



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the May/June village newsletter.

I have had some comments recently about the newsletter arriving

'late'. It would seem this is partly due to the expectation that the newsletter covers events for the whole of the month it's published in, whereas it actually covers events from the date of publication (which can be midway through the month) for at least the following eight weeks. I will now be including an issue number and publication date on the newsletter (see footnote on back page), so there is no confusion.

However, there are sometimes events happening very soon after I go to print. As it can take a few days to get the newsletter to your door, these events may have passed by the time you receive it. I still include these events though, as a fair number of villagers, including the people who read the newsletter on the village website, will still get to hear about the event in time.

Please remember that I and the people who distribute the newsletter do so for free and in our own spare time. If you are experiencing delays and would like to take on distribution for your street or area, please let me know.

Any news that comes up between newsletters goes on the website and I also notify villagers by email whenever possible. The online 'What's On' diary is kept regularly updated too. If you'd like to receive email news updates, please go the village website and select 'join village email list'.

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All change at the Village Store

From Dawn Watkins, Management Committee Chair

There have been some staff changes at the Village Store and Café. Store Manager Linda Begley has stepped down to focus once more on her painting and Claire Moorhouse has been appointed as the new Store Manager.

Linda was involved in the early stages of opening the store and has been instrumental in making it such a warm and welcoming place.

Linda assures us she will be visiting from time to time and we are trying to persuade her to come back and run some painting classes!

New Store Manager Claire Moorhouse started out working in the store at weekends but has become increasingly involved in the day to day running of the business. She was the natural choice for the job and we are delighted she's agreed to take it on.

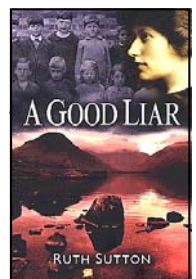
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Under the rules of its constitution, the current management committee is required to stand down by the end of June and a new committee will be appointed. All members (anyone who owns a share in the Store and Café) are invited to attend an AGM at **4.30pm on Saturday 23 June** at the Methodist Hall, Corby Road. Members may also stand for election to the committee. There are six places available and, while some members may be standing again, we really would welcome some new faces, so please give it some thought. Full details will be sent to all members before the AGM.



A class of their own

Cottingham schoolchildren from the 1930s have been immortalised on the front cover of a book by Cumbrian author, Ruth Sutton. Ruth got in touch having seen the photo on the www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk website and Pam Moore, who had provided the original picture, gave her permission to use it.



The book, 'A Good Liar', tells the story of a village schoolmistress who works hard to protect her independence and career. But she risks everything when, after years of discreet loneliness, she embarks on a love affair and her secret past draws ever closer. Copies of the books are available for £8.99 plus postage from www.bookscumbria.com. We are also looking into taking orders for the book at the Village Store. Look out in the Store for more details.

Ant's fundraising tops £35,000



Ant Liquorish held his 40th charity quiz at the Village Hall Annex on 21 April, raising £267 for the English Contact Karate Association (ECKA) in Kingsthorpe. This voluntary organisation provides martial arts training to children of all ages, especially teenagers, offering them a safe haven where they learn discipline, self control, respect for themselves and their community.

ECKA Secretary Liz Watkins said: "I would like to thank Ant for organising and running yet another superb quiz and for the kind donation to our club. Thanks too to the 13 teams (80 people) who took part, to everyone who helped out on the night and the local stores, pubs and restaurants that donated nearly £200 of raffle prizes".

Over the 20 years that Ant has been running the quizzes, he's researched and posed some 5,000 questions and his events have raised an incredible £35,000 for charity.

Ant's next charity quiz, which will mark his 20 year anniversary, takes place on 20 October in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Put the date in your diaries.

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
01536 761752, 5 Headlands,
Desborough NN14 2QA

Next meetings

Wed 6 June, 7.30pm
Wed 4 July, 7.30pm
www.cottingham.org.uk

Middleton

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

Next meetings

Wed 20 June, 7.30pm
Wed 18 July, 7.30pm
www.middleton-northants-pc.gov

Sat 14 July, 12 noon

Village Fete

Cottingham C of E Primary School and St Mary Magdalene Church are again joining forces to stage the Cottingham and Middleton Village Fete on the Recreation Field next to the school. As well as putting on a barbecue, beer tent, teas and a craft and baking competition, the Fete organisers are inviting community groups and other organisations to host a stall or game.

