

We're 10!

It is ten years since the first edition was published in late 1990. It was a slender volume, put together by Bridget Walker and Ruth Rogers, who went on to build it into the magazine it is today. They shared the role of Editor for many years until the middle of 1998. We at the *Newsletter* owe them a debt of gratitude for building up a magazine and advertising base, which their successors have been able to keep going to the benefit of all of the people of the village.

When the *Newsletter* was a fledgling publication – the Chemist's shop under Ronald "Mac" Macbeth was a well-established institution, having already kept the people of the village supplied with medicines and other products for many years. Since the last *Newsletter* was published, Mac has retired, selling the business as a going concern to Co-operative Pharmacy. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement, and hopefully the chemist shop will be a feature of the High Street for many years to come.

A more recent development, which was not an issue when the *Newsletter* was launched, is the vexed issue of mobile phone masts. One 2 One plan to erect a mast on Long Drove. This mast is closer to Coolidge Gardens than many of the residents there and on Long Drove would like. The time for action is almost certainly past by the time you read this arti-

cle. However, with a new generation of mobile phone networks due to be deployed, this is an issue which is likely to occur again in the future. Perhaps the authorities should be more active in promoting mast sharing by operators to reduce the proliferation of these eyesores.

Another issue which is growing in importance as time goes by – transport. The problems with traffic congestion between Cottenham and Cambridge are familiar to most of us. This edition of the *Newsletter* contains a questionnaire from a project sponsored by South Cambridgeshire District Council and some of the big employers in the region. The better information they collect through surveys such as these, the more accurate their actions will be in relieving the problems caused by congestion. So let's see if Cottenham can have the highest response rate in the District!

Finally, I would like to thank Adrian Smith who has had to stand down from the editorial team due to pressure of work and other commitments. We will miss his professional editorial skills and his very positive approach to the *Newsletter*.

Eddie Murphy

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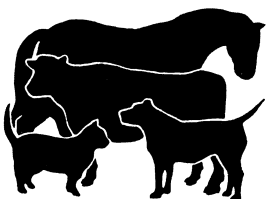
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24th Chocoholics Party, Cottenham Court, 2:00pm.
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December

- 1st Cottenham Seniors Club, 2nd Cottenham Guide Unit – A talk by Bernie Witchalls, Common Room
Cottenham Village College 2:30pm
2nd Christmas Bazaar, All Saints Hall, 2:00pm – 5:00pm
7th Toy Library Session, Salvation Army Barn, 2:15pm – 4:15pm
12th Cottenham Parish Council Meeting – Village College 7:30pm
13th Cottenham Women's Institute – Christmas Meeting (including entertainment on the keyboard), Franklin Gardens Community Centre 7:30pm
15th Cottenham Seniors Club, Cottenham Brass Band entertainment and mince pies, Common Room
Cottenham Village College 2:30pm
16th Toy Library Christmas Craft Session, Salvation Army Barn, 9:30am – 12 noon
19th Carol Concert, Village Green, 6:30pm
27th National Blood Service – Blood Donations, Cottenham Village College, 11:00am – 7:00pm

January

- 5th Cottenham Seniors Club, Slides of old coins by Mr Marsh, Lecture Room, Cottenham Village College
10th Cottenham Women's Institute – Looking at the sky (Astronomy) – Alan Smith, Franklin Gardens Community Centre 7:30pm
12th Cottenham Village Society, Cheffins, Grain and Comins: Antiques evening, Primary School 7:45pm
19th Cottenham Seniors Club, The British Horse Society, a talk by Anthea Freemantle, Common Room, Cottenham Village College
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Where the Lode joins the Great Ouse there is a metal foot-bridge on your left. Cross this bridge (some elementary gymnastics are necessary) and turn right onto the riverbank.

Follow the river along for about a mile until you come to the fifth fence. This is a wonderful stretch by the river, with lovely views and a chance to see birds and the occasional hare or fox.

At the fifth fence there is a clump of small bushes and trees, and a clear, rough track to the left towards Cottenham. Take this track which quickly becomes a tarmacked road. Here there is an interesting optical illusion – it appears that there are Two Cottenham churches! Aim for the right one along the road and after about a mile and a half you will arrive back at your starting point.

The whole walk should take about two and a half hours. Have fun!

SENIOR LEAGUE CRICKET FOR THE VILLAGE AT LAST!

Cottenham Cricket Club's 1st XI has achieved a little bit of history by winning promotion to the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Senior League for the first time in the club's 102 years. The team topped the Junior League Division 1 North in September and so earned the right to be invited into the Senior League along with Division 1 South champions, Stapleford. The 1st team has now won promotion, as champions of their Division, in each of the last three seasons, a remarkable achievement indeed. Obviously, next season will be the toughest yet, and only time will tell how we will perform, but we are convinced that the team is good enough to at least hold its own and the players are really looking forward to the challenge of Senior League cricket. Next summer will be the test to see just how good we are but for now we are simply enjoying our success! As David Hallett in the Cambridge Evening News put it, we are 'on the up and joining the big boys'!

The team has been ably led by Paul Ellsmore who has done an excellent job since joining the club four seasons ago.

Under Paul, the regular players have been John Bowstead, Steve Halkyard, Paul Laston, Ben Lawrence, Nigel Partridge, Graham Partridge, Dave Partridge, Matt Talaga, Chris Tuck and Nigel Wynn with Keith Dalton, Glen Griffiths, Nigel Lawrence, Jamie Taylor and Andy Wake playing several games each and providing great back-up.

At the same time, the club is celebrating the fact that our 2nd team also gained promotion this season. By coming runners-up in Division 4 North they will be playing in 3 North next summer. All those who represented the 2nd XI this season deserve many congratulations for a great effort. Under Matt Stocker's captaincy, the regular players have been Tim Adams, Mark Bird, Keith Dalton, Mick Dean, Glen Griffiths, Jerry Griffiths, Jay Howes, Daniel Mayes, John Mayes, Alex Richards, Nigel Trundle, Jon Wall and John White with Steven Cox, George Griffiths and Matt Talaga

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stepping in when needed. In addition, and for the second year in succession, the club won the annual Willingham 6-a-side charity tournament in July, beating the pre-tournament favourites, Longstanton/Grasshoppers, in the semi-final and the hosts, Willingham, in the final. All in all, therefore, it has been a wonderfully successful summer for the club.

