



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the March 2014 newsletter.

It's fantastic to see the Red Lion and Spread Eagle back open for business.

With these two new pubs, along with the Royal George and Blackthorn Wood Golf Club, we are now spoilt for choice when it comes to places to eat and drink in the villages. I'd like to wish them all every success. See you in there!

Regards

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Down Your Way



Middleton's Del Robertson will be taking over from Pete Bowman as Cottingham and Middleton's 'Down Your Way' correspondent for the Northants Telegraph.

Thanks to Pete for all his hard work over the years. If you have any news for 'Down Your Way', please contact Del on **07811 681351**, email delboy639@gmail.com.

Services at St Mary Magdalene

While the Church's Towers and Spires magazine is not being produced, Rev Sian Reading is producing an email newsletter 'Not the Towers and Spires'. If you'd like to receive a copy, please contact **Angela Preston Jones**, email p.j55@btinternet.com.

You can find times and details for church services on the noticeboard in the Village Store and also on the village website www.cottinghamnews.co.uk Please select 'What's On' and then 'Church Services'.

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The Spread and the Red - Village pubs reopen



The Red Lion in Middleton has re-opened as a bar and restaurant offering tapas along with succulent meats grilled over coals and wood on an Argentinian style 'Asado' grill. They offer a

special Sunday lunch menu and there's a bar if you just fancy popping in for a drink. The Red Lion has undergone a complete refit and is run by father and son team Paul and Michael Morgan. Paul, who previously owned and ran a 600-seater restaurant in Derby, has lived in Middleton for the past six years. Contact the Red Lion on **771034**, or visit their website www.theredlionmiddleton.co.uk.

The Spread Eagle in Cottingham has also reopened following an extensive refurbishment by new owners Bob and Pattie. Ex-butcher Bob has been running pubs for 23 years, including the Open Hearth in Corby and, before moving back to the area, a pub in Birmingham. "We are back here to stay and we want the Spread Eagle to be a true community pub at the heart of the village," says Bob. "We are offering fresh, locally sourced food at great prices and we aim to become famous for our steaks!" The Spread has also started up a Thursday night quiz with prizes, starting at 8.30pm. Contact the Spread Eagle on **772080**.



The Spread Eagle would like to offer readers a 10% discount off their first food order from the pub's extensive new menu. Take this newsletter along to receive your discount.

Cottingham Parking Survey

With parking continuing to be an issue with Cottingham residents, Cottingham Parish Council is working with Corby Borough Council, the Rural Safer Communities Team and other organisations to identify the main parking challenges in the village, so they can work with residents to consider potential solutions to either eradicate or reduce these problems.

If you live in Cottingham, please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed parking survey and pop it in the collection box at the Village Store and Café by **Saturday 22 March 2014**. You can also download a copy of the survey from the village website.

Your views are important and your feedback will help identify possible solutions that will assist in making progress on this long-standing community concern. Thanks for your time.

Emma Loves to dance!



Congratulations to Middleton's Emma Love who has been named runner up 'volunteer of the year' in the 2013 Corby Sports Awards. Since completing her Dance Leaders Award at SHAPE Dance in Corby, 17 year old Emma has become a regular volunteer with younger classes, helping to teach dance, supporting during performances and assisting teachers. She also helped out with the Corby Splat Scheme during the school holidays. Emma has given over 400 hours of her time and thoroughly enjoys her volunteering.

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
01536 761752, 5 Headlands,
Desborough NN14 2QA

Councillors

Owen Davison (Chairman)
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)
Irene Beadsworth
Trevor Dicken
Joanne Leaning
John Muir
Dave Sims

Next meetings

Wed 5 March, 7.30pm
Wed 2 April, 7.30pm
www.cottingham.org.uk

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
01536 771234
Middleton House, Middleton,
LE16 8YU

Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)
Sarah Brant (Vice Chairman)
Alan Cole
Georgina Hicks
Zena Taylor

Next meetings

Wed 19 March, 7.30pm
Wed 16 April, 7.30pm
www.middleton-northants-pc.gov

All meetings are held at the Village Hall Annex, next to the school.

Parish Council vacancies

Following the resignation of Cottingham Parish Councillor Terry Mason, Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils both have two vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact your Parish Clerk (details above).

Mums and Tots

If anyone would like to hold a Mums and Tots 1 o' clock club or a get together for parents and pre-school age children, there is equipment available at the Methodist Church Hall on Corby Road. You can hire the hall for £5 an hour. Please call **771987** or **770094**.



Young dancers raise money for Macmillan

Young Cottingham dancers were on their toes recently, helping to raise £840 for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking part in the Arabesque Charity Dance Party, organised by Arabesque School of Dance.

