

PARTINGS

This afternoon (Sat Mar 2) I attended a memorial service for a truly remarkable woman. Many of you will have known Jenny Kay who sadly died at the end of February. She was a regular contributor to the *Newsletter*, reporting on the news from the Fen Edge Patch. I knew, from my interactions with her, that she was an energetic driver of community activities in the village. I learned at the memorial that I didn't know the half of it! In a series of tributes that moved, often to laughter and occasionally to a quiet tear, I learned a lot about Jenny.

There are more than 20 organisations which she created in operation in the village. These range from the Church End Playgroup, the Toy Library, the Autumn Show, the New Year's Eve parties at the Village College, the *Cottenham Newsletter*.

At the Memorial this afternoon, Bridget Walker told the story of how Jenny created the *Cottenham Newsletter*. Soon after she and her husband Peter had moved to the village, on a sunny afternoon, she was using a computer in the garden. Jenny happened to pass and seeing Bridget said: "Excellent, you can write and you have a computer. You can do the village magazine". Bridget protested that she had no time and didn't know anyone in Cottenham anyway. Jenny said: "That's no problem, I'll send Ruth Rogers around". Bridget is convinced that she said no to this request. However, Ruth Rogers did come around and two months later the first edition of the *Cottenham Newsletter* hit the streets. Here we are 12 years and nearly seventy issues later!

I discovered this afternoon that this was typical of Jenny. She had a knack for persuading people, however reluctant, to take on activities which they and others would ultimately find rewarding.

All of us here at the *Newsletter* extend our sympathies to Jenny's husband Jasper and their family at this time. An obituary for Jenny is contained inside. She will be greatly missed.

While preparing this edition of the *Newsletter*, the disk-drive on my computer crashed in a spectacular fashion. As a result I lost some e-mails with content intended for publication in this issue. I managed to remember many of the contributors and contacted them to resubmit the material lost. However, I'm sure that I didn't remember all contributions. If you have sent something to me for inclusion in this edition and it has not appeared, then please accept my apologies and contact me so that your material can be included in the next edition.

Finally, the annual parish meeting approaches yet again. This is your opportunity to attend a meeting of the parish council where you can talk and the parish council has to listen. Surely, too good an opportunity to miss! The meeting will take place at the Village College on April 25 at 8:00pm.

Eddie Murphy



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VILLAGE DIARY

March

- 22nd Fen Edge Arts, Auction of promises, Cottenham Village College 7:30pm. Viewing from 7:00pm.
22nd Cottenham Garden Club, meeting, Village College, 7:30pm
26th Cottenham Parish Council meeting, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm

April

- 4th Salvation Army, Coffee morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:00am
4th Cottenham Toy Library, Regular session, Salvation Army Barn, 2:15pm – 4:15pm
8th Fen Edge Cinema Club, *Once upon a Time in the West*, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
10th Cottenham WI, Canals and Canaling – a talk by Jessie Salter, Franklin Gardens Community Centre, 7:30pm
12th Cottenham Village Society, Mrs Dorothy Taylor: Church Kneelers, Cottenham Primary School, 7:45pm
13th Salvation Army, Jumble sale, Salvation Army Barn 10:00am – 11:00am
14th Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust – Cottenham Area Group, Guided walk around Hayley Wood, Meet by the water tower at the entrance to the Hayley Lane on the B1046 midway between Longstowe and Great Gransden. OS TL 294 534. 2:00pm
18th Salvation Army, Coffee morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:00am
18th Cottenham Toy Library, Regular session, Salvation Army Barn, 2:15pm – 4:15pm
18th Circus Berzircus at Waterbeach, 6:30pm
19th Cottenham Seniors Club, History of Salvation Army Music by Major Ken Bartlett, Common Room, Cottenham Village College, 2:30pm
20th Fen Edge Community Association, Boundary Survey Volunteers training, Cottenham Village College, 9:30am
21st Yesteryear Road Run, departs from Cottenham Village Green 9:30am. A display of working engines, a fair, food and entertainment will be on Cottenham Green throughout the afternoon.
25th Annual Parish Meeting, Village College, 8:00pm
27th Fen Edge Community Association, Annual Fun Run, Cottenham Village College, 9:30am
28th Fen Edge Community Association, Boundary Survey Volunteers training, Cottenham Village College, 9:30am
30th Cottenham Parish Council meeting, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
30th Fen Edge Community Association, AGM, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm

May

- 2nd Salvation Army, Coffee morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:00am
2nd Cottenham Toy Library, Regular session, Salvation Army Barn, 2:15pm – 4:15pm
3rd Cottenham Seniors Club, Annual General Meeting and Bring and Buy sale, Common Room, Village College, 2:30pm
8th Cottenham WI, Resolutions for the AGM, Franklin Gardens Community Centre, 7:30pm
11th Salvation Army, Jumble sale, Salvation Army Barn 10:00am – 11:00am
11th Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust – Cottenham Area Group, Plant Sale, 243 High Street, Cottenham (opposite Post Office). 10:00am – 1:00pm
13th Fen Edge Cinema Club, *Ivan the Terrible part I*, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
14th Cottenham Parish Council meeting, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
16th Salvation Army, Coffee morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:00am
16th Cottenham Toy Library, Regular session, Salvation Army Barn, 2:15pm – 4:15pm
18th Cottenham Seniors Club, Annual Party, Common Room, Village College, 3:30pm
19th Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust - Cottenham Area Group, Guided walk around Overhall Grove Knapwell, Meet at the car park by the church which is just off the main village street. OS TL337 633. 2:00pm.
20th Fen Edge Cinema Club, *Ivan the Terrible part II*, Cottenham Village College, 7:30pm
30th Salvation Army, Coffee morning, Salvation Army Barn, 10:00am – 11:00am

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Jenny Kay 1935 - 2002

When Jenny Kay died on the 19th February 2002 Cottenham lost a true friend. The list of activities and groups with which Jenny has been associated or indeed started in the village is long.

Jenny was born in 1935 in Reigate. She was the elder of two sisters and studied French and Latin at Reading University. She then took a one-year postgraduate course in Child Care at Birmingham University. Following this she became a Child Care Officer with Oxford Social Services.