Earlier in the season, the former Nottinghamshire and England batsman Derek Randall officially opened the club's new outdoor nets at the Village College. These were constructed following the award of a grant of £5000 to Cottenham Cricket Club from the national Millennium Festival Awards-for-All Scheme. The under-11 and under-13 members of the club, who were practising in the new nets when Derek arrived, as well as a few older players we might add, listened spellbound as he told us stories of his appearances at various Test arenas around the world (including the famous Centenary Test at the MCG in 1977 when he scored a century) and of the great players he had played against. The new nets have proved a great asset throughout the summer for all the club's players right through from the under-11's to the 1st team.

Talking about our youngsters, the club ran two under-13 teams and one under-11 team last summer, coached by Steve Halkyard and Matt Talaga. The under-11's fell victim to the weather but performed very well in the League and were narrowly beaten in the Cup by Ely & Haddenham. Three of our players, Chris Brown, Russell Garner and Karl Geer played for the District team during the year. It took both under-13 teams a while to chalk up their first wins of the season but having lost a number of games by very small margins, both

teams managed to gain much deserved victories in July which lifted them off the bottom of the table. For many it was their first year of competitive cricket and hopefully the experience of this year will hold them in good stead for next season.

The cricket square at Lambs Lane is now reaping the benefit of the money that has been spent on its improvement both by the club and the Parish Council and also from the hard work that has been put in by Neville Rice and club member Paul Laston. Longer term plans to relocate the square to a different position on the recently-enlarged recreation ground are now coming to fruition although it is likely to be at least a couple of seasons before the new surface will be ready for Senior League cricket.

We feel that, as a club, we are really making some headway in raising the profile of Cottenham cricket. Even so, there are still those who seem unaware that the opportunity to play good standard cricket is now right on their doorstep! We are very anxious to encourage all cricketers living in the village to throw their weight behind the success we are currently enjoying. So to any cricketers, young and old(er), or parents of young cricketers living in the village and not currently involved with the club, we want to say again, please get in touch with us to find out more about our pre-season plans for next summer. Just ring our Secretary, Mick Dean, on (01954) 250037 or have a chat with Steve Halkyard at the Village College – you'll be very welcome indeed.

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Beware the psycho-path

Greetings to all you rugged cyclists who ply the B1049 between Cottenham and Histon. We motorists applaud your active concern for the environment. We admire your audacious disregard for wind and rain. We are humbled by how strappingly fit you must be. And we think you should know that some of you are getting right up a lot of people's noses.

Is there some lurking menace, known only to the bog-wheeling fraternity, which lies in wait on the apparently perfectly good cycle path between Cottenham and Histon? Some beast which threatens to savage the cyclist more horribly than being squashed by a 16-wheel lorry? Why otherwise would cyclists ignore the cycle path and make a dangerous nuisance of themselves by riding in the road?

Day and night you see them, pedalling blithely in the road-way in either direction, heedless of the danger they create, both for themselves and for other road users. At best they cause unnecessary and potentially dangerous tail-backs, especially at peak times. At worst they court injury to themselves—even possible death—while also compromising the futures of innocent drivers who would presumably rather not have a squashed cyclist on their conscience.

As one Watchman confidant put it, the B1049 has become a psycho-path. It was the cycling lobby which battled most vigorously for a dedicated cycle way between Cottenham and Cambridge. Yet now that they've got one, so many of our two-wheeling heroes completely ignore it. And all too often you'll see cyclists (usually only just in time) pedalling doggedly through the darkness without the faintest flicker of a bike light.

Maybe there is some compelling reason why they choose the psycho-path over the cycle path. If so, then doubtless the editor would be glad to publish an angry rejoinder from a two-wheel specialist stating the case.

If not, then here's a word of advice to all you environmentally-friendly, devil-may-care, admirably fit bogwheelers out there. Lip read—and pay heed to—what drivers shout as they swerve to avoid your rear mudguard: 'Why don't you use the ❖◆❖❖❖■❖ cycle path?'

That's Histon with an aitch

It was at the recent excellent beer festival, staged by the Red Lion in Histon, that Watchman became aware of the strength of feeling engendered by the antics of the psychlists on the Histon road. Everyone in the assembled gathering of Cottenham faces agreed that 'something should be done'.

Then, having roundly criticised the offenders, we turned our attention to another thorny issue.

The letter H. Should it be pronounced aitch or haitch? Why does it irritate the hell out of people who say aitch when someone says haitch? And do people who say haitch get equally enraged when they hear someone say aitch? Above all, why should something so apparently trivial be so cussedly infuriating?

As a public service in resolving this debate, Watchman consulted *Fowler's Modern English Usage* for definitive guidance. And it turns out that the sagacious Fowler doesn't mention 'haitch' as an option at all. So, tuffies on all you adherents of the aspirate. It's time to drop your haitches.

Ancient stones with a tale to tell

With such contrasting buildings as the stately old rectory and the wonderful Wooden House, among a company of buildings ancient and modern, the Church End area is already a lively example of imaginative village architecture.

Now the stylish new church hall is nearing completion. And the ancient tumble-down cottage opposite has been renovated with smart new thatch and proper double-hung wood-ensash windows. Church End's in pretty good shape.

But its greatest glory is surely the exquisite mediæval centrepiece: All Saints'. Have you ever stood within the shadow of its ancient walls and wondered at all that must have come and gone here over nearly a thousand years? There's an awe-inspiring story in those ancestral stones.

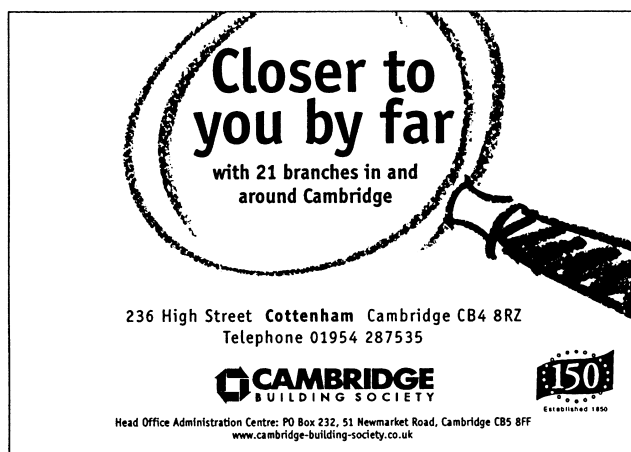
Meanwhile, back at the pub...

