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As the year draws to a close, we take a moment on this page to remember some of our friends and neighbours who have sadly passed away over recent months.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported the newsletter this year, including the Parish Councils for their funding and all the people who co-ordinate and deliver the newsletter to your door.

And finally, I would like to wish all villagers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards,

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Police round up



Welcome to our new PCSO **Jo Devlin** who will be working alongside PC Mark Walker as the new Corby Rural Policing Team.

You can contact Jo by emailing joseph.devlin@northants.pnn.police.uk, or by calling the police non-emergency number 101.

A house in Glover Court was burgled at 6.30pm on 5 December while the owners were at home, with a handbag containing keys etc being stolen. The bag itself was later found on Main Street and was reunited with its owner through the village Facebook page.

If you saw anything suspicious, please call the police on 101.

Please also be vigilant and keep your windows and doors locked at all times.

Viola Licquorish (1920 to Oct 2016)

Viola was born in her grandmother's house next to the Red Lion in 1920. She spent a happy childhood with her sister Doreen and left Cottingham School aged 14 to work as a machinist at the local factory. She later worked for Stewart and Lloyds in Corby.



She married Cyril in 1943 and they spent 72 happy years together, living in Middleton for a while before moving to Berryfield Road. They were lifelong members of Cottingham Methodist Church and enjoyed spending time with their daughter Lynette and husband John, and their two grandsons Edward and Adam.

Viola died peacefully aged 96 in Cheaney Court Care Home, Desborough, where she had lived happily for the past few months. You can find more memories of Viola, written by her daughter Lynette, on the village website at cottinghamnews.co.uk/2016/12/09/viola

Joan Jarman (1930 to Nov 2016)

Joan moved to Cottingham in 1952 when she married her husband Derek. The couple were both lifelong members of Cottingham Methodist Church. They had one son, Colin, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Joan died on 18 November, aged 86.

We also say farewell to another long term Cottingham resident, **Trevor Bailey**.

Chris Davis (1950 to Aug 2016)



Chris and Diana moved to School Lane, Cottingham in 1985.

He had three careers - research pharmacologist, science teacher, then psychotherapist. He also had many interests including photography, motorbikes, music (he played bass and guitar in several local bands and sang with Valley Voice), scuba diving and, when his

sight became too bad for most of those, sailing with [Northampton Sailability](http://NorthamptonSailability.com).

In 1999, after a few years on dialysis, Chris had a kidney transplant which gave him and Diana the chance to travel and visit friends and family in Australia, New Zealand, California and Turkey.

An event was held at the Village Hall Annex on 4 December to remember Chris. Family and friends came along to celebrate his life and there were performances from several bands and musicians who Chris had played and performed with over the years.

Lesley Tilley (1952 to Oct 2016)



Lesley was born in Corby in 1952 after her family had moved from Wales for the steel works. She moved to Cottingham in 1971 when she married Brian, who she had met at the Red Lion in Middleton. The couple lived in Ripley Road for two years before moving to Berryfield Road and were delighted when, after 18 years of marriage, their son Paul arrived.

Lesley worked for Golden Wonder, Corby Borough Council and, in the village, at the Cottingham Shoe Factory and Hunting Lodge Hotel. She was a keen gardener, loved her association with Cottingham Football Club and played skittles in the ladies league every Thursday.

Lesley was the life and soul of every party and will be fondly remembered. Some 250 family members and friends attended her burial service at Cottingham Church in October. Brian and Paul would like to thank everyone for their support and donations, which amounted to £708.22 for the Air Ambulance and Cancer Research.



Christmas What's On

Church and Carol Services



Sun 11 Dec, 6pm

St Mary Magdalene Church

Carols by candlelight with the Valley Voice choir, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



Thur 15 Dec, 7pm

Cottingham Methodist Church, Coffee and Carols.

Sun 18 Dec, 6pm

Cottingham Methodist Church, Lessons and Carols.



Tue 20 Dec, 11 am

St Mary Magdalene

Christingle Service with Cottingham School, everyone welcome.



Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Midnight Mass at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cottingham.



Christmas Day, 10.30am

Service at St Leonard's, Rockingham.

Tue 13 Dec, 10.30am

School nativity, St Mary's



Keeping up a long held Cottingham tradition, senior citizens from the villages are invited to come along to St Mary Magdalene Church for

the dress rehearsal of Cottingham Primary School's Nativity Play. There will be tea, coffee and mince pies and the performance is free.

Wed 14 Dec, 6 to 8pm

Hear those sleigh bells?

Santa will be touring Cottingham and Middleton on his sleigh with the 1st Welland Valley Scout Group.



Children are welcome to come out and say hello or wave. Please also feel free to pop a few coins in the bucket for the Scouts.

Fri 16 Dec, 7.30pm

Seagrave Singers Village Hall Annex



Come along for an evening of Christmas music from the award winning Seagrave Singers ladies choir. Tickets are £6 to include mince pies and a glass of good cheer! Contact **Irene** on 770059 or **Audrey** on 771084.

Fri 16 Dec, 9pm

Valley Voice, Royal George

The Valley Voice Choir will be singing at the old people's home on Main Street Middleton, at East Carlton Cricket Club around 7.45pm and then at the Royal George in Cottingham at around 9pm.

Come along, listen and join in with your favourite carols.

Sun 18 Dec, 5 to 6pm

Community Carols Middleton Orchard



Christmas carol sing-along with the Valley Voice Choir at the Pocket Park (orchard) in Middleton with special guests Rob

Cross and Jane Smith, who will be playing some festive duets on trumpet and sax for you to join in with. Wrap up warm, bring lanterns and your best singing voice.

Christmas Eve, 4pm

Journey to the crib

Join Mary and Joseph on their journey through Cottingham and Middleton to the stable for the birth of Christ.



The journey will start in Middleton, finishing at the Church for refreshments and a blessing.

The Christmas Story will be told as you walk through the villages. All dressing up is welcomed, so if you have any eager little angels or shepherds, they can be included in the story. Wrap up warm and bring lanterns – it all adds to the festive atmosphere.

The **Royal George** is open during the day on 25 and 26 December, then closed on the 27th. On New Year's Eve, there will be a buffet and karaoke. Tickets are £5 each from Kevin on 660505. See theroyalgeorgecottingham.co.uk for more information.

The **Red Lion** is open throughout the festive period and is hoping to have live music on New Year's Eve. See theredlionmiddleton.co.uk or call 771034.



The **School Christmas Fair** on 3 December raised £932. Thanks to everyone who came along, ran stalls and donated raffle prizes.



If you have a community event happening, why not pop along to Corby Radio

(96.4 FM) to record a short notice? It's free, and the notices are broadcast at a quarter to and quarter past the hour, 24 hours a day. Programme Director **Paul Moore** lives in Cottingham and will be happy to help. You can contact him on paul.moore@corbyradio.com

Shirley Ashby of Berryfield Road would like to express her heartfelt thanks to all her friends, family and neighbours for the cards, flowers and gifts she received during her recent stay in hospital. Shirley is beginning to feel well again and is looking forward to getting out and about as she regains her strength.

If anyone needs a lightweight folding wheelchair for visiting relatives or short term emergencies, contact **Diana Sharvill** on 07811 098581. She is willing to lend hers for up to a fortnight.

A decision is still pending on the planning application for Little Meadow.

Del Robertson's November Souper Quiz raised £116 for the Village Hall Annex.