While at University, she met Jasper at an international camp at Hundon in Suffolk. After a correspondence of several years, they married in 1962 in Oxford. They then did voluntary work with the United Nations with refugees at Linz in Austria for a year.

She and Jasper moved to Cottenham in November 1963 when Jasper was appointed to the teaching staff of Impington Village College. Although five months pregnant, Jenny was persuaded to teach a third of a timetable at the same college although she'd never taught before! She later taught French at evening classes. Four children were born between 1964 and 1970 and she and Jasper fostered several children over the years. After the birth of her last child, Jenny started the Church End Playgroup and the long list of her community projects began. These include the Saturday morning children's Art Club, the Toy Library, the Day Centre, the Tuesday and Friday lunches at Cottenham Village College, the Footpath Group, the Mobile Warden Scheme and the Community Association, of which she was the first chairman. Each activity was initiated with the collaboration of others including her friend Helen Tomlinson.

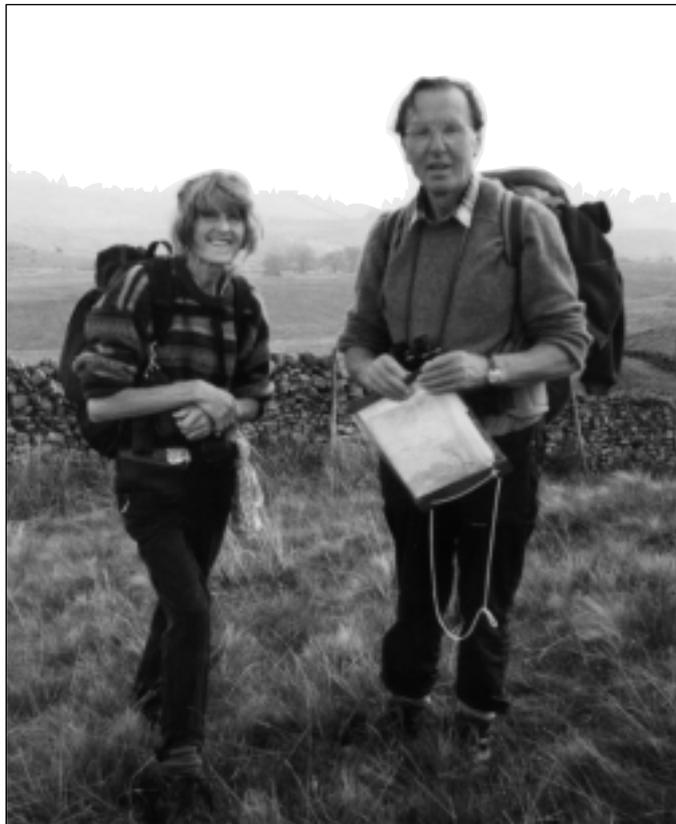
Despite significant health problems, she took up the post of Community Development Officer ten years ago, so she was at last paid for the work which she had for so long been doing on a voluntary basis. The first part of this job was the establishment of the Saturday Day Schools. More recently she was the Arts Development Officer, a job she continued until her death. In this post she introduced the Feast of Sound, the Community Garden Teas, and performances by various visiting actors, musicians, puppeteers, dancers and poets – including the Poet Laureate – not only in Cottenham but also in Waterbeach and Willingham, for Jenny was

absolutely committed to the Fen Edge Patch. Recently she helped Hannah Turner set up Roots and Shoots. Other projects she started in either her voluntary capacity or either of her community posts included the highly successful Summer School at the College, Pipe Dream, the Book Club, the Holly Walk every Boxing Day, the Autumn Show and the Cottenham – L'Herault link.

She was particularly successful in organising activities in which school students and retired people joined together, such as poetry, cooking, music, local and personal history.

Jenny's other active interests included the local Labour Club, the Wildlife Trust, Quakerism, gardening, painting and drawing, pottery, the environment, camping, walking, back-

packing and swimming. In the last two years, she completed an MA with distinction including a practical project on water in the Spanish Pyrenees, took an environmental course with the Open University and did an Art History course at Anglia Polytechnic University. She walked more than two thirds of the Pennine Way and in November last year spent two and a half weeks in South Africa, partly at an environmental conference. In July last year, she went on the London to Cambridge cycle run – then spent the rest of the day gardening! She also attended an activities week in Snowdonia and a painting week in Spain. She organised a sponsored cycle run for herself to raise money for two students in Malawi she was sponsoring.



Jenny and Jasper Kay

Jenny always thrived on activity, and hated the idea of growing old. She was an excellent organiser and chairman. She had high standards and therefore could be quite demanding. She brought out the best in people and was a good listener. She had a particular knack of persuading people to do things they were initially rather reluctant to take on, but in the end found they really enjoyed and were glad they had been asked to get involved. Jenny Kay will be missed greatly in our community. We have a lot to thank her for. The sympathy of Cottenham and the Fen Edge Patch goes out to her husband Jasper, four children and six grandchildren.

*Steve Howie
Chairman
Fen Edge Community Association*

WALK FOR YOUR HEART

The British Heart Foundation are holding the fourth Cambridge Colleges & Country Walk to be held on Sunday 9th June 2002. This will continue to raise much needed funds for the Foundation's work in the fight against heart and circulatory disease, the UK's largest cause of premature death.

Starting at Coton Orchard Garden Centre (approx. 2 miles west of Cambridge) from 10:00am until 12:00 noon, a 6 mile easy walking circular route through the countryside along footpaths to the "backs" of the Cambridge Colleges and around the city centre before returning to Coton Orchard. The route is a very pleasant country/city walk passing some of the finest college sights along the way.

The venue and route is suitable for all ages, families with pushchairs and wheelchair users. We also invite local businesses to be represented by teams. There will be certificates for everyone completing the walk, prizes for the highest individual fundraisers and the Cambridge Building Society challenge trophy for the highest fundraising team.

So, why not come and join us on the 9th June, bring your family and friends, work colleagues and associates? You can expect to have a great fun day and help a very worthy charitable cause.