And local businesses can advertise (for as little as £20) in the event guide, which will be delivered to every address in the villages and many beyond. Prizes are also needed for the grand prize draw and the competitions need sponsorship too.

To advertise in the guide, please email sarah.brant@o2.co.uk before the end of May. To volunteer help or for any other enquiries please contact **Angela Preston-Jones** on p.j55@btinternet.com or call her on 772297.

Last year's event raised more than £2,900 for the church and school.

Rural Police update

From PCSO Mark Tooley



Please be mindful with door-to-door tradesmen, who often quote to conduct works and then escalate the price once they say the work has been completed. This is often for outside work, drive cleaning, roof cleaning, gutter work, tree work etc and is often completed to a poor standard.

We have had some incidents of rogue traders at work in the Corby area recently, where the individuals have actually taken the home owners to the bank to collect the money. If you experience any people working in this manner or see any of your neighbours having this type of work conducted that raises your suspicions, please give the Police a call on **101** or call the Doorstep Crime Number **0345 23 07 702**.

Police surgeries at the Village Store
Sat 19 May, 11.30am
Sat 23 June, 4.30pm

Bin it!

Cllr Bob Riley and Corby Borough Council Neighbourhood Warden Jim McCabe recently presented certificates to the children of Cottingham Primary School. The children helped with the village pride days in November 2011, helping to clean up litter around the school.



Bob told the children: "Every day is a tidy up day, not just on three days in the year. If you see a can, give it a home in the recycle bin".

Corby Foodbank

Corby Foodbank has opened recently at the Hope Centre, Princewood Road in Corby, to help families and individuals who may be experiencing difficulties and are finding it hard to provide food for themselves. The Foodbank relies on donations of non-perishable, in-date food from individuals, businesses, schools and churches. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this service, or if you'd like to donate or maybe volunteer, get in touch on **01536 737578** or find out more at corby.foodbank.org.uk.

Memories of Pen Green and Samuel Lloyd's School



The Pen Green Centre for Children and their Families on Rockingham Road, Corby, is celebrating its 30th year in 2013 and is looking for people to be involved in a year-long heritage project. They would like to hear from anyone who has used the building, either as Samuel Lloyd's School from 1936 to 1982, or as the Pen Green Nursery/Children's Centre, from 1983 to today.



They would love to hear memories and stories from any time during the building's history for a heritage exhibition to celebrate Pen Green's anniversary.

They would also like to hear from any sewing groups or enthusiastic sewers who would like to be involved in creating a patchwork tapestry of Corby's history throughout the 20th Century.

If you'd like to be involved in this exciting project, whether you are a local historian, interested in crafts, or just know some good local stories, please contact **Nicky Millard** on **01536 443435**, or email her at nmillard@northamptonshire.gov.uk. For more information about the Pen Green Centre, visit their website at www.pengreen.org.

Photos show a science class from the 1940s and the Pen Green Centre today

Allston Kisby

Many people remember with fondness Allston Kisby, headmaster at the old Cottingham School in the 1940s.



Former pupils have spoken of his love of art and poetry, and one of his ex-pupils, John Wingate, is lucky enough to have received from him a two volume set of watercolour paintings of British bird's eggs, beautifully illustrated by Mr Kisby.

Now living in America, John's wife Jane is keen to find out anything she can about Mr Kisby. If anyone has any stories to share, or knows the whereabouts of his daughter Rosemarie, please email Jane on wingate@tds.net.

Middleton Parish Council News *from Dryden Phillipson*

Work is progressing well on the old orchard restoration project, although the recent heavy rain has brought a pause in activities! The next steps are to level the site, lay paths, install benches and when in full leaf, prune the fruit trees and remove that vigorous ivy. The new fence will have espalier fruit trees and shrubs planted along its length with wild flowers planted to attract insects. We'd like to hear from anyone who may have an old local variety of apple or pear tree growing in their garden for grafting or budding into the orchard.

Allotments and 'grow your own' have increased in popularity in recent years and we'd like to know from residents how much support there is for locally sited allotments.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem and we are asking our local school children to help design a poster that can be used in the village to deter it. A high profile campaign is planned to tackle this anti-social problem, with Corby Borough Council's Neighbourhood Warden supporting us with the power to levy on-the-spot fines to offenders.