Cheers to landlord Sam at the Waggon & Horses, who clearly doesn't subscribe to the modern belief that pub entertainment is all about some overfed wannabe with a battery of karaoke kit bludgeoning 60s hits to death.

It was good to hear talented musicians playing proper musical instruments at the W&H recently—and featuring a number of Cottenham musos. The packed bar and jolly atmosphere, supported by a cask of Bass in fine condition, showed that *real* live music is the business.

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Remember the reasons why masts have been declined before:

- widespread anxiety about long term health risks
- detriment to the character and appearance of the area
- harm to the amenity of neighbouring houses
- other less visually unacceptable sites have not been exhausted

Why is Cottenham such a soft spot for these masts. We don't know the long term effects. Complain now!

Rod Ailes

COTTENHAM BEER AND WINE CIRCLE

Do you know that Cottenham has its own Beer & Wine Circle?

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The new programme has just started, with ten events scheduled between October and July, including a visit to the new Milton Brewery.

Join us:
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BIRD REPORT

If you are interested in birds, what do you call yourself? An ornithologist? A bird-watcher? A twitcher? People regard twitchers with a bit of amusement, so I felt a little embarrassed recently when I cycled up the, normally quiet, Long Drove to join about 40 birdwatchers, many with telescopes.

And why? Because a rare bird had been spotted here and many of those twitchers had heard of it through telephone messages or via their pagers. There it was, a juvenile red-backed shrike, no doubt on its way south to warmer climes.

I asked some of the watchers where they were from. One couple told me they were from near Leicester and were on their way to see a rare bird in Kent. Others were from equally far afield – and all during a fuel crisis!

I went up Long Drove again a few days later and the bird was still there, this time much closer to the road. I have seen them before in France but they are unusual visitors to Britain. Another first sighting in Cottenham!

By early October, most swallows and house martins had gone, but there were still some young swallow on the Twentypence Road on October 14th. I hope they were strong enough to fly off before the cold weather. On October 1st I was surprised to hear two chiffchafs singing, one at the Village College and one in a High Street garden. It is possible that these birds have decided to over-winter here. In mid-October I was waiting to see the first fieldfares and redwings arrive.

A large unidentified bird of prey was seen in a High Street garden. Could it have been a buzzard? We shall probably never know. Another unusual sight in Broad Lane was a kingfisher apparently drinking from a puddle by the road. Well, the bird world is full of surprises.

Jasper Kay

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COTTENHAM FEAST PARADE

The following is a letter to Rev. Ian Friars concerning the changes made to this year's feast parade. The letter was sent to The Newsletter with a request that we publish it. This we do here and we include the response from Rev. Friars.

Dear Ian

Today I have received my copy of the *Newsletter*, which I, and many others, look forward to reading.

I write to you in total amazement at the "Feast Committees" decision to start this year's "Feast Parade" at Broad Lane. It appears to me that us residents at the "Church End" of the High Street and Twenty Pence Road nearly always miss out on the village celebrations as we did a few years ago, on the occasion of "Cottenham Parish Councils Centenary Celebrations" because of a so called "Bomb Scare".

I sincerely hope that the members of the "Feast Committee" are also listening to the views of us "life-long" and "older" residents of Cottenham.

The "Feast Parade" has long been a tradition for families to get together for the day. Dinner is served early and then the older ones are placed on their chairs in drives and on pavements for what is always an enjoyable afternoon. Those that are able bodied go to the green for the service and others not so able bodied are left with the pots of tea, cake and biscuits to fend for themselves until our return.

Having the parade leave at Broad Lane will undoubtedly see a definite decline in donations that are so freely given on this occasion, my estimation would be at least half of what has been raised in recent years. Our end of the village always gives generously!

I and my children have over the years, as I'm sure many others alike, thoroughly enjoy being on the floats and the centre of attention. I cannot honestly remember a Feast Parade in my time that has been spoilt by the weather (I hope I haven't tempted fate!?) I can also recall times when it has been warm enough to eat tea outside! May I suggest that those parents who have voiced their concerns over their children wrap

them up according to the weather conditions, and take Cottenham as it is and STOP trying to change history! While I realise that times change and things move on etc., it is MY opinion that some things are best left alone, especially traditions of many years. This also may be the only time of the year that some Cottenham residents visit our part of the village and yes, there is life beyond Broad Lane!

I note in the *Newsletter* that you intend to send out a questionnaire to all those who took part. May I respectfully request that this questionnaire is sent to the whole village, after all this is a Community Venture? And also take into account it is the people who line the streets that give so generously.

What next I ask myself? Do a "Cromwell" and cancel Christmas? I wonder what peoples' reaction to that would be?

Your comments on the above would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Julia Brand

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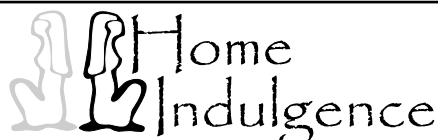
Dear Julia,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Feast. It is good to know of your interest and support for the event and will try to answer some of your concerns on behalf of the members.

In your letter you ask that the members of the Feast Committee listen to the views of 'life-long' and 'older' residents of Cottenham. This was my eighth Feast Parade, which I would agree is nothing to some members of our committee who have been part of the event for seventy years! I am glad to say the committee, of which I was pleased to be chairman for this year, is reflective of the village as a whole; there are the 'life-long' residents of Cottenham and relative newcomers as myself. As all decisions were taken unanimously, I hope that you will understand that we were certainly listening, involving and taking account of the views of 'older' residents as well as new.

The decision to move the start to Broad Lane was after listening to comments from parents and participants of the Parade. Many have thanked us. There are areas of the village

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the Parade does not pass at all. It could be said that you and I are being selfish to want the Parade to pass our own homes when it does not pass the majority of others. I note that you consider that Church End 'nearly always miss out on the village celebrations'. We are fortunate to have the Parish Church at our end of the village and shall be welcoming literally hundreds of village residents to celebrations in the coming Christmas season!

