



# Cottingham and Middleton News

Autumn 2014

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Welcome to the Autumn 2014 newsletter. There have been lots of great events in the villages over the past few months and there are lots more in store for you for the rest of the year.

These events take a lot of organising and I would like to echo Del Robertson's words from his Evening Telegraph *Down Your Way* column in September. We are a happy and thriving community of over 1,200 residents, but it always seems to be the same people stepping forward to support village activities. If you feel you could help out in any way or have any ideas for new clubs or events, contact existing organisers whose details are available on the village website and on the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you!

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## Green Horizons Apple Day raises £2,444

The Green Horizons Family Apple Day on 28 September saw dancing from the Rutland Morris Men, wellies 'wanged', apples pressed, cider tasted, scarecrows judged and a wonderful crowd of visitors taking part in the fun.

Church volunteers not only baked but also provided teas all afternoon, East Carlton Walking Group ran a 'guess the weight of the cake' competition and made their own scarecrow (winning second place), and Mark Shirley kindly donated some of his Rockingham Forest Cider and put on a display of apples and cider samples.

Volunteers from the National Trust at Lyveden New Bield brought along apple presses, bee keepers and conker games.

Lucie Middlebrook from Green Horizons said: "It was a real privilege to have so many members of our community supporting the day, either by attending, donating prizes, baking, running stalls or making scarecrows. We are so pleased to have raised an amazing £2,444, which will go towards our horticultural project and provide social activities and experiences to develop the children's skills. A huge thank you to you all for making a very happy and special day possible."

The Green Horizons charity is setting up a horticultural project in Cottingham for children with autism and their families. More information at [www.greenhorizons.org.uk](http://www.greenhorizons.org.uk)

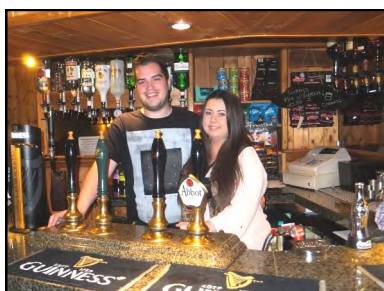


## Royal George reopens

A warm welcome to Liam Schülen and Nicole McEwan, the new landlord and landlady at the Royal George. Nicole, from Gretton, met Liam when she was at university in Ipswich and both have experience working in the nightclub business.

"We've heard really good stories about the George and everyone has been very welcoming," said Liam. "We are looking forward to getting the pub thriving like it used to. We are open for drinks and are hoping to start serving food at the start of November. Then, after that, we are looking to reopen the B&B."

For more information, see the pub's Facebook page, search for '[cottinghamtheroyalgeorge](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamtheroyalgeorge/)'



## Lynette retires from Cottingham School after 32 years

Lynette Muir of Berryfield Road has just retired from Cottingham C of E Primary School after an amazing 32 years service.

Lynette started working at the school in 1982 when she set up a pre-school group, moving on to become a teaching assistant, a special needs assistant and then, in 1991, a lunchtime supervisor.

"Working at the school has been a big part of my life," said Lynette. "I've always loved working with children and have enjoyed being part of the village through the school, making some really good friends along the way. I received some lovely cards and gifts, including a book of personal messages from the children and lots of things for the garden, including a beautiful yellow rose named after me, called 'Lynette's Lunchtime Labours'."

Lynette says she is now looking forward to spending time catching up with old friends, and holidaying and walking with her husband John. Happy retirement Lynette!



# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

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

### Councillors

Owen Davison (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)  
Irene Beadsworth  
Mike Curtis  
Trevor Dicken  
Joanne Leaning  
John Muir  
Tom Russell

### Next meetings

Wed 5 November, 7.30pm

Wed 3 December, 7.30pm

[www.cottingham.org.uk](http://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 November, 7.30pm

Wed 17 December, 7.30pm

[www.middleton-northants-pc.gov](http://www.middleton-northants-pc.gov)

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

## Parish Councillors

Cottingham has two new parish  
councillors, Tom Russell and  
Mike Curtis. There is currently  
one vacancy on Cottingham  
Parish Council and there are two  
vacancies on Middleton Parish  
Council. If you are interested in  
becoming a Parish Councillor,  
please contact your Parish Clerk  
(details above).

## Planning application, rear of Bury Close

There is currently no update on  
the planning application for the  
development of houses on land  
to the rear of Bury Close. Please  
keep your eye on the village  
website for the latest  
information.



## Perry Good Mark!

Congratulations to Middleton's Mark Shirley of Rockingham Forest Cider, whose perry has just won a Gold Award in the East Midlands Cider and Perry Competition, held at the 2014 Nottingham CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival. Mark is pictured here receiving his award from Denise Wright from CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale).

