Ivatt had established a permanent brickyard by the claypits at the bottom of Ivatt Street; he also made drainage pipes, for use in the newly enclosed fens, and tiles. By this time the fashion was for 'whites', cream or buff bricks (also called 'gaults') for which Cottenham's kimmeridge clay deposits were well suited.

Clay, or 'brickearth', was dug in autumn and left to break down over winter. The brick maker would place a sanded four-sided mould on his bench and forcefully throw in a 'clot' of sloppy clay. A raised 'kick' on the bench forced clay into the corners of the mould, forming a hollow 'frog' in the brick. Excess clay was 'struck off' with a wire or stick and the 'green' brick stacked outside in 'hacks' to dry.

Hand-moulded bricks have slightly uneven surfaces and edges, while the sand used to coat the mould gives a soft texture. Impressions left by straw or by other bricks while drying are often visible. Cottenham bricks, like those of Haddenham, are tinged with red as well as yellow, the product of impurities and variations in clay and firing conditions. The best quality bricks, reserved for house fronts, show little red, but cheaper, more mottled, bricks were used for side walls.

Ownership of the brickyard passed to John Ivatt's great nephew, also John, an ironmonger of New Southgate; it was operated by James Ely and his sons. Improving transport brought increasing competition and in 1905 it closed. After

this, machine-made bricks from Cambridge or Burwell predominate; they are more consistent, creamy-yellow, smoother and flatter.

Cottenham bricks are an important part of our local architectural heritage, imparting a unifying character to the village; over time, they acquire a distinctive, mellow, grey-buff patina. However, they are an irreplaceable resource and are far more easily damaged than modern bricks.

Cleaning is one problem. Few houses in Cottenham are dirty enough to warrant cleaning; once cleaned, houses may stand out garishly from their neighbours (and soon become dirty again!). Cleaning is unlikely to restore the original appearance, but may cause serious damage, destroying the thin outer 'fireskin' and leaving a harsh, cracked and porous surface. Very light, non-abrasive cleaning may be successful in some cases, but should only be undertaken with careful advice and professional assistance. Consent is required to clean a listed building.

Re-pointing is another potential problem. Old bricks were not manufactured with modern cement mortars in mind; they rely on soft, lime-based mortars to transmit moisture out of the wall. If cement is used, moisture has to go through the bricks instead and can cause damage. In addition, cement mortars are often too dark and grey in colour and of monotonous texture.

Remove old mortar carefully (never use power tools) to avoid damaging the edges of the bricks; existing cement mortar is probably best left, as removal can cause further damage. Always use a lime-rich mortar with a well-textured sharp sand, leaving the joint fractionally recessed from the face and avoiding mortar smears on the brick face. If possible, avoid re-pointing altogether. Never apply sealants or water-repellents, which may trap water within the bricks.

If you are interested in buildings in Cottenham contact the Village Design Group (Steve Howie, 01954 250823). For advice on building conservation contact South Cambs District Council Conservation Dept (01223 442217).

John Williams, with thanks to Frances Garrett, Rob Walker and Shona Smith

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COTTENHAM FUN RUN 2001

This year's Fun Run took place on Saturday 28th April and was well attended with 182 runners. Weather conditions were ideal as the morning remained dry but the temperature was a lot cooler than it was for last year's run, which took place in a mini heat wave.

The course was slightly shorter than usual due to Foot and Mouth restrictions on the racecourse land. This proved very popular with some runners, although other more seasoned runners missed the challenge of the bit of rough ground that was missed out! Many runners returned with an ease that indicated that they could have gone further. Indeed one runner, Patrick Coughlan, found so little challenge in the course that he returned, donned a heavy backpack (that some people report having trouble lifting at all) and ran the whole course again – a laudable effort to raise funds for the Fire Brigade Benevolent Fund. We obviously need to make it harder again next year!

The other notable feature of this year's run was that, for the first time, the first male and female runners home were both village college students. Not only that, they were brother and sister, William and Rosie Clarke. A tremendous achievement.

Well done to all who took part, and thanks to all helpers who enabled it to happen.

Catherine Snelson

Men	1st: Tom Watt, 2nd: Rob Siwicki, 3rd: Ian Gould
Women	1st: Diana Gipp, 2nd: Amanda Lynnes, 3rd: Nicola Lapraik
VC Boys	1st: William Clarke, 2nd: Rory Johnson, 3rd: Richard McManus
VC Girls	1st: Rosie Clarke, 2nd: Carly Dean 3rd: Janice Barnes
PS Boys	1st: Matthew Chandler, 2nd: Robin Horgan, 3rd: Daniel McGinty
PS Girls	1st: Dora Dixon, 2nd: Olivia Norris, 3rd: Kate Marino
Adult team	Rob Siwicki, Simon Wilson, Robin Horgan, David Newton
Family team	Rachel Bryant, Nick Bryant, John Wood
VC team	Tony Cooper, William Clarke, Rosie Clarke, Paul Miller

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Women	35
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We all know that steaming vegetables is meant to be better than boiling them to a mush. It's something to do with keeping the vitamins and minerals intact and preventing them from simply being washed out of the veggies and into the pan. Now, Korean chemists have found that steaming the Asian herbal pick-me-up ginseng for a few hours during the manufacturing process can boost its revitalising power by some eight times.