You talk about a decline in donations and suggest that we, at our end of the village give half of what has been given in recent years. I respectfully suggest Julia, that this is discourteous to residents of other parts of our village. There is no evidence for this whatsoever. Speaking personally, I consider that as a village we have not been very generous on Feast Sunday for many years. In my eight years, the collections have always amounted to around £1,000 mainly because many consider it is a tradition only to give copper coins at the Feast Parade. Surely that is one tradition that should be brought up to date! I admit the collection was only £965 this year but my sadness is in hearing people saying that the reason for that is because it is going outside the village. Was it so wrong to suggest that for just two years, around the change of Millennium, we, who have so much to be thankful for, should think of a small village whose residents do not even have the facility of fresh water from a tap. Just think of the joy, the better health and the thankfulness of those men, women and children who, as a result of our Cottenham Millennium Project, will be able to enjoy this from now on. I find this attitude difficult. There are many good causes we

could support and have done over recent years. It will change again in 2001.

You talk about the committee 'changing history' and how it should be 'left alone'. Others have said to me that we ought to get back to how the Feast 'used to be', but the Feast has always been changing. Talk to people who remember it years ago and they will tell you how residents had days off for it, how the parade was on a Monday, football matches took place against the neighbouring villages, how the parade was a fashion show when everyone used to have a new coat or suit which they wore with pride. Everyone has different memories of Feast Sunday. Not everyone wants to go back to how it was. In fact many people have said this was the best year yet, especially when it came to the lively and uplifting worship on the Green. It was interesting that people lingered far longer on the Green than in recent years. Perhaps next year we could have a barbecue there or refreshments of some sort?

I hope this letter goes some way to answering your concerns and again thank you for your interest. I do support your excellent suggestion that everyone should have the chance to say what they would like to see happen on Feast Sunday. I am therefore grateful to the Editor of the *Cottenham Newsletter* for agreeing to print a questionnaire. I feel sure the Feast Committee members for the coming year will welcome the responses.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Friars (on behalf of the Feast Committee members)

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Have you or your family participated in the past? Yes / No

Did you watch the parade this year en route or at the Green? Yes / No

Were you happy with the shortened route this year? Yes / No

If not, what route would you like to see the procession take:
.....

Would you like to see refreshments served on the Green after the event? Yes / No

Would you consider being part of the organising committee? Yes / No

Who would you like to benefit from the proceeds of the 2001 Feast Parade:
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Any suggestions for improving Cottenham's Feast Parade:
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Mobile Telecommunications

In response to popular concern, the government appointed an Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, chaired by Sir William Stewart, to evaluate all published studies into the safety of wireless transmissions. Its report, published on 11 May this year, concluded that "The balance of evidence to date suggests that exposures to radio frequency radiation below National Radiological Protection Board and International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection guidelines do not cause adverse health effects to the general population." (Equipment in the UK was built to NRPB standards. The ICNIRP limits are lower than the NRPB limits, but almost all existing installations are now ICNIRP-compliant.)

There is, however, evidence that there may be biological effects at exposures below these guidelines. This does not necessarily mean that such effects lead to disease or injury, but a precautionary approach is advisable until much more detailed and scientifically-robust information on any health effects becomes available. While the number of active mobile phones now exceeds the number of land lines, they have not been around long enough for currently unknown dangers to have been recognised. There may well be none, but we just don't know yet.

There is greater concern about the potential risks to users of handsets, particularly children, than about the impact of base stations on the health of people living nearby. Nevertheless, the Stewart Report recommended that existing planning arrangements for siting of new base stations should be reviewed. In particular, it called for permitted development rights for masts shorter than fifteen metres to be revoked. In other words, every new base station, or modification of an existing one, should be subject to a full planning application.

When one attempted (for the second time) to mount antennae and dishes on the drill tower at the Fire Station, the parish council called on the district council to become much more proactive in its planning role with regard to these masts, given that many more are likely to be required for third-generation technology. The district council responded by organising a seminar for its members and officers and some from Cambridge City Council, to which all four current mobile phone operators sent spokesmen to answer questions.

The planning committee has also appointed a working party, of which I am a member, to attempt to coordinate the siting of masts across the district, with the aim of requiring the operators to share facilities, keeping the overall total to a minimum, and siting them in the least unacceptable places.

Setting the tone

Involve young people. They love to be asked. Give them responsibility and they take it.

This was the upbeat message from a conference and workshop held by the district council at the Meadows Community Centre in Cambridge at the end of October. As part of the attempt to win back voters, and perhaps reverse declining turnouts in local government elections, authorities are being encouraged to extend youth participation in their activities.

By far the most inspiring and uplifting speakers were the youngsters themselves, though I couldn't help feeling that they are the sort of people who will be far too busy when they grow up to involve themselves with the slow-moving machinery of the democratic systems we will bequeath them.

Of course one of the difficulties in providing for young people is that they don't stay young for long. In this "information-rich" age it is perhaps surprising to learn that lack of publicity is a common refrain. They just don't know what's available where, which is why "youth maps" are so important. The mid-teens are an example of what is known in the horrible jargon as a "hard-to-reach" group, and the most effective way of reaching young people is word of mouth from other young people.

The issue of greatest concern is the environment, as you would expect, but less predictably their own safety figured highly, with shelters gaining acceptance as reassuring meeting places away from residents' complaints about noise and intimidation. Young adolescents, it seems, find comfort in half-light but not total darkness.

The adults came away with a commitment to give young people a sense of their own value by convincing them that other people value them too. Making them feel part of society is a two-way process, a recognition of what they have to offer and communication of the opportunities and services available to them.

Since the main source of disorder is cited as boredom, resources can be far more productively spent in engaging with young people than clearing up the consequences of not doing so.

Regular surgery

Remember that you can meet me and your County Councillor Peter Stroude between 5:30pm and 6:30pm on the first Friday of the month in the Communal Room at Franklin Gardens. Other ways of contacting us are on the back page.

Tim Wotherspoon

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

LOCAL PLAN INQUIRY – CHANGE OF DATE

The date on which the Local Plan Inspector will hear the objection which proposes housing development to the north and north-west of Oakington Road and bordered by Rampton Road has been changed to Thursday 22 February 2001. The sessions will be held at 10:00am and 2:00pm at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge. Members of the public can attend as observers but cannot take part.