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BOUNDARIES SURVEY – VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

You may have read in previous *Newsletters* about the Environment Audit – our plan is to audit the landscape in the parish by carrying out a detailed ecological survey to record the make-up and condition of our hedgerows, trees, ditches, lodes and other features forming all the boundaries. We want to find out what is there, what is of value and to point out where there is a case for conservation or improvement.

After a year's delay due to foot and mouth disease we're off and running again – well, walking actually, because that's what we're looking for volunteers to do.

As well as a full report of the boundaries survey, we will use the findings to produce a map highlighting locally significant landscape features; local landscape guidelines; and an action plan for the future. We are inviting young people to contribute their ideas in images [film or digital] and the Audit will go online using the village website.

We need you to volunteer to help with the surveying – you don't need to be any sort of expert. We're running free training days on 20 and 28 April at the Village College, to cover plant and tree identification [and how to fill in the survey forms!]. Volunteers would come to either one. The survey work itself starts on 1 May. Depending on the numbers of volunteers coming forward we'd anticipate some five days surveying by each person.

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Visitors to the recreation ground will have noticed that the row of trees forming one boundary of the new soccer pitch have been removed. This is to allow the relocation of the cricket square, partly in the interests of safety (the present square is too close to the bowling green), and partly to create an even boundary on all sides. Some 40 new hardwood species trees have been planted around the new field to replace those lost, most of which were poplars with a limited life-span.

While on the subject of trees, and to clarify the item in the last *Newsletter*, the tree planted on the Green in memory of Eric Peacock was funded by his widow, Mrs Olwyn Peacock, and her daughter Mrs Rosemary Tennison.

A number of residents make use of the seat in front of the Cottenham Club. Unfortunately its presence also attracts some young people who, during the evenings, amuse themselves by writing graffiti on the club walls, abusing club facilities and generally creating a nuisance. The seat is therefore being removed for a trial period. After refurbishment it may be returned there or relocated elsewhere in the village.

Parish Council elections are fast approaching (in May), and we hope you will forgive us if we indulge in a little reflection on the last four years. The Parish Council has very limited funds and powers compared to the District or County Councils, and much of what is achieved can only be done with their help. However, if you don't ask you don't get, and support from the District and County has only been forthcoming as the result of active lobbying by the Parish Council. Projects funded exclusively by the Parish include the provi-

sion of a new swimming pool liner at the Village College, the refurbishment of the War Memorial, the Millennium seats on the village green and the hundreds of Millennium mugs given to village children. On a more mundane note the problem of dog fouling has considerably improved since the installation of dog-litter bins throughout the village. The Parish Council also supports local activities and charities. These range from the Mobile Warden scheme that provides support for elderly residents to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and refurbishing the Church bells.

Schemes completed jointly with help from the District or County include major improvements to car parking and playing surfaces at the recreation ground – we now have some of the best pitches in the county – and the speed limiting measures in Histon Road. Our current plans include several large-scale projects, but the impact of the Parish on your Council Tax will be less than last year by over 20%. This compares with the County Council's decision to increase their precept by over 9%.

Involvement in the planning process is an important aspect of the Council's work, and came to prominence when we were able to prevent the installation of mobile 'phone aerials at the Fire Station, when the official line was that there were no grounds for rejecting the application.

These were some of the highlights, but they are typical of the Council's efforts over many years to enhance the quality of village life. The task is never ending, and the new Council on taking office in May will be faced with a variety of on-going issues - like the problem of fly tipping in the countryside, the future of the medieval moat in Broad Lane and keeping an eye on the impact of our potential big new neighbour at "Oakstanton".

These are local issues dealt with by local people. The process can only be effective if local people continue to come forward to give their time and commitment to the community. Don't forget that all 15 seats on the Council become vacant at the election, and that nobody is automatically reinstated. If you would like to nominate someone or to stand for election yourself, do contact the Clerk, Peter Sanderson. But don't do so lightly, as to do the job properly will take a significant chunk of your free time, and new legislation imposes new standards of conduct and training that require serious consideration before committing yourself. You can make a difference, but you will probably get more complaints than praise, and you won't get a penny for it!

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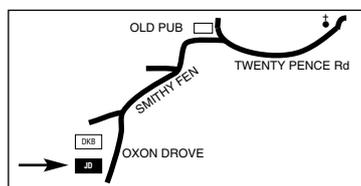
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You may be interested to know that there are start-up grants available to help you establish your new career and lots of free training opportunities for professional development. Registered minders have access to ongoing support and advice from their local National Childminding Association (NCMA) Development Worker.

Childminding matters to the whole community! For further information please contact Carol Grange NCMA Childminding Development Worker On 01954 252862.

SWIMMING POOL

It's spring again and time for the outdoor swimming pool at Cottenham Village College to reopen! Come and see how much fun it is to swim outdoors with the open sky above you. This is one of a few outdoor heated pools in the county. In order to keep the pool running we require more helpers. Contact us if there is anything you can contribute to the running of the pool.

Supervisors are needed to help run our sessions. If you would like to join our team we provide in-house life saving training sessions, which are not strenuous. This year they are being held on 27, 28 and 30 May - with a first aid meeting on 27 May. A suitable person who would commit to a number of sessions each week would be considered for an assisted place at an accredited National Pool Life Guard Qualification course.

A rota secretary is required for organizing the manning of the pool. A contribution will be paid for expenses etc.

A qualified lifeguard is required to lead a team of lifeguards during the summer. This would be very suitable for University students, aged 18 to 21, looking for a job during the vacation. A current lifeguard qualification is essential.

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OAKSTANTON AND COTTENHAM

There was a good turn out at Cottenham Village College on 13 February for the Cottenham Village Design Group meeting. This concerned the proposed new settlement at Longstanton, followed by the design group's AGM.

Gallaghers, the property developers, gave the first presentation. They set the background by talking about the Cambridge phenomenon and the demand for more housing and the government's structure plan. They explained that the presentation was on design principles in relation to the form and structure of the new settlement. On transport they spent some time on the innovative SuperCam proposal (guided bus route from St Ives to Cambridge). The plan is to have a series of "villages" within the settlement, each centred around a SuperCam station. On the subject of drainage, it was pointed out that Gallaghers are in consultation with drainage engineers already.

