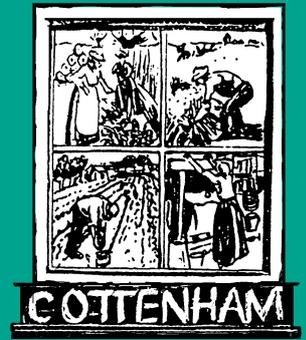


# COTTENHAM NEWSLETTER



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## POOLSIDE EMERGENCY

**Cottenham's open-air swimming pool is drowning in red tape after almost 40 years of swimming.**

The community swimming pool in the grounds of CVC may have to hang up its towel for the last time because of safety regulations implemented last year. Under the current regulations, the pool, which has served swimmers from all over the Fen Edge Patch since 1967, must now have nationally qualified lifeguards to supervise swimmers.

Until last year, the pool was entirely volunteer run, with supervisors taking a resuscitation course; now the volunteer committee has to hire a qualified lifeguard for each session. There are only two or three people to call on at the moment and they, like everyone else, are busy, so we can run only a very limited timetable.

Thousands of swimmers of all ages have enjoyed early-birds, lane swimming, family sessions, summer school sessions, and summer afternoon swimming for almost four decades. The pool also provides a valuable facility for pupils at the college, although these sessions can sidestep the regulations.



It's a 'catch-22' situation: without the lifeguards there are no swimmers, and without the swimmers there is no income to attract and pay qualified lifeguards. Finances are also stretched considerably by the college's annual maintenance and other fees, which are several thousand pounds each a year. If the Pool Association cannot pay the fees, the College would be forced to close the pool. That's the bottom line.

We're all meant to exercise more, what better way than a swim under summer skies? The Pool's closure would be tragic for the whole community. The community needs and wants this facility. Don't let it sink.

Please log on to the website to check opening times. We open as often as we can get a lifeguard – so bear with us at the moment. Hopefully we will get less erratic when we get more lifeguard availability.

*David Bradley, Pool Committee*

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# VILLAGE DIARY

## August

- 3rd Parish Council, Regular meeting, Village College, 7:30pm  
5th Salvation Army, Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:30am  
5th Parish Council, Planning Application Meeting, Parish Council Office – Watson's Yard, 7:15pm  
14th Salvation Army, Jumble Sale, Salvation Army Barn 10:00am – 11:30am  
19th Salvation Army, Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:30am  
19th Parish Council, Planning Application Meeting, Parish Council Office – Watson's Yard, 7:15pm

## September

- 2nd Salvation Army, Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:30am  
2nd Parish Council, Planning Application Meeting, Parish Council Office – Watson's Yard, 7:15pm  
6th Fen Edge Cinema Club, Metropolis, Village College, 7:30pm  
7th Parish Council, regular meeting, Village College, 7:30pm  
8th WI, Encaustic Art with Peggy Newell, Village College, 7:30pm  
11th Autumn Show, Village College, 11:30am – 4:00pm  
11th Salvation Army, Jumble Sale, Salvation Army Barn 10:00am – 11:30am  
12th Salvation Army, Harvest Services, Salvation Army Barn, 11:15am and 3:00pm  
16th Salvation Army, Coffee Morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:30am  
16th Parish Council, Planning Application Meeting, Parish Council Office – Watson's Yard, 7:15pm  
18th Cubs and Scouts, Mile of pennies, High Street from 9:30am  
24th Gardeners Club, Who wants to be a gardener – Mr Richard Ayres, MBE, Village College 7:45pm  
30th Parish Council, Planning Application Meeting, Parish Council Office – Watson's Yard, 7:15pm

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There has been a First Responder scheme operational in Cottenham since February 2003. We currently have four responders, who are all busy working people and parents. Their Responder role does not take over their lives, nor is it meant to, but it does give deep satisfaction and the feeling that they have contributed something useful to our community.

Could you be a First Responder? All the responders are trained by MAGPAS and need to have a driving licence and a vehicle at their disposal. A computer with e-mail access is useful, but not essential.

Not the life saving kind? In a few months, I shall be relinquishing my role as co-ordinator of the team, as I am moving away, and we need a replacement. An e-mail link is really useful here, for keeping in touch. The duties include drawing up the monthly duty rota, checking the defibrillator monthly, keeping a stock of spare equipment for the Medical Equipment bag, attending team meetings and quarterly meetings at MAGPAS HQ and organising team fund-raising efforts.

If that doesn't appeal to you, how about becoming a Friend of MAGPAS? This means being involved in fund-raising events, both as an organiser and a helper at the events.

If you can help with any of the above, on a short or long term basis, we would love to have you join us.

For more information, call Sue on 01954 252632, e-mail me at: [js.morgan@virgin.net](mailto:js.morgan@virgin.net) or contact the MAGPAS office, tel: 01480 371060 or email: [cfrs@magpas.org.uk](mailto:cfrs@magpas.org.uk). Website: [www.magpas.org.uk](http://www.magpas.org.uk)

*Sue Morgan, Cottenham co-ordinator, MAGPAS First Responder Scheme*

## ROLL UP!

On Saturday July 31, Margett Street will once again come together for the 3rd Margett Street Sale. This is turning into a regular community event. You will be able to buy anything from a gingerbread man to a family home! We hope that this year, as in previous years, other neighbourhoods will join in with their own events. So from 10:00am on July 31, come along, check out the bargains and have a great day out.

If you require further information please contact me on 01954 200834.

*Jenny Bowles*

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We have been running this popular programme for several years and one of the most frequent quotes from past students is: 'it has given me confidence to get back to work after having time off'.

