



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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## Planning application refused

An update from Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils

At a meeting of their Development Control Committee on 20 January, Corby Borough Councillors voted unanimously to refuse the outline planning application for the proposed housing development on land to the rear of Bury Close.

The Chairs of Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils, as well as Pete Bowman from the Cottingham Community Action Group and Noel Rogers from East Carlton Health Walking Group (pictured below) spoke out at the meeting to air villagers' concerns about the proposed development.

Owen Davison, Chair of Cottingham Parish Council, said: "We are delighted by this decision. This planning application drew massive opposition from the villagers of Cottingham and Middleton, as well as from agencies like English Heritage, the Wildlife Trust, The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the Ramblers Association. We are aware that the applicants may consider appealing, but we're ready and prepared for the next stage if they do."

The Parish Councils would like to thank Jane Smith and Pete Bowman for their work in leading the action group which has co-ordinated the campaign against this development and helped prepare the presentations to the Development Control Committee.

You can find links to media coverage, and more on the Borough Council's reasons for refusal of this application, on the village website at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/development2014.htm](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/development2014.htm)



## Royal George

Punch Taverns have told us that they are exploring all options around the future of the Royal George. They are currently seeking an operator to enable them to reopen the pub and the freehold of the property is up for sale for £375K through [Everard Cole](#).

## Beware of scams

The Parish Councils would like to draw your attention to a Trading Standards leaflet being distributed by Corby Borough Council regarding fraud, targeting everyone but especially the elderly and vulnerable. Items covered include scams inviting people to part with their money in return for lottery or competition prizes which don't exist, threats from bogus debt collection agencies and 'begging letters' from fictitious charities.

For more information and advice on how to protect yourself from scams, visit [www.thinkjessica.com](http://www.thinkjessica.com) or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk), where you can also report fraud.

## Middleton Parish Council

Middleton now has a full complement of Parish Councillors: Sarah Brant (Chair), Alan Cole (Vice Chair), Barbara Bradshaw, Kate Cross, Tony Freeman, Gina Hicks and Julian Skipwith. The Clerk to the Council is Justina Medwell, Middleton House, Middleton, LE16 8YU, telephone **771234**.

Middleton Parish Council now meets on Tuesdays and their next few meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex on 17 March, 21 April and 19 May. Villagers are welcome to attend – the first section of each meeting is open for members of the public to raise issues or ideas.

Dog fouling continues to cause concern and the Parish Council is working closely with Corby Borough Council to identify those who are not picking up their dog's mess and, if appropriate, ensure they are fined for this anti-social behaviour.

Traffic speed through the village and parking on The Hill have also been subjects of discussion, and the Parish Council has asked that the speed gun is utilised in the village as part of the Rural Days of Action programme between 9 and 11 March.

## Cottingham Parish Council

Cottingham Parish Council meets at the Village Hall Annex at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Villagers are welcome to attend.

The results of the parking survey carried out in Cottingham last year are now available on the village website, [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

## Update on local planning policy

North Northamptonshire is currently consulting on its strategic planning priorities for 2011 to 2031 and has laid out the principles on which it would base any development on land west of Corby (between the A6003 and the A427). Much of this land falls within the far reaches of Middleton's parish boundary.

Although this development is not imminent, both Parish Councils feel it is important that they comment on this document, which will inform local planning policy.

## Village hall and recreation field

Middleton and Cottingham Parish Councillors, and representatives of the School and the Village Hall Management Committee, are working together on the Working Group which is planning the new Village Hall and improvement of the Recreation Ground. The Skate Park, that was consulted on last year, forms part of this initiative.

A planning application has been submitted to Corby Borough Council for the new Village Hall.

The Group is currently consulting Sport England and Northants County Council on how to improve the sports facilities, while making sure that the strict rules on protection of playing fields are adhered to.

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## What's on

**Wed 4 Mar and 8 Apr, 2.30pm**

### Police surgeries, Village Store



Our local Community Police Support Officer Mark Tooley will be holding police surgeries at the Cottingham and Middleton Village Store and Café. Please feel free to drop in for a chat.