Arabesque offers weekly dance classes in tap, modern dance and musical theatre, all of which are held on Thursdays at Cottingham's Village Hall Annex. Principal Laura Kingzett is a qualified IDTA teacher and has over 14 years' teaching

experience. Each year, the school offers IDTA examinations, professional shows, performances and holiday workshops.

"Arabesque School of Dance is a friendly school but prides itself on a high standard of teaching," says Laura. "I like to make sure there is the right balance of fun but also discipline." For more information, contact **Laura Kingzett** on **07940 006417**, email laura@arabesqueschoolofdance.co.uk or visit www.arabesqueschoolofdance.co.uk.

Pictured with Laura Kingzett are (back row, left to right) Erin Porter-Brown, Sophie Hay, Jessica Epro, Eva-Grace Politi and Rene Lloyd with (front row) Darcy-Mae Burrows, Eva Gray and Fleur Lloyd.

Cottingham School named district rugby champs



Cottingham C of E Primary School's Year 5/6 tag rugby team has beaten off stiff competition to be named Corby and District Champions in the 'Road to Twickenham Small Schools Rugby Championship'.

Ed Dee, whose daughter Imogen is part of the winning team, said: "We were up against schools much larger than ours so this is a real achievement. The children looked very comfortable with each other and showed great team work. We are all really proud of them."

Team member Tiagh Brannigan (aged 11) added: "We're ecstatic with this win after all the hard work we've put in. We're now all looking forward to the county finals."

The team has been practising rugby skills in their PE lessons with Jack Hubbard, a PE specialist who's been coaching at Cottingham for over a year. And it's certainly paid off, with the school fast gaining a reputation as a sporting force in the local area. As well as the rugby triumph, Cottingham C of E Primary School has won the local heats of the 7-a side Small Schools Football Competition and is representing Corby in the Northants regional final this year. The school has also won the Welland Valley Athletics Championships for the last two years running. For more information about the school, visit www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk.



Support Lindsay's Marathon run

Former Cottingham girl Lindsay Lovell is running the London Marathon in April 2014 to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK, the country's leading dementia research charity.

Lindsay, 27, says: "Dementia is a cause close to my heart as my Nan (living in Manor House, Middleton) suffers from it. It used to be seen as a normal part of ageing and although that attitude is changing, research into cause, cure and treatment is still desperately underfunded."

Lindsay grew up in Cottingham and her parents still live here. She visits often, so if you see her on a training run please give her a cheer of encouragement and, if you can spare any money to sponsor

her Marathon, please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/lindsaylovell>. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Proposed development - rear of Cottingham Hall

Here is a quick update from Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils. Please see the village website for more details and latest news.

- Peter Brett Associates (PBA) have confirmed that their client for this proposed development is Mr W Kiff, formerly of Cottingham Hall. However, as yet, no planning application has been submitted.
- The main planning argument for approval of this development would seem to be that Corby Borough Council (CBC) is not able to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing land, which it is now required to do under national planning policy. The targets that this five year supply is measured against are based on the East Midlands Regional Plan that was revoked in April 2013.

An Interim Housing Statement (IHS) has now been produced, containing revised housing targets. A draft report, which will go to CBC's Local Plan Committee on 5 March, indicates that CBC can demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing land against these new targets. On 9 January, the North Northants Joint Planning Unit agreed that the IHS should be used as a benchmark to assess the supply of deliverable housing land, until the review of the Core Strategy has been completed. However, the weight that can be applied to the IHS remains to be tested and is being challenged by developers.

- In October 2013, Mr Kiff submitted a request for a screening opinion under the Town and Country planning (EIA) Regulations 2011. We understand that this request is asking CBC to assess whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment Report (SEA) is required for this development. This is still pending consideration.

Cottingham's caught on camera

Just before Christmas, Cottingham, Rockingham and Caldecott were chosen by a London TV production company for a showreel that they'll use to pitch the idea of a 'Village of the Year' competition TV series to Channel 4.

Thanks to everyone who gathered together to help out with the filming at very short notice, especially the Valley Voice choir, the guys and gals from RAMBLERS and SWEETS, Cottingham School, the team at the Village Store and Café and Royal George, Andrew McKenzie from Rockingham CL caravan site, Ann and Owen Davison, Ruth Colby, Irene Beadsworth, Pete Bowman, Del Robertson, Rich Guilford and Jo Leaning. Everyone put on a fantastic show and really did our village proud!



Jake Raj and Immy Owen being interviewed in the Village Store and Café

Dog fouling increases - villagers urged to report offenders

There has been an increase in dog fouling over the past few months, particularly on the green bank and steps opposite the shop and on the pavements at the bottom of Corby Road and Rockingham Road.