Tackling the ongoing speeding traffic problem, we're pleased to have had assurance from the Police that a hand-held speed detection gun will be deployed in Middleton by a Police Community Support Officer at least weekly.

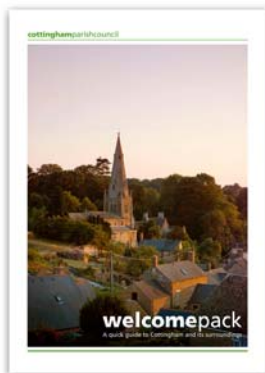
Contact Middleton Parish Council Chairman **Dryden Phillipson** on **770950**, email **dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk**.

Cottingham Parish Council - a look back at the year

The Chairman's Report and 2010/11 Accounts were the two main topics on the agenda at April's Annual Parish Meeting. Here's a short extract from Chairman Pete Bowman's report. You can download the full version from the Cottingham Parish Council website at **www.cottingham.org.uk/news.html**. The accounts will also be available online mid-July once they've been audited.

"The last 12 months have seen the resolution of some issues, the continuation of others and new issues to challenge us in the future.

"The unauthorised stables development on Rockingham Road was resolved quickly and, by October, the site had been returned to its previous state. The temporary planning permission granted to Little Meadow expired in February and was followed by a new, permanent planning application. The Parish Council chose not to support the new application and we are currently awaiting the decision of Corby's Development Control Committee.



"Our Parish Council continues to work towards Quality Council status and, following meetings at the end of 2011, we have been advised that we are 'well on our way' to becoming one of just 12 Quality Parish Councils in the county. Part of the criteria has been the production and adoption of our Community Engagement Strategy, our Training Statement and our Welcome Pack. The Welcome Pack itself, which was completed in its first version in May, has been recognised by other parish and town councils in the region who have asked if they could use it as a template for their own Welcome Packs.

"I'd like to thank my fellow councillors and those in the 'back room' - Tree Warden Jon Dixon, Footpaths Warden Diana Sharvill, Speedwatch Co-ordinator Mike Curtis, Cllrs Bob Riley and Stan Hegg, newsletter editor Jane Smith and PCSO Mark Tooley - who, collectively, have helped make this another successful year.

"Thank you all once again and I look forward to another good year next year."

Cottingham Parish Council will be launching an online newsletter to coincide with the village newsletter. Watch this space for more information.

A warm welcome at the Hunting Lodge



The Hunting Lodge has appointed Claire Miller, who has worked at the

hotel for 11 years, as their new Hotel Manager. To celebrate this and the launch of their new lunch and dinner menu, Claire would like to offer all villagers eating in their restaurant a free glass of wine. Please bring this newsletter with you to receive this welcome from Claire. Booking is essential and please let the reservations staff know you have received this invite when booking. Telephone **771370**.

Drama eggs

The Freestone family in Ashley Road, Middleton own eight chickens that are currently laying 64 eggs a week between them. 16 year old Polly Freestone, who has won a drama scholarship for the sixth form at Stamford High School, is looking to sell some eggs to raise money to fund the drama course she is hoping to go on to at after her A Levels. Polly is selling six eggs for £1 and can deliver them for you. Now you can't get fresher than that! If you're interested, please give **Polly** a call on **771274**.

New Cottingham FC

New Cottingham FC were narrowly beaten to the Fred Deeley Memorial Trophy this year in a hard fought final with local rivals Welland Valley Panthers, with the Panthers scoring in extra time to win 2-1.

NAB Sight Centre visits Corby



The Northants Association for the Blind mobile sight centre will be

visiting Corby from 10am to 2pm on 25 May and 22 June (Corporation Street) and 8 June (Queen's Square). Come on board for information and support, and to 'try and buy' specialist aids and gadgets that can help people with sight loss. For more information on NAB including volunteering, contact them on **01604 719193** or visit **www.nab.org.uk**.

