



## Cottingham and Middleton News - Christmas 2014

### Christmas What's On

**Sat 24 Dec, 4pm - Journey to the stable**

Join Mary and Joseph on their journey through Cottingham and Middleton to the stable for the birth of Christ. The journey starts at 4pm outside the Red Lion in Middleton, stopping at various points on the journey for readings and carols, and ending at St Mary Magdalene Church where light refreshments will be available. Please wrap up warmly and bring a lantern or torch, and you're welcome to dress as nativity characters.



**Christmas Eve, Wed 24 Dec, 11.30pm**

**Midnight Mass, St Leonard's Church, Rockingham**

**Christmas Day, Thur 25 Dec, 10.30am**

**Christmas morning service with communion  
St Mary Magdalene Church, Cottingham**



### Hark! The Valley Voices sing!

The Valley Voice village choir has been in demand this festive season - performing at the Rockingham Castle Victorian Christmas event in November, at the Carols by Candlelight service at St Mary Magdalene Church on 14 December and at East Carlton Cricket Club, the old folks home in Middleton and the Spread Eagle pub on 19 December. The choir's carol singing raised £187 for the music therapy charity [Nordoff Robbins](#). Thanks to everyone who donated.

The choir also hosted their very own Christmas Concert down at the Village Hall Annex on 13 December, with their beautiful singing supplemented by a Christmas Quiz and a spooky village-based ghost story written and delivered by Pete Bowman.



### Remembering our fallen heroes

Villagers turned out in force for this year's memorial service at the village war memorial. Alongside personal tributes and wreaths from Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils, Joanne Leaning also laid a poppy-laden cross that villagers had filled with poppies carrying personal messages of remembrance.

In total, this year's Poppy Appeal collection and the memorial event held in the village in August have raised almost £1,000 for the Royal British Legion and £105 for Help for Heroes. Thank you to everyone for their generous support.

### Ant's quiz raises £340 for the Lions

On 25 October, 17 teams took part in Ant Licquorish's 45th village quiz raising a total of £340 for the Corby and District Lions. Mike Garlick, representing the charity, kindly accepted the donation and gave a brief talk outlining the work that the charity undertakes. Special thanks to all who helped to make the quiz night such a success and for the many kind donations of raffle prizes. The next quiz is scheduled for the early part of 2015 so watch this space!

A group of six villagers who meet each week to make various crafts are selling some of their work, including patchwork quilts, bags and knitted animal soft toys, at the Village Store and Cafe. Some of the proceeds will go to the Air Ambulance.



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Jo and Russ Wilkinson of Ripley Road would like to thank everyone who supported their son Michael and his partner Heather with a dance held in September to raise money for the charity [SANDS](#), following the sad loss of their baby daughter [Isla](#) earlier this year. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and donated some fantastic raffle prizes to make the event so successful. A big thumbs up to the Blackthorn Wood golf range for holding the dance, and to local band 'Mid Life Crisis' who entertained all night with some great sounds. Also a big thank you to Bob Walker at the Spread Eagle who ran a raffle for a whole month and raised over £300 towards a massive total of £2852.93.



### **Cottingham kids Park and Stride!**

Cottingham schoolchildren put their best feet recently when they took part in a 'Park and Stride' event, to coincide with Road Safety Week.

The children were dropped off by their parents at the Spread Eagle car park and adults then accompanied the children to the school in a 'walking bus'. The reverse happened at home time.

Our picture (by Andy Gilgrist) shows the walking bus heading off down High Street, escorted by parents, Corby Borough Council's Neighbourhood Warden Team, Councillor Bob Riley and local Police Community Support Officer Mark Tooley.

**Cottingham Parking Survey** [View report](#)

**New Cottingham and Middleton village hall** - A planning application has been submitted to Corby Borough Council for the new Village Hall, to be located on the recreation field off Berryfield Road, Cottingham. More information in the New Year.

**Northants Evening Telegraph, 6 November** [ALLSOP](#)

**KEITH, OBE ARIBA** passed away at home on 17th October 2014, aged 89 years. Husband of Gay, father of Andrew & David and grandfather of Matthew, Christopher & Thomas. Private funeral service. Donations, if desired, for the Royal British Legion may be made online at [www.jstamandsons.co.uk](http://www.jstamandsons.co.uk) or sent to J Stamp & Sons, 15 Kettering Road, Market Harborough, LE16 8AN. Tel: 01858 462524.



As we near the end of a very hectic year, I hope you enjoy this short online newsletter, a special edition to let you know what's happening in the villages over Christmas and to share some recent news and photos. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and also to thank everyone who contributes to Cottingham and Middleton News, including the Parish Councils for their funding and everyone who helps to co-ordinate and distribute the newsletter to your door. Have a good one!

**Jane Smith, Editor**