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The 3 days in College are: Tues, Wed and Thurs from 10 – 3 pm and the cost is £295 including exam fees (concessions are available). Start dates throughout the academic year are: 21 September; 11 January and 12 April. If this programme appeals, call Frances Gee at Cambridge Regional College on 01223 418276 or Sue Edwards on 01223 418261. You can also fill in an enrolment form in our part time prospectus.

# GOOD NEWS!

It is excellent to be able to report some good news about Cottenham. The progress we have made through the Cambridgeshire ACRE Village of the Year competition is a fair reflection that Cottenham is a really excellent place to live.

All credit to Steve Howie who has persuaded, cajoled and strong-armed (in the nicest possible way) many people to do what is necessary to get us through the written submission round and the exhibition stand round. As I write, we are preparing to receive the judges in their official visit to Cottenham to see the place for themselves.

Welcome also is the recognition and support that our bid has received from the Cambridge Evening News. Perhaps they now recognise the error they made in portraying Cottenham as a village where residents are selling-up and leaving in droves.

Whatever the outcome of the competition, it has given us all something to cheer for, and the rest of the world, a more balanced picture of life here.

*Eddie Murphy*

## BONFIRES

Now that summer is here, let's hope we can all enjoy some pleasant warm evenings in our garden – sipping a G&T perhaps!!! But all can be spoilt if a neighbour, thoughtless of others, decides to light a bonfire without due consideration. Why not put your GREEN BIN to good use, after all that's what it was intended for.

*A resident*

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The Karate session welcomes mixed ages and abilities for both children and adults for a fun session to learn balance and control, coordination, motivation and self-confidence.

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The hour-long session costs just £2.50 per student.

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## SENIORS CLUB

Proceeds from the 'Bring and Buy' sale held on Friday May 7 2004 exceeded £100. A substantial amount of this came from the sale of a wide variety of items donated on behalf of the late Mrs Sheila West. We would like to thank Basil West and his family for their support in Sheila's memory.

# HAVE YOU TRIED SCUBA DIVING?

It was while I was swimming at the bottom of Bottisham pool kitted out in fins and other scuba diving equipment that I mused upon the benefit of belonging to the WI. At my age it would never have occurred to me to have a go at scuba diving but when the invitation arrived it was an opportunity not to be missed.

We often have the chance to try out something new in the WI. Often it is organised by the Cambridge Federation. In August I am going to try croquet and, with my husband, have applied to join a 'Waterloo Experience' day, visiting Apsley House and the Wellington Arch at Hyde Park Corner.

Sometimes our meetings have a serious side but our June meeting was just plain fun. A limerick competition was run, so I thought you might like to read the winning effort:

There was a young lady from Cotten'em  
Pulled bell ropes till she got a knot in 'em  
As she flew through the air  
She was full of despair  
Her knickers that day – she'd forgotten 'em

Boom Boom

Why don't you give the WI a try at our September meeting? We're learning about 'Encaustic Art' – whatever that is! September 8th at the Village College 7:30pm.



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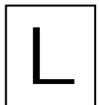
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# RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Cottenham seems pretty much at peace, just the way it once was, just the way we hope it will stay. We endorse the thoughts of the editor in last month's publication but with a couple of caveats:

- the traveller numbers for some six months have been barely 25% of those of a year ago and several of the official plots are presently unoccupied (so say the police and officers of SCDC). The point is made simply to stress, again, that trouble is a feature of imbalance
- we agree that 'some' of the publicity has been of an adverse nature (but do try and remember, Eddie, that it was only necessary because the authorities refused to respond properly to the written word). However, if some house moving plans were wrecked then such was the result of the 'inherent problem' not the publicity; caveat emptor no longer prevails in conveyancing; rules of disclosure almost certainly require details as to 'difficult neighbours'.

Whilst on the subject of gentle correction, our local PC Ed McNeil is rumoured to be suggesting that past criticism of the travellers was 'overstated and exaggerated'. Take a well meaning tip Ed: 'you weren't here, you don't know, and your 'governors' do not agree with you!'

Diary.

a) The Appeals Inquiry is to be held over the eight days of July 20th-23rd and 27th-30th. At the pre-inquiry meeting on June 7th the Inspector (Mr. D Baldock), with the agreement of the principal parties, invited your Association to play a full part in proceedings, meaning that we shall:

- present our Statement of Case with supporting documents
- present Proofs of Evidence
- make opening statement, cross-examine witnesses and submit a closing statement.

The Inspector will make his report but the appeals will be decided by the First Secretary of State.

PLEASE make every effort to attend: first day, second day, all day, part day; the village needs to demonstrate its opposition to the expansion of the travellers' site.

b) A week or two back I presented evidence, with CRA approval, on traveller issues to a Select Committee of the House of Commons. I have been invited to attend the House on June 29th to affirm the evidence and be questioned on it. For the moment all evidence submitted is the property of the

Select Committee, but at the earliest opportunity it will be put on the CRA web-site. The law will change, or at least be clarified, and perhaps the voice of Cottenham will have a bearing on the outcome after all.

c) On May 26th I attended the morning session of a Diocese of Ely training day, courtesy of Rev. Michael Hore. I thank Michael for inviting me to participate, and congratulate him on the quality of the seminar. Whereas our methods have undoubtedly conflicted, from time to time, with those of the Church, we are not bigots nor are we impervious to change. If the Church feels that we can assist in any way at any time we shall be only too pleased to help.

d) Terry Brownbill visited Rathkeale third week in June. The purpose was to determine what we should do for the best and how we should adapt in order to live peacefully with our new Irish neighbours. A report from him is contained elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.

Finally: did we 'give-in' too easily to SCDC, should we have withheld our tax that much longer? The last flyer explained why it would have been inappropriate to continue the protest; that is, having gained SCDC concessions as listed we felt that we were obliged to recognise their acknowledgments - all be they VERY late in the day - with a gesture of our own. If SCDC fails us again then we will take whatever steps are available to expose it in full... and from obiter, in the Chapman v UK case held before the European Court of Human Rights Court January 2001, we may have the first sighting of grounds on which to base an action.

