



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the April/May village newsletter.

First of all, I'd like to personally congratulate New Cottingham FC for their recent cup win - this is fantastic news and we're all really proud of you! A team presentation will be organised towards the end of May. Keep an eye on the village website for more information.

There's lots happening in the villages over the next few months - so much that I have had to commandeer page 2 for additional 'What's On' information, as well as the usual round up on the back page. Lots of effort goes into organising these events, so please support them wherever you can.

Have a lovely Easter.

Regards,

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Best footy - first !

New Cottingham FC recently triumphed in a 2-0 victory over Kettering team 'Rising Sun' to win the Fred Deeley Memorial Trophy. Goal scorers were James Green and David Horsley. The team would like to thank all the villagers who turned out to support them and the Royal George for their continued sponsorship.

The winning team are pictured here - back row (left to right) Stuart Mason, Michael Hall, James Green, Lee Wildman, Andy Meads, Martin Collins, Michael Wilkinson; front row (left to right) Steven Ratcliffe, Neil Jarman (Manager), Steven Torrance, Matthew Sheen, Mark Walker, Richard Moore, David Horsley, Paul Tilley, Adam Muir.



A welcome addition



Cottingham Parish Council has produced its first village Welcome Pack, which has been specially designed for people who have just moved into Cottingham.

The 13-page pack aims to give new residents a flavour of the village, with sections on village history, village life and shopping in the area, along with a whole host of useful contact numbers.

If you're in the completion stages of selling your house and you'd like to leave a pack for the new occupants, call Cottingham Parish Council Chairman **Pete Bowman** on **770821** and he'll put one together for you. Or if you know that somebody has just moved in near you, give Pete a call and he'll drop a pack round.

You can take a look at the pack on the village website www.cottinghamnews.co.uk or the Parish Council website at www.cottingham.org.uk/news.html. If there's anything else you think should go in the pack to help new villagers get into the swing of things, drop Pete a line at pete@cottingham.org.uk.

As a lot of the information is common to both of our villages, we're currently working with Middleton Parish Council to produce a similar Welcome Pack for them, which we hope will be available shortly.

Touting for tenors

Village choir Valley Voice is on the lookout for new members, especially men who could boost the tenor section. While aiming for the best sound possible, the choir is friendly and fun, and is enjoyed by all current members. You don't need to be able to read music - choir mistress Debbie Smith has an enthusiastic, engaging style that will help you through!

Why not come along and try it out? The choir meets on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church hall on Corby Road, Cottingham, and you will receive a warm welcome from the group. The choir is not religious in nature and covers a broad spectrum of tunes including recent chart hits. There is a weekly subscription of £2 and a £12 joining fee to cover essential resources.



If you're interested in finding out more, just pop along on a Tuesday night or contact **Pete** on **07971 989081**, email psmith1309@supanet.com or **Del** on **07766 689217**, email delboy639@googlemail.com

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
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Councillors

Pete Bowman (Chairman)
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)
Irene Beadsworth
Alan Davies
Owen Davison
Geof Hudson
Pam Moore
John Muir
David Swallow

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. Villagers are welcome to attend and share their views.

More information can be found on the Parish Council notice board on the corner of Rockingham Road and School Lane.

Next meetings

Wed 11 May 7.30pm
Wed 1 June, 7.30pm

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
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Middleton House, Middleton,
LE16 8YU

Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)
Kay Dickens (Vice Chairman)
Raymond Ainge
Yvonne Alvey
Sarah Brant
Gemma Claypole
Alan Cole

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. Villagers are welcome to attend and share their views.

More information can be found on the Parish Council notice board on Main Street, opposite No 34.

Next meetings

Wed 18 May, 7.30pm
Wed 15 June, 7.30pm

A Right Royal Do!

If you're looking for a way to celebrate the marriage of our future King to Kate Middleton, you'll be spoilt for choice right here in the village, with the Hunting Lodge and all the village pubs laying on something a little bit special to mark the day.



Hunting Lodge Hotel, from 11am

Watch the wedding of the century on the big screens at the Hunting Lodge while enjoying a Wedding Gala Buffet throughout the day. Booking is essential and the cost is £14.95 per person - book 6 guests and only pay for 5. Contact the **Hunting Lodge** on **771370**.

The Royal George

Open all day showing the wedding on the TV screens inside the pub and out on the decking. Food served all day including the normal Friday 2 for 1 steak offer. In the evening, there's live music from local band **The Cat Came Back** playing pop, indie and light rock tracks, featuring Jane Smith on lead vocals and Pete Bowman on lead guitar and mandolin.

The Spread Eagle

Open all day with the wedding showing on both TV screens. Food is being served all day and revellers are invited to join in the spirit of things by decking themselves out in red, white and/or blue garb. There's live music in the evening from popular vocal duo **Without a Doubt**.