## Howzat!

Congratulations to East Carlton Cricket Club's men's XI who ended the season having clinched the Division 4 title in the Rutland Sunday League. East Carlton beat Weldon to the title by 8 points, and both teams will go up to Division 3 in 2015.

On August Bank Holiday Sunday, the cricket club held a memorial match for Andy Roberts of Cottingham, who passed away earlier this year after a short illness.

Andy was a keen follower of the club, a committed coach and committee member, and was instrumental in helping to set up youth cricket at East Carlton back in 1999.

Many of the kids he coached came to the game, as adults now, to show their respect. It was a fitting testament to Andy and also raised £338 for Cransley Hospice.

If you'd like to get involved in adult or youth cricket at East Carlton, please contact **Sally Hitches** on **01536 771733**.



## Draft design chosen for village skate park



Following a successful design session on 17 September (accompanied by plenty of pizza munching!), skate park users have agreed on the preferred draft design

for the village skate park. They felt this design incorporated all the elements required to make the facility appealing to all skaters, bmx-ers and scooter enthusiasts. This draft design is subject to change, depending on the amount of funding that can be obtained. The working group has also agreed to go through a fair tendering process, which would mean that different play companies would be able to submit a design according to an agreed specification. The final design will be chosen by you, the local people.

This design now gives the working group a clear direction in terms of the amount of funding required – but now they need your help and support. The total installation cost would be £70,000 and, although most of the money will come from different funders, they will be looking to see if the local community has also made an effort to raise some money themselves. So the working group needs your ideas and help to raise some funds to support this project. Any amount, no matter how small, will help any funding bids.

If you're interested in helping to raise funds and have some ideas for fundraising activities, please let Suzanne Preston know on **01536 463177** or email [suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk)

A big thank you to Irene Beadsworth, Sarah Brant and Emma Tayler for helping out on the session and also to Jerry Jarman for pulling all the ideas together and managing the enthusiasm.

You can see the full draft designs for the skate park on the village website and you can keep up to date on the project by joining the [Cottingham Skate Park Facebook page](#).





## Lest We Forget...

Villagers young and old came along to the Village Hall Annex on 24 August to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Visitors were able to see a history of Cottingham and Middleton's soldiers, prepared with the help of Chris Blenkarn who is building a website dedicated to the memory of the First World War servicemen named on the village war memorial, those that survived and their extended families (see [www.cottinghamsoldiers.org.uk](http://www.cottinghamsoldiers.org.uk)).

Lots of villagers loaned personal memorabilia, medals and letters to accompany this display, which really helped bring home the affect that the War had on people's lives.

There was also an informative WW1 display, kindly loaned by Chris and Dave Capps from East Carlton; weaponry and artefacts loaned by villagers; a display of knitting and needlecraft from the ladies of the 'Made in the Village' group; toys and games from Kettering Museum, organised by Jan Robertson; a life size 'soldier and bride' photo board made by George and Chris West Robinson; and a post office display from Sue Hall and Chris Owen.

To add to the atmosphere, the Valley Voice choir and folk trio 'Welland Valley Pals' provided some music from the era, and Del Robertson manned the field kitchen serving up cups of authentic recipe trench stew, beef tea and traditional cakes and snacks.

After some Wartime poetry read by Pete Bowman, the afternoon ended with a moving address from Sidney Beecroft and the reading of 'The Homage' by Gareth Price from the Royal British Legion, who also read out a roll call of the soldiers named on the War Memorial. The audience observed two minutes silence and the Last Post was played by 15 year old Robert Dawson from Gretton Silver Band and Kyle English (also age 15) from the Corby Scout Band.



Organiser Joanne Leaning said: "I would like to thank everyone who came along and supported this event. We hope it has given villagers an opportunity to remember the brave men of Cottingham and Middleton who fought and gave their lives for us."

The event was funded by Cottingham Parish Council and Cottingham Community Action Group (the group that put together Cottingham's Parish Plan) and raised £210, which has been split equally between The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

*Pictures show (clockwise from left) Del Robertson in the 'field kitchen'; event visitors; 'Last Post' trumpeters Robert Dawson and Kyle English with Gareth Price from the Royal British Legion; event organisers and contributors Pete Bowman, Jan Robertson, Jane Smith, Chris Blenkarn, Joanne Leaning, Rich Guilford and Del Robertson.*



## Remembrance cross



At the village commemoration event in August, villagers were invited to write a message on a poppy (supplied by the Royal British Legion), make a donation and place the poppy on a cross supplied by [www.forgetmenotflorist.net](http://www.forgetmenotflorist.net)

The cross and poppies are now available in the village shop for you to leave your commemoration. The cross will be placed on the village War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

## Remembrance weekend Methodist Hall (8 & 9 Nov)

The Methodist Hall on Corby Road will be throwing open its doors on Remembrance weekend, giving you another chance to see some of the exhibitions and displays that were prepared for the village WW1 commemoration event, including the history of the villages' soldiers.

