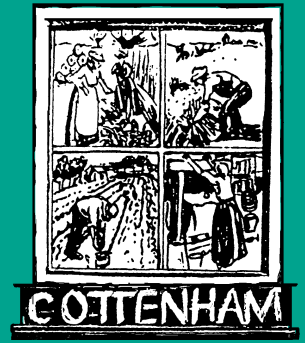


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YOU ARE THE KEY

Over the last few editions of the *Newsletter*, we have mentioned that a process is underway to draw up a village plan. This will be used by the Parish Council and other authorities to guide initiatives in the village. This process is well advanced and approaching its most important phase – a consultation with every person in the village.

This consultation will take the form of a questionnaire delivered to every household in Cottenham. It will consist of questions about each household and will have space for responses from all members of the household. It will ask questions on a number of different aspects of village life and will give you an opportunity to air your views and priorities on these issues. Your answers will be carefully analysed and will directly influence the priorities established in the resulting Village Plan document.

The current plan is that the questionnaire will be delivered to all households in September of this year and the responses collected over a two week period following delivery. The questionnaire forms will be delivered to each household and collected again by a team of deliverers/collectors.

All responses will be confidential except where you choose to volunteer your identity (when asked if you are willing to help with various activities). We need to get a very high response to the questionnaire if the resulting plan is to have

legitimacy as an expression of the views of the people of Cottenham. Therefore, it is very important that you do take the time to respond to the questionnaire.

Without a plan of this kind, only the views of those who shout the loudest are taken into account when deciding on local priorities. This is a golden opportunity for the 'silent majority' to make their views known to elected representatives. Please grasp that opportunity and make the effort to respond to the questionnaire.

This edition of the *Newsletter* contains the usual appeals from organisations asking for people to give their time as volunteers in some form of activity which contributes to the life of the village. I would urge you to look at those appeals and respond if at all possible. I understand that people's time is under increasing pressure as work and commuting place greater demands on our time than ever before. However, if Cottenham is to maintain the vibrant village life which is one of its most attractive features, we all need to consider how we can contribute to its upkeep – and it is generally good fun!

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We also run the annual Teddy Bears Picnic, messy play mornings in the summer holidays and a Christmas Crafts morning, as well as organising the annual Nearly New Sale and Toy Sales in the village.

We desperately need more volunteers to keep these activities alive, and are urgently looking for individuals to join our rota to help run the sessions on a Thursday afternoon.

All we would ask for is a commitment to one and a half hours every couple of months or so on a Thursday afternoon where we need you to socialise with other Mums, chat and drink tea whilst your children play with all the fabulous toys. (This is only after helping to set out the tables and unload/load the stock!)

If you are really interested in helping why not join our committee and help us to run the whole service? Committee meetings are bi-monthly in the comfort of a committee

member's house (more tea, more biscuits – or even a glass or two of wine!)

So, if you have children, can sometimes spare some time on a Thursday and want to join a really friendly bunch, please come and get involved. Your contribution will be invaluable, and your children will benefit too.

Please ring Lesley Pople on 203412 or Karen Wigley on 252339.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have a few hours to spare each month? Can you talk to people, offer a helping hand, organise talks, help with refreshments, or offer any help? We need your help to keep the Cottenham group, for people with visual impairment, running. In return we offer training and a rewarding experience helping others in their own community. Please contact Julie at Cam Sight on 01223 420033.

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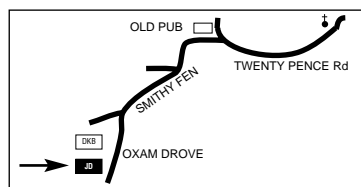


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Avrillé 2003

At 6 a.m. on Friday 23rd May, I sat on a coach in the grounds of Cottenham Village College and asked myself what madness had overcome me that I had even considered going with my family (1 husband, 3 lively children) on a 13 hour coach trip to our twin community of Avrillé in France JUST for the weekend!! At best we had a long boring coach journey ahead, followed by a hectic and exhausting schedule of civic hospitality and completed by another long, boring coach journey to return. At worst my frozen neck would worsen during the journey, rendering me physically incapacitated for the entire weekend and boredom would lead my children to put on such spectacular displays of bad behaviour and sibling disaffection on the coach that we would be permanently ostracised from all decent society.

