



# Cottingham and Middleton News

## Autumn 2011

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I am delighted to include news in this issue of the village newsletter on the long awaited

re-opening of our village shop, and with extra facilities too! It's great to have this hub back in the village, so please support it wherever you can.

There is a definite hint of Autumn in the air and I for one am trying my best not to think about the number of shopping days to Christmas, but please see page 3 for some festive events for your diary. There are also lots of events on the back page to keep you entertained over the next couple of months.

### Village email list

I need to do a bit of housekeeping on the village email list, as it has got too big to send in one go. I will be sending out a link to this newsletter in small batches and will delete any addresses that are undeliverable. So, if you've changed your email address and wish to stay on the list, please email your details to [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

### Village store email list

The village store is offering to send out 'waste not' emails with news of special offers on products that need to be sold the following day. If you'd like to join this list, please email [hello@thevillagestoreandcafe.co.uk](mailto:hello@thevillagestoreandcafe.co.uk)

Regards,

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## Village store and cafe opens *By Andy Gilgrist*

Villagers turned out in force for the recent opening of our new Village Store and Café by Jeremy Sharman.

Jeremy and Fiona Sharman, and Steve and Jane Gaffney, invested in buying the former shop buildings and their extension and refurbishment.

Dawn Watkins, Chair of the management group running the store and café, said: "The Village Store and Café are

open for business as a new hub for village life and we are very excited for its future with the enthusiastic backing of so many villagers, volunteers and other supporters. What is really wonderful is that it is so much more than the village shop people have badly missed over recent years. The café and the facilities upstairs will be a great resource for people of all ages, including our younger and older villagers."

The Village Store and Café is open 7 days a week, from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm Saturdays and 9am to 12.30pm on Sundays. The café serves a wide range of food and drinks including locally made cakes and sandwiches, plus great coffee made from freshly ground beans. Large size hot drinks are now available and the café will soon be serving hot soup at lunchtimes - perfect for those chilly Autumn days! The store's broad range includes groceries, chilled foods, household products and much more. The store is stocking newspapers, but is also considering a newspaper order service for customers if there is enough demand. Please let the store know if this is something you would use.

The community rooms have computers for customers to use and there is free wi-fi internet access throughout. There is also a large notice board going up where you can promote events for free or, for £1 a month, advertise goods and services, or offer and ask for goods for 'freecycling'.

The project has been backed by more than 180 shareholders who have invested more than £11,000 in the venture (including individual villagers, parish councils, the village copyholder landowners, sports clubs and other community groups and local businesses) and by grant-giving bodies including North Northamptonshire Leader, Awards for All and the Plunkett Foundation. The grants are subsidising a significant part of the set up and running costs over the first three years.

### Volunteers - a big thank you!

The Village Store and Café is run by four paid staff backed by a volunteer force of 30 villagers, co-ordinated by Rachel Hudson. Rachel, pictured here (on the left) with fellow volunteers Paula Orton and Sarayou George, would like to say a massive thank you to the volunteers for all their hard work and support. Just a few more volunteers are needed, especially for weekends. If you can help, please contact **Rachel** on **770766**.



# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

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

### Councillors

Pete Bowman (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)  
Irene Beadsworth  
Alan Davies  
Owen Davison  
Geof Hudson  
Joanne Leaning  
Terry Mason  
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 2 Nov, 7.30pm

Wed 7 Dec, 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

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 19 Oct, 7.30pm

Wed 16 Nov, 7.30pm

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

## Rural Police update

From PCSO Mark Tooley

To have your say on the priorities that the Police Rural Safer Community Team works towards, visit [www.northants.police.uk/localpriorities](http://www.northants.police.uk/localpriorities)



Please can I ask, when parking outside the shop, that consideration be taken not to park on the path outside and not to obstruct the junction and neighbouring driveways.

Also a message and a reminder to parents when taking and collecting your children from school. Please could you adhere to the no waiting signs and not park in front of them. These are there to improve the safety for children going into school. The Hunting Lodge has kindly offered the services of their car park to be used during these times. Northampton County Council have installed a 'Safe Crossing' area

installed outside the Hunting Lodge entrance which they recognise as a safe spot to cross.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

## News from Cottingham Parish Council

From Cottingham Parish Council Chairman, Pete Bowman

We're continuing to work on a programme of road safety measures in the village in partnership with the County Council and you may have already noticed the new 30mph signs on the way into Cottingham just before the entrance to Millfield Avenue. We're currently looking at similar measures on Rockingham Road to help reduce the speed of vehicles coming in from the north side of the village.