On design, mixed residential housing is planned. A picture of the three storey town house development at Brookside Cambridge was shown as an example of possible house design. The proposed new settlement will be mixed-use employment and residential. Gallaghers stressed that they are at the start of wide consultation.

Simon Edwards, speaking for the Oakington Action Group, said they are opposed to the proposed new settlement that would be ten times the size of Oakington and four times the size of Cottenham. He argued that the position of the new

settlement is flawed, being adjacent to the A14 which is severely congested at times along the NW corridor. This was backed up by his colleague Bill Treneman, who said it was madness to build a town next to the busiest stretch of the busiest road in the region. Blocks on that stretch of the A14 would lead to greater rat running through the villages. Bill Treneman outlined flaws in the SuperCam proposal. Simon Edwards said we have been misled into believing the proposed site is 100% brown field, when in fact it is 80% green field site. A significant part of their presentation covered flooding, looking in detail at the drainage in and around the area and possible impacts on villages to the north, Rampton and Cottenham. They raised another issue that the new settlement would be in competition to Cottenham's businesses and this in turn could see some businesses closing.

There was plenty of time for questions, which included transport, flooding and urban design. Gallaghers said they have a development at Elstow in Bedfordshire, relevant to Longstanton.

Consultation has just begun. The County's first choice is Longstanton but there is a long way to go. If it is to go ahead there should be plenty of opportunities to have your say.

Jennie Blood Smyth, Secretary, Cottenham Village Design Group

COUNTRY GAMES

The Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey play at Country Games – a special event on Sunday 31 March and Monday 1 April 2002.

Have a go at Tip-it, Quoits, Marbles, Skittles, Hopscotch and Morris Dancing at this exciting Easter event. Everyone will get the chance to play along with a whole range of traditional country games and much more.

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THE BELLS...

Look to...Treble's Going...She's Gone!

The traditional call from the ringing chamber to start the ringing, but this time it's more poignant – she really has gone, along with her other five close friends from All Saints' church tower. Off to John Taylor's Foundry at Loughborough that is, for the removal of the Crown Staples, the fitting of new Canon Retaining Headstocks, Re-Tuning, New Clappers, Wheels, Ropes and a general dust down and buff up.

But not before an all-Cottenham band rang a well struck Half Peal comprising: 7 Full Extents of Southrepps Doubles, 7 Full Extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Place, 7 Full Extents of Plain Bob Doubles, all of which were rung in 1 hour 28 minutes.

The ringing band was: Treble – Stephen M Howie, 2 – Peter R Coe, 3 – Andrew M Snelson, 4 – Simon J Wilson, 5 – Christopher EJ Kilgour, Tenor – Pete Brown.

The half peal was conducted by 'Kit' Kilgour and was the 'first half peal' for the treble ringer, and with Princess Margaret's death being announced the same day, the bells were half muffled as a sign of sincere sympathy



For over 200 years the six bells at Cottenham Cambridgeshire have provided the church of All Saints' and its parish with a strong voice, ringing out through the village and out across the flat fen landscape, chiming the quarter hour and the hour, and calling the congregation to worship each Sunday. In the more recent past, they will have seen the good times, celebrating VE Day, VJ Day and other momentous occasions, and will have actively participated in the bad times, tolling for the departed, being rung half muffled during the loss of a monarch, but primarily they have provided a 'service' to the village and the parishioners, joyfully spreading their voice for all to hear.

Just a year ago, the Parochial Church Council granted permission to refurbish the bells and provide a new metal frame which is to be placed above the clock in the Clock Room. The original oak frame was showing signs of age, and although festooned with steel braces at numerous locations, still rocked and rolled during ringing. (Looks as though our excuse for poor striking may soon be behind us!)

Close on £40,000 was the project cost, which included the re-alignment of the clock drive mechanism by Meadwells, the church clock maker, and with the ringers having set themselves the target of ringing 'at home' for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, we needed to press on hard with the fund raising.

With significant grants being made available from the Ely Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, the WREN Trust (an Environmental Body administering and distributing the Waste Recycling Group plc landfill tax credits) and from our generous Cottenham Parish Council we were well on the way. The balance came by way of reducing the professionals account with the provision of 'local tower' labour, from the Garfield Weston Foundation, general fund raising activities, local village organisations with both ex and current parishioners assisting generously in the appeal. Then before we could believe the figures, our target was reached with cash and pledges.

Now silence will reign – for a couple of months at least. Who will accurately know the time of day? Will the congregation be late? Will the bells even be missed? We await comments from the village.

During the week of 18th February 2002, the bells were removed through the three floors of the tower and out onto the transport bound for Loughborough.

Preparatory work commenced during the third week of February when the clock mechanism was dismantled, opening a clear path for the descending bells the following day. Then individually the bells were disassembled from their headstocks, manoeuvred within the frame and lowered through the trap doors to the ground. With individual bells weighing close to 800Kg (that's 16cwt to some of us) this was not an easy task, but under the expert guidance of the Bellhanger all went well, no mishaps and just a little perspiration on the brow.

Here, for the moment the story pauses; the bells are away, the steel frame is under construction, the clock mechanism is being re-designed and we await Meadwells' return to form the pockets in the clock room walls in readiness for the delivery of the new metal frame. Time for some spring cleaning in the ringing chamber, a spot of redecorating, a time to catch up on all the odd jobs we never have time to address. But time may be limited; our neighbours at Rampton have kindly offered their bells for our practice nights, and at just a couple of miles away, I'm sure we will be accepting the offer, perhaps to the detriment of the 'to do' list in Cottenham. Still, 'there's always tomorrow'!

As the project progresses we will keep the villagers of Cottenham informed through the pages of *Cottenham Newsletter*.

Peter R Coe.

COTTENHAM FIRE FIGHTERS

The fire fighters of the Cottenham Fire Station would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who brought their car along to either or both of the Car Washes held last year.

As you may remember, we were out washing on two occasions. The first was in June and lasted for four hours, although at times it felt longer. In that time we washed a good number of vehicles and raised £200, which we donated to the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity.