Well, my fears were, as usual, unfulfilled and we proceeded to have one of the most memorable and enjoyable weekends we have had for a long time. This particular twinning weekend was a truly grand occasion, as our French hosts had invited not only us but also guests from their other twin communities in Spain, Germany and Romania. There were inevitably a great number of speeches and presentations, but all carried out in a relaxed and informal atmosphere that allowed all ages to be present and get something out of the proceedings. This was a triumph of European goodwill over linguistic diversity, given the number of languages represented. There were also entertainments put on by all the different countries – dancing, gymnastics, singing and other displays of musical talent. We Brits provided a mock up of an English pub, complete with pub games. The climax of the weekend was a grand dinner and cabaret on the Saturday

evening. On Sunday there was a communal picnic, but the rest of the time was spent with our host families. For my family, the relationship that we have with 'our' French family has been the greatest joy of our involvement in the twinning with Avrillé. We have known them for 4 years now and truly feel that they are our family in France.

And the coach journey? Well, I never thought it could be so much fun being incarcerated with a multi-generational mix of Fen Edgers. We made new friends and got to know some people better. All children behaved well and provided entertainment. Hands of Bridge were played. We even had a singsong on the way back! What great community spirit!

Vive L'Entente Cordiale!

Catherine Snelson

The Fen Edge Twinning Association's AGM will be at the Village College on Wednesday 24 September at 7.30 pm.

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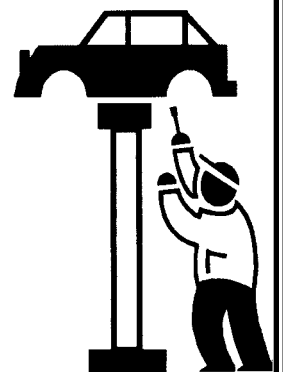
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FUN RUN 2003

The 19th Cottenham Fun Run took place over its traditional course on May 10th. The field was small compared with previous years, possibly because of competing events elsewhere, but that didn't diminish either the determination of the runners to do their best or the usual friendly atmosphere of the event. For the third year running Will Clarke came first, while Tom Loveluck was the first primary school boy home, ahead of any village college boy. Paul Miller won the latter competition, making it a straight repeat of the 2002 gold medal winners in all three male categories. By contrast, there were new winners in all female competitions, with golds for Heather Williams, Eleanor Vining and Olivia Norris. Well done to the Johnsons for winning the first family prize.

As usual, many thanks to all who gave some time on the day to help it happen. The date is already fixed for 2004 – Saturday 1 May – so plan your training schedules now!

	First	Second	Third
Men	Will Clarke	Leon Stone	Jonathan Spies
Women	Heather Williams	Isolde Spies	Julie Tapley
VC Boys	Paul Miller	Michael Archer	Paul Saunders
VC Girls	Eleanor Vining	Siobhan Tyrell	
PS Boys	Tom Loveluck	Joe Richardson	Richard Weeks
PS Girls	Olivia Norris	Dora Dixon	Emma Woodroffe

Team Winners

Adult Team	Ian James, Roy James, Ray Woodruff
Family Team	Steve Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Mara Johnson

WILDLIFE TRUST

The Cottenham Area Group of Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust will be holding talks in October and November. On Friday 17 October we will have an illustrated talk entitled 'An Introduction to Mammals' by Peter Pilbeam of the Cambridgeshire Badger and Otter group. On Friday 21 November we will have another illustrated talk entitled 'Fair Isle' by Simon Stirrup of Cambridge Bird Club. Both talks will be at 7:45pm at the Village College. A donation of £1 is requested for entry to the talks, which includes coffee and biscuits.