Researcher Jeong Hill Park of the college of pharmacy at Seoul National University in Seoul, South Korea, has found that rather than preparing ginseng in boiling water, if it is instead steamed in a pressurised vessel at 120 degrees Celsius the antioxidant qualities of the herb are increased. Park believes the higher temperature modifies the molecular structure of the natural ginsenosides contained in the roots of the plant. It is these compounds, known chemically as saponins, which are thought to be responsible for ginseng's health-giving qualities. Concentrations of other 'phenolic' compounds in ginseng are also raised during pressurised steaming, adds Park. These compounds act as antioxidants, mopping up damaging free radicals from the body's cells.

Extracts from the fleshy root of the perennial Ginseng plant – which grows in the undergrowth of deciduous forests – have been used in traditional oriental medicine for many centuries. Oriental ginseng (*Panax ginseng*) is prepared from the roots, bleached, boiled and steamed at 100 Celsius, and sometimes sugar is added. It can be used to make a tea or simply chewed. It is also sold in capsule form.

Many people swear by ginseng's curative properties. It can, it is claimed, increase general vitality, improve memory, lower cholesterol, give the immune system a kick-start, even help fight diseases such as cancer, and treat angina and cardiovascular disease. Some users even claim it as a natural Viagra.

But, is ginseng a panacea and should we all be taking it or is it simply another money-spinner for big business jumping on the 'natural health' gravy train? A systematic review of the medical literature by a team of researchers into complementary medicine at Exeter University led by Ezard Ernst concluded that the evidence for whether or not ginseng works is at present inconclusive. The team looked at the various trials

that have been carried out on its effects and found that there were often conflicting results.

Park, however, believes such conflicting evidence is due to poor design of the trials. He adds that better experimental design might help show the positive effects of ginseng. But, natural panacea or not, too much of a 'possibly' good thing can cause problems for some people. Check with your doctor before taking ginseng if you are on any prescribed medication. And, seek advice if you are pregnant, suffer from hay fever, asthma, emphysema, high blood pressure, blood-clotting problems, heart disease or diabetes.

The full version of David Bradley's article, which originally appeared in *The Guardian*, can be accessed for free at <http://www.sciencebase.com/ginseng.html>



YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN

The run will now take place on Sunday September 30th, following the postponement in April due to the foot and mouth crisis. We look forward to being on the road again and to seeing you all then!

Watch the parade of vintage vehicles, tractors and motorcycles. Our route will start at Cottenham Village Green at 9:30am, moving on to Rampton, Willingham, Over and Swavesey. We will stop for lunch at the Trinity Foot (approx. 12:30pm) and there you can view the vehicles at close quarters. We will then continue to Longstanton, Oakington and Histon, before returning to Cottenham at approximately 4:00pm. There will be entertainment and refreshments on the Village Green at Cottenham.

This is the eighth year of the Yesteryear road run and each year it gets bigger. We will be collecting for Magpas again this year. Last year we raised £8250 for this excellent cause.

This will be a great event for all the family, so please come and give us your support. If you need any further information or wish to help in any way, please contact Tony Nightingale on 01353 741174.

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ART EXHIBITION

Cottenham Village College 19th October – 23rd October

Make a note in your diary to visit what will be the 10th Annual Art Exhibition. The Exhibition will be held as usual at the October Half-term.

It may not be the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition but many folk in the area enjoy the annual Art Exhibition at the College. We expect that the work of some sixty local artists in a variety of mediums such as oil, watercolour, pastel will be on view and for sale.

Come to the Opening Evening on Friday 19th October at 7:00pm, (£2 with wine), when our guest will choose a painting to be given to the College for permanent display, or come at any of the other times shown below.

Guests usually have some local connection, as is revealed by a scan through the names of previous guests: Roy Calne, Penny Bustin, Tim Curtis, Tim Freathy, Anthony Day, Nick Barraclough, Christopher South, Mary Archer and last year Jim Paice.

The organising group have invited Jenny Kay to be our guest and choose a painting this year. It seemed to us a good way to thank Jenny (albeit belatedly), not only for all the work she put in to organising the first eight Art Shows given at the College, but also for all the other work she does and ideas she fosters in developing community activities in the area.

The works on show will be for sale and 20 per cent of the proceeds will go to the Association's funds, which are used to give grants and support to local clubs and groups.

The Art Exhibition is only one of the activities organised by the Community Association. The Autumn Show, The Fun Run and The New Year's Eve Ceilidh are among other events organised by activity groups within the Association.

All the events are popular and well supported within the area. More help and ideas are always needed, so if you can help in any way contact Mike Smith who chairs the Activities Group on 01954 251915 or the Community Office at the College on 01954 288944.

Exhibition Times.

Friday 20th October 7:00pm. Opening Evening with Jenny Kay. £2 with wine. Tickets for the opening night from The Community Office, Cottenham Village College or at the door.

Saturday 20th October: 11:00am. – 5:00pm.

Sunday 21st October: 11:00am. – 5:00pm.

Monday 22nd October: 2:00pm. – 5:00pm. and 7:00pm. – 9:00pm.

Tuesday 23rd October: 2:00pm. – 5:00pm. (£1.00 at the door, refreshments included)

Willie Whybray

Art Exhibition Organising Group.

GREAT CRESTED NEWT SURVEY

The Cambridge Green Belt Project is doing a survey of newts in the parish. The Great Crested Newt is protected but is declining due to loss of habitat, which includes scrub areas as well as ponds. Newts do not usually occur in ponds with fish, as they eat the newt tadpoles. If you think you might have newts in your pond or know where they occur either now or in the past please get in touch.

We have produced a leaflet about newts and guidance about how to establish ponds for wildlife which can be sent on request.