The second event, in October, was put together in a hurry in reaction to the events of 11th September. We would like to thank each and every one of you who brought your car, van, or 4 x 4 to be washed, or ate the burgers on such an overcast Saturday. Thanks to all your help we were able to raise the magnificent total of £611.79, which we have passed on to the charity for the Wives and Families of the New York Fire Fighters.

It was wonderful to see and feel such support. Thank you.

This year we are hoping to arrange more events. With it being Jubilee year, we will be on the Village Green taking part in the celebrations on 20th July 2002.

Plans are afoot for our bi-annual Open Day. This will be taking place on 14th September 2002. We hope to have all the usual fun and games i.e. Dunk the Fireman, Score past Welliphant, as well as giving you the opportunity to see some of the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Fire Appliances.

We are also planning to hold another Car Wash in the spring, and maybe one at the end of the summer, so please keep a look out for the dates, which we will put out soon.

Once again, thank you all for your support last year, it was much appreciated. Keep safe and see you at the next event.

TOY LIBRARY

Cottenham Toy Library is a charitable organisation, run on a voluntary basis. We loan toys, equipment and educational games for families with children under eight years old. We have been operating for 22 years. Our sessions run on the first and third Thursday of each month between 2.15pm and 4.15pm in the Salvation Army Barn.

We are currently looking for extra volunteers to serve refreshments during these times. Ideally the volunteers would have no children of their own to supervise, as children are not allowed in the kitchen area.

If you would like to become involved in this very popular and worthwhile local charity and can give just two hours a fortnight then please contact either Carole Grange (01954 251528) or Lesley Popple (01954 203412).

The Toy Library is to hold its annual sale of second-hand clothes and equipment on Saturday the 11th of May in the Baptist Church Hall, between 9:30am and 11:00am. Following demand from last year, we will also sell toys this year. Seller numbers are limited to forty, so get busy sorting out any unwanted items in good condition, suitable for children up to 8 years old. Seller forms will be available from sessions, Ladybirds and the Primary School from April. For further details contact Lesley Popple (01954 203412).



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COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Local Plan Inspector's Report has now been published following last year's public inquiry. The only site which the Inspector has recommended for development in Cottenham is a small site to the north-east of Victory Way. He has also recommended that a small adjustment should be made to the boundary of the village development framework to the east of Histon Road so that it coincides with the green belt boundary. Apart from this, the other sites put forward for development by objectors to the proposed local plan are not likely to be developed for the time being. This includes the large area of land to the south-west of Oakington Road and Rampton Road.

However, as a result of the County Structure Plan process, a further review of the Local Plan is likely to be published towards the end of the year. This will, in effect, re-open the process all over again and representations of support or objection will once again be invited. A further public inquiry will then take place leading to another Inspector's Report which is likely to determine the development pattern for Cottenham for a number of years to come.

A planning application has been made to develop Lack's yard to the west of Histon road for housing. Unlike a similar application, which was submitted last year and turned down at appeal, this application does not propose building on green belt land. By the time you read this, the Council's planning committee is expected to have made a decision regarding this application.

Elections for one of the two Cottenham seats on the District Council and for all the seats on Cottenham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 2nd May. The closing date for receipt of nominations from candidates is noon on Friday 5 April.

Anyone who wishes can now vote by post. Details and forms can be obtained from the Electoral Registration Office, 9-11 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1PB, Tel 01223 443013. Completed application forms for both postal and proxy votes must arrive back at the Electoral Registration Office no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday 24 April. Proxy votes are available to students studying away, residents working away and

those unable to vote in person due to illness. The Electoral Registration Office can supply further details. Changes to existing postal and proxy votes need to be notified by Wednesday 17 April.

In local government elections students studying away can vote in their university town and at home provided they are on the register in both places. The register of electors can be inspected at both Cottenham Library and the Post Office. The Electoral Registration Office can answer any queries relating to any aspect of the elections.

Many of our local services and facilities are provided by either the Parish or District Council so do use your vote if you possibly can.

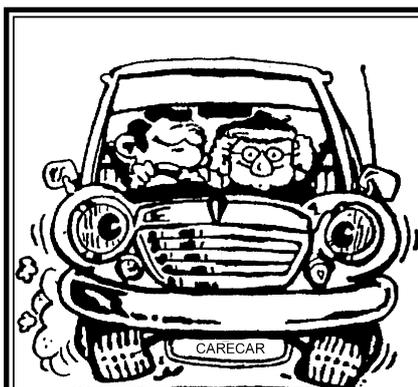
Surgeries continue on the third Friday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Community Room at Franklin Gardens. You are welcome to come along and discuss any matters of concern - no appointment is necessary. Alternatively I can be contacted at home. (Details on back cover).

Rex Collinson

Five hundred homes were flooded in the Great Ouse and Cam river catchment areas after the downpour on Sunday 21 October 2001. A hundred of these were in Oakington and Longstanton. In response, Gallagher Estates, the developers promoting a new settlement at Oakington Barracks, offered to meet local communities to discuss their concerns about the surface-water effects of building a new town at Longstanton.

An all-day conference at the district council on Friday 14 December 2001 addressed the question of flood risk across South Cambridgeshire and how to deal with a flooding emergency. A morning seminar at South Cambs on Friday 8 February 2002 examined the land drainage implications in all directions of Longstanton new town. Cottenham Parish Council held a special meeting about surface water attenuation and flood alleviation measures in our own neighbourhood on Thursday 14 March 2002.

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COTTENHAM CARECAR

Volunteer drivers, and their cars, are now needed in order to meet the mobility needs of the infirm, elderly and house-bound of Cottenham. There are no fixed hours; drivers declare their own availability. A GENEROUS ALLOWANCE COVERS ALL RUNNING COSTS.

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Gallagher Estates were represented by Alan Joyner, the Projects Director, Will Cousins of David Lock and Associates, planning consultants for the new town, Richard Sutcliffe-Smith of Communiqué, and David Hunt of WSP, drainage consultants. The Old West Internal Drainage Board was represented by its Chairman Richard Graves, its District Officer Paul Smith, and Simon Darch of Hannah Reed, drainage consultants hired to advise the Old West IDB in its dealings with Gallagher Estates. The Environment Agency, which had been undertaking detailed survey work following the October incident, sent along its Customer Services Manager, Nigel Fawthrop. It had proved very difficult to find anyone from Anglian Water willing to act as a spokesman for the company. One of the district council's most experienced land drainage experts, John Shepperson, was also in attendance.