In the meantime, if you are feeling energetic there will be work parties at Doghouse Grove, Wilburton on October 19, November 16 and December 14. Meet at 10:00am at the entrance to the reserve along Dog House Lane.

Glynis and Peter Pilbeam, telephone (01954) 251544.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANTS

It is now several years since the school in Margett Street was closed and the property handed back to the British School Trustees. This was eventually sold and an educational trust set up which makes grants to various eligible projects, and in particular to those persons resident in Cottenham or Rampton, going on to further education or entering a trade on leaving school.

Application forms for grants are available from the Clerk, Mr. P. J. Sanderson, 37 Broad Lane, Cottenham, Cambridge CB4 8SW, (01954 250836), to be returned by March 31st or September 30th, as appropriate, for consideration by the Trustees.



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PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May the Chairman, Mr. David Norman, and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Paul Smith, were re-elected unopposed.

The May and June meetings included the following :

- **Village Pound** – The refurbishment has been completed, and by the time you read these notes the planting of various bushes is expected to have been carried out.
- **Traffic Matters & Highways** – Enquiries have been made with the Southern Highways Division re the undernoted :
 - Smithy Fen / Twenty Pence Road junction – white lining & marking
 - High Street pedestrian crossing – the crossing markings are not clear. It is proposed to remedy this, and add an anti-skid surface to the road to improve vehicle braking.
 - Rampton Road calming measures – one of the flashing signs is not working. This seems to be a repeat of what happened in Histon Road – i.e. they installed the sign but now can't find any electricity!
- **Recreation Ground Play Area** – A ROSPA inspection has recently been carried out, and there are some repairs required which are being attended to. Unfortunately the area has suffered more vandalism; the sheer wanton damage caused by some people is difficult to comprehend, especially as the enjoyment of others is seriously affected. Always advise the police, especially if you have any information which may help trace the perpetrators.

• **Postal Services** – Complaints have been received concerning the late delivery of mail in some areas of the village, so the Council have written to the Post Office's regional office in Cambridge. A response has been received which does address the problem to some extent in that there is a recruitment drive being carried out at present. We await with anticipation the necessary improvements which, quite frankly, everyone is entitled to.

• **Tenison Manor and Brenda Gautrey Way Estates** – The Council has been in regular discussion with the District Council over the transfer of the Public Open Space within these sites to Parish Council control, but is not being helped by the intransigence of the developers in bringing them up to an acceptable standard. We will continue to press for the full implementation of the requirements of the Planning Agreements.

• **Skateboarding** – Planning approval has been received from the District Council to create a skateboarding area within the Village College grounds. A meeting with the Governors, and other relevant personnel within the College, has been arranged to discuss all the issues relating to such a project. By the time you read these notes we are hopeful that a further meeting with the students will have been held, and discussions taken place about the design and layout of the area.

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WHERE ARE ALL THE GARDENERS?

While judging the Fruit and Vegetable Sections at the 2002 Cottenham Autumn Show I was surprised and dismayed at the lack of entries in many classes. For example, I recently judged at the Autumn Show at Warboys, a village near Huntingdon nowhere near as large as Cottenham. The class for white potatoes had 32 entries – at Cottenham there were only 2. At Warboys there were 28 red potato entries – at Cottenham there were 2.

Entries at Cottenham Show for cakes and jams seemed to be well supported, so where are all the Cottenham gardeners?

I'm also surprised that more parents do not encourage their children to enter – it surely would be great fun to beat the adults!!!

There is even a class for hedgerow fruits for those exhibitors who do not grow fruits or vegetables. It should be enjoyable, while walking in the countryside, to make a collection of crab apples, blackberries, elderberries, rose hips, haws, rowan berries, sloes etc.

If you do decide to have a go this year, a few tips which may help you towards the top prizes.

Size is not everything except in classes like largest pumpkin, heaviest marrow, longest runner bean, etc. For all other classes it is quality that carries most points.

Uniformity of size is important. For example, where 5 car-

rots are asked for, do not submit 1 small + 1 large + 3 medium. Try to get 5 all exactly the same size.