The District Council is opposing the objection which could produce up to 600 houses on the site and the Council's position has been formally backed by Cottenham Parish Council and by myself

SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME – HISTON ROAD

The Highway Authority in conjunction with their consultants have now come up with a draft scheme which will enable the speed limit to be reduced to 30 mph from Appletree Close up to the existing 30 mph limit at Dunstal Field. The scheme will involve repeated warning features on the highway surface throughout the length of road in question together with at least one – and, hopefully, two – flashing warning signs. The Highway Authority will be undertaking localised publicity for the scheme and it is hoped to start work on installing it early in the New Year.

PROPOSED MOBILE PHONE MAST – LAND OPPOSITE ARXLEY NURSERY, LONG DROVE

One 2 One are seeking to erect a mobile phone mast at this location. Because the mast will be no higher than 15 metres (49 feet), they do not have to make a formal planning application but instead have to serve a prior notice on the District Council. Under this procedure the Council's powers are basically limited to objecting on visual grounds but, if residents have concerns, they should write to the Planning Director at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge. Despite an authoritative scientific report earlier this year, there is still no absolute certainty that such masts do not pose a health risk although the committee of scientists found no evidence that they do. Government policy is to encourage sharing of masts and mast locations. There is already a mast to the South-East of Beach Road well away from the built-up area of the village.

GREEN BOXES FOR RECYCLING

Residents should by now have had these delivered and are hopefully using the scheme. If you are elderly or infirm and cannot carry your box out to the front of your property, the Council can arrange to collect it from your door. If you wish to use this service contact Don Haymes on 01223 443192 or write to him at South Cambridgeshire Hall. He is also the person to contact if you have any problems with the green box scheme.

CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL

As a result of the recent Local Government Act, councils have to change the way they do their business. The present system of committees dealing with services like housing will be replaced with a system more like that of central government with the decision makers being subjected to scrutiny by the rest of the council. There are various options including the possibility of an elected mayor. Public consultation on these options will be taking place over the winter and South Cambs Council hopes to have the new system up and running in the early summer.

SHINE

This is the title of a 'celebration of light during the winter months' which is being organised by Wysing Arts of Bourn in conjunction with the South Cambs Arts Unit. As part of the programme a 'lightworks feature' by two artists will be displayed at the Doctor's Surgery, 188 High Street, Cottenham between 1st and 8th December. Various other events are taking place throughout the District including a day of family events at Milton Country Park on Saturday 25 November. Programme leaflets are available in libraries etc. and further details can be obtained from the Arts Unit on 01223 724142.

I am always happy to be consulted by residents either at home (details on back cover) or at my monthly 'surgery' from 5:30 – 6:30pm. on the third Friday of the month in the communal room at Franklin Gardens.

Rex Collinson

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Poetry Corner

Lullaby (for an autistic child)

A little girl so precious, inhales the fragrance so sweet
Of a beautiful, perfect yellow rose, its petals around her feet -
She stoops to gather gently exquisite loveliness,
As she sings a forgotten lullaby of haunting tenderness....
Lullaby so haunting, like a heart without a beat
As she stoops to gather gently the petals around her feet.

A little girl so special is swinging on her swing
She has a tune to hum to and a lullaby to sing -
She stops to pick the flowers that nestle in the grass
As she eels their silky softness like the sheen on polished brass.
Lullaby so soothing like dreams that come to pass
As she stops to pick some flowers that nestle in the grass.

A little girl so truthful as she kneels to say her prayers
Sharing with our Blessed Lord her secret joys and cares -
She lifts her eyes to Heaven, hoping she will see Him there
With saints and angels gathered round and his Virgin Mother fair.
Lullaby so gentle for this child with copper hair
As she lifts her eyes to Heaven knowing He will always care.

A little girl so loving in every thought and way,
As she gently brushes her mother's hair when the shadows cease
to play -

She bends to kiss her softly upon her satin cheek
Encircling deep within her arms, love found!, no more to seek.
Lullaby so tender for a girl who will not speak,
As she softly brushes her mother's hair and kisses her satin cheek.

A little girl autistic, so different yet the same,
Who lives in a locked-up world of her own and plays a lonely game -
Her hands reach out to touch us, to feel that we are there,
Then lead us on into a place of which we're not aware
Lullaby of sadness, lullaby that came
Out of that very desolate world where nothing seems the same;
A worlds with neither blame nor shame where she plays her solitary game.

Angela Holland

Fairies are beautiful
Fairies are nice
Fairies can do magic
Fairies are bright

Witches are ugly
Witches can do spells
Witches have warts
And potions as well

Sophie Abraham (Age 6)

Short Stories & Poetry

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

ARTICLES, DATES AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

E-mail, PC floppy disk and paper submissions are all welcome. Please contact the Editors if you have any questions. Dates of events to be advertised in the next issue (No. 61) should span the last week of January and the months of February and March.

The Holly Walk

The Holly walk 10:30am at Cottenham Church, is a popular annual event. We always follow the same route – up the Cut to Twentypence and back (5 miles). Shorter legs can do a shorter distance. An excellent way to spend Boxing Day morning.



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COTTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Readers will be aware that the Council, following appeals from a number of Histon Road residents, has been discussing with the County Highways department the possibility of reducing the 40mph speed limit in that area to 30mph. We recently had the opportunity of looking at the Department's proposals, designed by the consultants W S Atkins. The traffic flow at peak periods is very heavy, and the council has held the view that severe width restrictions, "sleeping policemen" and similar physical barriers should be avoided so as not to slow down the traffic too much and cause unnecessary congestion. Such measures also cause problems for wide loads and the agricultural machinery which use the road from time to time. The proposals we have seen do appear to give very clear warnings without unnecessarily obstructing the free flow of traffic. A key element will be the provision of speed activated and illuminated "30" signs which flash at motorists who exceed the limit. These have proved to be very effective elsewhere in the county. Other reminders of the limit will include bands of red tarmac and "blister islands", which although raised from the road surface by only 40mm, do give the psychological impression of a physical barrier. This work will be funded jointly with the County Council under their "Joint Funding Scheme".