The meeting centred on the performance of Reynolds Ditch, Cottenham Lode and the Catchwater Drain at peak flows, both of the "flash flood" kind that we experienced in October and the more usual heavy burst of rainfall during a prolonged spell of wet weather. In particular, David Hunt of WSP gave a presentation about the water management proposals currently being envisaged for the new town and its environs.

The main ring of defence is to be four lakes covering ten hectares in total, the water level maintained at least one metre below overflow, sufficient to retain 100,000 cubic metres of rain that would fall on the new town in a one in 100 year event. There will also be secondary containment. The system will be controlled by pumping water according to data about flow rates and river levels captured by telemetry. Ideally, all pumping stations into the Great Ouse need to be inter-related, and fitted with warning systems connected to a central monitoring station.

We don't have all the answers yet – indeed we may still not have all the questions. What is clear however, especially from the Bar Hill experience, whose balancing ponds were never fully commissioned, is that a reliable mechanism needs to be established for the maintenance in perpetuity of water management features. Anglian Water is generally regarded as the most widely recognisable entity to take on board this role, especially in view of the consequences for its own operations of foul-water contamination when storm drains are overwhelmed.

Your County Councillor Peter Stroude and I are available for consultation between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on the first Friday of every month in the communal room at Franklin Gardens. Otherwise you can contact us at any time in person or by post, telephone or email. Details are on the back page.

Tim Wotherspoon

BIRD REPORT

I wonder how many other people in Cottenham took part in the RSPB garden bird survey at the end of January. We were asked to record the birds seen in our garden during one hour of that weekend.

I rarely watch birds for a whole hour, so this was a wonderful opportunity for enforced laziness. I filled all the bird feeders, prepared a scrumptious feast on the bird table and sat down in the window, armed with paper, pencil, binoculars and a large cup of coffee.

For ten minutes nothing happened and I nearly fell asleep. But gradually birds began to appear. The RSPB had indicated the ten most common birds to look out for: sparrow, starling, robin, blue tit, great tit, coal tit, blackbird, chaffinch, dunnock and collared dove. Of these I saw all but one. Which bird was the missing one? Yes, you're right – the coal tit, which is uncommon in these parts. I also saw a kestrel and a mistle thrush.

So, not a very exciting hour, but the birds I did not see were as important as the ones I did see. For instance, where was the song thrush or the greenfinch?

This time of year is full of interest as birds remind us of the approach of spring. In the first week of January I heard a blackbird singing on the roof of a building in Cambridge market place. Lots of people looked up to see it. Since then I have heard birds every day between 6:00am and 7:00am - blackbird, mistle thrush, great tit, dunnock, and robin. Soon we will be calling it a dawn chorus.

As usual the rooks have started building their nests in the trees on the green. By the end of March the first sand martins will pass through Milton Country Park and some chifchaffs will be singing – what a nice thought!

Jasper Kay February 2002

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. 69) should span the last week of May and the months of June and July.



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MORE GARDENS GALORE

Following the success of Cottenham's first Open Gardens event in July 2000, when nearly 400 people walked round the village enjoying other people's efforts, Cottenham Gardeners Club plans to repeat the event on the afternoon of Sunday 21st July.

The gardens will be open as part of the Parish Council's Queen's Jubilee weekend, and a special London Transport sightseeing bus will be operating free of charge in the village during the afternoon.

We are now looking for more garden owners to come forward and join in. All kinds of gardens are of interest, and size is immaterial. If you love your garden, then why not share it with others? We would love to hear from you.

For further information, please contact Bridget Walker on 01954 250559.



HADDENHAM EXHIBITIONISM!

'Thought for Food': between March 2nd and 24th Haddenham Studios and Gallery brings to you a tasty exhibition of food related art.

There will be something for everyone: paintings, prints and fabulous fish, delicious dishes and plates for pleasure, stripy shakers for salt and pepper, spoons and scoops, spreaders and strainers and some jolly jewellery too.

Between April 6th and 28th the Gallery will host an exhibition of paintings by Liz Moon, together with an exhibition of salt and soda glazed ceramics.

Liz Moon's paintings are a celebration of people, life and humour and show her fascination with the movement and shapes of people and their surroundings.

Exhibiting alongside Liz Moon are five artists who produce salt or soda glazed ceramics: Deborah Baynes (Suffolk Craft Society), May Ling Beadmoore (Craft Potters Association), Mirka Golden Llann, Rebecca Harvey (Craft Potters Association) and Rowena Kinsman (Somerset Guild of Craftsmen)

The exhibitions will be open Tuesday – Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm, and 2:00pm to 5:00pm. On Saturday and Sunday we will be open 10:00am to 5:00pm.

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STOP PRESS

As we were going to press we had a call from Clements Hardware shop. The plans they had to close and demolish the shop have been shelved. The shop will remain open until further notice. Watch this space.

All Saints' church Cottenham is pleased to announce that they have appointed a new rector, the reverend Michael Hore. He will be inducted at the parish church on May 17th at 7:30pm.

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THEATRE WORKSHOP

A change of plan! The spring production for C.T.W. was to have been 'The Miracle Worker' – the moving story of Helen Keller set in Alabama. Sadly, however, we were unable to cast this play and we have had to find an alternative.

And what a great alternative! In complete contrast, Sue Townsend's 'Groping for Words' is an extremely funny play about a very serious subject – the problems of adult literacy. Here we find George (played by Clive Borrow) and Thelma (newcomer Clare Harrison) struggling to conquer reading and writing at an evening class run by Joyce (Mary Garside). George needs to correspond with his daughter in Australia and Thelma is trying to hide her state of illiteracy from her employer. When they are joined by caretaker Kevin (John Unwin) we don't know whether to laugh or cry at their various predicaments.

Rehearsals are well under way with Sue Macdonald keeping a directorial eye on proceedings.