Keep an eye on the web-site, [www.cottenhamresidentsassociation.co.uk](http://www.cottenhamresidentsassociation.co.uk). Our thanks for your continued support and, with apology:

All donations gratefully received - the cost, to date, in presenting our case at the appeals is over £350 ... postage of 4x copies (12 kilos) to Bristol will be an extra £55 or so based guaranteed delivery...

Date of next meeting? - unknown, but after the appeals. Supt. John Raine wishes to be invited and likewise 'reassurances' from an officer of SCDC are to be given (agreement independently witnessed at a meeting with SCDC 24th May).

*Rick Bristow*

*Chairman, Cottenham Residents Association*



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# BIRD REPORT

At this time of the year I am always amazed by the energy and diligence with which birds go about the business of building a nest and rearing a family. Some nests are conspicuous. We have all seen and heard the rooks on the Green and in the trees at the corner of Broad Lane. And many people have watched with interest the family of moorhens in the Village College pond.

I know that the following birds have been nesting in my garden this year: sparrow, starling, blackbird, song thrush, blue tit, robin, swallow, green woodpecker, but I couldn't say exactly where each nest is. When I was a boy we used to go looking for birds' nests, and I am ashamed to say we sometimes took an egg, blew it and added it to our modest collection. But I soon learned to respect the privacy of the nests of the majority of birds. This is why I am sure that I shall find many more nests in the garden when autumn comes and the leaves begin to fall.

I wonder how many people have seen the house martins nesting in the High Street, or the swans on the Cut, the moorhens on the Broad Lane lake, or the spotted flycatchers on the garden fence of a house near the Village College.

Many people have told me that the cuckoo seems to be more scarce than ever this year. Yet I have heard one almost every morning between the hours of five and six(!). This bird seems to be in the area of Millfield and Long Drove. Funnily enough in the first week of May I was walking in Northumberland and the Scottish Borders and I heard cuckoos every day, but by that time they had not yet arrived in Cottenham.

I am writing this on the longest day of the year, and many birds have already finished nesting. Others are starting a second brood and may even contemplate a third brood eventually. The old song says about the cuckoo 'In June I change my tune and in July away I fly.' So by the time you read this, the cuckoo's short stay will be over. But of course they don't have the tedious, tiring job of bringing up the young!

*Jasper Kay, June 2004*

## HELP NEEDED!

Many of you will already know that the annual art exhibition is scheduled to take place on October 29th to 31st. This year we are in desperate need of more help to advertise around surrounding villages and the roads into the villages, set up the exhibition, and stewarding during the opening hours.

Unfortunately two of our most loyal supporters (Willy Whybray and Roy Engell) are both unable to help due to illness – we wish them both a speedy recovery and thank them for all their hard work in previous years, and hope they will be able to join us at the Exhibition without feeling under pressure to assist!

If you are able to help in any way, both myself and the arts committee would be pleased to hear from you. We need this event to continue and flourish – so come on you, Cottenham Art Lovers, please give me a call on 01353 749830. Many thanks in anticipation.

*Christine Munns*



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Applications should be made to the Trustees for them to consider at their meetings, the next one being in September. Please apply by letter, giving your name, address and contact phone number, stating your circumstances to: The Honorary Secretary, c/o 62 Lyles Road, Cottenham, CB4 8QR.

All applications will be treated confidentially by the Trustees.

# PLAYPARK NEWS

We hope that by the time you read this *Newsletter* the Toddler Area at the Recreation Ground will be completed. We think that it has made a great improvement for younger children and has certainly been well used. This has been made possible by a grant from the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme awarded to Environmental Body Venture through Landfill Operator Donarbon Ltd, a bequest from Doug Ralph and funds from the Parish Council.

The next phase of the park improvement started by consulting children at the Ladybirds village fete. Children were given five stickers and 'voted' for their favourite pieces of park equipment by sticking them on large posters. 80 children took part, giving the Parish Council ideas as to what should be put on a 'wish list'. The posters will be taken to various groups around the village; if your group hasn't seen them please contact Pauline Allin. Any ideas and comments are always welcome. We hope to obtain more grants in order to replace some of our aging park equipment in 2005.

*Pauline Allin. For Cottenham Parish Council*

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# ROUTE 66 AND BEYOND



The Kicks on 66 Team are home after an amazing journey across America. We set off from Cottenham at 3:30am on May 6th and at Chicago airport collected our chase car donated by Avis, before setting off to meet Chris and Lois Harris who had driven our 1974 Pontiac from Los Angeles. There was bad news. The transmission had blown 30 miles from Chicago and was currently being repaired but would not be ready until later the next day.

The next morning at 7:00am (!) we were at 'Krispy Kreme' in Elk Grove Village, makers of the tastiest doughnut we've ever eaten, where we met local fundraisers for Motor Neurone Disease (which is called ALS over there) who had arranged a photo shoot with the local press. Later we picked up the Pontiac and left at 3:00pm to start our journey.

Travelling across the eight states on Route 66 we were continually amazed by the scenery, which changed from affluent to poor, lush greenery to barren desert, flat areas of arid scrub to mountains of all shapes, sizes and colours, large town houses to shanty town houses and ghost towns.