Uniformity of colour is important. Where 3 apples are asked for, do not submit 1 greenish + 1 reddish + 1 medium colour. Try to get all 3 the same colour.

Health – exhibits should be free from pest and disease damage (no maggot holes, rot, etc.)

Cleanliness – exhibits should be free from earth.

Shape – exhibits should be as near perfect as possible for the variety.

Presentation – display your sample on a paper doily, on a clean plate, in a bun case etc. Think about the presentation.

Remember – a uniform group of medium size that are almost perfect in appearance will score more heavily than a collection of huge but variable sizes of poor quality.

Doug Gautrey

DOORSTEP SERVICE

Can you no longer get to a library because of mobility problems or ill health? If so, the Doorstep Service might be the answer.

The Doorstep Service is run by Cambridgeshire Libraries and Information Service in partnership with volunteer library visitors.

If you are interested in having books, including large print and talking books, delivered to you in your own home, the first step is to contact your local Area Co-ordinator (details below). She will visit you to discuss your needs and then try to find a suitable library visitor who will visit you once a month with the books that have been chosen for you.

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FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Cottenham United Football Club has been awarded the prestigious F.A. Charter status, one of only a handful of clubs in the region likely to achieve this position. The Cambridgeshire Football Association presented the award to the club at a ceremony at the Sports and Social Club at the end of last season and signifies the intention of the Cambs F. A. to make Cottenham United a 'flagship' club for the county. The club is now arguably the biggest in South Cambs, running four Men's teams, the 1st team in the Kershaw Premier League and Reserve, 'A' and 'B' teams in Divisions 1, 3 and 5 of the BIS League.

However, the Charter award also recognises the much wider contribution the club makes to football in the community in supporting a very successful Ladies' team and by its association with Cottenham United Juniors F.C. which runs nine Junior boys teams ranging from under-8 to under-17 levels. For the new football season, the Ladies will be fielding a Reserve team for the first time and it is also the Junior club's intention to launch two Junior girls teams at under-11 and under-12 age levels. Young players are the future lifeblood of the club and it is most encouraging that half the Men's first team are currently in their teens or early twenties. It is extremely important for the club's future that Junior players continue to have the opportunity to progress easily into both men's and ladies' senior football.

Club Chairman, Andy Simmons, said 'We are very proud to have been given this award by the Cambs F.A. Charter status represents a big step forward, raising the profile of not just the football club but of the village as a whole. A lot of hard work has gone into building up Cottenham United to its present position and it is a tribute to all those players, managers, officials, sponsors and helpers, both past and present, who have been involved in its development'.

By the time this article appears, training for the new season will already be well under way at Lambs Lane Rec. The club is delighted to welcome back Robbie Swain as First Team Manager after a spell in the Jewson League at Ely City F.C. last season. He will be assisted by John Coy and it is also hoped that Paul Driver, who is now heavily involved with junior coaching at Second Division Rushden and Diamonds F.C., will continue to help with club coaching.

Anyone who would like to be a part of the continuing success of our club shouldn't hesitate to get in touch and come on down to the training sessions. New players are always welcome and always needed, and the opportunity is there to play at all levels right up to the very highest level of amateur football in the county. To find out more, just pick up the phone and ring any of the following numbers: 01954 251076 (Andy Simmons, Chairman); 01954 250994 (Nick West, Vice-Chairman); 01954 201088 (Robbie Swain, Men's First Team Manager); 01954 203180 (David Stubbley, Ladies' Team Manager); 01954 205382 (Kevin Julian, Chairman, Junior Football Club).

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The Activities Co-ordinators try to arrange a varied list of activities to cater for all interests and abilities. We aim to do something every morning and afternoon in which the residents can participate.

Most of the craft activities are well attended; we paint and do clay modelling etc, not to mention Bingo, keep fit and quizzes. Flower arranging is popular, we had a demonstration last month and some lucky residents took a splendid arrangement back to their rooms. We also have church services and prayer groups every week.

