



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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## Housing development planning application



As you may be aware, Corby Borough Council refused the planning application for housing on land to the rear of Bury Close on 20 January 2015. We are advised that the applicants have up to six months to lodge an appeal against this decision with the Planning Inspector, giving an appeal deadline of 20 July 2015.

It is expected that the applicants will appeal, although they have not done so as yet. If an appeal is lodged, we will notify you through the village website and email list. Corby Borough Council will also contact everybody who commented on the planning application directly.

## Village Store and Café

The Village Store and Café is delighted with the response from the community to their 'use it or lose it' campaign. More people are coming through the door and, for the last couple of weeks, the shop has traded at a small profit.

The simple fact is that the shop will survive if more people use it - all it needs is a few more people regularly spending a few pounds a day, so pop in, buy a coffee, have a cake or treat the kids to a smoothie.

The shop offers fresh fruit and veg, some amazing cheeses, Hambleton Bakery bread and cakes, and excellent meats from Grasmere Farm, as well as the basics (newspapers, milk, bread etc) at prices that really do compare favourably to other local outlets.

For those who can spare an hour or two, please also consider volunteering. This is a community shop and the community needs to get involved to keep it going.

The shop's **Annual General Meeting** takes place on **Saturday 27 June at 4pm** in the school hall. Chairman David Swallow says: "With several longstanding members looking to step down, we need people with the time, enthusiasm and energy to join the committee and help implement new ideas which will increase sales. We know what we need to do, and we have a plan in place, but we need people to help us put it into effect."

The shop is on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamshop) (cottinghamshop) and you can contact David on email [davidswallow@me.com](mailto:davidswallow@me.com)



## Cottingham Parish Council update

Cottingham Parish Council would like to thank Councillors Irene Beadsworth and Joanne Leaning, who will be stepping down at the 7 May election, for their contribution and support during their time on the Council. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, the Parish Council would like to hear you. As the remaining six Councillors are male, they are especially keen to see some women back on the Council to maintain balance.

Contact Parish Clerk **Peter Taylor** on 761752, email [peter.taylor@cottingham.org.uk](mailto:peter.taylor@cottingham.org.uk) or Chairman Owen Davison on 771333, email [owen.davison@cottingham.org.uk](mailto:owen.davison@cottingham.org.uk)

## Telephone box adopted

Cottingham Parish Council has signed a contract with BT to adopt the red phone box on Rockingham Road. If anyone has any ideas on what they would like to see the phone box used for (some villages have turned theirs into a mini library or gallery, an information point or have installed a defibrillator within it), please contact Peter Taylor, details above, before the end of May.



## New village hall

The Cottingham Recreation Ground Working Group met recently for an update on the layout of new sports facilities and plans for the new village hall on the recreation ground at the back of the school.

The main issue discussed was the proposed access to the new hall. It had previously been suggested to create a one way access road, running from a new entrance on Mill Road to the current exit on Berryfield Road. However, the idea has now been revised because of land ownership and other safety issues.

The group is now looking at a single entrance and exit from Mill Road, which would also allow parents to drop their children off away from the main road. The plan would involve extending the current 30mph zone further up Mill Road towards Bringhurst through a Traffic Regulation Order. The extension of the zone would address visibility issues on Mill Road if the new entrance was to go ahead.

The planning application for the new hall is currently on hold while access is being resolved.

## Anyone for cricket?



East Carlton Cricket Club is looking for players for their men's team. The team plays matches in the Rutland league every Sunday from April to September (fixtures on the village website), with nets practice at 6.30pm on Fridays. If you're interested, contact **Nick** on 07585 973527 or **Stuart** on 07883 923946.

## Quiz time

Del Robertson would like to say a big thank you to all who attended and assisted with his latest 'Souper Quiz' on 25 April. There was an impressive turnout and £201.40 was raised towards the upkeep of the Village Hall Annex. There were just two points between the top three teams, but deserving winners on the night were 'Strictly Come Quizzers'.

Ant Licquorish's 46th quiz, also in April, raised £214 for Medbourne Pre-school, a charity suggested by one of Ant's regular quiz goers. Thanks to all who made the evening run smoothly and to those who provided a varied selection of raffle and other prizes. Ant's next quiz is on 24 October in aid of Northamptonshire Search and Rescue.

## Village defibrillator

Rockingham Forest Wheelers are raising money to buy an automated external defibrillator which could be used by anyone in the community. If you'd like to donate, please contact [generalsecretary@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk](mailto:generalsecretary@rockinghamforestwheelers.org.uk)



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# What's on

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

**Sun 17 May, 10am to 12 noon**

## Community clean-up

Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils have joined Corby Borough Council (CBC) to organise a village clean-up.

Meet outside the Village Store and Café between 9.30am and 10am on 17 May, wearing sensible clothes and footwear. All equipment will be provided by CBC's Neighbourhood Management Team and volunteers will be rewarded with a tea or coffee afterwards, with thanks to the Village Store and Café.

