



# Cottingham and Middleton News

Autumn 2012

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Welcome to the Autumn village newsletter.

I'm delighted to learn of Cottingham's

success in the 2012 Village of the Year competition. I'm glad that the way villagers have got behind the new Village Store really helped our application. The Village Store has certainly put the heart back into our village, but don't forget that it needs volunteers to keep going. If you can spare a few hours a week, or provide occasional short notice cover, please get in touch with the shop.

This year, St Mary Magdalene Church is reviving a centuries old seasonal celebration with a traditional Harvest Supper at the Church. With hearty, home made hot food, live entertainment and an auction of home made produce, this is an evening not to be missed. See the 'back page for more information.

For details of the latest village events, please see the 'What's On' diary on the village website and, if you'd like to receive email news updates, please go to the website and select 'join village email list'.

The next newsletter will be the Christmas issue and it'll be out at the start of December. If you're planning any festive events, please let me have details as soon as possible and by 23 November at the latest.

Regards,

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## Cottingham named Village of the Year



Cottingham has been named medium-sized Village of the Year in the 2012 Northamptonshire Best Village Competition, winning a certificate, a trophy and £75 for the Parish Council.

The judges visited the village in May, where they met a group of villagers at the Village Store for a coffee and chat. Villagers included organiser Ann Davison and Cottingham Parish

Councillor Owen Davison (pictured), Cottingham Parish Councillor Irene Beadsworth and Parish Clerk Peter Taylor, Jon and Claire Dixon with their daughter Anna, Angela Preston-Jones, David and Kirsty Swallow. Together, they talked enthusiastically about how the new shop was set up, village activities and events, the new youth club and what it's like to live here. The judges were also taken to see The Dale and the village school, so they could see for themselves more of what the village has to offer.

## Village Fete success

This year's Village Fete raised a fabulous £3,555 for the School and Church. The organisers are absolutely delighted with this total and would like to thank everyone who made a contribution by advertising in the event guide, manning a stall or coming along to spend their hard earned cash at what was a very enjoyable afternoon.



## Join the Scouts

Wilbarston and Stoke Albany Scout group, which also covers Cottingham and Middleton, has set up a new Scout section for girls and boys aged 10.5 to 14 years and are welcoming new members from the villages.

Scout leader Gary Chisholm, who lives in Cottingham, says: "Scouting is about meeting new friends, sharing adventures and making the most of life's opportunities. It still has the same basic ethos of enjoying the great outdoors and plans are in place for lots of camps away, sailing, canoeing, climbing and so on in the coming year."

The Scouts meet at Wilbarston Village Hall on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8.30pm. Subs are £25 a term (£75 a year) and lots of youngsters from Cottingham and Middleton go along. To find out more, contact **Gary** on **772331** or email **chisholm21@btinternet.com**.



*Pictured: The group's cubs and beavers were chosen for the official line-up to meet the Queen when she visited Corby earlier this year as part of her Jubilee celebrations. Visible in the picture from Cottingham are Fabian Powell, Nicky Preston-Jones, Philip Chisholm and Oliver Claypole.*

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## 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  
Joanne Leaning  
Terry Mason  
Dave Sims

#### Next meetings

Wed 3 Oct, 7.30pm  
Wed 7 Nov, 7.30pm

[www.cottingham.org.uk](http://www.cottingham.org.uk)

### Middleton

**Clerk:** Justina Medwell  
01536 771234  
Middleton House, Middleton,  
LE16 8YU

#### Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)  
Sarah Brant (Vice Chairman)  
Raymond Ainge  
Alan Cole  
Georgina Hicks  
Jane Macdonald  
Zena Taylor

#### Next meetings

Wed 17 Oct, 7.30pm  
Wed 21 Nov, 7.30pm

[www.middleton-northants-pc.gov](http://www.middleton-northants-pc.gov)

All meetings are held at the  
Village Hall Annex, next to the  
School.

### New Village Hall

Feedback from residents at the July Village Fete showed overwhelming support for a new multi-purpose village hall with indoor sports facilities located on part of the Cottingham recreation ground off Berryfield Road.

The working group is now looking into the possibilities and will be consulting with residents and interest groups in the coming months.

## Rural Police update

From PCSO Mark Tooley



We have had a few random crimes committed which have possibly coincided with visits to the '22 foot' on the River Welland. If any residents experience anti-social behaviour from groups passing through the villages, please call the Police on 101 so that we can either monitor the situation or prevent further incidents from happening.

There is a myth from some scrap metal collectors that scrap prices have fallen and they no longer believe it is profitable to collect scrap. So, with this in mind, some are choosing to door knock and ask residents for work. Please be vigilant and, if you experience this, let me know, or if they become persistent, please call 101.

We have also had an incident reported of two suspicious males taking photos in the Cannam Close Middleton Cold Calling Zone. Reports are they were taking photos of properties. These males had disappeared by the time Police had arrived so the reasons are still unknown. Again please be vigilant.