Although some of our residents cannot actually join in they are always welcome to sit with us and enjoy the company. Different entertainers come in once a month and these are always appreciated by everyone, especially if a selection of sing-along songs is included in the repertoire.

Some of our residents attended a garden party at Cottenham Village College in May organised by the Seniors Club based at the College. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed and was followed by a salad tea.

A garden party in June was attended by five residents in the garden of Mr and Mrs Pike at Histon Road Cottenham. They enjoyed a lovely tea and looked around the beautiful gardens afterwards.

We aim to take our residents on an outing once a month: a pub lunch, garden centre or perhaps a National Trust property. We do need help to make this possible, so if you have a few hours to spare and could push a wheel chair or can offer help to play chess, bridge, or even read to residents please telephone 01954 252625.

DISTRICT NURSING

The District Nursing and Child & Family Nursing Teams are based at the Telegraph Street GP surgery in Cottenham. We work closely with other health professionals – GP's, Practice Nurses, Midwives, Physiotherapist etc., and work in conjunction with Social Services, the Local Education Authority and local councils, when appropriate.

The District Nursing Team provide skilled nursing care to adults who are unable to attend the surgery, are in residential homes, who have recently been discharged from hospital or who attend specialist clinics. We support initiatives to prevent avoidable admissions to hospital and to enable patients to return home at the earliest opportunity. We also run a local clinic for people with leg ulceration.

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BIRD REPORT

Every year I am impressed by the time, hard work and persistence which birds devote to the task of bringing up the next generation. As soon as spring appears, they seem to spend all daylight hours in nest-building, incubating eggs and feeding. And then, of course, some birds start all over again, producing two broods a year.

I'm ashamed to say that, as a boy in Yorkshire, I used to go 'nesting', but we would only take an egg if there were at least four in the nest. We would make a pin-hole in each end of the egg and 'blow' them. (Some used to suck and spit out the contents!). Nowadays I recognise that birds, like ourselves, prefer privacy for certain activities, so I am always surprised, when leaves fall in winter, to find nests in unexpected places.

Migration has always fascinated birders, and long ago people were puzzled by it. It was often thought that swallows and house martins spent the winters in caves, or in the mud at the bottom of ponds. Now, of course, we know better.

Many people have reported fewer swallows this year and I have no idea why. Of course, every year large numbers perish during the long flights to or from Africa and conditions may have been particularly bad this year.

Since the building of the new development on Beach Road there have been fewer cuckoos, but one, at least, has regularly been heard between the High Street and Long Drive.

This year I have made a list of summer visitors which I have seen in our area. Here it is: blackcap, chiffchaff, whitethroat, willow warbler, sedge warbler, reed warbler, cuckoo, swallow, house martin, swift, spotted flycatcher, yellow wagtail,

common tern, turtle dove. What have YOU seen that I have missed – please let me know.

I gather that a red kite and a buzzard have both been seen in this area again. These birds of prey are slowly moving a little further east. Will they soon be seen regularly – an exciting prospect?

Jasper Kay, June 2003

PLANNING PACK

A simple, easy-to-read guide to the ins and outs of the planning process and planning law will be distributed to parish councils. South Cambs. District Council Cabinet members gave their seal of approval on Thursday 8 May to the Parish Planning Pack that will now be circulated to all parish councils in South Cambs.

A series of training sessions for parish council representatives have been planned for July which will offer complementary advice and guidance.

The council receives many queries from parish councils asking for guidance on planning matters. The Parish Planning Pack is intended to help parish councils to make informed decisions and recommendations on planning applications and help provide advice and information to parishioners who approach them.

The pack of 12 guidance notes and a glossary has been produced with full input from parish councils. It provides help and information on many aspects of planning such as the need for planning permission, enforcement and what to do if the planning process fails you.

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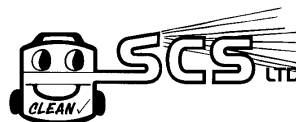
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IS JULY THE CRUELLEST MONTH?