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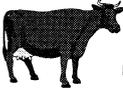


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The ancient wooden bellframe in the Parish church is rotten and weak, and is impossible to repair economically and permanently. Severe clapper wear on all bells is evident. This requires a one eighth turn, which is not possible with existing fittings. Lack of action will result in one or more cracked bells. All this means that the bells are becoming increasingly difficult to ring with accuracy.

The bells here in Cottenham were recast in 1800 using metal melted down from a previous ring of five bells. As the present ring of six is heavier than average (the biggest bell, always known as the tenor, weighs 16cwt), it must have been a pretty impressive ring of five. Anyway, our present six are of some importance historically because they are a complete ring all cast by the same founder, John Briant, at the same time.

In order to restore the bells to their former glory we need to remove the existing bells and transport them to a foundry. We will then need to install a new steel frame lower in the tower (in the clock room) to reduce stress on the tower and give better protection from the elements as well as improved

sound mixing. At the foundry (Taylors in Loughborough, one of only two bell foundries remaining in England), the bells will need to be refurbished and have new fittings added. When that is done they will need to be retuned. The bells will then return to Cottenham and be rehung on the new frame. All of this is anticipated to take four months.

This needs to be done as soon as possible to prevent further wear and possible long-term damage. The plan is to have the newly-installed bells in time to ring for the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations (July 2002), in which case the bells need to go to foundry in February 2002.

As you can imagine, all of this is going to cost a great deal of money; approximately £35,000. Fortunately, we have already made progress towards this sum:

- £10,000 has been pledged by the Parish Council, spread over two years
- we have an offer of a grant and loan from the Ely Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers
- approximately £5000 already raised by bellringers through ringing for weddings and handbell ringing (they're very good you know!)
- further grants may be obtainable once a Faculty is approved by the Diocese (this may take 6 months).

This leaves us with a target of £20,000 to raise to complete the project. So over the next few months, we'll be organising fundraising events. Please watch out for various activities, and give us your support!

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COTTENHAM SCORES!

Last season was one of the most successful that Cottenham United Football Club has had for many years. The first team finished third in the Kershaw Premier League on goal difference, the highest position any Cottenham club has ever achieved. As a result of this fine performance, the club has been invited to compete in the Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup this coming season. This is a tremendous recognition of the ability the team has shown. A long, hard League season, protracted by the wet weather, finished on a real high with excellent performances against the top two teams. Champions Histon Reserves (now promoted to the Jewson League) were held to a 3 – 3 draw and then, in a great finale, runners-up Over Sports were convincingly beaten 4 – 2. The first team player of the year was Nigel Partridge and congratulations are due to skipper James Russell and all the players, including Terry Davies who was the Kershaw Premier League Top Scorer for the second year running. The very last game of the season at the end of May saw a mixture of First Team and Reserves achieve a 1 – 0 victory in the Cottenham Cup Final against Swavesey.

The Reserves themselves had an excellent season, gaining promotion from Division 1B of the Beaumont County League and they will now play in the Kershaw Senior League Division B, just two divisions below the first team. The consistency of performance and commitment of the team have been first class throughout the season and they have thoroughly deserved their chance to play at a higher level. Skipper Darren Snookes led by example right through, and the team's Player of the Year was top-scorer Rick Moore. This narrowing of the jump in levels between the first team and reserves will be a great boost for the club.

The 'A'-team, whilst not getting into the promotion frame themselves this time, nevertheless played an important role both in supporting the senior teams and providing a launching pad for young players coming through. The player of the year was Simon Briggs. We are hoping that this team will continue to progress, and achieve promotion in the coming season. On the theme of young players, Cottenham United, as a club, is working hard to establish better and more fruitful, links with Cottenham Juniors FC and, to this end, we will be running a 'B' side in Beaumont League division 5C this season. Young players are the future lifeblood of the club and the intention is that former Colts League players will

now have the opportunity to progress easily into senior football. Once there, the way is open to the first team for those who show the commitment and ability to progress.

Our Ladies team, a part of the club which, because they play on Sundays, aren't always in the limelight, has re-established itself and enjoyed a successful season after struggling through a previously difficult period. They finished fourth, which was a fine effort indeed.

Bearing in mind the brilliant season the club has enjoyed, many congratulations are due to all those involved with Cottenham United FC, the committee, managers, coaches and physios, sponsors and supporters but, most importantly of all, the players themselves. They have brought great credit to the village through their performances, which have regularly been reported in the Cambridge Evening News. The club has been described by the Cambs F A as 'one of the best run clubs in the League' – a superb testament indeed.

By the time you read this, pre-season training will have been underway for several weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Lambs Lane Rec. Anyone new to the village who enjoys football and would like to be a part of the continuing success of our club shouldn't hesitate to get in touch and come to the training sessions. New players are always welcome and the opportunity is there to play at all levels right up to the very highest level of amateur football in the county. Just pick up the 'phone and ring 01954 210010 or 01954 250994.

Running a top amateur football club is a very expensive business these days and we are forever deeply indebted to our team and match sponsors who so generously support our efforts year on year. Fund-raising is always important, though, and we will be holding a 60's and 70's night on Saturday August 11th at the Sports and Social Club to launch the new season. So come along and join us – ring the above numbers for ticket details. You'll get a warm welcome and enjoy a great evening. Everyone at Cottenham United is looking forward to the new season with great anticipation, what we achieve will again all be down to us. As First Team manager Robbie Swain puts it, "It's not what the future holds but who holds the future". So here's to a great 2001/2002!