On another Highways matter, it has been pointed out to the Council that the road markings at the end of Victory Way confuse many motorists and recently caused something akin to "road rage"! This is perhaps not surprising as the road markings are in fact wrong! They suggest that one way entry and exit only are allowed, whereas in fact entry and exit are allowed on both sides of the "island". We will be approaching the Highways Dept to clarify the situation.

On a lighter note, we would like to dedicate the following composition, which appeared many years ago in the Bulletin of the Association of Local Councils, to our long serving (since 1972) and long suffering Parish Clerk, Peter Sanderson. He says he identifies strongly with the sentiments expressed, except, for now, the bit about resignation!

Ode to a Parish Clerk

Come all ye would-be councillors and harken unto me
Ye would-be politicians of both low and high degree
All you in Local Government who aim to make your mark
Attend now to the wisdom of your aged Parish Clerk

You may think as a candidate you are a choice selection
You may find that you win a seat next time there's an election
You may think you can change the scene but here let me remark
You need to have the services of a good hard-working Clerk

You'll find your powers are limited and sadly that is true
You'll even find bureaucracy has filtered down to you
But when you feel you're at a loss and floundering in the dark
Who sheds a feeble ray of light? Who but the Parish Clerk?

Just look at the Agenda now, the future's not inviting
With the question of new housing, and the problems of street lighting
The Chairman feels frustrated when he fails to make his mark
And turns in his frustration to his faithful Council Clerk

Write a letter, write a letter, you can hear the Chairman groan
Write a letter now to say that we have troubles of our own
Write to the County Council now about the proposed car park
Whatever shall we say to them? Oh, leave it to the Clerk!

The Bank Account is overdrawn, the precept's over-spent
The Council cannot understand where all the money went
The Auditor does not believe in working in the dark
He'll have his day of reckoning with the hapless Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk is getting old, he finds the going tough
His resignation's tendered now, he feels he's had enough
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ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT GROUP

Church Lane on a very hot Sunday in September – Peter Pilbeam briefs members of the Environment Audit Group in the techniques of hedgerow surveying. After a successful trial run, the Group plans to start its audit of the village's landscape and ecological features with a survey of all accessible hedgerows in the parish.

The Environment Audit is a joint initiative by the Design, Wildlife and Footpath Groups [see August/September issue 'Where Have all the Orchards Gone?']. We would warmly welcome volunteers to help with the survey.

If you would like to find out more, contact Andrew Withers on Cottenham 252173.



COTTENHAM'S WALKING BUS

If you are a resident of Cottenham or just passing through, on weekday mornings during term you might have seen a crocodile of children in fluorescent tabards walking along the High Street. This is Cottenham Primary School's first Walking Bus.

The current route begins at the Parish Church gate and runs along the High Street and Lambs Lane to the school. Children are picked up from their front doors or at 'Bus Stops'. The Bus walks every day in all weathers and relies on volunteer parents, grandparents, childminders etc. to be drivers and conductors.

The Church End Bus starts with one child and arrives at school with eighteen. An extra conductor is picked up on the way to ensure the correct ratio of adults to children.

The benefits of the Walking Bus are:

- Safe, supervised journey to school;
- Healthy exercise;
- Socialising, a chance to chat with friends on the way to school;
- Fewer morning trips to school for parents;
- Fewer cars travelling to and parking outside school;
- People in cars notice the bus and stop at crossing points.

Cottenham is a large, busy village and has many cars travelling through from other areas, as well as increased residents' traffic. If the Walking Bus helps to reduce the amount of cars at the school gates, then it must help reduce the volume of traffic through the village, and thus help make our village safer and more environmentally friendly.

A further Walking Bus route is soon to begin from Coolidge Gardens. The school is eager to promote more routes. Reliable volunteers are needed to drive and conduct. If you can help, please ring the school on 01954 250227.

Rosemary Miller

NEWS FROM THE FEN EDGE PATCH

Arts in Fen Edge Patch

The recent focus on Textiles has shown the tremendous variety of those working with textiles at the present time. Forget mass-produced designs on canvas or repetitive cross-stitch on tray cloths. The creative embroidery of those artists who displayed their work at the "Threaded Art" Exhibition, held at the College in mid-October, offered a feast to the eye and caught the imagination, with a wealth of tone, colour and themes.

Michael Brennand-Wood has been an innovator in contemporary textiles for more than twenty years. His visit to Cottenham, in between tours of New Zealand and Japan, was an inspiration to all those who took part in his workshops or who attended his illustrated talk. Teen-age students were sparked off by Michael's journey through life to produce wall hangings and 3D pieces of immense vigour, and the lecture room was packed when Michael described his latest works, sharing his ideals for textile design with passion and humour. The residency will be completed when Michael runs 4 weekend workshops in January, for which there are still a few places – Jan. 7, 14, 20, 21. Cost £10.00 per workshop. Cottenham Village College 01954 288944

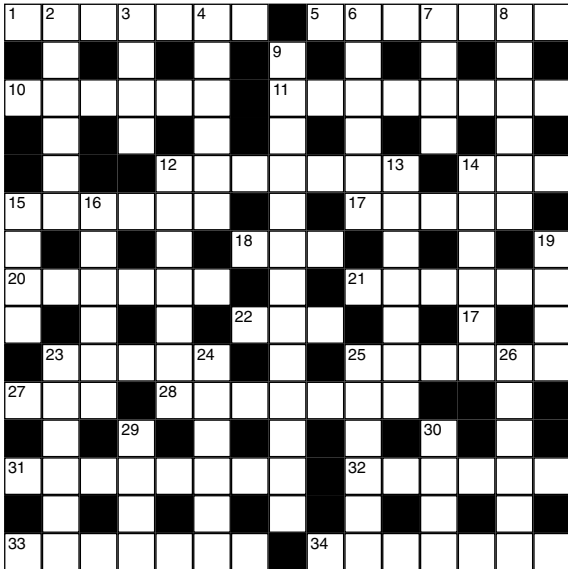
What next? In the spring, we are planning a Focus on Dance and Music. We have already made a booking for Motionhouse Dance. Their new production is a powerhouse of extreme physical action, with dancers launching themselves across platforms, swinging on steps and leaping into a 'bouncy castle' pool. Friday, April 27th – They will also run workshops beforehand.