For more information, contact Sarah Brant (Middleton Parish Council) on [sarah.e.brant@sky.com](mailto:sarah.e.brant@sky.com) or Peter Taylor (Cottingham Parish Council) on [peter.taylor@cottingham.org.uk](mailto:peter.taylor@cottingham.org.uk)

**Wed 20 May, 7.30pm**

## Gigaclear Q&A session Village Hall Annex

You may have received a leaflet through your door from Gigaclear, an Ofcom licensed, independent provider of superfast fibreoptic broadband for rural villages. They are holding a Q&A session at the Village Hall Annex for villagers to find out more. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can find more information at [www.gigaclear.com](http://www.gigaclear.com)

**Fri 22 May, 8pm**

## Café Jazz, Village Hall Annex



Back by popular demand, Café Jazz presents an evening of laid back jazz music from the likes of Peggy Lee, Etta James, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Gershwin and Sinatra.

This jazz quintet features Jane Smith on vocals, David 'Zoot' Barrs on tenor sax, Fino Lopes on acoustic jazz guitar, Mark Ginns on double bass and Ian 'Bud' Gemmill on drums.

Support is from jazz and swing instrumental guitar and percussion trio, *The Three Janes*, featuring Dick Booth and Cottingham's Pete Bowman and Simon Shaw.

There is a pay bar and tickets are £6 each from Irene on 770059 or Jane on 770827, email [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

For more information about the band, see [www.cafejazzmusic.co.uk](http://www.cafejazzmusic.co.uk)

**25 to 31 May**

## Corby Walking Festival

This year's festival kicks off on Friday 25 May with a free family fun day at East Carlton Country Park. The walking programme takes in local history, wildlife and evening walks. For more information, see [www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk](http://www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk) or contact Suzanne Preston on 01536 463177, email [suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk)

**Sat 11 July, 2pm to 8pm**

## Cottingham & Middleton Festival

The annual Cottingham and Middleton Village Fete has evolved this year into the 'Cottingham and Middleton Festival', and organisers are hoping to make it the best yet!

Details are still being finalised, but there will be lots of games and activities, a bouncy castle, raffle, tombolas, face painting, train rides, pets cuddle corner, helium balloon games, circus skills, Northamptonshire skittles, archery and the ever popular 'made in the villages' stall. Suzanne Preston, our Rural Pride Officer, is also hoping to offer free dog micro-chipping.

Organisers have also invited food and drink providers to have a stall, including all the local breweries, to create a mini beer festival. There is a tea room and a range of food on offer, including a barbecue and alternative dishes from the Travelling Supper Club. There will also be live music including village band *Soundpost*, the Valley Voice Choir and performances from the children of Cottingham School.

A Festival Guide is being prepared to go to every home in the villages. If you'd like to place an advert in the Guide (prices from £20), please contact Nicola on 07858 987095, email [nicolagumber@googlemail.com](mailto:nicolagumber@googlemail.com) or Angela on 0759 4682671 by the end of May. Any sponsorships, donations or raffle prizes would also be very gladly received and will be credited in the Festival Guide.

All profits go to Cottingham Primary School and St Mary Magdalene Church.

**Sun 12 July, 2pm to 6pm**

## Picnic in the pocket park

Village choir Valley Voice is hosting an afternoon of entertainment in the pocket park orchard on Main Street, Middleton. There will be songs from Valley Voice, music from other local artists, games and children's entertainment, including Mr Custard. Come along with family and friends, bring a picnic and enjoy the afternoon.



## Obituaries

**Brian Hammond** passed away in March. He and his family lived in Water Lane for many year's before moving away.

**Jean Claypole** had lived in Cottingham for many years and passed away.

**Vicky Wilkinson**, who was bought up in Cottingham, passed away in March.

Our thoughts and condolences go to Brian, Jean and Vicky's family and friends.

## Cycling events, 19 & 20 June

Stage 3 of the Aviva Women's Tour international cycling event is expected to pass through the villages on **19 June**, on its way from Oundle to Kettering. Keep an eye on [www.womenstour.co.uk](http://www.womenstour.co.uk) for the latest information.

Also look out for cyclists on Wednesday evenings through to September, as Rockingham Forest Wheelers will be holding time trials through the villages. There will also be a road race through the villages on **20 June**. Enquiries to Steve Woolmer, Road Race Secretary, email [s.woolmer72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.woolmer72@hotmail.co.uk)

## Rockingham Castle events

There are two large events being planned in the Great Park at Rockingham Castle this summer – a cultural event to celebrate the Summer Solstice from 19 to 21 June, and a drum and bass music festival on Fri 24 and Sat 25 July.

Corby Borough Council is currently considering licence applications for these events and is accepting written representations from interested parties. If you have any views, contact **Damian Wilkins** in the Environmental Health team on 01536 464000, email [damian.wilkins@corby.gov.uk](mailto:damian.wilkins@corby.gov.uk)

More information, including answers to some questions you may have about these events, will be available on the village website shortly.

## Parish Council meetings, Village Hall Annex

**Cottingham**, Mon 11 May (6.30pm), 3 June (7.30pm), 1 or 8 July (TBA)

**Middleton**, Tue 19 May (7.30pm), and 16 June (7.30pm)