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NEWS FROM THE FEN EDGE PATCH

Summer holiday children's activities

This summer there is a wonderful opportunity for children and young people to take part in high-quality arts activities, at a reasonable price, at Cottenham Village College. The programme, which is run in conjunction with South Cambs. Arts Unit and The Junction, will take place during the first three weeks of the holidays.

- Circus skills for children aged 7+, morning and afternoon sessions
July 24th – 26th £15.00 for 3 sessions, £6.00 per session.
- Victorian drama week for children with the Tollhouse Theatre, for children aged 6 – 11, mornings only
- July 30th – August 3rd £32.00 (£55.00 for 2 children from same family)
- DJ workshop for 13+ years, mornings (beginners): afternoons (intermediate)
August 6th – 8th £5.00 per session. Ring Cottenham 288944 for further details and booking.

Summer School

There may still be a few places left at our Summer School, which takes place at the Village College August 6th – 10th. Although most courses last for 5 days, there might be a shorter course which could fit into a blank in your calendar. Besides a number of arty/crafty courses, we might have places available on computing, T'ai Chi, yoga, history of food. So, if you are at all interested, please pick up a brochure from the College or the Library, have a browse through and then give us a ring.
Cottenham Village College 01954 288944

Fen Edge Arts

As we start to plan our Arts programme for next winter, we have many exciting events already lined up, with others to come. Our two themes will be Dance and Textiles, both of which should build upon the interest already shown in the Patch on these two artforms. In the autumn, we have been lucky enough to engage the dancer Kenneth Tharp, who is a dynamic workshop leader and is particularly interested in promoting male dance. Our October workshops will lead up to a showcase at the College on October 20th; a piece will be kept in rehearsal for performance at the Arts Theatre, where Kenneth will be on tour next March.

We are planning a major textile event for the February half-term: exhibition, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, stalls. If you are not already on our Textile mailing list, and wish to receive details, please contact us.

Two major musical evenings are also planned. A jazz evening on Friday, October 5th with the Laurie Holloway trio; in March, Nick Barraclough of Radio Cambridgeshire will be performing with friends.

As well as audiences for these events, we would be delighted to hear from people who would like to get more involved in this vibrant Arts group. We would welcome input from people with a wide range of skills (or none at all!) – from programme planning ideas and contacts with artists, to help with publicity, serving baguettes and cheese, or bringing a few friends along who haven't come to any previous arts event.

Please contact Jenny Kay at the College on 01954 288944

CRIME REPORT

- A dwelling burglary in High St. Cottenham between the 26th and 29th.
- A shed burglary at Tower Close, Cottenham 15th–16th.
- Thefts from / damage to motor vehicles in Cottenham in Pelham Close 26th–27th (petrol stolen).
- A horse was attacked causing injury on the 11th–12th in Church Lane, Cottenham.
- There was damage at Long Drove, Cottenham on the 1st–2nd, Lambs Lane, Cottenham on the 2nd–3rd and Coolidge Gardens on the 6th.
- A Pedal Cycle stolen from Lambs Lane, Cottenham on the 13th.
- Garden Furniture stolen from Coolidge Gdns, Cottenham on the 2nd–3rd and property stolen from Cottenham Park on the 5th–6th.

Graham Whitby PC953



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BIRD REPORT

For many people, the sound of the cuckoo is a welcome sign of the arrival of spring. In spite of its dubious behaviour, the cuckoo has always been popular and there are countless references to it in stories, poems, songs and of course in Shakespeare.

But it seem that one of the most popular rhymes needs to be updated because the cuckoo seems to be changing its habits. "In April I open my bill". In recent years I have only heard the cuckoo very late in April, and this year not until May 10th.

"In May I sing night and day". Many people this year say that they have not heard the cuckoo at all. New housing has, of course, sometimes driven the cuckoo further away, but we have heard it quite regularly early in the morning between the High Street and Long Drove.

"In June I change my tune". This seems to be happening less and less.

"In July away I fly". This is certainly true, indicating that the cuckoo stays with us only about 12 – 15 weeks.

Swallows and house martins have been nesting in the village as usual but perhaps not in such great numbers as 10 years ago. I was horrified to hear that someone has been destroying a house martins' nest on their house. I gather this is illegal, quite apart from being cruel.

People have reported plenty of nesting birds, including blackcaps, whitethroats, chiffchaffs, willow warblers and reed warblers.

A wheatear was seen in Ivatt Street (presumably on its way north to nest) and also a barn owl and possibly a buzzard.

A sparrowhawk was seen in a Lyles Road garden devouring a small bird. There was a grey wagtail at Broad Lane bridge and a red kite at Swavesey.

On our traditional mid-summer early walk on June 20th we heard plenty of skylarks, and there were turtle doves (a declining species) in Rampton Spinney. We also heard a cuckoo.

By the time you read this, the cuckoo will have left, and swifts will be soon on their way. The latest arrivals are the first to go.

Jasper Kay

COTTENHAM THEATRE WORKSHOP

In early May our own theatre workshop presented "Communicating Doors" by Alan Ayckbourn. The company has already performed several of Ayckbourn's plays and they know he is not an easy ride. This play is no exception. As with all Ayckbourn's plays, words and actions are closely interwoven, so that perfect timing of dialogue and movement is vital.

The play can be enjoyed on two distinct levels. It can be seen as a fast moving, witty comedy of manners, but it also has a deeper and disturbing meaning. In this play Ayckbourn switches the time through 40 years, and the date changes as the characters move through a communicating door. We are asked, "Can we see into the future, and if so can we change things so that the future is altered?" Fascinating stuff!

