



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the September/October village newsletter.

It's been a real pleasure over the past few months to

welcome visitors to Cottingham to delve into the village's fascinating history.

It's also great to see all the events that are coming up over the next couple of months. There's something to suit everyone, so please get out and support these events if you can.

The fundraising efforts for The Mill are now well underway. It's fantastic to see so many people from the villages getting involved, and you can too! Take a look at the latest initiatives on page 3, and also on the Mill website [www.themillhub.co.uk](http://www.themillhub.co.uk)

**Regards,**

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## Down Your Way



We're delighted to introduce our new 'Down Your Way' correspondent for the Evening Telegraph.

Beth Kilgallon, who has just completed a

degree in journalism at Leeds Beckett University, has taken over the column and is looking forward to hearing your news. You can contact Beth, using the details below.

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**By George!** At the turn of the last century, the landlord at the Royal George was Andrew Hobbs, pictured here in 1904 with his wife Sarah (née Bradshaw) and their first three children Wallace (Jack), May and Joseph.

Andrew ran the pub for nearly 10 years until Sarah apparently got fed up with the big dinners she had to prepare! Being open all day, it was also hard work with three young children to care for, so the family moved on to run the Manor Farm in the village.

Andrew's grandson Graham Hobbs, son of Andrew's fourth child David, visited Cottingham in 1988 with his family to recreate the 1904 picture and did so again earlier this year with his wife Jill.

Graham has written a fascinating history of the Hobbs family in Cottingham at the turn of the 20th Century. The professionally designed, 64 page hardback book contains many fascinating, original photos of the village and its people. Graham has a few copies of the book available for £20 each. If you'd like a copy, please email [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

## History walk

In July, we welcomed 22 members of the Lubenham Heritage Group to Cottingham for a guided history walk around the village.

Led by Jane Smith of [cottinghamhistory.co.uk](http://cottinghamhistory.co.uk) along with David Grayson, Mary Knott (and Jack!), Jan and Andy Mears, the group were guided through the village to see the interesting historical buildings, The Dale and Churchyard, learning about Cottingham and taking in the fantastic views along the way.



The tour ended at the Royal George where, as an added bonus, the group were treated to live music from the Valley Voice Choir out on the decking. The heritage group kindly donated £60 to the Cottingham Community Fund, which we use to support and promote community events in the villages.

## Spread Eagle Car Park

There has been some activity relating to the planning application, submitted by the landowners, to build a house on the Spread Eagle car park (reference 18/00617/DPA). A parking survey has been conducted covering the pub car park and the village streets within a 200m radius. Slightly revised plans have also been submitted allocating 13 parking spaces for the pub. You can view the survey and plans on Corby Borough Council's planning portal, <https://publicaccess.corby.gov.uk/publicaccess>

# Parish Councils

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### Next meetings

Wed 2 Oct, 7.30pm  
Wed 6 Nov, 7.30pm

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

## Middleton

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Alan Cole (Vice Chair)  
Barbara Bradshaw  
Tony Freeman  
Gina Hicks  
Marie Thomas

### Next meetings

Tue 17 Sep, 7.30pm  
Tue 15 Oct, 7.30pm

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

All meetings take place at the Village Hall Annex on Berryfield Road, next to the school.

## Farewell Sian

Sian Reading, who has been vicar in Cottingham Parish for around 13 years, is



moving on to pastures new. She is currently taking a sabbatical before taking on a new benefice in East Norfolk later this year.

We would like to wish Sian all the very best for her future.

## Fun run for Cancer Research UK

A nine year old Cottingham schoolgirl, Amelia Toman, assisted by her brother George (age seven), has raised £1,025 for Cancer Research UK by organising a fun run at Cottingham School for their mum Kairen, who is being treated for cancer.

All the school's 130 children ran a mile to raise just over £2,000, with half the money going to Cancer Research UK and the other half going towards playground improvements at the school.

Head Teacher Ashley Scott said: "This was a huge event that started with an idea from Amelia. It has brought the whole school community together in support of Kairen, George, Amelia and their family, who have been fantastic in sharing their story to raise awareness for Cancer Research."



## Profits up at Village Store

At the reconvened AGM for the Cottingham and Middleton Village Store and Café in July, Chairman Owen Davison thanked the members of the Committee who have worked hard together over the past 18 months to help get the shop back on its feet.

The shop received generous donations from villagers and the village Copyholders following the burglary last October, plus £500 from Corby Borough Council's small community grants scheme. After these one-off donations and the money from the shop's insurance claim have been taken off, the shop broke even in 2018, compared with a £6,000 loss in 2017. And, for the first 6 months of 2019, profits are up by 10-11% year on year.

