



Cottingham and Middleton News

Christmas Special 2013

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With Christmas nearly upon us, I thought it would be nice to produce a short 'Christmas

Special' edition of the newsletter to let you know what's happening over the Christmas period and so you can enjoy some festive village pictures.

As ever, 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. We couldn't do this without you!

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

Regards,

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All the fun of the Fayre!

Pictures by Pete Bowman

The Christmas Fayre held at Cottingham C of E Primary School on 7 December was a huge success and raised a fantastic £1,083 for the school. Here are some pictures for you to enjoy, and to give you a flavour of the event. Thanks to everyone who supported.



Above: Displaying their festive wares at the ever popular 'Made in the Villages' stall are (left to right) Paula Phillipson, Sarah Brant, Lynn Carson and Sue Aspinall.

Right: Sarah Sherlock with the 'wine into water' stall, where visitors paid £1 for a gift bag that could contain either a bottle of water or a bottle of wine.

Top right: Visiting Santa in his grotto are Myla Pollock and Rachel Gumber (both aged 7) with Santa's elf (AKA Angie Stevens).



Green Horizons Christmas Fair *By Lucie Middlebrook*

On a blazing hot day in early autumn, while stacking hay bales in the field, thoughts turned to Christmas. 'Let's do a Christmas fair', someone suggested. The children were immediately filled with excitement and enthusiasm at the idea of making things and having an 'event' to share with other people.

They, along with their mums, dads, grandparents and friends, set about sewing, sticking, painting and baking to make produce to sell on the day. By 30 November, the day of the fair, we had decorations, earrings, cards, stocking fillers, games, chutneys, jams and more. Every family was ready to run a stall, including some of the children who are on the autism spectrum.



We were delighted to welcome villagers and those from further afield, who came to join in the event. Thank you so much to all who supported us – we raised an amazing £853, which we will be using to develop the allotments over the next year.

We hope to hold further events in 2014 and we would be so pleased if you could join us.



Christmas What's On

Church and Carol Services



Thur 19 Dec, 7pm

Methodist Hall - Coffee and carols



Fri 20 Dec, 2pm
St Mary Magdalene Church

School Christmas Service, everyone welcome

Sun 22 Dec, 6pm

St Mary Magdalene Church
Carol service including the Valley Voice choir



Methodist Church
Carol service



Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Midnight Mass at St James Church, Gretton

Christmas Day, 10.30am

St Leonards Church, Rockingham



Sun 29 Dec, 10am

St Mary Magdalene Church
Coffee and carols

Fri 20 Dec, 7.45pm

Xmas carols with Valley Voice



The Valley Voice choir will be out and about on Friday 19 December spreading some Christmas cheer!

They'll be singing at East

Carlton Cricket Club at around 7.45pm and then at the Royal George in Cottingham at around 9.15pm. *Pictured below singing at Rockingham Castle.*



Travelling crib

Organised by St Mary Magdalene Church, three sets of crib figures are travelling around our villages in search of a place to stay, symbolising Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. If you would like to offer a home for the crib figures for one night in December, there are a few spaces left. Please contact **Rachel** on **770766**.

Christmas Eve, 4pm

Living Crib Journey

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



This year, the journey starts at the Red Lion in Middleton and will progress along Main Street Middleton, stopping at The Willows B&B and meeting the Three Kings in Middleton Orchard. It's then on to Church Street, Cottingham, where there will be another couple of stops before arriving at the Church.

Please wrap up warmly and bring a lantern or torch, and you're welcome to dress as nativity characters. For more information, please contact **Ruth Colby** on **770178**.

Corby Foodbank

With the festive season nearly upon us, spare a thought for local people who may not have enough to eat this Christmas.

Corby Foodbank at the Hope Centre, Princewood Road, Corby, relies on donations of non-perishable, in-date food to provide emergency food for people in crisis.

If you or anyone you know could benefit from this service, or if you'd like to donate, get in touch on **01536 737578** or find out more at corby.foodbank.org.uk.

Don't miss out on village news



If you'd like to keep up to date with village news between newsletters, you can join the village email list by following the instructions on the village website.



You can also follow us on Twitter and join the village Facebook page through the website.



Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC) www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Cllr Bob Riley, Corby Borough Council, **01536 771881**, bob.riley@corby.gov.uk

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, **07927 179921**, delboy639@gmail.com

Village Store and Café, **770097** facebook.com/cottinghamshop

Village Hall Annex
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall
Wendy Curtis, **771987**

St Mary Magdalene Church
Ruth Colby, **770178**, ruthcolby2@gmail.com or Rev Sian Reading, **770237**, 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

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**