



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the July/August village newsletter.

Following on from last month's fantastic Jubilee celebrations, we are

now looking forward to the Village Fete on 14 July that I am told promises to be the best yet. Lots of people put lots of time and effort into organising these events and it's great to see so many villagers turning out to join in and support them.

For the Jubilee event, there are so many people to thank that I couldn't fit them all into the article on the right, but there's a list of 'thank yous' on the village website, along with lots more pics.

If you have pics of any village events, please email them to me at the address below and I will look to add them to the online photo gallery. I may use some of them in the newsletter, too.

With the UK in the grips of Olympic fever, congratulations must go to the young athletes from Cottingham School who have triumphed in the recent Welland Valley Athletics Championships (see right) and those that received medals for completing the recent Corby TATA Kids of Steel triathlon event (see page 3). The children have spent many hours training and this just goes to show that hard work does pay off!

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'.

Regards,

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## Cottingham kids in athletics triumph



Children from Cottingham School are celebrating after bringing home the 2012 Welland Valley Athletics Championships trophy for the first time in 11 years. All 51 children from Key Stage 2 (aged 7 to 11) took part in the tournament, competing against six other schools from Brigstock, Weldon, Gretton, Corby Old Village, Wilbarston and Stanion. Events included 60m and 80m sprints, 400m and 600m runs, relays, triple jump, long jump, speed bounce, quoits and target throwing.

The children have worked really hard for this event, coming to school on Saturday mornings for training and also spending their lunchtimes out on the field. Well done to all involved.

*Picture shows Max Payne (Year 4) and Nell Swallow (Year 6) with the Welland Valley Athletics Trophy*

## A right royal celebration!

The events held to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June were a roaring success. The Grand BBQ on Monday 4 June, held at Wood Hollow courtesy of Anne and Owen Davison, sold out and 150 people came along to enjoy an evening of great food, great company and great entertainment from the Valley Voice choir and Mr Bip.



Next day, 90 kids enjoying a free vintage tea party in the Village Hall Annex that was decked out in style with pictures and bunting made by Cottingham School children and a jubilee exhibition from Chris Owen. Outside on the recreation field, there were games and competitions, including a five-a-side tournament organised by Mark Steiner and refereed by 'Gladiators' ref John Anderson, a coconut shy run by Jon and Claire Dixon, entertainment from Mr and Mrs Custard (Bob Riley and Julie Grant) and singing from Cottingham School children. Adults were treated to Jake Raj's delicious lamb raan wraps and Joanne Leaning and Rich Guilford carried on where they left off from the night before, to run a good value and well managed bar.

The events raised a fantastic £2,000 and substantial donations have been made to the Valley Voice choir, the Prostate Cancer Charity (nominated by Mr Bip) and the project to provide recreational amenities for older youths in the village, being co-ordinated by Cottingham Parish Councillor Irene Beadsworth.

The Jubilee Committee (Joanne Leaning, Sue Hall, Chris Owen, Irene Beadsworth, Anne Davison and Owen Davison) would like to thank Corby Borough Council, Cottingham Parish Council and local company LE16 Communications for their financial support, without which they couldn't have got the event off the ground.

Some of the £2,000 profit from the Jubilee events has been retained by the committee to help support specific events that villagers would like to put on. If you need any help getting started, please contact committee treasurer and Cottingham Parish Councillor **Joanne Leaning** on **770913**, email [joanne.leaning@btinternet.com](mailto:joanne.leaning@btinternet.com).

For more pictures and a full list of 'thank yous', please see the village website.

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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 5 Sep, 7.30pm  
Wed 3 Oct, 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 18 July, 7.30pm  
Wed 19 Sep, 7.30pm  
[www.middleton-northants-pc.gov](http://www.middleton-northants-pc.gov)

## Welland Valley Polo

More than 700 people came along for the Welland Valley Polo event on 1 July. As well as being treated to an exhilarating game of polo, visitors also enjoyed a loop the loop and other stunts from a Tiger Moth airplane that intrepid pilot Stuart Beatty also landed on the polo field. The event raised money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Thanks for all your donations.



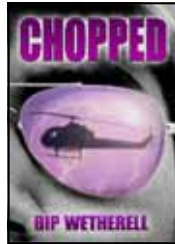
## Cottingham Parish Council news

Cottingham Parish Council would like to welcome their new Parish Councillor Dave Sims, who was co-opted to the Parish Council in June. Dave, who lives in Cottingham, is also a member of Corby Borough and East Midlands Councils.

If you are walking in the Dale, please take care as the cows are back in the pocket park for their annual grazing period.

### Book it!

Middleton's Bip Wetherell has written his first book 'Chopped', available in Kindle edition from [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) for just £1.96. If you don't have a Kindle, you can download a free app from Amazon for your PC, Mac or iPhone when you buy the book.