Performance dates are April 17–20 at the Village College. Tickets available from 57 Lambs Lane, Cottenham. Tel: 01954 252693

YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN

Look out, here we come again on Sunday 21 April, the ninth Yesteryear Road Run in aid of MAGPAS! Our vintage vehicle parade will start and finish in Cottenham so come out and see the largest selection of cars, tractors, motorcycles, commercials and various other exhibits to parade in the eastern region.

We will assemble on Cottenham green, leaving at 9:30am, moving on to Rampton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey, Longstanton, Oakington, Histon and back to Cottenham for 4:00pm.

It really is a fun day for all the family. Watch out for our posters for further details. On Cottenham green there will be a display of working engines, a fair, food and entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Last year we donated over £7,000 to MAGPAS, making our total fundraising over the years in excess of £40,000. Please come and support us this year and give generously to the collection.

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NEW CRICKET TEAM

By the time you read this, the new cricket season will be fast approaching. Cottenham C.C. had a marvellous summer last year with the first team narrowly missing out on promotion to Senior League 1 and the second XI gaining promotion to Junior League 2N.

This summer, we intend, for the first time ever, to run three senior teams. The idea of the third XI, which will play in Junior League 5, is to provide a natural stepping-stone for our young players into senior cricket. We intend that the team be made up of as many young players as are ready for the step up, together with enough 'older' players to provide that mixture of youth and experience that most teams require. Our shirt sponsors, the Curry Palace restaurant in the High Street, have generously agreed to provide shirts for the third XI, for which we are very grateful indeed. The Curry Palace has given fantastic support to Cottenham C.C. these last two years as, indeed, has our match-ball sponsor, Nigel Bolitho. 'Balls by Bolitho' is now an established landmark throughout our season. Gerry Bate, another valued supporter, will again be kindly printing our fixture cards. In addition to all this, the Parish Council, through David Norman, have given, and are continuing to give, great support to the club in helping us relocate and relay the cricket square at Lambs Lane.

Running three senior teams is a big step forward for us and we are very keen to make a success of it. We will need as much support from cricketers in the village as possible and new players are always very welcome. So if you are new (or even not so new!) to the village and would like to help us continue to raise the profile of Cottenham cricket, please get

in touch with our Secretary, Mick Dean, on (01954) 250037.

Despite our recent success, we still need to increase our player base, so we really do want any cricketers living locally, and not playing for Cottenham, perhaps to consider making a change. Why not join us in our efforts to build up the club so that it will serve not just the current players but all those to come through in the future? Cottenham is a big village now and both deserves and needs a thriving cricket club. We definitely need all of our local talent to get playing!!

In addition to the senior teams, we intend to run four junior sides at the Village College ranging from under eleven to under fifteen. This is as ambitious a junior programme as we have run to date, but our young players are the future of the club and we want to provide them with the chance to learn to enjoy and love the game and develop their skills at as early an age as possible. Club members will be looking after these teams but we really would appreciate the help of parents as well on match days.

Indoor net practice for the senior players is at the Village College Sports Hall on Monday evenings at 8:00pm starting on March 25th. Outdoor nets will start as soon as possible. Mick has been getting in touch with the junior players about their practice times. The season is just around the corner so please do think seriously about joining the club. Just get in touch with Mick and we will be delighted to welcome you.

Nigel Lawrence (Chairman),

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This is an exciting opportunity to become involved in your own community and to provide vital time to a casualty, often saving a life, until the ambulance arrives. The Community First Responder Scheme is designed to complement and work alongside the Emergency Ambulance Service and will NOT replace services delivered by the Ambulance Service.

Do you want to become a First Responder or do you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming one? To find out more, please do give us a call on 01480 371060 and ask for Rob Payne, Scheme Co-ordinator, who will be happy to discuss the project with you in detail.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Rob Payne, Scheme Co-ordinator

FUN RUN

It's that time of year again! Time to work off the excesses of Christmas and New Year in earnest. The Cottenham Fun Run is happening on Saturday April 27 at 10:30 at the Village College. The course is once again a gruelling (or not if you are fit!) 4.5 miles.

Registration will commence at the Village College at 9:00am. The registration fee will be a paltry £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. The accompanying market will commence at 9:30am. This will include representation from many village clubs and societies which will be showing their wares.

For further information concerning the Fun Run call 01954 200138. Enquirers about the market should call 01954 288944.

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!

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AUTUMN SHOW

The Fen Edge Community Association Autumn Show will take place on Saturday September 14 this year. It's time to begin thinking about what you might want to enter this year. With dozens of categories to enter under, there is something for everyone. Many of categories are listed below. More details will be included in the next edition of the *Newsletter*, including classes for children.

SECTION 1 – VEGETABLES

1. 5 French Beans
2. 5 Runner Beans
3. 3 Beetroot
4. 1 Cabbage
5. 3 Carrots
6. 1 Cauliflower
7. 3 Courgettes
8. 1 Cucumber
9. 2 Peppers
10. 1 Marrow
11. 3 Onions
12. 3 Parsnips
13. 5 Potatoes – red
14. 5 Potatoes – white
15. 2 Aubergines
16. 5 Tomatoes (outdoor)
17. 5 Tomatoes (indoor)
18. 5 Cherry Tomatoes
19. Truss of Tomatoes
20. 2 Sweetcorn
21. Collection of fresh picked herbs in a jam jar
22. A basket of vegetables (at least 3 varieties)
23. 1 Pumpkin
24. Selection of Squash

SECTION 2 – FRUIT

25. 3 Eating Apples
26. 3 Cooking Apples
27. 3 Pears
28. 3 Plums or Damsons or Greengages
29. A dish of Blackberries
30. Hedgerow fruit (not necessarily grown by the Exhibitor)
31. 3 Quince
32. Bunch of Grapes
33. Any other fruit.