There were wonderful sights to see: the Grand Canyon, a truly amazing area where we watched the sun set and then got up from our beds at 5:00am to see it rise again. We were thrilled by the changes of colour made by the sun shining on the rocks, the Meteor Crater in the Arizona Desert: 4000ft wide and 700ft deep; the yellow ribbons tied to trees, gateposts etc., reminding us of the US and British servicemen in Iraq; the Soulsby Gas Station, restored to its 1926 style and reputedly the oldest on Route 66; in St Louis, the

Gateway Arch, where we sat in a small capsule to be carried to the top of the arch for a wonderful view of the city one side and the Mississippi the other side; the Union Station which has now been turned into a huge shopping and entertainment centre; on the way to Oklahoma, the Round Barn at Arcadia, restored and now used for dances, weddings etc.; in Texas, the leaning tower of Britten slouching drunkenly to one side and nearby the tallest Cross in the western hemisphere; the bizarre sight at the 'Cadillac Ranch', a row of ancient, graffiti-covered Cadillacs buried nose down in a cornfield (the angle and alignment of the cars is supposed to be the same as the Great Pyramid at Giza!); further along Route 66, the Rio Grande; the Petrified Forest National Park, no vegetation can survive the mineral content and dry heat and it stretches hundreds of miles; the concrete Wigwams Motel (Chris and Lois stayed here) Seligman, the Delgadillo brothers, both now in their eighties, run a barber's shop/store and an adjacent café; the Sitgreave Pass: ten miles of narrow single carriageway winding perilously through the mountains; Oatman, a ghost town which has been turned into a tourist centre where we were held up by a staged gunfight taking place and wandering wild burros from gold prospecting days.

We met many interesting people. We visited Andrew's friend's house for a barbecue meeting about twenty of his other friends, two of whom, Terry and Kay, gave us coffee and cake at their house in Cuba (a small town in Missouri); a superb house built in 120 acres of woodland, a beautiful paradise with lovely scenery and wildlife. We were next door to a real Native American Indian in one motel who con-

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tributed generously to our cause. The jacuzzis were a good place to strike up conversations too! We also enjoyed the swimming pools which we jumped into each day to refresh ourselves and exercise after our long drive.

There were sad sights too: the Trading Posts along the desert routes which are about the only way the Indian population can make a living; the Ghost Towns where eerie old buildings stand forlorn in the sun, signs swinging and creaking in the breeze; and noone stays any more at 'the Last Motel in Texas'.

In restaurants at the start of our journey, there was no such thing as a light meal! Plates were piled high with food, but as we journeyed west we found the meals were good and varied but not so huge. The Cattlemen's restaurant in Oklahoma gave us a new experience. We were met by a horse and cart in the car park and climbed in to be taken a short distance to the door of the restaurant.

The freeways in Oklahoma City were being repaired, so it was difficult to find our way there, but in Los Angeles they were a nightmare, six lanes of traffic all racing along swerving from one lane to another and the surface was in a bad state too.

Finally, the end of our journey, Santa Monica: the beach, sea and pier were great to set eyes on at last and we flagged down a passing skater to take our photograph in front of the car with sea and beach in the background. An unforgettable moment.

From Santa Monica we headed for our Timeshare apartment at Bass Lake. We decided to travel the scenic route through the Sequoia National Park, where we saw the General Sherman tree, a Sequoia pine tree which is reputedly the largest living thing in the world. We hoped to see a bear and were not disappointed. We drove into a car park and a bear

was lumbering towards us and those in the Pontiac with the top down felt very vulnerable. We travelled on to Bass Lake and enjoyed a week's 'holiday' visiting the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad and Yosemite National Park. Our final stop was Los Angeles before flying home. Our hotel was two blocks from Hollywood Boulevard and in sight of the 'Hollywood' sign set in the hills. We walked along Hollywood Boulevard and saw the 'stars' set in the pavements. (Marion was so disappointed not to see one for Cliff Richard that she sat over a blank star with his name written on a piece of paper while a photograph was taken.) The Chinese Theatre had stars' names and handprints in cement and there were many other interesting sights. Some of us went to visit Universal Studios and took a guided train ride round the studios, where many of the sets are recognisable from films. In some hangers we were subjected to simulated scenes like an earthquake with a train crashing close beside us. We returned to England and landed at Heathrow on Monday, May 31st at 12:30 pm after a 10 hour flight, tired and weary but with very happy memories.

We would like to thank all our friends and families for their support and help during the past months of raising money for Motor Neurone Disease. We are grateful to everyone who donated money, gifts for raffles, and helped in many ways. When we started out on this fund-raising mission in memory of Lorna Custerson our target was £5,000. We are very pleased to say that at present the fund stands at £7,000. The fund is not closed! If you would like to donate please contact: [andrew.j.norton@pdmassociates.co.uk](mailto:andrew.j.norton@pdmassociates.co.uk), 13 Dunstal Field, Cottenham CB4 8UH (01954 251353) OR [mmc24@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mmc24@cam.ac.uk). Maire Collins, 52 Lambs Lane, Cottenham CB4 8TA (01954 200873).

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# DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was all change in Cottenham's representation at the South Cambridgeshire District Council following the local elections on June 10. That was inevitable as the two sitting councillors, Rex Collinson and Tony Nicholas, decided to stand down. I am sure I speak for many when I thank them for the dedicated services they have given Cottenham – Rex, in particular, served as District Councillor for Cottenham for 16 years.

Our new representatives are: Jacky Dixon (independent), Simon Edwards (independent) and Tim Wotherspoon (conservative). As was the case with Rex and Tony, I have invited them to use the *Newsletter* to keep people informed on District Council matters. Their first contributions are included here.

## Jacky Dixon:

Firstly I would like to thank all those who voted for me in the recent election, which resulted in me becoming an Independent Councillor for Cottenham, Rampton, Oakington & Westwick.

I hope I can repay your confidence. There are a lot of things within our community that are very good, and I hope to play a small part in helping to support those of you who want to make it an even better place in which to live.