This problem comedy was performed with wonderful skill and verve by the six characters. The play moved at a crackling pace and there was a confidence in the production which was exceptional in amateur performances. Each actor and actress developed a convincing character and established an excellent relationship with the others. They moved effortlessly from one period of time to another and took us with them. It was a thoroughly professional production and made for an excellent evening's entertainment.

In a workshop production it is perhaps invidious to mention individuals, but I cannot resist congratulating Robin Levy on yet another brilliantly designed set. It involved several rooms, a corridor, a balcony, and a number of doors. There was much discussion during the interval as to how the ingenious magic door worked!

Every time I go to the theatre I am reminded of what a special occasion it is. Films on TV or at the cinema are fine, but there is no substitute for a live performance. The dimming of the lights and the opening of the curtain, the contact established between actors and the audience; all of these make for a unique experience. On at least one of the four nights of this performance, the atmosphere was very special. Audience and actors inspired each other to create a really memorable evening for those lucky ones who were there.

So, once again, a warm thank you and congratulations to Cottenham Theatre Workshop. We look forward to the Christmas production of Cinderella on December 5th – 9th. Don't miss it!

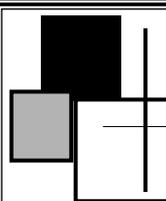
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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

2000/2001 has been another successful season for the Cottenham Juniors Football Club, in fact, our best yet, with several more trophies added to our collection. We would like to thank all those who helped and taken part in the running of 16 boys' and girls' teams throughout the season.

We operate from the Sports & Social Club in Lambs Lane and play on pitches at the recreation ground, Cottenham Primary School, Landbeach and Cottenham Village College. Our thanks to all the staff, helpers and groundsmen who organise and prepare the pitches for us.

We would like to thank the voluntary helpers who organise fund raising events, and greatly appreciate the help of local businesses, who support us through advertising and sponsorships; all of which helps to finance the Club throughout the year.

Financing the Club is a fine balance but each year we manage just to cover the costs, with the support mentioned above.

Our 5-a-side tournament at Cottenham Village College takes place at the end of each season. It is the best in the County, superbly run and is a great family day out with many attractions. The funds raised on that day are our saviour and we would like to thank our hosts, CVC, for their hospitality in supporting a local community event.

With the new developments in the village, we welcome any newcomers who would like to join our Club and play for one of our teams. We run teams from 8 to 17 years and offer training, coaching and a positive example, played under the code of conduct and sporting guidelines set out by the Cambridgeshire F.A.

Lastly, a big thank you to all our committee members for their work and dedication, led with great enthusiasm by our Chairman, David Tassell.

All enquiries to: David Dunnett, Tel: 01954 250490

GRADUATION OSTENTATION!

You may have wondered – and who would blame you – while strolling around the streets of Cottenham on Friday June 22: were there some pop stars or football players in the village, or had somebody local been lucky on the lottery? It seems that many local residents may have had these thoughts as yet another limousine cruised past, tailing a convertible Rolls, because you were unaware that this was not just any Friday night.

After months of preparation, and with no expense spared, we year 11s' from the Village College got into our crisp penguin suits and spangly dresses, picked up our dates and congregated in the sun for what was to be a wonderful celebration. With the stress of GCSEs behind us, the unexpected good weather, and the prospect of nine weeks of freedom on the horizon, everybody was feeling chilled and an excited buzz radiated from our beaming crowd.

Many of the lads had scrubbed up so well they were almost unrecognisable, mentioning no names (Johnny Sewell!), and the girls all stood out from each other so much they stood together again. As the light faded along with the nerves, the band began their set and the perfect party could begin to get underway, with the retro-dressed singers enticing even the most reluctant boys onto the dance floor to boogie.

An awesome night, one to remember – or for the younger students, to look forward to, and a brilliant conclusion to five years of jokes, laughs, smiles, arguments, coursework, tests, tears, fall-outs and make-ups. Don't forget it, don't forget us all, and make sure to come back sometime and visit.

Thanks need to go out to the ball committee – for organising it all and transforming the hall; the teachers – for helping them when time was short; the caretakers – for all their help before and after Friday; Boogie Nights – for those wonderful clothes; and of course all the students – for making it all so worthwhile.

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REFLECTIONS

— by Moyra A Borg

Thank you all so very much for the masses of kind comments about my last Reflections! I was bowled over by your kindness and illuminated by your comments on it. I did not think that anyone would be interested in what I had to say on that occasion – in fact I felt rather self-centred writing so much about myself and how I had changed since my brain haemorrhage. ‘Now what can I write to top that?’ I ask myself!!

I don’t think that much has happened since I last wrote. Well – I hardly watch television any more. I am addicted to the computer and spend hours in front of that instead – mainly playing a sort of ‘Scrabble’ game with people all over the world. I enjoy the challenge. My younger brother and I were not allowed to have a television when we were children, so spent hours on our bikes riding around the villages in Malta and exploring fields and country paths. When we heard the 12 o’clock Angelus bell go DONG! very loudly, that would tell us that it was lunchtime, so we would go home to be fed!

Our freedom was something we took for granted and Peter and I went cycling around on our own, exploring places which were two or three miles away, when we were aged about 11 and 13. The traffic then was so light and unthreatening. We did not miss what we did not have and even now I can live without watching any television at all.