Our village walks keep us up to date with maintenance issues in Cottingham and our September walk highlighted some areas that need attention, which we will be sorting over the coming months. If there's anything you think we should be looking at, please get in touch with me on **770821** or Parish Clerk **Peter Taylor** on **761752**.

We will soon be submitting Cottingham Parish Council for Quality Council status, which recognises the quality of management and administration of parish and town councils. If we're successful, we will be one of just 700 Quality Councils out of the UK's 8,500 councils to receive the award. Wish us luck!

## Litter pick

Corby Borough Council and the Rural Safer Communities Team are planning a litter pick in the villages. This is part of the 'days of action' initiative to involve schools and local residents in making their villages safer, cleaner and greener. The event will take place between 15 and 17 November (exact date to be confirmed).

If you would like to take part, please contact **Suzanne Preston** at Corby Borough Council on **01536 463177**, email **suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk** or **Cllr Bob Riley** on **771881**, email **bob.riley@corby.gov.uk**

## News from Middleton Parish Council

For more information on any of the items below, please contact Middleton Parish Council Chairman **Dryden Phillipson** on **770950**, email **dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk**

- Middleton Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a £66,500 grant from Grantscape's Community Greenspace Challenge to create a new Pocket Park on the old orchard site on Main Street. The emphasis will be on preserving the old apple and pear trees, protecting and encouraging wildlife and creating a restful place for people to enjoy. The project should take about six months to complete.



- Middleton Parish Council has been Informed of a potential housing development which would extend the village boundary on Ashley Road and is opposing the plan.
- A 'No Cold Calling Zone' pilot is to be set up for Lightfoot Lane, Darescroft and Cannam Close in Middleton. The scheme is being initiated by Middleton Parish Council and Corby Community Safety Partnership.

## Picture this!

The Village Store and Café is running a photographic competition over the next 12 months to gather pictures for a 2013 calendar. The competition is open to any villagers aged 16 and under, and they're looking for pictures that reflect village life, the month or the season.

They will be choosing one photograph a month, so please email your photographs for October with your name, age, date and subject of the photo to **Geof Hudson** on [geof.hudson@cottingham.org.uk](mailto:geof.hudson@cottingham.org.uk) by Friday 18 November. Deadlines and details for the following months' photographs will shortly be available on the village website and the Village Store and Café website [www.thevillagestoreandcafe.co.uk](http://www.thevillagestoreandcafe.co.uk). For more information, contact **Geof** on **770766**.

## Community rewards

If you're aged 13 to 19 and give your time to help your community, the village Youth Club may be able to help you fund a personal goal, for example a Duke of Edinburgh trip, cash to buy a better camera to fuel your love of photography, money towards a laptop, helping to buy a bike, iPad, or maybe driving lessons. Anything will be considered, within reason.

There is £1,000 available and the Youth Club is looking to reward each hour you spend helping the community with around £5. Maximum rewards are expected to be between £100 and £200. Full details are available on the village website. Please contact **David Swallow** on [david.swallow4@virgin.net](mailto:david.swallow4@virgin.net) for more information.

## Youth football

There have been some changes to youth football in the villages.

Football training is now available on Tuesday evenings (5.30pm to 6.30pm) and Sunday afternoons (4pm to 5pm) on the Recreation Field for youngsters aged 5 to 9.

The cost is £2 each per session, £1.50 for two children or £1 each for three. If you are interested in playing or helping out with the training, please contact **Mark Steiner** on **07731 385107**.

## Village Fete success

The Village Fete was a great success and, despite the rain, raised a fantastic £2,896 to be shared between St Mary Magdalene Church and Cottingham CE Primary School. Thanks to everyone who helped, organised and participated for their hard work and generosity. Thanks also to the village groups who joined in on the day to make it a whole village affair. We hope you all enjoyed it.

## Knit and natter?

Would you like to join a group which would meet one evening a month for people to bring any stitching projects they are working on? These could be embroidery, patchwork, knitting, sewing - anything you like. This would be informal, to chat while stitching and maybe share ideas. If you're interested, please call **Diana Sharvill** on **770883**.

## Pub quizzes

Colin Reed is running a new fun pub quiz at the **Royal George** on Sunday evenings from 8.30pm. It's £1 per person to enter, with a bottle of wine for the winning team. Quiz entrants are also invited to buy a £1 raffle ticket to 'play your cards right', with prize money up to £500.

Or, if you want to exercise your grey matter midweek, the Thursday night quiz at the **Spread Eagle** starts at 8pm. It's £1 per person to enter and teams scoring 30 points (out of 60) or more are entered into a draw to win a prize pot of up to £300. There's two bottles of wine for the winning team and free chips for all!

## Cottingham Dog Show

The recent fun dog show held on the Recreation Field raised £120 for Church funds. See the village website for winners and photos.