The Red Lion

Open all weekend for a mini beer festival with a range of local ales, perrys and ciders. On the 29th, the wedding will be showing on the big screen in the bar and food will be served all day. In the evening, there's live music from **This Way Up**, a covers band featuring our very own choir mistress Debbie Smith on vocals and keyboards.

Around Corby Walking Festival (30 Apr to 2 May)



Now in its third year, the Around Corby Walking Festival encourages people to get out and enjoy the local countryside.

There is a 34 mile circular network of footpaths connecting the seven parishes of Corby Borough and there are walks to suit all fitness levels and abilities. This includes a 5am walk in Fineshade Woods to the sound of the dawn chorus, a leisurely stroll soaking up the local history in Gretton or Corby Old Village, or a more challenging 14 mile walk taking in the lovely villages of Great Easton, Stockerton, Lyddington and Gretton.

There will also be a Community fun day at **East Carlton Country Park** on **Sunday 1 May**, where you can bring your favourite teddy bear for storytelling and a walk around the park!

The full programme is available from the Around Corby website www.aroundcorby.co.uk or from **Suzanne Preston** on **01536 463177**, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Village Fete taking shape (Saturday 16 July)

Cottingham C of E Primary School and St Mary Magdalene Church have joined forces to organise a traditional village fete and there are a number of ways you can help and get involved.

An event guide is being produced for distribution to 500 school parents and villagers. If you would like to advertise a local business or service in the guide, prices are £40 for a full page, £20 for a half page and £10 for a quarter page. Deadline for copy is 1 June.

Or you may like to sponsor a 'best of' category (e.g. the Olive Raspberry prize for Best Jam) – prices from £3.50 – or donate a prize for the Grand Prize Draw. All donations and sponsors will be acknowledged in the event guide.

A number of village groups have now booked a stall so, if you'd like to join in, please get in touch as soon as possible.

The money raised will be used to improve the outside areas at the school, creating a more vibrant place for play and learning, and for upkeep of the Church.

Contact **Angela Preston-Jones**, email cap-j@tiscali.co.uk, telephone **772297**.

News from Cottingham Parish Council

A look back on the year

The Chairman's Report and 2010/11 Accounts were the two main topics on the agenda at April's Annual Parish Meeting, which preceded the main Parish Council meeting. Here's a short extract from Chairman Pete Bowman's report .

You can read the full report on Cottingham Parish Council's website at www.cottingham.org.uk/news.html. The accounts will also be available online mid-July once they've been audited.

"The past year has seen a lot of activity by the Parish Council working behind the scenes in a wide range of areas. We've made sure the Borough and County Councils – and any other relevant agencies – are aware of all remedial highways, environmental, infrastructure and conservation works that are needed around the village.

"This ongoing activity has been identified and acted on by the Parish Council, either as part of its routine village walks, or in response to direct requests from villagers. As a dedicated group of councillors, we're proud to say that our work doesn't just stop at the end of our monthly meetings.

"The Parish Council is still pursuing Quality Council status and we're now confident that we can meet what is an extremely comprehensive list of criteria. Hopefully 2011 will see Cottingham become one of just 12 Quality Parish Councils in the county.

"Rounding off, I'd like to thank all my fellow councillors for the work they've done over the past year – in particular Vice Chairman Cllr Clive Ashworth, whose considerable experience and expertise we continue to rely on.

"There are also those people who are not councillors but still make a valuable contribution to the Parish Council and the village in general, including Tree Warden Jon Dixon, Footpaths Warden Diana Sharvill, Speedwatch Co-ordinator Mike Curtis and grounds maintenance contractor Steve Morphy.

"And special thanks must go to PCSO Mark Tooley who is very active and visible around the village, and makes sure we're all aware of Police-related activities in the area.

"Thanks again to our councillors for all their good work and I'm sure this will continue for the coming year. "



Peter clocks up silver service

Cottingham Parish Clerk Peter Taylor hit a milestone recently with 25 years distinguished service to Cottingham Parish Council.

The anniversary was celebrated at a surprise 'meeting' where councillors clubbed together to present Peter with a silver and gold Cross fountain pen as a mark of their appreciation and gratitude.

Peter, who is possibly the most highly qualified Parish Clerk in the county, hasn't missed a single meeting since taking up the role in February 1986 and has been rightly described as the Parish Council's 'rudder on the boat'.

"The 25 years service to the Parish Council and residents of Cottingham has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience," Peter said. "It has been a privilege to work for a Parish Council that has been so supportive."

The picture above shows Peter Taylor with Cottingham Parish Councillors (back row, left to right): John Muir, Clive Ashworth, Pete Bowman, Owen Davison and (front row, left to right): Alan Davies, Irene Beadsworth, Pam Moore and Geof Hudson.

Home workers lunch club

Lots of people are now working from home, whether it's for a company or running their own business.