My cats dominate every minute of my day and also night – should their majesties not be sleeping at the time. Star needed consoling at 5am this morning. I told her that I loved her very much but not that much. She then decided that she wanted to sleep on my pillow. I was gradually being pushed off my own pillow by this innocent looking little beastie. I did not want to be heartless and push her off but my position in the end was that I was being totally bullied by this tiny little three kilogrammes of vintage pong!

Star is a real pest and I think she is a little deaf – so when she cries, instead of meow it is a blood-curdling waowwoo which makes anyone think that she is in the throes of agony. I took Star to the vet for her annual booster jab and explained the noises this cat makes. The vet examined her thoroughly and concluded, ‘I am sorry but there doesn’t seem to be anything wrong with your cat!’ Her majesty is 19 years old and has the most beautiful long tortoiseshell coat with a ginger tabby top of neck colouring! ‘Free to good home!’ I tell

everyone – but they all know that I would be utterly heartbroken to be parted from this small beastie!

Jade, my ‘rather larger than she should be’ silver tabby, is much more sedate. At the respectable age of 16, she either reclines by my side or follows me around the house most of the time – taking ages to get up and proceed either in front of me or behind me – though usually in front of me at a very steady pace. I cannot explain to her that I am just popping downstairs for a drink and I will be back in a minute. When I am in the bathroom, Jade guards me and sits with her back to me protecting me from all possible foes. Jade detests Star and when Star gets a bit much then Jade gives her a whacky whack and Star looks all pitiful and sorry for herself. Whichever cat is higher up at the time has dominance – so if Star is sitting on the bed and Jade proceeds past her at floor level then Star gives Jade a whack on the head to Jade’s great annoyance. Well you see – this is their law of the jungle.

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Four exciting workshops, led by well known local artists and Lynne Olney for children aged 7 (year 3) and upwards:-

Wednesday 1st August: Fun with Fabrics. Textile artist Deanna Tyson will read a story, and then help the children recreate the characters in fabrics.

Wednesday 8th August: ‘Paper Making & Decorating’. Clarissa Cochran will show the children how to make paper and use paper to decorate items.

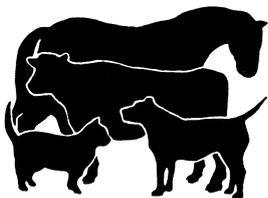
Wednesday 15th August: ‘Bugs & Creepy Crawlies’. Cambridge Sculpture Workshops will show the children how to use mod roc and found materials to create bugs and creepy crawlies.

Wednesday 22nd August: ‘Landscapes & Fantasy Creatures’. Ceramic artist Norman Manners will help the children make imaginative landscapes and fantasy creatures out of clay.

There is a fee for participation of £7.50 per child, and £5.00 for other children from the same family. Booking is essential as numbers are limited to 25.

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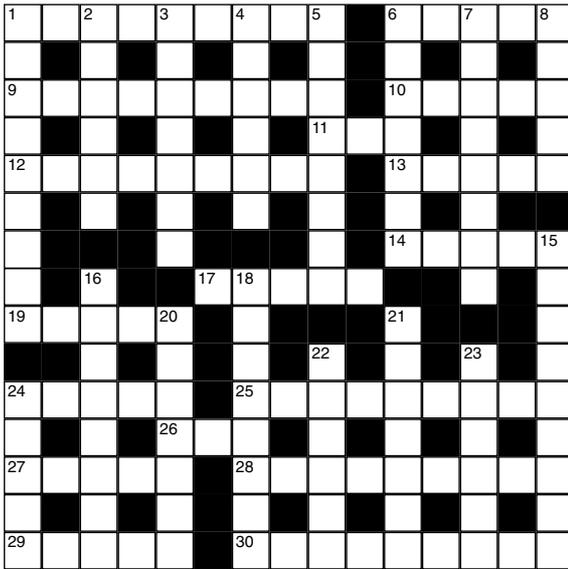


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Crossword

Compiled by Roger Gautrey



ACROSS

- 1 Inspired Matt with video (9)
- 6 There's a lot of buzz around these houses sometimes! (5)
- 9 T.V. cook has ways to make people play them– how grand (9)
- 10 Fibre for Lisa's rope, perhaps (5)
- 11 Unusual hut for processed milk (1, 1, 1)

- 12 Eternal shrub maybe (9)
- 13 Is she a green? Could be one of many (5)
- 14 Concede permit – provide harvest (5)
- 17 Father needs colour when trimmed (5)
- 19 Gave Elgar a large lager – how exalted (5)
- 24 Has the pesto I cooked made me impassive? (5)
- 25 Organising a 'ring - a - Gran' service (9)
- 26 There's spirit in the dark Irish ale (3)
- 27 Colour of land service possibly (5)
- 28 Astringent bile after I go before Army Corps (9)
- 29 I get the rats when I hear this instrument (5)
- 30 Serfs rant over 'goings across' to the other side

DOWN

- 1 Melinda could be one too (9)
- 2 Queen's diet is layered – possibly (6)
- 3 Rage can turn French wine to acid (7)
- 4 Dealer accepted a red sports car in exchange (6)
- 5 Divide up when princess gives point to suite (8)
- 6 Roy – this was your life (7)
- 7 Remnants of the fifth street siege (8)
- 8 Disentangle victory in Europe and Spanish sun (5)
- 15 Sid wants greens to become creators (9)
- 16 The unenlightened put organ in tin – weird (8)
- 18 He looks after six for the nectar (8)
- 20 Her majesty and I are more fortunate when we push our luck (7)
- 21 Huns cue off before the harem boys (7)
- 22 The fleet gave weapon to her (6)
- 23 Sound quality of information technology sent back to sapper doctor (6)
- 24 Eastern wines for our welfare perhaps (5)

Answers on inside back cover

Cambridge Cabinet Makers

COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Residents should be aware of the kerbside recycling scheme (the green boxes) that has been in operation for some time. This service has been extended and now includes glass bottles and jars as well as textiles, newspapers and magazines and steel and aluminium cans. Using the service, an average household could recycle up to a third of its waste. The UK is well behind the rest of Europe in terms of the proportion of its waste that is recycled, and is under pressure to improve this situation. Future schemes have been suggested to actually charge for "normal" (i.e. non-recycled) domestic waste by weight, so it would pay to get into the habit!