## Changes to bus and mobile library services

There have been some changes to bus and mobile library services in the villages.

The mobile library now visits Cottingham on the first Friday of each month, stopping in Berryfield Road for an hour from 11.15am to 12.15pm. There are no stops in Middleton.

The 167 bus from Market Harborough to Corby has been replaced by the number 67. The service runs roughly every two hours, Monday to Friday, but no longer stops near Ripley Road. The RF1 Rutland Flyer also stops in Cottingham once an hour, Monday to Saturday, linking Oakham and Corby.

Both these bus services are operated by Centrebus and timetables are available on the village website at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk). Cllr Bob Riley is liaising with Northants County Council on these matters.



## Christmas party Village Hall Annex

with

**The Cat Came Back and The Point Road, Sat 10 Dec, 8pm till late**



The Cat Came Back invite you to a village Christmas party, to dance the night away to a mix

of pop, indie and light rock tracks, plus a few Christmas favourites of course!

The band will be supported on the night by 'The Point Road', a new folk band featuring Paul Aspinall and Pete Smith on violins, Matt Gadsby on bass and Pete Bowman on acoustic guitar.

There will be a pay bar on the night and tickets, at £6 each, are available from **Pete** and **Jane** on **770821**, email [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk).

Website: [www.thecatcameback.co.uk](http://www.thecatcameback.co.uk)

## Christmas Carols with Valley Voice

There's nothing like a few Christmas carols to get you in the festive spirit and, on the evenings of **Tuesday 22** and **Thursday 24 November**, the Valley Voice choir will be singing carols in the courtyard at Rockingham Castle for the Christmas shopping event.

Then, on the evening of **Friday 23 December**, they'll be visiting East Carlton Cricket Club, the Spread Eagle and the Royal George to deliver some festive cheer.

The choir is also planning to record a CD of carols which will be on sale nearer to Christmas. More details will be available soon.



# What's On

**Fri 14 Oct and 9 Dec, 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.

**Sat 15 Oct, 7pm**

## **Village Quiz, Village Hall Annex**

Ant Licquorish's 's Village Quiz in aid of the charity Canine Partners. Food can be ordered, please bring your own drinks. Call **Ant** on **771062** or email **quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk**.

**Sat 22 Oct, 9am to 12 noon**

## **Car boot sale, Cottingham School**

Cottingham School PTFA are holding a car boot sale on the Recreation Field. No traders please but all other 'booters' are welcome. It's £5 for a car and £7.50 for a van, and set up is from 8am. Contact **Angela Preston Jones** on **772297** or email **cap-j@tiscali.co.uk**.

**Sat 29 Oct, 2.30pm**

## **Fiddlesticks, Village Hall Annex**



One for the kids! This is the story of a playful violin who breaks free from his strings in search of beautiful Violinka. A lively blend of clowning, rod and shadow puppets, percussion and live music.

In conjunction with Northants Touring Arts, tickets are £5 for Adults and £4 for children. Contact **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

**Sat 29 Oct, 2 to 4pm**

## **Christmas Bazaar, East Carlton**

Come along to the Bazaar at East Carlton Cricket Club. Tickets are £3 each to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Contact **Diane** on **453418**.

**Sat 5 Nov, 10am to 3pm**

## **Singing workshop, Methodist Hall**



If you fancy flexing your vocal cords and seeing if you can hit the high notes, **Debbie Smith**, music teacher and Musical Director of the Valley Voice choir, will be running a

workshop in the village so you can give it a try! The cost is £15 each and you don't need to be a member of the choir to come along. Contact **Joanne Leaning** on **770913** to find out more.

**Sat 5 Nov and 3 Dec, 7.30pm**

## **Whist drives, Village Hall Annex**

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

**Fri 11 Nov, 7.30pm**

## **Susan Valliant Speer, Village Hall Annex**



USA-born jazz singer **Susan Valliant Speer** and her band return to Cottingham bringing you jazz from the 30s to the 50s. Tickets are £9 each and you'll need to book early to avoid disappointment, as they

will go quickly! There will be a pay bar on the night. Contact **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

**Sat 12 Nov, 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). Contact **Audrey** on **771084**.

**Sun 13 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. The service will be led by **Sidney Beecroft**.

**See page 3 for Christmas events**

## **Useful Contacts**

Northants Police: **03000 111222**

County Connect bus service  
**0845 456 4474**

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC)  
**0845 601 1113**

Cllr **Bob Riley**, Corby Borough Council,  
**01536 771881**, **bob.riley@corby.gov.uk**

Down Your Way correspondent for Evening Telegraph, **Pete Bowman**,  
**770821**, **pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk**  
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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@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**