Secretary Richard Haigh also read out the names of 30 people who've supported and helped the shop over the past year saying that "without these people, we couldn't even open the shop in the morning."

The shop is now recycling its left over bread to make bread and butter pudding, and any leftover cream and veg is being made into delicious soups. So, nothing is wasted. If there's anything you'd like the shop to stock that you can't find on the shelves, please have a word with one of the team next time you're in.

The Committee would like to thank their shareholders and customers for their continued support. The shop ideally needs around 10 more volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Volunteers receive a full induction and you don't need to commit to a set time every week. If you're interested in joining the shop's friendly team, please get in touch.

You can find the shop's accounts, and a list of the shop's supporters and helpers, on the shop's website at [cottinghamshop.wordpress.com](http://cottinghamshop.wordpress.com)

### Next year's AGM

This will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 21 May at the Methodist Hall, Corby Road. Please pop the date in your diary.

## The Village Store & Café

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Website [cottinghamshop.wordpress.com](http://cottinghamshop.wordpress.com)

### Opening hours

Monday: 8am to 2pm

Tuesday to Friday: 8am to 5pm

Saturday: 8am to 4pm

Sunday: 9am to 1pm

## Cottingham Parish Council update from David Grayson, Chair

Peter Taylor, who has been the Cottingham Parish Clerk for over 33 years, is retiring at the end of September. Rachel Raj of Church Street has now become the new Clerk to the Parish Council. We wish her every success in her new venture and offer her our full support.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. We are nearing the time when we will be starting to write policies for the future of our village. Alongside this, the pre-submission document for the Part 2 Corby Plan, which will inform our Neighbourhood Plan, has been accepted.

Other work includes changing the grazing regime and maintaining the pond in the Dale, and the felling of a number of diseased trees around the village. Community Speed Watch took place over the first two weeks of September.



## Milling ahead

Following a public meeting on 1 August, The Mill's trustees are now in the process of changing the status of the project to a CIO (Community Incorporated Organisation), which will allow the trustees to enter into contracts in the Trust's name.



Meanwhile, the fundraising drive for The Mill continues at pace. A calendar of events has been prepared for the next 12 months including a Christmas Fair, a quiz and beer/gin festival in February, a Wine Safari in May and next year's Village Fete. You can find the full calendar of planned events in the fundraising section of The Mill's website, [themilhub.co.uk](http://themilhub.co.uk)

## Community Cookbook

If you've ever fancied getting your favourite recipe in print, village foodie Del Robertson is putting together a community cookbook to raise funds for The Mill.

He's looking to cover a wide range of cuisines, from the simple and traditional to the more complex and exotic. Initially, Cottingham and Middleton villagers are invited to send up to five recipes for a donation of £1 for each recipe that's used. Please get your recipes in by early November.

More information is available on the Mill's website at [themilhub.co.uk/cookbook](http://themilhub.co.uk/cookbook), or contact Del on email [delboy639@googlemail.com](mailto:delboy639@googlemail.com)



## Copper Mile



We're looking to build a Copper Mile alongside an Easter Treasure Hunt next May, so we need you to start saving your coppers for The Mill now! There's a collecting jar in the Village Store, or why not start saving your coins in a jam jar at home? We'll let you know when and where to bring them nearer the time. Contact **Julie Murray** on 771712, email [juliemurray46@gmail.com](mailto:juliemurray46@gmail.com)

## Carers Sitting Service

Local charity Northamptonshire Carers is looking to recruit volunteer befrienders for the Carers Sitting Service. If you're understanding, patient, a good listener and have a few hours to spare, you could really help people caring for a partner, parent, relative or friend by visiting them in their homes and providing a break. Training, ongoing support and travel expenses are provided. Please contact **Adam Wilson** on 01933 677837, or email [adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org)



## Village Fete raises £7,000



The Village Fete held on 6 July was a huge success, raising an incredible £7,000 – that's £6,200 for The Mill, £430 for the Church and nearly £400 for the School.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped organise the event, came along, ran stalls, cooked, pulled pints, provided music, donated prizes and advertised in the Fete Guide. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Reuse & recycle in Middleton



Ali Freestone has set up a new page for Middleton residents to recycle and

share items, helping to reduce our carbon footprint. You can ask for items you need and post anything you have to give away.

If anyone from Cottingham would like to help manage the new page, please contact Ali through the new Facebook page and it could then be expanded to cover both villages.

Search on Facebook for 'Go green—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in Middleton'.

## Thanks from Nazz



Nazz would like to thank all his customers who nominated Nazz Spice of Middleton for the English Curry Awards, where they were shortlisted in the Most Wanted Restaurant of the Year category for the East Midlands region.