The gate is now shut on most of the combinable crops (wheat, barley, oilseed rape and beans) only to be opened when the combine harvester enters the field. All these crops are doing from now on is drying out. It's an anxious period; no one really knows what the crop is going to produce until the combine harvester rolls. In addition, all the blackgrass and wild oats are now on display, making the place look untidy.

The winter barley and oilseed rape will be gone by the end of the month. The wheat will be ready soon after that. Has the wheat crop started to die early, reducing the yield? There are signs of root disease in some fields as ominous as the name of the disease itself – 'take all'.

The grain stores are being cleaned down and disinfected to keep the bugs out of the crop once in store. We are gearing up to complete all the paperwork for the various quality assurance schemes between oil changes. It's a military exercise, really.

The strange orange glow in some fields is dying weeds on the set aside – set aside is the area we have to take out of production – .Noone remembers why. I think that it used to be something to do with reducing grain mountains but it may be something to do with protecting the environment. Personally I think it is designed to extend the spraying season when there is not much else to do – a bit like they do with the football season with the European cup.

Are there any potato experts out there? The planted area is nearly 15% lower than last year. Usually this would result in a shortage and high prices and the futures price has reached

the heady heights of nearly £120/tonne compared with around £60/t for much of last year's crop. However, those crops in the ground were planted well, look good and there has been just enough rain so yields could counteract the planted area.

The big news at the end of June was that the EU had reformed the Common Agricultural Policy into the Uncommon Agricultural Policy. It's pretty horrific for us and soporific for everyone outside of farming – come to think of it, it's not much more exciting for those involved. In a nutshell, not only have the French claimed victory but so has everyone else despite opposite views. What a clever idea, we all have our own policy now but it is still called the Common Agricultural Policy. Perhaps no one will notice. (We start the reform in 2005 while some of the other countries will start in 2007 – I can already feel that playing field starting to tilt).

As usual the net result will be a greater squeeze on profits and fewer farm workers. The good news is that there will be plenty more farm walks, and many more butterflies to see, to keep everyone occupied in their enforced retirement. Who would believe that world wheat consumption has been greater than production for at least the last 4 years: (2003/4 is estimated)

Excess consumption over production

1999/00	2000/01	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4
26.3	26.8	23.2	45.7	55.3

Incidentally the numbers are million tonnes based on US data – I bet you never expected anything like that in the *Cottenham Newsletter!* The expected deficit in 2003/4 is equivalent to the total UK consumption for about 5 years – I had better stock up on sandwiches.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' NOTES

APPLETREE CLOSE – A planning application to extend the mobile home park onto the newly fenced piece of land adjacent to Histon Road has been refused by the Council. The land is in the Green Belt and outside the village development framework. The applicant has the right to appeal against this decision to the Secretary of State.

NEW SETTLEMENT, OAKINGTON AIRFIELD – The name NORTHSTOWE has been suggested for this new development which now looks certain to go ahead on the former airfield. If anyone wishes to suggest an alternative name you are welcome to send your suggestion to Michael Monk in the Planning Department at South Cambs Hall, 9-11 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1PB.

SKATEBOARD FACILITY, COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE – Planning permission has now been granted for this facility. However a lot of work remains to be done before construction can actually start.

PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS, SMITHY FEN – Appeals have now been lodged against the Enforcement Notices issued by the Council in respect of planning infringements on areas of land at Smithy Fen. The appeals will be heard and decided by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Council will be taking court action in relation to failures to comply with Stop Notices issued at Smithy Fen.

WHEELED BINS – By the time you read this every household should have received information about the new refuse collection system via South Cambs News. Information will also have been given about whom to contact with regard to problems, exceptions etc. However, if particular problems remain which you feel have not been satisfactorily addressed in your case, we will be glad to follow the matter up for you. The new system is expected to be phased in from the autumn onwards and, once it is up and running, we will be happy to pass on any concerns or comments about it.

LITTER – Further to concerns expressed recently in the Newsletter about litter, the District Council is the authority responsible for clearing litter from streets and public paths. Currently the Council operates the following schedule: Mechanical sweeping of roads takes place in February, April, June, August, October and December.