The hall will be open from **2pm to 5pm on Sat 8 November**, with light refreshments available, and after the Remembrance Service on **Sun 9 November** through until **3pm**, with hot drinks available.

## Remembrance Service



At **10.45am on Sunday 9 November**, a joint remembrance service between

St Mary Magdalene and the Methodist Church will be held at the war memorial outside the school, to honour the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



# What's on

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

**Wed 22 Oct & 19 Nov, 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.

**Sat 1 Nov**

## Tasting day, Village Store & Café

Come along to the Village Store for a glass of wine and to sample produce from partner suppliers including Grasmere Farm, Hambleton Bakery, Manor Farm yoghurt, Forget Me Not florists, Warner Edwards gin, Brockleby's pies and MUTTS chutneys, plus the usual café menu and delicious coffees.

While you're there, pop upstairs to see the refurbished space. And please consider becoming a volunteer – even a couple of hours a week would be a great help.

**Sat 8 Nov, 7.30pm  
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 £2.50 per person. Bring your own drinks (including alcohol) and nibbles. There will be home made soup and a roll available for £2 at half time, plus a wine prize for the winning team. All proceeds go to the Village Hall Annex.



**Sat 25 Oct, 10am**

## Autumn floristry workshop Village Store and Café



Megan Mckim of [www.forgetmenotflorist.net](http://www.forgetmenotflorist.net) is running an Autumn floristry workshop in the village shop, providing expert instruction to

complete and take home an Autumn pumpkin table arrangement.

The cost is £40 and includes all materials and floristry tools, refreshments and a delicious buffet lunch. To book a place, please contact **Megan Mckim** on **772222** or **07581 428950**, email [sales.forgetmenotflorist@gmail.com](mailto:sales.forgetmenotflorist@gmail.com)

**Sat 25 Oct, 6.30pm**

## Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of the Corby and District Lions Club.

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 **771062** or email [quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk), with your food order as soon as possible.

**Fri 31 Oct & Sat 1 Nov, 8pm**

## Travelling Supper Club Village Hall Annex

The Travelling Supper Club, organised by Jake Raj, aims to provide top quality food in a relaxed environment. The Club is celebrating its first birthday in October with a French themed event at the Village Hall Annex. Tickets are £25 each for a delicious four course meal and there is also a pay bar. For more information and menus, find the Travelling Supper Club on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thetravellingsupperclub), email [thetravellingsupperclub@gmail.com](mailto:thetravellingsupperclub@gmail.com) or call **Jake** on **07803 701514**.

**Sat 8 and Sun 9 Nov**

## Remembrance weekend

See page 3 for details.



**18 & 20 Nov, 6.15pm to 7.30pm**

## Valley Voice Rockingham Castle

The Valley Voice choir will be singing in the courtyard at Rockingham Castle for their 'Victorian Christmas' event. For more information, see [www.rockinghamcastle.com](http://www.rockinghamcastle.com)



**Sat 6 Dec, 11am to 3pm**



## Christmas Fayre Cottingham School

Come along to Cottingham School Hall for some festive family fun. Visit Father Christmas, stock up on Christmas goodies and try your luck on the many games and stalls.

All proceeds will go to the school. For more information, please contact **Nicola Gumbeer** on **07858 987095**.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC) [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Cllr Bob Riley, Corby Borough Council, **01536 771881**, [bob.riley@corby.gov.uk](mailto:bob.riley@corby.gov.uk)

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, **07927 179921**, [delboy639@gmail.com](mailto:delboy639@gmail.com)

Village Store and Café, **770097** [facebook.com/cottinghamshop](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamshop)

Village Hall Annex  
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall  
Wendy Curtis, **771987**

St Mary Magdalene Church  
Ruth Colby, **770178**, [ruthcolby2@gmail.com](mailto:ruthcolby2@gmail.com) or Rev Sian Reading, **770237**, [sjmr216@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

## Valley Voice - Singing for Christmas

The Valley Voice Choir will be holding a Christmas concert at the Village Hall Annex on Saturday 13 December and will be singing carols around the villages on Friday 19 December. Keep an eye on the village website for details.