The Recreation Ground and the facilities there have benefited from significant investments over the past year. A major drainage scheme has just been completed, with the objective of improving the playing capacity of our soccer pitches. Two of the three areas available for soccer have suffered from surface water, particularly during the heavy rains of last autumn. This resulted in the cancellation of matches last season and in previous years. With four senior teams and what sometimes seems like an infinite number of junior sides needing to play, the ground comes under extreme pressure, and we hope that these measures will help Neville Rice and his team maintain the very high standards that exist at the Rec. Another, longer-term scheme is in hand to move the cricket square. This will have several benefits, including a more even cricket boundary and the ability to make better use of available space by fitting in more mini-soccer pitches. Some trees will have to be removed to allow this, but extensive new planting will be carried out to maintain the pleasant aspect of the field.

Also at the Rec, the annual safety inspection by RoSPA has once again confirmed that the children's play equipment remains in good order. Any minor problems have been dealt with, but it is a sad fact that most of the dangers at the Play Area are due to human rather than mechanical faults. Whether breaking a glass bottle against play equipment so that everything is showered with broken glass is vandalism or just plain stupidity is not really the point: the potential for small children to be injured, perhaps damaged for life, is very real, and we appeal for everyone to be vigilant. There have been other cases of deliberate damage to equipment. We will certainly prosecute anyone responsible for such acts.

The speed limiting measures on Histon Road are proving remarkably effective, in spite of the flashing warning signs only working intermittently. A similar scheme for Rampton Road/Oakington Road was rejected for lack of funding at the last round, but a less expensive proposal has been put forward and will be submitted under the same Joint Funding Initiative that financed the Histon Road project.



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COUNCILLORS' NOTES

County Council elections, 7 June 2001.

I should like to begin by thanking all the electorate of the Cottenham division for returning me to Shire Hall for a second term as your county councillor. Naturally I am here to help every one of you, whether you voted for me or not, and I will always try to do the best I can on your behalf in any matter concerning county council services and other issues in which the county council is a key player.

My postal address, telephone number and email address are on the back page of this newsletter if you want to contact me. You can also come along and meet me and Tim Wotherspoon at our monthly surgery, the first Friday of every month, between 5.30pm and 6.30pm in the Communal Room at Franklin Gardens. You don't have to make an appointment: just turn up and discuss whatever's on your mind.

May I also take this opportunity to pay tribute to my Labour Party opponent, David Warham, who ran me a very close second, and give an honourable mention to Linden Leeke, the Liberal Democrat candidate.

CHUMMS

At the end of eighteen months of research, the Steering Group of the Cambridge to Huntingdon Multi-Modal Study presented a summary of its conclusions, the so-called "Preferred Plan", to the Regional Panel of the East of England Local Government Conference on Wednesday 27 June 2001. Cottenham appears to have escaped the possibility of an A14 bypass being built along the southern edge of the parish.

The Regional Panel now has three months in which to make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions. (This probably means in the autumn.) The Secretary of State has the final say about the recommendations, and adopted schemes will then be handed over to the appropriate agencies for implementation, beginning with detailed design and negotiations over the precise alignments of new roads.

This is not the end of the process or the end of public consultation about the proposals. Remember that the "design year" for the scheme is 2016! Comments on the "Preferred Plan" are best addressed through the county and district councils.

continued overleaf

Disposing of Glass – A further note

By the time you read this the Green Box collection should be collecting unbroken glass bottles and an explanatory leaflet should have been delivered to all households. I understand that residents will be asked to put the bottles out in a separate bag with the green box.

The Green Box scheme is not suitable for dealing with broken glass, which should be put out securely wrapped in a labelled box for the refuse collection as explained in the last *Newsletter*. Large amounts of broken glass or large pieces of glass such as window panes should be disposed of at the tip at Butt Lane, Milton.

Councillor's Surgery

I shall not be holding a surgery in August but am always happy to be contacted at home. Surgeries start again in September: 5:30pm – 6:30pm Communal Room, Franklin Gardens, 3rd Friday of the month.

Rex Collinson

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It is basically a refinement of strategy 2 of the four which were put out for comment at the end of last year, that is to say a combination including the following main points:

- guided bus along the railway line between Cambridge and St Ives, with a continuation into Huntingdon along the line of the present A14, with feeder bus services to the stations at Histon, Oakington, Longstanton and Swavesey;
- on-line improvements to the A14, including widening to three lanes across the Cambridge northern by-pass, with improved junctions at Histon and Milton, and between Girton and Fenstanton, with a local parallel road along this section;
- modifications to junctions 13 (Madingley Road) and 14 (Huntingdon Road) on the M11;
- and a dual, three-lane by-pass running south of Huntingdon between east of Fenstanton and west of Brampton.

This corresponds closely to the choice expressed by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Peter Stroude

Luddites

Articles in "The Economist" recently have been critical of planning policies that are feared to be stifling the growth of the Cambridge phenomenon.