**Wed 4 March** – Great British Sewing Bee winner Heather Jacks will be sharing her story and talking about 'GoSew', her project to encourage children to sew.



**Wed 1 April** – Samba and reggae drumming night with Echo Fox Events.

Both events will take place at Ashley Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Contact **Wendy Martin** on **0780 119 4560** or email [wendy10ecp@gmail.com](mailto:wendy10ecp@gmail.com)

**Sun 15 Mar, 10am**

### Mother's Day Service St Mary Magdalene



The Family Praise Team invites you to join them at the Church to celebrate Mothering Sunday. This service will include a simple craft activity for children, fun stories and traditional hymns and prayers.

**Sat 11 April, 6.30pm**

### Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz. The cost is £7 per person including food (fish or chicken and chips, or a vegetarian option), or £3 if you want to bring your own. There is no bar so please bring your own drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Call **Ant** on **771062** or email [quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk), with your food order.

the run up to Christmas raised £187 for music therapy charity Nordoff Robbins, and the Christmas Fayre at Cottingham C of E Primary School raised a fantastic £1,200 for the school, beating last year's total. Ant Licquorish's October charity quiz raised £340 for the Corby and District Lions Club.

Last year's Poppy Appeal collection and the World War I memorial event held in the village in August raised almost £1,000 for the Royal British Legion and £105 for Help for Heroes. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Jo and Russ Wilkinson of Ripley Road would like to thank everyone who supported their son Michael and his partner Heather with a dance event to raise money for the charity SANDS, following the sad loss of their baby daughter Isla. Thanks to the Blackthorn Wood golf range for holding the dance, and to Bob Walker at the Spread Eagle who ran a raffle to raise over £300 towards a massive total of £2852.93.



## Obituaries

### Noel Henson (1928 to 2015)



Noel was born in Kettering on Christmas Day 1928 and attended Oundle School.

He moved to Wood Hollow, Cottingham, in the early 1960s and had three daughters, Nicola, Carolyn and Vivienne.

He later married Gerry and moved to Middleton, where they enjoyed their beautiful cottage and garden. He was a keen gardener, became a bee keeper and also had a knack of getting rid of moles, which earned him the nickname of 'Noel the Mole'.

Noel was a dedicated fundraiser for the Kettering and District RNLI and, in earlier years, he was involved with Kettering Rugby Club and played a large part in the East Midlands Colts.

Noel was a true gentleman who always showed an interest in others and a loyal friend who will be greatly missed.

### Keith and Gay Allsop

Gay Allsop died in January after her husband Keith passed away in October last year, aged 89. They had lived in Middleton for many years.

### David Short

David died in December having lived in Cottingham and Middleton for most of his life.

## Fundraising round-up

The recent sell-out gig by Simply Floyd at the Village Hall Annex raised over £200 for Helen House, a charity that provides hospice care for terminally ill children, young adults and their families. The band would like to thank everyone who came along for their support and generosity.

Festive singing from the Valley Voice choir in



## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC) [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Cllr Bob Riley, Corby Borough Council, **01536 771881**, [bob.riley@corby.gov.uk](mailto:bob.riley@corby.gov.uk)

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, **07927 179921**, [delboy639@gmail.com](mailto:delboy639@gmail.com)

Village Store and Café, **770097** [facebook.com/cottinghamshop](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamshop)

Village Hall Annex  
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall  
Lynette Muir, **770094**

St Mary Magdalene Church  
Ruth Colby, **770178**, [ruthcolby2@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcolby2@gmail.com) or Rev Sian Reading, **770237**, [sjmr216@btinternet.com](mailto:sjmr216@btinternet.com)

## Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club  
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

WRVS, Sue Jefferson, **771822**

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 Liquorish, **771401**

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  
Sally Hitches, **01536 771733**

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

## Forget Me Not Flowers

Village florist Megan McKim of [www.forgetmenotflorist.net](http://www.forgetmenotflorist.net) has opened a new shop at Unit 6, 291 Rockingham Road, Corby.

**For latest events, see  
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