We are also hoping to present several smaller musical events on a European theme, so watch out for dates and venues.

Jenny Kay and Jane Heath

Crossword

Compiled by Roger Gautrey



ACROSS

- 1 Sufficient, we hear, for the bottle (7)
- 5 Kick spud tin around with the connoisseurs (7)
- 10 Curious eastern sauce with nut (6)
- 11 Regret to open the invitation (8)
- 12 Gloated when Dave accepted the tun (7)
- 14 Lead could be taken in this vehicle (3)
- 15 Meet charged particle and adjective shortly (6)
- 17 Send money to get timer back (5)

- 18 Provincial governor (Turkish) could be unknown quantity (3)
- 20 Do it to the artillery in a practiced way (6)
- 21 Clamber about with fifty less on the slope (6)
- 22 Steve Redgrave uses one, we hear with reverence (3)
- 23 It turns palindromically (5)
- 25 Stick in the brad he recommended (6)
- 27 Give body odour to a snake perhaps (3)
- 28 Talks wildly about extracts from the engraving service manual (7)
- 31 Has a van north of the grassy plain (8)
- 32 French wine is nothing but a mirage (6)
- 33 I.C.I. held their social gathering north of the border (7)
- 34 Tree and sheep at the holy mans retreats (7)

DOWN

- 2 Coins and peas could be – perhaps (6)
- 3 No infection at work (4)
- 4 A manly amateur (6)
- 6 Water tube out of a mature termite – maybe (6)
- 7 Obligation for Tyrone to follow some French (4)
- 8 Its a danger that royal engineers accept (6)
- 9 It might hold the servery down (13)
- 12 Sir Vito could be one passing by (7)
- 13 Give way to mad Den's requests (7)
- 14 Six can make it successful (6)
- 15 Saga about the rulers (4)
- 16 Job era for the rodent (6)
- 19 It could be bare in the Highlands (4)
- 23 23 does it sometimes (6)
- 24 The monarch did it with spots, reportedly (6)
- 25 American plants the South African gave (6)
- 26 The entire formation has to regenerate (6)
- 29 No American girl should be in one (4)
- 30 He's a dope fiend to be sure (4)

Answers on inside back cover

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TALES FROM THE WHITE HORSE

Sorting through some old papers the other day I came across the first 'day book' we kept in 1967. Looking through I noted that on New Year's Eve we took the princely sum of £33.12.6d on the day! It was the custom, in the village on New Year's Eve, for groups of friends to visit every pub during the evening – starting at one end with The Cross Keys or the other end with The Jolly Waterman. Everyone walked so the streets would be seething and very noisy. If you started at The Cross Keys, it was then on to The Chequers, The Hopbind, The White Horse, The Jolly Millers, The Wheatsheaf (opposite the Church) The Jolly Waterman and somewhere along the way The Wagon & Horses. As the licensee, you could be nearly empty one moment and overwhelmed when the next group walked in. Everyone got extremely merry and celebrations went on well into the night. (I know it doesn't sound much but £33.12.6d would have represented over 300 drinks).

In the Spring of 1968 we received, at long last, a call from the Brewery informing us that they were now prepared to do some work to the premises. The architect would call – they said. In due course he arrived, with a couple of assistants, and they looked around at the two small bars and took a few measurements. We just watched because as we were only tenants we expected them to tell us what they would do. Instead, when they had finished looking, they asked us what we would like! And in that moment they started what, for me, would become a major interest in my life. Alterations!!! We had no ideas and had to think on our feet. "What about putting a bar across the corner of the saloon?" The bar was a

half circle and this would make it much bigger and easier to serve. The kitchen needs to be bigger and the cellar is a mud hole. "Yes" said the architect, these things would be done and they would redecorate the two bars and the kitchen.

It all took so long! First the builders had to estimate. The Brewery had their preferred builders who had to come quite a distance and who were already working on other properties – but eventually, months later, they arrived to start work on The White Horse. What a nightmare they unleashed. We had to continue trading while they worked, so every evening when they went home we had to clear up the best we could and carry on. It went on for months because the builders were working on other Brewery contracts at the same time, so they would work on our place for a week and then disappear for two. They gave us no information so we never knew when they would turn up again. They did no actual repairs to the structure although the walls were old and crumbly. Instead they produced this 'wonderful' material called decorply. (Plywood faced off to look like paneling). We had decorply everywhere! If the wall was dodgy – decorply would hide it. And all the walls were dodgy! But, when it was finished, it all looked very nice, and a new pump in the cellar and a coat of paint on the walls worked wonders. Then they turned their expert eyes on the kitchen!

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Tales from the White Horse continued from previous page

There is a painting of the High Street taken from outside the Con Club and showing the buildings after the Great Fire of Cottenham in the mid 1800's. The burnt out shell of The White Horse is clearly seen. The Victorian builders rebuilt The White Horse on the foundations – but they only built one-brick thick. So damp and mould were terrible problems, and particularly in the back part of the building. The back wall of the kitchen was very bad and when stripped down by our workmen the garden next door could be clearly seen through the gaps. A coat of plaster would fix all that, said the builders, and slapped a thick coat of plaster on the wall. Left to dry overnight – next morning it was all in a heap on the floor. So up went another layer, and that also fell on the floor. They scratched their heads and muttered together and decided to nail some corrugated sheets to the wall and then plaster over. They produced the biggest fan heater I had ever see and instructed us to leave it on all night to dry the plaster and, guess what, next day the plaster was all on the floor! So then they got fed-up and fixed plasterboard sheets to the wall.

When it was all finished it looked very nice!

This was the first time we turned The White Horse upside-down with our alterations and was minor compared with what we did later. But, at the time, it seemed wonderful and business certainly 'took-off' from this time.

Rosalie Dunnico

TRAVEL SURVEY

In this month's edition of the *Cottenham Newsletter*, you'll find a survey and a FREEPOST envelope from Travel for Work.

Travel for Work is a project run partly by South Cambridgeshire District Council, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of journeys to work. We work with some of Cambridgeshire's biggest employers including Addenbrooke's Hospital, the University of Cambridge and the Science Park.

Previously, our work has focussed on changes at the workplace that will encourage staff to consider more sustainable ways of getting to work, such as cycling, walking and bus.