Having lived in Cottenham at Smithy Fen for nine years, I am keen to ensure that I have an opportunity to represent you at South Cambridgeshire District Council, not only over the proposed development of the new town of Northstowe, which may have a significant impact on our community, but also other developments that impact on us and our local services.

I see it as my role to put the villages in my ward, and in particular its people, first when it comes to council matters. I look forward to working with the Parish Councils and other bodies in the area.

It is my intention to hold regular surgeries and when I have sorted out dates and venues I will ensure that this information is communicated through the normal channels. In the meantime you can contact me on my mobile: 07919 575190; home: 01954 252083 or email: [cllr.dixon@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.dixon@scamb.gov.uk)

## Simon Edwards:

Firstly, I'd like to say how completely overwhelmed I was at the level of support you have all given me during the recent District Council elections. I am really very grateful, and would like to thank everyone who voted for me this time round. I have to say it's marvellous that I am able to represent the people of Cottenham and Rampton as well as my

fellow villagers of Oakington and Westwick. Having grown up in Cottenham, and spent my teenage and early working life here, it still feels very much like home, and I am relishing the opportunity to help the community as a whole.

There is a lot of catching up to do though. Over the next three months I shall be attending various training courses to get me up to speed on the full role of a District Councillor. I shall also be taking time to look in detail at the issues that have been closest to your hearts in Cottenham recently, so I can report back to you, together with my colleagues Tim Wotherspoon and Jacky Dixon, on the things we are doing at the District Council.

To help me get to know you all, and to understand your feelings over certain issues, I shall be regularly in attendance at the Parish Council meetings, along with my two District Council colleagues. Together we will also be conducting a series of surgeries, and of course our contact details are always available if there is something more pressing you wish to bring to our attention.

In the meantime, I hope that you will bear with me while I get up to speed, and I look forward to working closely with you all in the future.

## Tim Wotherspoon:

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### Hit the ground running.

This time it took me ten days to get a meeting with the Chief Executive. There is a risk of 'traveller fatigue' setting in if we keep banging the drum irrespective of what the rest of the orchestra is playing. He finally agreed to see me on condition I made no reference whatever to England's prospects in Euro 2004. (He's a Scot – and by the way, I must confess I was astonished to watch, in quick succession, two cars speed past in June, one flying a St George Cross and the next sporting a huge Irish tricolor from a flagpole mounted on the roof! Whatever next – murals on gable walls?) John Ballantyne gave me various assurances to which I intend to hold him in the coming months.

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Tony Nicholas

I didn't feel too sore at losing my seat on the district council to Tony Nicholas by just two votes in 2002. Apart from anything else I was grateful for the rest. While we may have campaigned under different colours I feel we had much more in common than our differences, including the slightly skitish sense of humour that we Merseysiders take in with our mothers' milk, but which often gets up the noses of our more straight-laced compatriots from other regions.

I'm sure Tony won't mind my mentioning that he passed a biblical milestone in June. He has given a couple of those decades to dedicated service to our village, not least as Chairperson of the Parent Teachers' Associations of the Primary School and the Village College, as well as being a governor of both schools. He remains on the Parish Council, where I am certain he will continue to play a key role in the things that really matter locally. I wish him well in his (at least partial) retirement from public life.

Feel-good Factor

Why should anyone find it so surprising for Cottenham to get past the first round of the Village of the Year competition? One of the things that hadn't changed as I went round canvassing was widespread evidence of community security. Elderly residents with front doors wide open in the heat of the day struck me at odds with the media portrayal of a village in the grip of terror.

Suggestions Box

If you had up to a quarter of a million pounds to spend on making life better round these parts what would you do with it? Ideas on a postcard please.

## RATHKEALE: A VIEW FROM OVER HERE

The fact-finding visit to Rathkeale has proved a revelation. Rathkeale strongly resents the wealthy and anti-social Irish travellers who return from England for three months a year and wreak havoc.

The travellers who return to Rathkeale each year have been systematically buying up property, or building properties without planning permission, and then never living in them. It has over the last 30 years ripped the guts out of the town and the settled community has felt powerless to fight back – until now!

The town's Community Council is now joining forces with [middleenglandinrevolt.co.uk](http://middleenglandinrevolt.co.uk) and the people of Cottenham to highlight the fact that we have human rights too.

The website, a spin-off from the Cottenham Residents Association, was set up to share information and intelligence with other blighted communities across Britain – and now Rathkeale – in order to protect the human rights of settled communities and traveller communities alike.

It would be easy for us to fall into the trap of thinking that because things are now quieter in Cottenham, there is no need to maintain a high-profile campaign against the expansion of Smithy Fen. However, we have taken the view that what we have learned is valuable to other communities and it would be selfish not to share it and to work together for the common good.

I spent two days in Rathkeale with Sky television and the Daily Mail as well as the Irish media trying to talk to the super rich leaders of the key traveller families, none of whom would answer their doors when we came a-calling.

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I met with 12 members of the town's Community Council who went to a great deal of trouble on a cold and rainy night to explain how the settled community were victims of the travelling community that returned from England to turn the town, and much of the surrounding country, upside down.

They were also emphatic that the settled community in Rathkeale, including the settled travellers, bitterly resented their country cousins' extreme wealth and arrogance. By buying up almost 50 per cent of the town and leaving the properties empty, they have destroyed the fabric and the reputation of what was 30 years ago a thriving picturesque little town of between 2000 – 3000 people.

The similarities between the situation in Rathkeale and communities such as Cottenham were all too evident. Rathkeale, like Cottenham, has suffered from bureaucratic inertia and a reluctance by the police to uphold law and order. The Council pointed out that the main difference between blighted communities in England and their own town was that they had suffered for 30 years – and no-one had come to their aid.

It was very touching to be told by long-suffering members of the Rathkeale settled community that they felt extremely sorry for the predicament of the people of Cottenham, particularly as we have only had a very brief taste of what they have had to endure for 30 years.