There is a six monthly litter pick in April and October on roads/areas not covered by more regular schedules.

Weekly on Mondays Cottenham High Street from the Green to the Conservative Club, and the footpath from the Green to Pelham Way are cleared.

Fortnightly on Mondays Wilkin Walk, Narrow Lane and the footpath from Lambs Lane to Stevens Close are cleared.

Monthly on Mondays the footpath from the High Street to Franklin Gardens is cleared.

Litter and dog bins are serviced weekly.

If you feel that there are particular problems or that the Council is not meeting its schedule, please let us know or contact Robin Carter, Commercial Director at Oakington Depot, 118 Water Lane, Oakington CB4 5AL, email: Robin.Carter@scambs.gov.uk

We all have a responsibility not to drop litter and to encourage children to dispose of litter tidily. Fines can be imposed for dropping litter in the streets, on public footpaths etc. and for dog owners who fail to clear up after their dog.

SURGERIES – We do not hold surgeries in August but we can still be contacted at home (details on back cover). If one of us is not available, please try the other! Surgeries resume in September on the first Friday of the month from 6.00pm – 6.30 pm in Rampton Village Hall and on the third Friday from 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the Community Room at Franklin Gardens.

Rex Collinson

Tony Nicholas

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Dear Editor

I would like to encourage people in Cottenham to register for Broadband through BT. As a resident of Cottenham I would like to have a faster internet connection. This could be available on a greater scale if you register your interest with BT to make the local telephone exchange broadband enabled; homes and businesses would all benefit.

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There is a great need to stimulate the demand for Broadband Services within this village over and above what can be used with conventional modem dial up access. I would be very interested in your comments etc. If only to let me know you have registered. email mark.bidwell@btinternet.com

Mark Bidwell

Parish Councillor

(Of course broadband services in Cottenham are already available from NTL where the Cable TV network reaches in the Village, and from Invisible Networks – a broadband service provider which delivers broadband services using radio technology and which actually has its headquarters in the Village at 197, High Street. – Ed.)

Dear Editor

Our Coffee Morning in aid of Leukemia Research in April raised £540. Once again, our thanks to everybody who came to the house, but above all to the anonymous donors who sent gifts and money through the letter box. Of course our thanks go once again to:

Clements Hardware Store, Wards Greengrocer, Cambridge Building Society, Gawthrop & Sons.

These traders offer prizes every time they are asked for a charitable event. We have said it before and will repeat it again this year: please support them just as they support us.

Joyce and Henry Fleck.

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Christian Aid week raised the very respectable amount of £2,269.25. My own personal thanks go to everyone who gave up their spare time for collecting. Without their help we would get nothing.

Henry Fleck

Dear Editor,

I would like to make a public acknowledgement to all who helped to make our party, which was held at Cottenham Village College on Saturday 17th May, such a successful and happy occasion. Frances Clarke, Rosalie Dunnico and Sylvia Cooper helped to prepare food, set up tables, and generally do everything possible to make it an enjoyable time. They all worked really hard to this end. Also, a very special thank-you to Linda Unwin and her group of supporters, who gave a very varied selection of entertainment in the form of "Songs from the Shows", plus an amusing monologue by John Unwin. All this entertainment and help was given free of charge.

More recently, our members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at a Garden Party, which was held at Histon Road, in the beautiful garden of Ron and Margaret Pike's home. They organised all the tables seating etc, for us, plus supplying all the cups of tea free of charge. Mrs Sylvia Cooper helped us again, with preparation and distribution of food for this occasion.

We as a club are very fortunate to have so many kind friends, and we wish to thank them all most sincerely

Doreen Chamberlain, Chairlady.

Dear Editor,

May I please write a "heart-felt thank you" to all the very special people in Cottenham who very kindly sent cards and messages, and offered their help in so many ways following my recent illness.

I didn't realise that I had so many friends. Again my sincere thanks.

Roy J Stinton

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