For more on what the Rural SCT has been up to, see their Summer newsletter on the village website.

### Choir seeking singers

If you enjoy singing and the company of like-minded people, the Valley Voice choir are just starting their new term and would love to see some new members, aged 18 and over.

The choir rehearses every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Methodist Hall on Corby Road, Cottingham. Priding itself on its professional yet light hearted and fun approach, their repertoire consists mainly of contemporary songs you'll be familiar with and you don't need to be able to read music.

Please feel free to come along and give it a go - or just sit and listen for your first session if you're too shy to join in! For more information, check out the ch [www.valleyvoice.org.uk](http://www.valleyvoice.org.uk) or contact **Pete Smith** on **07971 989081**, email [psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk).

### Cottingham Parish Council News *from Pete Bowman, Chairman*

**Grass cutting.** We've had a lot of discussion and comments about the quality of grass cutting in Cottingham since we changed contractor earlier this year. In the light of some teething troubles at the beginning of the season, the contractor assured us that there would be a noticeable improvement and we are now monitoring each cut carefully. The current contractor will continue to the end of the cutting season – which will be around the end of October – and the Parish Council will be reviewing the standard of cutting shortly after then.

**Little Meadow.** As you may be aware, the temporary planning permission for Little Meadow expired on 20 February and a new application for a permanent site was submitted to Corby Borough Council. The new application is still being considered by the Borough Council, which is waiting for the result of the Ashley Road inquiry before making a decision on the Little Meadow application. In the meantime, the Borough Council's guidance to us is that they '...would not normally pursue action against unauthorised development in circumstances where no decision has been made on the acceptability of an application.'

Both issues will be discussed at our next Parish Council meeting on Wed 3 October, 7.30pm at the Village Hall Annex. Everyone is welcome to come along and air their views.

### Middleton Parish Council News *from Dryden Phillipson, Chairman*

**Grass cutting.** The Parish Council is in the process of changing its contractor for this work and hopes to bring an improvement in the quality and timeliness of cutting in the future.

**Telephone kiosk.** The BT equipment has now been removed from the Middleton kiosk, which was adopted by the parish for £1. Repainting and refurbishment will start soon. The main contender for future use is the siting of a defibrillator unit, but other ideas are welcome, please contact **Sarah Brant** on **772447**.



## Pat and Don celebrate 50 Golden Years

Pat and Don Licquorish of Water Lane, Cottingham, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 18 August, exactly 50 years to the day that they got married in St Mary Magdalene Church.

Both were born in the village and have lived all their lives here. Don originally worked at the Steel Works in Corby and when that closed, was employed as a machine operator. Pat worked for Barlows (Agricultural Engineers) of Rockingham as a secretary/bookkeeper and later on became the caretaker at Cottingham School where she remained from 1977 until retiring in the early 2000s.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with family, a few very close friends and former wedding day guests. Pat and Don asked for charitable donations rather than presents and raised £250 to be split equally between the Warwickshire Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and Diabetes UK. A big thank you to all who donated and congratulations to Pat and Don.



## League win for East Carlton cricketers

Congratulations to East Carlton Cricket Club's men's team who have ended the season as champions of the Rutland League, Division 6. Captained by Stuart Mason from Cottingham and with a number of players from the village, the team won nine of their matches this season and lost only one. The team will be promoted to play in Division 5 next year. To find out more about youth or adult cricket at East Carlton, please visit the club on a Friday evening.



## News from Cottingham School *from Emma Taylor, Head Teacher*

Cottingham Primary School is delighted to announce that it was removed from Special Measures in July this year. The school was placed in this category in 2010 and since then has worked with OfSTED to secure the necessary improvements in the school.

Martin Cragg, the HMI Inspector who has overseen these improvements, has worked closely with the school since his first visit to ensure that the necessary changes were put in place. Mr Cragg spoke positively about the strong team work, the positive Christian ethos and the commitment of all the staff in rising to the challenges faced. In his report he stated: "The head teacher has brought about significant change and improvement, setting a clear vision and high expectations for the school. The school has successfully tackled the issues from its last inspection, taking effective action to manage performance, improve teaching and pupils' achievement. It has good capacity to improve further."

This was a fantastic end to our extremely successful 2011 - 2012 year which included our first victory at the Welland Valley sports athletics event for 10 years and the most successful end of Key Stage 2 SATs results for the last few years. These results put us well above the national average compared to other schools.

We are looking forward to continuing to build on all these successes as we begin the new academic year.

For more information about upcoming events at the school please visit the news section of our website at [www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/public/cottingham456.html.nocache](http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/public/cottingham456.html.nocache) or alternatively, please contact the school.

## Rockingham site wins award

The Rockingham CL caravan site on Rockingham Road has been awarded the 2011 Central Region CL (Certified Location) of the Year award from the Caravan Club. For more information, visit [www.rockinghamcl.co.uk](http://www.rockinghamcl.co.uk).