Now, we want to find out your views about the transport options for getting to work from Cottenham.

How easy is it to cycle to work?

Do the buses run at the right time?

Would you be interested in car sharing with neighbours some days?

This survey will provide us with useful information to develop ideas such as car sharing databases or to go to bus companies with suggestions as to how they can improve their services.

It is not intended to be the final word on transport issues in Cottenham. We would like to see people who are interested in the village get involved and work together on this and other transport issues in the future, such as travel needs of the elderly and children.

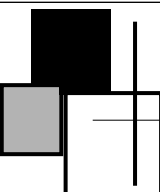
This survey will add to that work and give the people of Cottenham a real opportunity to influence local bus companies and transport planners to do their best for the village.

The more people who return the survey, the stronger that voice will be. In the past, some villages have seen survey return rates of up to 60 per cent – let's see if we can beat that!

The survey is just a start but it is an important one if we are to improve transport access to and from Cottenham.

Let us know what you think.

David Meiklejohn



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REFLECTIONS

— by Moyra A Borg

I have had to walk everywhere or go on the bus for the past month. No, I haven't the willpower to make myself do this. It was a question of having to walk wherever I needed to go because I could not find my MOT certificate among the heaps of paper which I refer to as my filing system. So my car was declared 'SORN' – officially off the road. I had also rather sadly run out of money and diesel at the same time and Jason had about one teaspoon of the stuff in his tank when the fuel crisis began. There was no diesel to be had for love nor money that week and when there was diesel to be had, one had to queue for a couple of hours to get a tank full.

This decided the situation and so one rather rotund person was to be seen huffing and puffing up and down the village – walking to and from my morning job and my evening job and everywhere else for that matter. My exhaustion when I reached home was such that I could not muster the energy to hunt for my mislaid certificate. So this health and fitness 'drive' went on for a whole month. I felt so lucky to have two jobs so nearby, though it hadn't exactly come about by accident. I do not like having to spend time commuting. I found that having to walk somewhere meant that I only had to allow myself ten minutes to get anywhere in Cottenham.

The effort of all the walking nearly killed me in the first fortnight but after that I went through the pain barrier and began to enjoy the exercise. My fitness did improve beyond doubt and the huffing and puffing eventually stopped and I felt so much better. 'Walk four miles a day' ought to be something a doctor can write on a prescription pad. It would not be well-liked by the patient but would cost nothing in prescription fees. I must say though it did in fact take longer than ten minutes to get anywhere because I kept meeting up with people I had not seen for ages.

I do love travelling by bus because you can really have a good look at everything you go past and do not have to worry about parking spaces or costs. I do however have my reservations because on occasions buses leave from the wrong bay with the wrong route number and the wrong destination displayed. I find it difficult to guess where the driver is about to take his passengers. He however has a whole bus full of people who are better than I am at mind reading and they all know where the bus is going.

One day I waited over an hour for the Cottenham bus but was told that it had already left. I was waiting outside in the dark and cold for over an hour, there was no bus official anywhere in the bus station and no-one answering the telephone at the bus company. My keenness for using buses evaporated at this point. In the end I chickened out and paid £10 for a replacement certificate and taxed Jason again vowing never to use him for small local journeys. Hmm well it is a bit cold and wet and windy so...



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LETTERS to the Editors

Dear Editors

I would like to thank all those people who kindly looked in their sheds and garages for my missing cat, now safely found.

Jane Boysen, New Town

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Dear Editors

Thank you to all the Cottenham Seniors members who attended and gave so generously at the Bring and Buy sale on Friday 29th September. £55.00 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Relief. Also thanks to all who came to the coffee morning held at Cottenham Court on the same date which raised a further £27.54 for the same cause.

Cottenham Seniors

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Dear Editors

The introduction of the green boxes for recycling seems to have caused confusion regarding the collection of newspapers and magazines in the shed of All Saints Church, Cottenham.

May I point out that, as far as All Saints is concerned, collections continue at the church. Our collection is sponsored and paid for by South Cambs. District Council, which has just replaced the old bins with three new ones, which are much easier to open. We have been collecting newspapers for almost 20 years, and have been glad of the income this generates.

Please don't stop letting us have your old papers. If you cannot get them to the church, give me a ring (250635) and I will do my best to collect them.

Henry Fleck

Across
1 Ampoule, 5 Pundits, 10 Snouty, 11 Overture,
12 Vaunted, 14 Van, 15 Adjoin, 17 Remit, 18 Bey,
20 Adroit, 21 Camber, 22 Awe, 23 Rotor, 25 Adhere
27 Boa, 28 Ravings, 31 Savannah, 32 Vision, 33 Cellidh,
34 Ashrams
Down
9 Counterweight, 12 Visitor, 13 Demands, 14 Viable
15 Agas, 16 Jerboa, 19 Brae, 23 Rotate, 24 Rained
25 Agaves, 26 Reform, 29 Gaol, 30 User

— Crossword answers —

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FOR NEXT ISSUE

25th DECEMBER

Dear Editors

Even when transit vans or lorries use the legal parking spaces outside Shaun's newsagents, it is impossible to see vehicles approaching from Broad Lane mini-roundabout when turning right out of Rooks Street. As for Rooks Street, it is a rat track. Lorries ignore the blue sign stating it is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. It is used as a cut through and the speed reached at times (particularly by white transit vans) is frightening. It is time to consider making Rooks Street one way and to install traffic calming (Sleeping policemen or humps). Preferably one way from the High Street to Denmark Street. Meantime there needs to be more careful parking. I've been unable to get out of my drive on a number of occasions.

Jennie Blood Smyth
Rooks Street resident

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Dear Editors

Rather late in the day for a thank you, but the timing was wrong to catch the last publication of the Cottenham Newsletter. It is, however, never too late to say thank you, and in this case it refers to the wonderful support we received for the Coffee Morning held at 106 Histon Road on the 29th September. This was part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Relief charity.

With the help of family and friends, we raised the magnificent sum of £455. Again thank you to everyone who supported us by attending or by sending donations, not forgetting the generosity of our local traders who provided many of the prizes for the raffle.

Last year the national total was £2.2 million, and this year's target is £2.5 million. We hope that this will be achieved to help this very worthwhile cause.

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