## Nora Davies (1935 to 2019)

Nora Davies sadly passed away in August having lived all her 85 years in the villages.

Born in a one bed terraced cottage under the arch in Middleton, Eileen Nora Crane was the 7th child of Walter and Hilda Crane. Initially sharing a bedroom with her brothers Harry and Phil, it wasn't until the family moved into the newly built houses in Berryfield Road that Nora got her own bedroom!

After leaving school, Nora worked at the Co-Op on Corby Road, Cottingham, and later as a dinner lady at Cottingham School. She married Glen Davies in 1957 at the Congregational Chapel in Middleton, being only the second wedding ever held there. The couple moved into a small cottage in School Lane and then to a bigger house in Bancroft Road, spending over 50 happy years together.

Nora enjoyed making embroidered pictures and cushions, doing crosswords and puzzles and, with her great friends Pam Moore and Stella Ward, toured the Welland Valley playing whist.

She took on the challenge of cancer four times and, with the hard work of the NHS and the love and support of her friends and family, won three out of the four battles. She leaves two sons, Tim and Pete, grandchildren Amy, Cat, Andy and Megan, and a great grandson, George. She will be fondly remembered and missed by her family and friends. Her funeral was held at the Methodist Church in Cottingham on 28 August.



# What's on

For latest events, see  
[www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

**Sun 22 Sep & 27 Oct, 7.30pm**

## Monthly quiz, Royal George

A Sunday night quiz is starting up at the Royal George for teams of up to four people. The cost is £1.50 per person with 50p going to The Mill project. There are cash and other prizes, and food is available.

**Sun 29 Sep, 4-6pm**

## Harvest Tea, St Mary Magdalene

Harvest tea at the Church with songs of praise and music from the Valley Voice Choir. Everyone is welcome. Call **771343**.

**Fri 4 Oct, 7 for 7.30pm**

## Oh Brother! Village Hall Annex



Featuring Cottingham's George West-Robinson, this trio of multi-instrumentalist brothers plays a range of music from upbeat bluegrass and melodic ballads to 1930s vaudeville and folk, plus some original numbers, all with close harmony vocals.

Nibbles are provided and there's a pay bar. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £7 each from **Audrey** on **771084** or **George** on **07891 159155**.

**Sat 5 Oct, 9pm**

## JB Jazz, live at the Spread Eagle



Chill out to all your jazz and swing favourites with JB Jazz, featuring Jane Smith on vocals and tenor sax with Barry Speirs on keys. Entrance is free. If you'd like to book a table for dinner, contact the Spread on **772610**.

**Sat 19 Oct, 6.30 for 7pm**

## Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of [Medical Detection Dogs](#).

Tickets are £10 each with food (fish or chicken and chips) or £5 without food.

Please bring your own drinks.

Space is limited, so please let Ant know as soon as you can if you'd like to come along. The deadline for ordering food is 4 October.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please call **Ant** on **771062** or email him at [ant\\_the\\_quizmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com)

## Halloween at the Village Hall Annex

Two spooky Halloween events are being organised at the Village Hall Annex to raise money for [Corby Mind](#).



### Sat 26 October, 7pm to late A Nightmare on Berryfield

For over 18s, tickets £7.50 to include curry and rice, a costume competition, music, games and more. Please bring your own drink.

### Thur 31 October, 6-8pm Monster Mash children's party

Tickets £4 to include ghoulish treats, games and music, a hot dog, squash, and prizes for the best costumes.

Tickets and information for both events are available from **Morgan Hay** on **07858 743584** or email [morganhay@corbymind.org.uk](mailto:morganhay@corbymind.org.uk)

## Back at the Spread



The back room at The Spread Eagle is now available for private hire free of charge. It can accommodate up to 50 people and there's a full bar service available.

Catering can also be provided for an additional charge. Contact **Rob** on **772610**.

Don't forget that the pub has a quiz night every Thursday from 8pm with cash and drinks prizes, and live music every Saturday.

The pub is currently closed on Mondays, open Tuesday to Sunday evenings and is also open Friday to Sunday afternoons. Please check with the pub for latest opening hours and for when they're serving food.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**  
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Rural Neighbourhood Team (Suzanne Preston) **463177**, email [suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk)

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Highways issues, Northants Council [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Street lighting, Corby Council, email [customer.first@corby.gov.uk](mailto:customer.first@corby.gov.uk)

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Norman Needham, **771356**

New Cottingham FC  
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Royal George Golf Society  
Norman Golding, **771081**

East Carlton Cricket Club  
Sally Hitches, **01536 771733**

East Carlton Health Walking Group  
David Grayson, **772565**



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