The Irish media took a surprising amount of interest in the visit of a Cottenham resident to Rathkeale and I received a great deal of coverage on Sky TV Ireland, Irish Times, Irish Independent, Limerick Leader, Limerick Echo, RTE and more than 10 radio stations around Ireland.

The Community Council is keen to build on the positive coverage the visit generated and can see the benefits of com-

ing out of the corner fighting for their rights. Poignantly, one councillor said that in 30 years it was the only time they could remember when there had been any recognition by the Irish press of the predicament of the settled community.

Building links between Cottenham and the settled community of Rathkeale, including the settled travellers, will prove invaluable if we are to keep on top of the comings and goings of the Irish travellers who have homed in on Cottenham and more than 50 other communities in England. In return, we will do everything we can to support the people of Rathkeale by keeping their plight in the public eye in Ireland.

I would recommend Rathkeale as an interesting weekend destination to the people of Cottenham. It is truly enlightening. It is pretty and it is unusual in that the olde worlde charm jars with the fortress-like hacienda-style mansions of the Fair Hill and Roches Road area of the town (If you do plan to visit Rathkeale, I can recommend the beautiful Rathkeale House Hotel, which stands in its own grounds.)

There is a plush estate of executive homes, all owned by travellers, and the monumental graves are a sight to behold. No expense is spared on the graves of wealthy travellers in Rathkeale. A Community Council member took me to the graves and explained that Italian master sculptors are flown in and put up in the best hotels to create lavish monuments out of the very best Italian marble. These monuments, the councillor told me, would cost as much as a house in Cottenham.

What are particularly interesting are the names on these mausoleums. They are identical to the names on many of the planning applications for plots on Smithy Fen and of the residents currently on the site. There were particularly impressive monuments to a Roger Slattery, the namesake of the man who speaks for the travellers in Cottenham.

*Terry Brownbill*



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# SCOUTS

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So all you who noticed there was no Mile of Pennies event this year, rest assured it will still happen, but in September. Keep saving your coppers to see how far we can stretch the line of coins this year.

## The Scout Hut

Those who have never been involved with Beavers, Cubs or Scouts may never have been to the purpose-built Scout Hut that was completed in 2000 after great fundraising efforts and people's time invested in the building work. The word 'hut' does not do justice to this excellent hall, which is kept in great condition but is also a rather well-kept secret. It is a village asset that is underused, perhaps because it is tucked away out of sight of the road in Margett Street.

With a good sized hall, kitchen and garden, the Scout Hut is a perfect place for a children's birthday party, club meeting or maybe exercise class, and the Scouts group would welcome enquiries from anyone interested in hiring the hall. Playgroup places are in demand in the village and maybe the Scout Hut could be the venue for a new playgroup. If anyone has ever thought of starting up a new playgroup, pre-school music group or other toddler activity but had no place to go, consider the Scout Hut, which is unused during the daytime.

The Scout Hut is available for hire for parties for £25, other rates negotiable. For more details contact Carol Gerrard, tel. 01954 202990.

# FUN RUN 2004

The 20th Cottenham Fun Run took place over its traditional course on 1 May. The weather didn't match up to normal Fun Run day standards, being drizzly and somewhat chilly, but that didn't deter a good field of 160 runners. The spectators were augmented by a contingent of our French friends from Avrillé who were in the village for the annual twinning weekend. Their President, Mme Marchand, presented the prizes, with the usual confusion over gallic kissing etiquette.

There were new names winning the adult categories, in Julian Williams and Katie Dennison, but Tom Loveluck and Dora Dixon, winners of the secondary competitions, were previous winners in primary classes. (Tom and Dora are both year sevens – where are the older secondary students?) Paul Scott pipped Laurie Blackman in a photo-finish to be first primary boy, while Emma Woodroffe won more comfortably as first primary girl. Tony Cooper led a team from the village college to the adult prize, the Dixons won the family prize and Dora picked up a third medal as a member of the winning Village College team.

As usual, many thanks to all who gave some time on the day to help it happen. The 2005 Run will be the 21st – see you there!

## Table of Winners

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Men	Julian Williams	Brennan Morgan	Leon Stone
Women	Katie Denison	Frances Hedger	Karine Hales
VC Boys	Tom Loveluck	Henry Carson	Andrew Mackay
VC Girls	Dora Dixon	Emma Cross	Lucy Snelson
PS Boys	Paul Scott	Laurie Blackman	Thijs Wolf
PS Girls	Emma Woodroffe	Bethan Livingstone	Samara Nche

## Team Winners

Adult Team	Tony Cooper, Jim Connor, David Reeves, Simon Bowen
Family Team	Paul Dixon, Rhian Dixon, Dora Dixon
VC Team	Dora Dixon, Olivia Norris, Lucy Snelson

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## ROAD RUN COLLECTION

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*Moyra Borg*

### Reflections... – by Moyra A. Borg

What have I been up to in the past two months? I've been attempting to make my house look like a home where normal people live, instead of Steptoe and Son's domain, full of 'things' I have found on dumps, in skips and bought from charity shops. Well I have to tell you, the dumps and skips sometimes hold very interesting 'artefacts'!

The charity shops, (one in particular which I had better not name in case you go there and snap up all the bargains before I do!) are amazing and I get most of my clothes from there! Oh wow Moyra! What a compliment from you, Cottenham's best 'grunge' dresser! Well, I have found some really beautiful, wine coloured, suede ankle boots there AND they fit me! My friends at work are a little worried about me though, because I love shoes so much that I buy them whether they fit me or not, like the size 12 leather brogue boots which I recently bought. Well, they are very good ones and say Faulkner & Son, South Molton Street, London W and 26 Trinity Street Cambridge. No I am not selling them!