Ruth Sutton's book, 'A Good Liar', that features a 1930s class of Cottingham School children on the front cover, is also now available on Amazon for £8.99.

### Litter pickers

Lonnie Kilgallon and Stanley Croft recently litter picked on the school playing field as part of Bishop Stopford School's Community Challenge. They managed to fill two sacks of rubbish discarded on the field, in the hedges and on the football pitch, making the area a more pleasant, safer place for the community to use. Lonnie and Stanley are pictured here with Cottingham Parish Councillor Geof Hudson.



## Village recreation amenities

A working group has been set up to look into improving the facilities at Cottingham recreation ground for our community.

Represented are both Parish Councils, Cottingham School, Cottingham Middleton Village Hall Trust and sports and youth interest groups.

The possibilities being considered include siting the proposed new village hall on the recreation ground with changing facilities, a leisure area for older children and improved vehicle arrangements for dropping off children at the school.

Members of the working group will be attending the Village Fete on 14 July where residents and interest groups will be invited to air their views on these important proposals.

## Middleton Parish Council news

The Old Orchard pocket park project on Main Street, Middleton is progressing well despite the weather. Many thanks to those who responded to the call to donate old local apple or pear tree varieties for grafting into the orchard. If you think you have anything like this please contact Dryden Phillipson (details below).

### Telephone box adopted

Middleton Parish Council is adopting the iconic red telephone box on Main Street at the cost of £1. The 'K6' was designed by Gilbert Scott in 1936 to celebrate King George V's Silver Jubilee. BT will be removing the telephone equipment and ideas are invited from the community for the kiosk's use. One suggestion so far is to use it to house a public access defibrillator through Community Heartbeat Trust.

### Community Speedwatch is back

Middleton has been invited to take part in a new Speedwatch pilot scheme during October. This is a great opportunity for residents to have a proactive role in tackling speeding traffic in the village. There will be a variety of activities including gathering speed data via a speed gun, interactive signs and police enforcement. Main Street, Ashley Road and The Hill will be prime target areas. Ten volunteers are needed and Police training will be given in the village. Please contact Community Speedwatch co-ordinator Dryden Phillipson as soon as possible to register as a volunteer.

**Dryden Phillipson**, telephone **771950**, email [dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk](mailto:dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk)



## Village Store and Café prospers *by Andy Gilgrist*



The Village Store and Café is prospering, thanks to the many local people who volunteer in the Store and help run the business.

Many of the 180 shareholders in the Village Store and Café society came along to the first Annual General Meeting on June 23 to hear the great news that the business has made a profit in its first year – which includes four months of the shop being open. The

£1,108 profit, from £37,118 of sales, is ahead of the break-even expectations before the Store and Café opened in September 2011.

Treasurer David Swallow updated the shareholders on current trading and said: "Given all the figures to date, we are getting stronger and can be confident that the Store and Café has a long-term, sustainable future."

Committee Chair Dawn Watkins looked back on the many years the village shop was closed and boarded up. She contrasted the sadness of the unused and much missed village facility with the pleasure now the shop is open and thriving: "It is life enhancing for everyone involved and has put the heart back into the village."

Dawn thanked Jeremy and Fiona Sharman and Steve and Jane Gaffney who invested in buying the former village shop buildings and their extension and refurbishment.

As outgoing Chair, Dawn paid tribute to the volunteers who had served on the management committee during its first year and welcomed in the new team elected at the AGM. The new chair is David Swallow. She also expressed her sincere thanks to all those who work in the Store and Café. Open seven days a week, the Store and Café is run by paid staff, backed by a volunteer force of 25 villagers who donate a few hours each week.

Questions at the AGM covered topics including sourcing more local produce, increasing the breadth of the café menu and the potential for outdoor seating.

[www.thevillagestoreandcafe.co.uk](http://www.thevillagestoreandcafe.co.uk) *Picture shows the shop opening day in Sep 2011*

## Young triathletes learn the power of 3 *by Andy Gilgrist*

Budding triathletes from Cottingham School were put through their paces recently when world-class triathletes Mary Hardwick and Gail Warner came to the school to train them.

The children got to see Mary's extensive triathlon kit, learning how each item is used in the swim, cycle and run sections of the race. They also learned how to warm up, stretch and run.

Cottingham School head teacher Emma Tayler said: "It was great of Mary and Gail to train the children and make it such good fun. The children also got to see Mary's gold, silver and bronze medals won at events around the world and hopefully this will inspire the children to achieve future success in sport."

The training paid off when the children took part in the Corby Tata Kids of Steel contest on 22 May. They all completed the course and were presented with their own medals.