What's On

See www.cottinghamnews.co.uk for latest events



Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Sun 3 to Tue 5 June

Sun 3 June, 6pm - Thanksgiving and songs of praise at St Mary Magdalene Church. Villagers are invited to write a short prayer or gentle thoughts for the Queen, to be displayed on a 'wall of prayer' at the Church. St Mary's will be open all over the Bank Holiday weekend and some of the prayers will also be read out at the thanksgiving service. Pop your prayer into the box at the Village Store.

Mon 4 June, 7pm - Grand BBQ, Woodhollow, Church Street, with the Valley Voice choir singing songs from each decade of the Queen's reign, followed by dancing to the sounds of Mr Bip through to midnight. There will also be a song-based quiz with prizes. Tickets are £12 each and there will be a pay bar, so please don't bring alcohol with you. For tickets, or if you'd like to donate a raffle prize, please contact any of the Jubilee Committee below.

Tue 5 June, 2pm - Children and Family Day, Village Hall Annex and Recreation Field. This fun event starts at 2pm with a parade of the queens - dress up and be a queen for a day, any age and gender allowed. This will be followed by a crown parade for children - just make a crown, pop it on, join the parade and you're in for a chance of a prize!

At 2.30pm there's traditional games including 5-a side football refereed by our very own Gladiator's ref John Anderson. Please contact a member of the Jubilee Committee to register your team. There's also entertainment from Mr and Mrs Custard. Then, at 4pm, village children up to the age of 11 are invited to a free Vintage Tea Party. All children attending the tea party must be accompanied by an adult and **will need to get a free ticket from a member of the Jubilee Committee or Cottingham School, before 25 May**. Other attractions and events include a historical jubilee exhibition. There'll also be a food stall for the adults, so you won't go hungry!

This celebration is being supported by donations from Cottingham Parish Council (£200), Corby Borough Council (£250) and LE16 Communications (£100). Some of this programme is provisional. Please keep an eye on the village website for the latest details.

Jubilee Committee: Jo Leaning (770913), Sue Hall and Chris Owen (771127), Irene Beadsworth (770059), Owen and Ann Davison

Mon 21 May, 11am to 1pm

Make-up demo, Village Store

Professional make-up artist Juliea Toner, who lives in Cottingham, is offering free make-up demonstrations and tips on using make up to best effect. Everyone is welcome. Contact **Juliea** on **07904 077966**.

Fri 25 May and 6 July, 8pm

Desperate Housewives, Annex

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 15 to Sun 17 June

Welland Valley Beer Festival



There are 14 pubs taking part in this year's Welland Valley Beer Festival.

The Royal George in Cottingham will be serving real ales and ciders from the car park. There's also a BBQ and music from a Corby Radio DJ. On Friday night, there's live music from local band 'The Cat Came Back' (9.45pm) with 'The Incidents' performing on Saturday.

www.wellandvalleybeerfestival.co.uk

From Thur 31 May

Ballroom dancing, Annex

Starting on 31 May, villagers will be meeting up to practice their ballroom dancing steps on Thursday evenings in the Village Hall Annex, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. If you'd like to join in, contact **Audrey** on **771084**.

Fri 22 June, 7.30pm

Seagrave Singers, Annex



The award winning Seagrave Singers will perform their new programme at the Village Hall Annex. Tickets

including strawberries and fizz are £6 each from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

Sat 14 July, 12 noon

Village Fete

Plans are taking shape for this year's Village Fete on the Recreation Field next to the school. See page 2 for details.

Sun 1 July, from 12 noon

Polo, Ashley Road, Middleton



Come along to Ashley Polo Ground in Middleton for a family day out where you can experience the fast paced game of polo. There will be lively commentary to explain the

rules of the game, a licensed bar, hog roast, retail trade stands and a children's fun area. You're also welcome to bring your own picnic and drinks (including alcohol).

Tickets are £5 on the gate and children under 12 go free.

If you really want to make a day of it, Charles and Ali Freestone are inviting you to join them in their funky marquee for a two course lunch. Tickets are £30 each and soft drinks are included in the price. Children's tickets are £5 each and include a picnic. Children under 4 go free. For marquee tickets, please contact **Ali** or **Charles** on **771274**.

Ashley Polo Ground is about 300 yards from Middleton on the left hand side of Ashley Road. Gates open at 12 noon and the polo starts at 2pm.

For contact names and telephone numbers for local groups etc, see the village website www.cottinghamnews.co.uk