The planning system is intended to balance these two most important factors in making a place worth living in, namely economy and environment. The county and district councils, as local planning authorities and waste collection and disposal authorities, have considerable power to preserve and enhance our environment.

(For example, I attended a workshop on the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Waste Management Strategy at the end of June, where I learned that many more dioxins are released into the air on Bonfire Night than from a modern refuse incinerator. Emission control equipment can account for 60% of the cost of an Energy-from-Waste plant, which may in fact be the most efficient method of "recycling" plastics. A promising method of helping people reduce the waste they generate

is a system involving bar-coded bins and weighing each of them on collection, which is being trialled in Copenhagen.)

Councils have no equivalent direct interest in economic success, and local politicians do not have to account for the performance of businesses in their patch. Thus there is no incentive for the councils, whose finances are tightly constrained by central government, to encourage economic growth in their area, since all business taxes go straight to the Treasury. More pertinently, voters in local elections are not invited to assess the impact of their ballot on the wealth of their neighbourhood.

Hermann Hauser describes South Cambridgeshire District Council planners as "Luddites", and I for one take great exception to this charge. I have made it part of my own activity as a member to do what I can to enable the Cambridge sub-region to compete with other world-ranking research centres. I find it saddening that some of my colleagues cite tumbling share prices as evidence that high technology enterprise is a flash in the pan.

Silicon Valley may have suffered markedly from the dot.com slump, but Silicon Fen has barely been shaken, mainly because this cluster of high-technology enterprises is seeded by the real science conducted at our university. And not all of it is "in silico" – which confusingly to me means on a computer screen rather than inside a test-tube. (That's "in vitro", but isn't glass made of silicon?) Much of what goes on in our midst is so-called "wet science", which means you wear a lab coat and goggles.

This sort of activity flourishes in clusters because there will never be any substitute for "face-mail". Almost all telephone traffic is local, but even through a handset people are reluctant to float the kind of "damn-fool" ideas from which innovations spring. That sort of exchange only occurs over coffee, or in the gym, or at the bar.

I have therefore taken a close interest in organisations such as Cambridge Futures and the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and at the end of May I attended the Cambridge Technology Exchange run by the Cambridge Network. It's easy to take for granted what makes ours the fastest-growing region in the country. We have the mechanisms for protecting our quality of life in place already. The challenge that lies ahead is to guide the growth where it will provide the greatest benefit at the least cost.

Tim Wotherspoon

Short Stories & Poetry

Readers are invited to send in either original poetry or short stories for inclusion in *The Newsletter*. Short stories should be no longer than 600 words. The objective should be to entertain the general readership —

go on, have a go!

ARTICLES, DATES AND ADVERTISEMENTS

E-mail, PC floppy disk and paper submissions are all welcome. Please contact the Editor if you have any questions. Dates of events to be advertised in the next issue (No. 65) should span the last week of September and the months of October and November.

LETTERS to the Editors

Dear Editor,

PARKING

Pavements for people – Roads for cars

Seems obvious doesn't it, but obviously not to some!

It seems a shame that pavements for pushchairs and prams, children and their parents, Jo Public and the older members of our community (on foot or in chairs) are BLOCKED by the cars of thoughtless people who are probably otherwise quite intelligent!!

Parking a car half on the pavement and half on the road still does not allow two-way traffic, so what's the point? Cars often have to watch out for pedestrians on the road who can't use the pavement! !!!

PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK. PARK WITH CARE

From a mother who walks to school.

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An Awful Disease. June 2001

We would like to thank all the two, four-footed and four wheeled people, dogs and cars, that use Broad Lane, and the Parish Council for being so kind, considerate and understanding during this Foot and Mouth epidemic. It's been very frightening for us and we hope that our families will never have to experience any of its consequences again. But unfortunately, we have lost many bull and cow friends around the country, whom we have met at agricultural shows. This horrible disease is still prevalent, so please do not leave any waste, food or litter near us.

Thank you again,

From "The Cows" at Twinoaks Herd of Pedigree Simmental Cattle,
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p.s Also our stockmen!!!

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1 Messenger, 2 Tiered, 3 Vinegar, 4 Trader,
5 Disunite, 6 History, 7 Vestiges, 8 Solve,
15 Designers, 16 Ignorant, 18 Apiarist, 20 Luckier
21 Eunchs, 22 Armada, 23 Timbre, 24 Sakes

Across
1 Motivated, 6 Hives, 9 Steinways, 10 Sisal,
11 U. H. T., 12 Evergreen, 13 Olive, 14 Yield,
17 Pared, 19 Regal, 24 Stoic, 2 Arranging, 26 Kir,
27 Khaki, 28 Irascible, 29 Sitar, 30 Transfers

— Crossword answers —

Dear Editor

I am writing to complain about the amount of rubbish that people are dumping in our village, especially down Long Drove. I have even seen people from the new estates doing it and have been too scared to say anything, but we are starting to make a note of registration numbers and will pass them on to the police if that proves necessary. We have a tip at Landbeach so why are people so inconsiderate that they just can't be bothered to drive that bit further? The Council have to come and remove the dumped rubbish and who do you think pays for that? So be careful, as I know of at least three people who are watching for people dumping.

Also, while I am on my "high horse", can the people who are having firework displays etc not on bonfire night think when they are having them at 10pm, when babies are supposed to be asleep and are either woken up by the noise of the display or the barking of the dogs.

Name and address provided

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25th AUGUST

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