SECTION 3 - FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT (accessories allowed)

34. An arrangement suitable for a "GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY" NOT EXCEEDING 2'x 2'.
35. "Foliage" arrangement NOT EXCEEDING 2' x 2' Preserved foliage can be included. (NO FLOWERS)
36. Corsage [fresh or silk flowers]
37. Arrangement suitable for a Wedding/Anniversary cake NOT EXCEEDING 6" x 6"

SECTION 4 – FLOWERS & POT PLANTS

38. Vase of 3 Dahlias
39. Vase of one species only
40. Vase of mixed species
41. 3 Fuchsia flowers on a card (different varieties)
42. A container of 3 potted plants
43. Cactus or Succulent
44. 1 Pelargonium or Geranium
45. 1 Flowering pot plant (not otherwise mentioned in schedule)
46. 1 Foliage pot plant (not otherwise mentioned in schedule)
47. Flowering Begonia tuberous
48. 1 Begonia foliage

SECTION 6 – WINE & BEER

52. Grape Wine
53. Other Fruit based wine
54. Vegetable based wine
55. Wine made from a kit (Red or White)
56. Beer dark
57. Beer light

SECTION 7 – PRESERVES

58. Plum jam (any type)
59. Raspberry jam
60. Strawberry jam
61. Jam made from any other fruit
62. Jelly made from any fruit
63. Lemon curd
64. Marmalade
65. Honey
66. Chutney
67. Pickled vegetables – any size jar
68. Pickled onions – any size jar

SECTION 8 – COOKERY ADULTS

69. Fruit Pie or Tart – top and bottom crust
70. loaf of bread – white
71. 1 Loaf of bread – brown
72. 6 Small cakes
73. 6 Scones
74. Fruit cake – 7" round
75. Victoria sponge cake – made with 3 eggs
76. 6 pieces of Shortbread
77. 6 Biscuits any type
78. Chocolate sponge cake decorated

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Memories ...

A short story by Pat Fox

Danni stepped down off the bus carrying her shopping and started to walk down the lane to the village and home. It was a lovely day, blue skies and plenty of sunshine, a typical late September day although she hadn't seen much of it. She had been rushed off her feet all day and the sooner she could get home and take her shoes off the better.

As she walked, she wondered to herself how many times she had walked or run down this lane. She had been born and brought up in the little village at the end of the lane and knew every bend, field, tree and gate. "It must have been thousands of times", she thought to herself as she came to a gate overlooking the rolling hills and down into the valley and home.

She went up to the gate and put down her shopping; leaning on the fence in the early evening sun she let her mind roam back to the days when her friends Janice, Andy, Mike and herself were always together. They all attended the local village school and did most things together as they grew up.

They couldn't wait until school was out for the day and they could dash home and change and all meet at "the gate" ready to explore the countryside. She smiled as she remembered one occasion down by the stream at Low Farm lying in the grass looking up to the sky. They all said what they would do when they grew up.

Janice (who was the youngest) said that she wanted to be an air hostess because they always looked so nice. Andy said that he was going to be an explorer like Amundsen or Scott but he wasn't going to get lost in the snow. Mike said that he would go to America and make lots of money, and he wasn't going to get married as his dad told him that once you marry you can say goodbye to any money. She remembered that she had said she wanted to be a nurse.

That was the same day that the boys fell down the old mine shaft. Police and firemen were involved in the rescue and the boys were taken to hospital in an ambulance. It was quite an event. The boys ended up in hospital for some time: Andy broke his leg and Mike was badly gashed over his eyes, which left a scar. But they were very lucky – it could have been a lot worse.

How carefree those days were, with no responsibilities.

Janice didn't become an air hostess after all. She left school and worked in the local grocery store until she married Steve Jackson from Low Farm. They have two children and an arable farm to look after now.

Nor did Andy become an explorer. But he did get to see something of the world by joining the army as soon as he left school. He served in the Falklands war and was on HMS Sheffield. His widowed father never did get over it. He died two years after Andy. It was a terrible shock for the whole village.

The memory of the shock brought Danni back to the present. She bent to pick up her shopping and carried on down the lane home.

As she opened the door she could hear hammering coming from the kitchen – "at last my husband has started on the kitchen cabinets", she thought to herself. The hammering stopped and a voice called out, "Hello darling, did you manage to kill anyone today? You go and have a shower and change out of that uniform and I'll put the kettle on to start tea". As he was speaking he came out of the kitchen, and when she was half way up the stairs she bent over the banister and gave him a kiss.

Going on up the stairs she smiled as she thought, "You can hardly see the scar these days".

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LETTERS to the Editors

Dear Editor,

Could I, on behalf of myself and my family, thank the parish council for the notice of my father's passing (Doug Ralph) in the February/March edition of the *Cottenham Newsletter*. He would have been, as we are, both pleased and proud about the oak tree planted on the green in his memory for being a member and also vice-chairman of the council.

It will be nice to think that future generations of our family will be able to watch it grow.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Langford (Mrs), Fenstanton

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To all Cottenham residents

Christian Aid Week, May 18th to 26th

Any week now, envelopes will fall through your doors to help various charities, every one of which needs our help. I make no excuse to ask for assistance with the above collection.

I urgently need extra hands to take on the new estates which have sprung up during the last few years. The more names I get, the lighter the load on each collector. If you can spare two evenings during that week, please phone me on 01954 250635.

Henry Fleck.

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Executive Committee, all MAGPAS doctors and staff, I would very much like to thank you for your kind donation of £28.65 that was collected as small fees from advertisements in the *Cottenham Newsletter*.

Since being founded in 1972, and receiving no government funding, MAGPAS has relied totally on public donations. There are about 40 volunteer doctors who give their time and special medical skills, to support the Ambulance Service at accidents and incidents in and around the borders of Cambridgeshire – last year they were called out nearly 1500 times. Money donated goes to provide the doctors with the special equipment and training they need to be able to give immediate medical care at the accident scene.

Without such support as yours and the dedication of the doctors, this vital service would not be able to remain operational so you can understand how grateful we are.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely

Paul Stower
MAGPAS Fundraising Co-ordinator

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Goodbye from the Kents

We would just like to say goodbye to everyone we know in Cottenham and apologise for not managing to get round to see everyone before we left. We are now living in the beautiful village of Hayfield in the Derbyshire High Peaks. Thank you for making us feel welcome over the past six years. If our friends from Cottenham could only move here, this place would be perfect – or if Cottenham could only sprout a few hills!

Gavin, Jo, Ben and Becca Kent

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