Picture shows site owners Andrew and Angie McKenzie with their son James, receiving the award from the Caravan Club's Terry Manning.



## Shop volunteers wanted

If you can spare an hour or two a week to help out in the village store, or if you can provide occasional short notice cover, please contact **Julie Grant** on **771881** or the shop on **770097**.

## Anyone for footy?



New Cottingham FC start their fourth season on Sunday 2 September.

The club always welcomes new players. If you're interested in playing, please contact Neil Jarman on **07708 323077** or email him on [ncjarman@hotmail.com](mailto:ncjarman@hotmail.com).

## Broadband upgrade

BT upgraded the Rockingham Exchange Broadband in July. Middleton Parish Council would be interested to know what improvement, if any, this has brought to residents in Middleton and Cottingham.

It is intended to use this information to continue the campaign for a faster internet connection for our villages. If you'd like to know how to check your broadband speed, email [dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk](mailto:dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk).

## War memorial refurb

Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils are to jointly refurbish and enhance the war memorial on Mill Road, Cottingham. It is hoped that the work will be completed before this year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November.

## NAB Social Group, Corby

Northamptonshire Association for the Blind (NAB) is setting up social groups across the county to enable people with sight loss to come together and build friendships, share information and tips, but most of all, enjoy themselves. The Corby group meets at Swan Gardens, School Place, Gainsborough Road. The next meetings are on Tuesday 23 October and 27 November, from 2pm to 4pm. Contact NAB on **01604 719193**.

# What's On

See [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk) for latest events

## Saturday mornings, 9.30am

### Beginners Jogging Group East Carlton Park

Northamptonshire Sport is running a beginners jogging group on Saturday mornings under the supervision of qualified and insured leader, Scott. The cost is just £1 a session.

The group will be one of 50 that are being set up across the County as part of 'Jog Northants', a countywide programme to help beginners start jogging.

For more information, contact **Sarah McVeigh** on **01604 366752**, or email her on **SMcVeigh@northamptonshire.gov.uk**.

## Fri 5 October, 7.30pm

### Opera Dudes, Village Hall Annex



By popular request, the Opera Dudes are returning to the Village Hall Annex. There will be a bar and nibbles. Tickets are £12 each from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

## Sat 6 October, 6pm

### Harvest Supper, St Mary's Church

Come along to St Mary Magdalene Church for a Harvest service followed by a hot supper, wine or soft drinks and entertainment including music from the Valley Voice Choir.



There will also be an auction of home grown and home made produce. Please bring donations of produce with you to the Church. All proceeds will be going to the charity 'Water Aid'.

For tickets and information, please contact **Rachel Hudson** on **770766**. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for under 12s (under 4s go free).

## Sat 13 Oct, 10 Nov and 8 Dec

### Dances at the Village Hall Annex

Dancing to ballroom, sequence and modern tunes, from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Tickets are £4 each and you can bring your own refreshments (including alcohol). Contact **Audrey** on **771084**.

## Sat 20 October, 6.30pm

### Charity quiz, Village Hall Annex

Come along to Ant Licquorish's 20th anniversary Charity Quiz, this time in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. The cost is £7 per person including fish (or chicken) and chips or a vegetarian option, or £3 if you want to bring your own food. There is no bar so please bring your own drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start (please note the new times). To take part and order your food, please call **Ant** on **771062** or email him at **quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk** before 6 October.

## Fri 2 November, 8pm

### Desperate Housewives Village Hall Annex

Join the desperate housewives of Cottingham and Middleton for a good natter and a delicious Indian meal prepared by Sarayou George. The cost is £7 each, payable a week in advance. Contact **Wendy** (**771177**), **Kirsty** (**771796**), **Sandra** (**770184**) or **Sarayou** (**771342**). Please bring your own drinks, including alcohol.

## Sun 11 Nov, 10.45am

### Remembrance Sunday



A joint remembrance service between St Mary Magdalene and the Methodist Church is being held at the war memorial outside the school to honour the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Sat 17 November

### Village Quiz, Village Hall Annex

Del Robertson will be running his second village quiz on 17 November. Bring your own drinks (including alcohol). More details to follow.

## Fri 30 November

### Welland Valley Stompers Village Hall Annex

Come along for an evening of jazz with the Welland Valley Stompers. There is a pay bar on the night. Tickets are £7 from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **03000 111222**

Corby BC Neighbourhood Warden  
(Jim McCabe) **01536 464619**

Street Doctor (Northants CC)  
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Village Hall Annex  
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall  
Joan Jarman, **771193**

Rev Sian Reading, **770237**  
[sianreading@tinyonline.co.uk](mailto: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**

Cubs and Scouts  
Gary Chisholm, **772331**

Youth Club  
David Swallow, **771796**

'Valley Voice', village choir  
Pete Smith, [psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk)

Wesley Guild  
Cyril Licquorish, **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  
Mark Steiner, **07731 385107**

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

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

East Carlton Cricket Club  
Nick Sumpter, **01536 771203**

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