Alison Freestone is looking to set up an informal home workers lunch club in Cottingham and Middleton. If you work from home and would like to come along, please contact **Alison** on **771274** or email her at info@charliesguide.com.

She'll then look to find a suitable date to fit in with people's schedules and it's hoped that this can become a regular event.

Skittles anyone?

The Spread Eagle is looking for new players of any age to join their Tuesday and Friday night bar skittles teams. Both teams play in the Market Harborough and District League. The Friday team started up again on 15 April and the Tuesday team starts on 26 April. Anyone interested, please contact **Sam** on **772038**.

Picture this



Villager Andy Puchalski has taken some interesting and unusual photographs around the village. If you would like to see them, visit the photo gallery on the village website www.cottinghamnews.co.uk and click on the links provided.

Thanks Willie!

Thanks to Willie Killgannon of ACE Cleaning who very kindly donated his services free of charge recently to jet wash the footpath leading up to the Church.

What's On

Fri 29 April (Bank Holiday)

Royal Wedding



The Hunting Lodge and all the village pubs will be showing the wedding of the century, with food and other entertainment available. See page 2 for more details.

30 April to 2 May

Around Corby Walking Festival

See page 2 for full details.

Sat 30 April, 8pm

Dance at the Village Hall Annex

Dancing to ballroom, sequence and modern tunes. Tickets are £3.50 each and you can bring your own refreshments (including alcohol).

Regular dance nights start up again on **Thursday 12 May**, 7.30pm at the Annex, running through to September, entrance £1.50. Contact **Audrey** on **771084**.

Sat 7 May and 4 June, 7.30pm

Whist drives, Village Hall Annex

Entrance £2 with proceeds to the Village Hall Annex. Contact **Pam** on **770022**.

Tue 10 May, afternoon

Police surgery, Village Hall Annex

Our local PCSO will be coming along to the Over 60s club. Please feel free to drop in for a chat.

Fri 13 May and 24 June, 8pm

Desperate Housewives Village Hall Annex

Join the desperate housewives of Cottingham and Middleton for a good natter and takeaway. The cost is £7 each, payable a week in advance. Contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Wendy (771177)** or **Sandra (770184)**. Bring your own drinks.

Fri 3 June, 7.30pm

Bingo night, Village Hall Annex

Eyes down! Free entrance, 10 games are played and bingo cards cost £10 for six books or £5 for three. All proceeds go into the prize fund on the night.

Sun 5 June, 6.30pm

Valley Voice, St Mary's



Join Cottingham and Middleton's very own Valley Voice choir for an evening of song and music at St Mary Magdalene Church. The programme will consist of a varied selection of popular, modern and timeless songs, with instrumental performances from invited guest performers.

Tickets cost £6 including interval refreshments and are available from any member of the choir or from **Peter Smith** on **07971 989081**, email **psmith1309@supanet.com**

Fri 10 to Sun 12 June

Welland Valley Beer Festival



The Royal George, Spread Eagle and Red Lion are again taking part in the Welland Valley Beer Festival, which is now in its ninth year. Over 160 real ales and ciders will be available and, on the Saturday, a fleet of vintage buses will again be running between the 10 venues - including a few new ones! The buses are free but please do make a donation toward the upkeep of these fabulous vehicles if you use them. For more details, see the Festival website at **www.wellandvalleybeerfestival.co.uk**

Coming soon...

Fri 8 July - Seagrave Singers, Village Hall Annex

Fri 15 July - Country and Western music with Hank Wangford, Village Hall Annex

Sat 16 July - Village Fete at Cottingham School (see page 2)

Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **03000 111222**

Corby BC Noise Officer
Paul Craddock, **400088**

Street Doctor (Northants CC)
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07801 945948

Cllr Stan Hegg, Northants County Council,
01536 202918

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Village Hall Annex (VHA)
Pam Moore, **770022**

Methodist Hall
Joan Jarman, **771193**

Rev Sian Reading, **770237**
sianreading@tinyonline.co.uk

Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Minerva Group & Whist Drives
Pam Moore, **770022**

WRVS, Sue Jefferson, **771822**

Mums and Tots
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Crafty Monkeys pre-school club
Nicola Gumbeer, **770563**

Youth Club
David Swallow, **771796**

'Valley voice', village choir
Pete Smith, psmith1309@supanet.com

Wesley Guild
Cyril Liquorish, **771401**

Sunday Clubs - St Mary's
Ruth Colby, **770178**

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

New Cottingham FC
Neil Jarman, **07708 323077**

Cottingham youth football
Evan Burbidge, **07908 620745**

Royal George Golf Society
Norman Golding, **771081**

Blackthorn Wood Pool Team
George Barker, **07904 954040**

East Carlton Cricket Club
Sharon Jantzen, **771371**

East Carlton Health Walking Group
Noel Rogers, **771837**