Mary and Gail have set up a new venture, Inspire2tri, based at Rutland Water, to coach anyone towards a triathlon or any other physical challenge. For more information, visit [www.inspire2tri.com](http://www.inspire2tri.com).

*Picture shows Cottingham School children with Gail Warner (left) and Mary Hardwick (right).*



## Drama eggs update

Due to a fantastic response for Polly Freestone's Drama Eggs, she is now fully booked with regular customers so unfortunately can't take any more orders. Polly apologises for not getting back to some people who left voicemail messages but there was no telephone number to return the call. The Freestones are looking to purchase more chickens and, when they are laying, will let new customers know via this newsletter and the village website. Thank you for your interest.

## William Riddell Educational Trust (Middleton)

Grants are available from the William Riddell Educational Trust for Middleton residents aged under 25 years to assist with the costs associated with learning a trade, profession or for further education after leaving school. If you would like to apply for a grant, please write to Mrs K M Dickens, Hill House, Middleton, Leicestershire LE16 8YX, giving date of birth and explaining the circumstance and requirements. The deadline for applications is 1 September 2012.

## Driver needed for local musician

Cottingham musician Chris Davies is looking for a part time driver to take him to occasional rehearsals and performances in the local area. Ability to mix sound and/or control lighting would be useful, but training can be provided. Fees and expenses are negotiable. Please contact **Chris** on **07974 296492** or **01536 770883** for further details.

## Children's dance classes

Children's dance classes in tap, ballet, modern jazz and musical theatre are now up and running on Thursdays (4.30 to 6.30pm) at the Village Hall Annex. For more information visit [www.arabesque.schoolofdance.co.uk](http://www.arabesque.schoolofdance.co.uk) or contact **Laura** on **07940 006417**. Laura is also running a 'Grease' workshop at her school in Kings Cliffe on 30 July. See her website for details.

## Lottery award for NAB

The Northants Association for the Blind has received a £290,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund to support NAB's Enable Service which helps adults and children who are blind or partially sighted to live independently within the community.

# What's On

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

## Village Fete, Recreation Field, Saturday 14 July, from 12 noon

This year's Village Fete is shaping up to be the best yet. An Event Guide will be dropping through every door in the village before the Fete (take it along with you to be in with a chance to win afternoon tea for 4). Here's a rundown of what's planned.

### Food and drink

The BBQ will be serving marinated chicken and lamb pittas, an equally inspiring vegetarian option and traditional BBQ favourites for the children. The beer tent will be well stocked with chilled beers, Rockingham Forest Cider, wines and soft drinks. Members of St Mary Magdalene Church will be manning the tea room, providing a wonderful array of refreshments and cakes.



## Best of Competition – still time to enter! Deadline Friday 13 July



The 'Best of' Competition has something for everyone with categories including a 'cake for a Queen', best Victoria sandwich, preserves, sewing and painting and the topical Edible Olympic Sport. These are open to all and there are also children-only categories including baking and craft and 'create a country in a shoebox'. There's still time to enter - deadline is Friday 13 July and application forms are available in the

Village Shop, the Church, the School Office and from the village website [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk). There are cash prizes to be won - so please join in and help make it a day to remember.



## Entertainment and stalls

Corby's Adrenaline Alley are inviting villagers to bring their bikes along for a health check and free data tagging (worth £25). The organisers are hoping there will be a chance to pet some small animals in Cuddle Corner kindly provided by West Lodge Rural Centre. There's also a bouncy castle and lots of other games and stalls including a 'Made in the Villages' stall. All donations for this stall would be gratefully received. Lots of our village groups are taking part, as well as Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils. There will also be live music and performances from the children of Cottingham School.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who's advertised in the Event Guide, donated raffle prizes and sponsored 'Best of' categories.

Please contact **Angela Preston-Jones** on **772297** or email [p.j55@btinternet.com](mailto:p.j55@btinternet.com) if you have any queries or would like to man a stall to help this fundraising event for our School and Church. The event will be moved indoors if it rains, so please don't let a damp day put you off. Hope to see you there.

**Over 60s yoga classes** have started up on Thursday mornings (9.30am to 11am) at the Village Hall Annex, funded by Northamptonshire Community Federation. For more details, contact **Sue Webster** on **710603**.

## Fri 6 July and 14 Sep, 8pm

### Desperate Housewives

Join the village desperate housewives for a good natter and takeaway, cost £7 each. Contact **Wendy (771177)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Sandra (770184)** or **Sarayou (771342)**. Bring your own drinks, including alcohol.

## Fri 5 Oct, 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**.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **03000 111222**

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC)  
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[www.thevillagestoreandcafe.com](http://www.thevillagestoreandcafe.com)

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**

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

Youth Club  
David Swallow, **771796**

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

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  
Mark Steiner, **07731 385107**

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**