Speaking of footwear, I must say that I now wear my Royal Mail shoes at work every day. They are size 8 black leather men's shoes and they are comfortable. They are a little big for me but I have very wide feet and the width is perfect. Years ago I bought black leather boots which were the same as those worn by the Blues and Royals, but with the spurs removed! Every time my mother was coming to stay with me I took them to the cobbler in the village and asked him to re-heel them so that mother would not see my beloved jackboots! If I am not wearing shoes then I go barefoot, something which drives my father mad. 'Why you don't wear slippers?!' he always asks me when I visit my parents in Malta.

Something else I just cannot resist buying is old leather suitcases. I have quite a collection of evacuee suitcases (these are not real leather) and even a couple of briefcases. If ever they are needed as props feel free to ask! I love collecting old

things because they have a history. I like to think that I am giving them a loving home as they have been thrown out as unwanted and are now wanted again. I buy descant recorders too, partly so that I can hear what they sound like. I have bought myself a new wooden one, which cost me £19.50, but my bargains usually cost just one or two pounds in the charity shops.

Jade, my nineteen year old silver tabby, is in heaven at the moment because while asleep on my bed, she now has a ceiling fan to keep her cool on hot muggy days. I am sure that her ladyship thinks that I had it installed just for her! She is very good on the whole, just has a penchant for Primula cheese, butter and full fat yoghurt, all the naughty things that I also have a penchant for! I have been advised that I need to lose about four stone. My blood pressure is quite high and I know all the risks involved. I must eat more fruit and vegetables, more Quorn and a lot less cheese. One ounce was mentioned by the dietician. 'One ounce!' I thought, 'that is the quantity I taste at Tesco!'

I am to be reweighed in about a month. What a pain! I don't think that I have lost anything in the past few weeks but my clear conscience! I don't like to waste food, so when I go to have lunch in the pub now, I order half quantities of food. This should help me to slim! I think I ought to get myself some scales so that I can weigh myself at home. I had a really delicious cream tea in Cottenham yesterday. The friends of Cottenham WI were doing fundraising for the Children's Cancer Ward and if that isn't a good cause what is? I decided I had to support them. Thank you ladies! I shall be your first customer again next year, it was truly scrumptious!

### AUTUMN SHOW GROUP ENTRIES.

The ever popular Autumn Show, to be held on 11th Sept 2004 at Cottenham Village College, now has a new category for Group Entries. Any community group, held within the Fen Edge Patch, for children aged 16 or below on the 1st September 2004, may enter a group project. The group projects are as follows:

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# PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Meeting held towards the end of May, the Council thanked the Cottenham Residents' Association for a presentation which brought the Council up to date with what the Association was doing. Information was shared through a helpful Question & Answer session; both the Council and the Residents' Association wish to work together for the overall benefit of the Community.

Mrs Paula Johnson was re-elected as Chairman, and Mrs Pauline Allin was elected as Vice-Chairman. As the Council now has a female Clerk in Mrs Julie Groves, it was pointed out that the Council has effectively been taken over by the fairer sex! Time will tell whether this is a good move or not! (The writer is keeping his head down!).

Mr Eric Smith has been Acting Clerk for the past 6 months, and he has now stood down. We thank him for his help, which has been invaluable.

May & June Council meetings included the following matters :

- **Toddler Play Area** – The equipment has now been installed, and is being enjoyed by the youngsters. Comments are favourable.
- **Skateboard Project** – Following financial negotiations with the constructors, it has turned out that the whole project will be dealt with by the one constructor.
- **Brenda Gautrey Way Estate** – A further site meeting has been held with the tree surgeon and the developers' agent,

resulting in a general agreement of the work to be carried out. Once the Council are satisfied that the area is in an acceptable condition the area will be taken over.

- **Tenison Manor Estate** – Unfortunately there are still issues to be agreed by the developers and by the District Council to enable the Council to take over the area.

- **Cottenham Roads** – The Council regularly considers the state of our roads based on our own observance, and through letters received from residents. We can assure you that we press for necessary work to be carried out, but sometimes, due to County Council financial restraints, we are not always initially successful. Some minor improvements to the road layout at the junction of the High Street and Rampton Road are likely to be carried out in August.

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Once again, we celebrate Cottenham Feast with a Parade of Floats through the village. It begins at All Saints' Church on Sunday 17th October at 2:15pm, and arrives at the Green at about 3:00pm. The Floats are judged and there is a short, informal service.

The theme of the Parade is Pastimes or Past Times. You can interpret the title in any way you wish.

Cottenham Feast is an ancient celebration in memory of St Etheldreda who founded the Abbey of Ely in about 672 AD. The villages around Ely took to celebrating her feast day in October with fairs and carnivals, as well as religious services. The tradition continues to this day.

If you represent an organisation that would like to take part in the Parade, you will need to inform the organisers in advance. Please contact the Revd Michael Hore on 01954 250454 as soon as possible. He will send you a form. We need to know who is taking part by the beginning of October.

The Feast also raises money for local charities. Half the money raised this year will go to a major local charity, half will go to a 'basket' of Cottenham charities. If you represent

a local charity and would like to apply for a small grant from Cottenham Feast, you will be able to make your request on the Green after the Parade.

The Feast Parade is organised by the Feast Committee, which meets under the patronage of Churches Together in Cottenham.

*Michael Hore*

## FANCY A PARTY?

The Fen Edge Community Association is looking for some volunteers to investigate the possibility of organising a weekend event which will be held on the Village Green sometime in June/July 2005. We are hoping that it will be similar to the Jubilee Celebrations, which were held two years ago. We need to form a committee of enthusiastic, innovative and practical people to thrash out ideas, establish budgets and oversee the organisation of the event. If you are interested, please contact Emma Green on (01954) 252954.