Corby Borough Council's Environmental Services team have been informed and they are stepping up action to address this problem. They are asking villagers to report any incidences of dog fouling, giving as much information as possible including date, time, location, description of the dog and its owner, plus a photograph (optional).

The Council can issue £50 fixed penalty fines if there is enough evidence and will prosecute for non-payment. Please keep your eyes peeled and, if you know who is responsible but have not witnessed an incident directly, let Environmental Services have their name and address so a warning letter can be issued. Contact

Environmental Services on **464000** or email **customer.first@corby.gov.uk**.

Alternatively, you can report any issues to Suzanne Preston in the Neighbourhood Management Team on **463177**, email **suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk**.

And, if you are one of the culprits, please clean up after your dog. Villagers and Environmental Services are on the lookout, so a hefty fine could be heading your way.

Remembering...

John Ford (1916 to 2013)



Robert and Marian Cox would like to thank everyone in the village for their kind words and support following the sad loss of their father, John Ford, who passed away on 30 November 2013,

aged 97. John came down from Scotland in the early 1940s to work at the steelworks and lived in the same house in Bancroft Road for 66 years. Robert and Marian would also like to thank St Mary Magdalene Church for their prayers for John over the last few months.

Andrew Roberts (1949 to 2014)



Andrew Roberts of Millfield Avenue, Cottingham, sadly passed away on 9 February aged 64 following a short illness. Andy was well known in the local

community and also served on Cottingham Parish Council for a time. Family and friends attended a memorial service at St Mary Magdalene Church on 21 February to celebrate Andy's life.

Andy's wife Chrissy would like to give her sincere thanks to friends and neighbours for their kindness, support, cards and flowers. She says that the care Andy received in Cransley Hospice was truly amazing and that donations to the hospice will help them continue their wonderful work. This is what Andy would have wanted. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

Chatterbox Challenge



Cottingham Primary School children recently completed a 'Chatterbox Challenge', a sponsored sing-along to raise money for the children's communications charity 'I CAN'. The children of Willow Class, all aged 4 and 5, were sponsored by friends and family to perform their favourite nursery rhymes at a class assembly.

What's on

See www.cottinghamnews.co.uk for latest events



Wed 5 Mar, 7.30pm

Talk on Richard III Ashley Village Hall

Join the Ashley Welland Valley WI for a talk on Richard III, tales from the car park and all that!

Wed 2 April, 7.30pm

Talk on Chusan Ashley Village Hall

Join the group for a talk on Chusan, the history of Britannia's first Chinese Island, and the outbreak of the Opium Wars.

For both events, please contact **Wendy Martin** on **0780 119 4560** or email wendy10ecp@gmail.com.



Sat 8 March, 7.30 for 8pm

Del's Souper Quiz Village Hall Annex

Come along to Del Robertson's 'souper' general knowledge quiz.

You can have up to six people on your team and the cost is £2 per person. Bring your own drinks (including alcohol) and nibbles. There will be home made soup and a roll available for £1.50 at half time, plus a wine prize for the winning team. All proceeds go to the Village Hall Annex.



A date for your diary - Cottingham Village Fete, Saturday 5 July 2014

Sat 15 Mar (3pm) and 12 Apr (10.30am)

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.

Fri 21 Mar, 7.30pm

Welland Valley Stompers Village Hall Annex

Come along for an evening of Trad Jazz with the fantastic Welland Valley Stompers. There is a pay bar on the night and nibbles will be provided. Tickets are £6 from **Irene** on **770059**.

Sat 12 April, 6.30pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz. Food will be provided if you wish, either fish (or chicken) and chips or a vegetarian option. The cost is £7 per person including food 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 **01536 771062** or email quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk.

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, **07811 681351**, delboy639@gmail.com

Village Store and Café, **770097** www.thevillagestoreandcafe.com

Village Hall Annex
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall
Wendy Curtis, **771987**

St Mary Magdalene Church
Ruth Colby, **771078**, ruthcolby2@gmail.com or Rev Sian Reading, **770237**, sjmr216@btinternet.com

Clubs and Groups

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

Minerva Group & Whist Drives
Pam Moore, **770022**

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**

Sunday Clubs - St Mary's
Ruth Colby, **770178**

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
Sharon Jantzen, **771371**

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

Skate Park Survey

The Cottingham Recreation Ground Working Group is working on a number of projects to improve the facilities on the Recreation Field, including the provision of play facilities for older youngsters aged 15+.

When they consulted with young people in 2012, the three most requested items were a basket swing, zip wire and a skate park. We now need young people's ideas and views on what type of skate park facility they would like in the village.

Please complete the skate park survey by following the link on the village website www.cottinghamnews.co.uk. You will also be entered into a prize draw to win £20 of iTunes vouchers. If you have any other ideas, please email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk.



Don't miss out on village news



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