In addition, we need to set a date for this event and ask that any community groups/organisations which plan regular events over the months of June/July contact us, so that we can plan around these.

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# CRIME REPORT

Below is a table provided by the Police of recorded crimes in Cottenham in May of this year. As usual, if you are aware of any crimes which do not appear on the list, do get in touch (my contact details are on the back page).

*Eddie Murphy*

Date	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	Rampton Rd	Criminal Damage
2	High St	Criminal Damage
6	Coolidge Gardens	Assault occasioning actual bodily harm
11	Millfield	Burglary in a dwelling
12	High St	Domestic Violence
14	High St	Criminal damage to a vehicle
16	Oakington Rd	Theft from a motor vehicle
16	High St	Criminal Damage
16	Rampton Rd	Burglary in a dwelling
16	Rampton Road	Burglary in a dwelling
16	High Street	Criminal Damage
16	Oakington Road	Theft from a Vehicle
17	High Street	Wounding or other act endangering life
18	Oakington Road	Theft from a person
18	High Street	Criminal Damage to a vehicle
21	Rampton Road	Criminal Damage to a vehicle
21	Pelham Close	Criminal Damage to a vehicle
21	High Street	Possession of Controlled Drugs (cannabis)
22	Wilkin Walk	Criminal Damage
25	High Street	Unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle
29	Kestrel Close	Burglary in a dwelling



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# LIBRARY

On July 20th, Cottenham Library had an Open Day. There were children's events and free refreshments. Cottenham Library was opened in its current purpose-built premises on 18 July 1994 so the Open Day was to celebrate its 10th anniversary. Of course many of you will remember the 'Old Wooden Hut' in Margett Street and even earlier when the library was held in Cottenham Village College.

Many things have changed since then, but the Library still offers a comprehensive information service and, of course, books, tapes and videos for you to borrow. Visit the library to find out for yourselves about the facilities on hand.

Did YOU realise you could fax, photocopy or e-mail from the library? Furthermore, there are computer lessons available to help the novice find his or her way around using a PC and the Internet. Why not come and have a chat with the library staff – you might be surprised by what we have on offer?

*Helen Richardson*  
Library Supervisor



*Dear Editor,*

Once again, I was somewhat stunned by the tone and content of the *Newsletter*. I would respectfully suggest to the *Editor*, and indeed all contributors to the *Newsletter* that it is important to remain focussed on the issues that have led to a "lack of welcome" for the travellers who have arrived in the village since early 2003. In my view these critical issues are:

- Flouting of planning regulations.
- An increase in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Lack of respect for traffic regulations.

As someone who arrived in Cottenham a number of years ago, I recommend to anyone moving to the village that if you want to be made welcome, it is best to obey the planning law, drive within the speed limit, avoid parking on double yellow lines, and avoid antagonising the people who live in the village. Beeping car horns for hours on end, allowing your children to drive vehicles, pushing past people in shops etc. will

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not endear you to anyone (with the possible exception of the Editor!) This type of behaviour does not indicate any respect for a community in which you want to integrate.

I would like to thank all those newly arrived Cottenham people, travellers and settled. who have driven past my house at a reasonable speed, and have not harassed my family or me. Well done! You are most welcome!

I would like my name and address withheld, as I do not wish to be the target of abuse or violence.

*Yours truly,*

*Name and address supplied.*

**Dear Editor,**

Your 'Progress' letter made ourselves and neighbours really angry. Yes, events have quietened down but progress, I don't think so. You are fortunate enough to live a reasonable distance from the travellers on the Fen. As a result this leaves you ill-informed as to the daily goings on. We already have 38 legal plots, home to the hundred and thirty people. Not a problem, even though the Gypsy Council themselves recommend a maximum fifteen to twenty plots per site as any more can lead to infighting.

There are two reasons for the quieter period we have experienced. One is the refusal of the Residents Association to allow the peace and tranquillity of a lovely village and Fen to be ruined. Number two is that the planning appeals are approaching. Sorry to go over old ground but this is how it works. You buy an acre of land for about three thousand pounds or a lot more. You put down hardcore, water, electricity, illegally and divide your acre into eight plots. S.C.D.C. value a plot at forty thousand pounds. Multiply that by eight – not a bad week's work.

After development you apply for planning permission. Eventually, this requires a visit from the planning inspectorate to decide yes or no. In the meantime you leave the area and visit one of your other homes in Rathkeale, Tring, Billericay, Basildon or elsewhere, leaving Smithy Fen relatively peaceful and tidy because they need it to be.

Another thirty-nine plots are in various stages of planning.

Without the publicity, the government and SCDC were ignoring the situation. If you want a village where waiting eight days to visit the doctor becomes the norm and you are afraid to let your children visit the local Co-op or swimming pool, then accept the fact that Cottenham will be the largest traveller site in the country. The last thing that anyone living on the Fen wants to say is we told you so.

What I really want to write about is achieving a dream of living in the countryside that turned out to be Cottenham; about the friendliness of the neighbours and the local farmers stopping by for a chat and listening to their stories – they really cheer you up; about visiting the lovely gardens on open day in the village; seeing the plays that the theatre workshop put on in the college and recognising the stars as your neighbours; waking up in the morning and thinking what a place!

*Yours sincerely*

*R. Smith*

**Dear Editor,**

I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped this year in the house-to-house collection for Christian Aid during May. We raised £2546.71, which is once again up on previous years. I hope that you now feel that it was worth giving up your leisure hours for this worthy charity.

*Henry Fleck*

## 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. 83) should span the last week of September and the months of October and November.

*Letters for publication may be sent to 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. The views expressed by correspondents and other contributors are their own and are not necessarily shared by the Editors.*

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