



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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I'm pleased for this issue of the newsletter to welcome on board our roving reporter **Graham Ley** from

Church Street. Graham has kindly offered to write some features for the newsletter and you can check out his debut article on Page 3!

The Village Hall Annexe is now open for business following its recent refurbishment. The Annexe played host to the village dance on 1 April and both Parish Councils will be holding their meetings there from now on. If you'd like to book the Annexe, contact **Frances Innes** on **770574**.

Many thanks to **Joanne Leaning** who's kindly stepped in to organise the distribution of the newsletter this time around. Thanks too to our regular distribution co-ordinator, Ann Davison and all the people in the villages who deliver the newsletters to your doors.

Final thanks go to **Colin Cramphorn** who worked late into the night to get this edition printed and out on time following the late inclusion of important information from the last Cottingham Parish Council meeting on 5 April.

Great teamwork all round!

All the best,

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## Proposed Housing Development

The outline planning application for the proposed development of 90 homes on land to the rear of Cottingham Hall (formerly Bury House) has been resubmitted by the applicant and has now been registered by Corby Borough Council - reference 06/00094/OUT.

### What happens next?

The next step is for the Council to advertise the application on nearby lamp posts (orange notices) and in the Evening Telegraph newspaper. From the date the notices and advertisement appear, you'll have 21 days to submit your comments in writing to Gordon Smith, Planning Services, Corby Borough Council, Deene House, Post Office Square, Corby, Northants NN17 1GD. You can also submit comments online via [www.corby.gov.uk](http://www.corby.gov.uk), although at the time of writing the application has not been lodged on the Council's website.

Once any comments have been reviewed, the Council's planning officers will make a recommendation to either approve or reject the application. If they recommend approval, the application will then go to the Council's Development Control Committee for consideration (next available meeting 23 May). If the planning officers recommend rejection, it's possible that the application will not be referred to the Committee but will be rejected using the planning officers' 'delegated authority'. A final decision is expected by 15 June.

If you have any queries, contact **Gordon Smith** at Corby Borough Council on **464158**.

## Cottingham Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting, Tue 25 April

Cottingham Parish Council is holding a Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday 25 April starting at 7pm in the Village Hall Annexe to consider the above planning application.

Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting and share their views and there will also be the opportunity to view the plans and supporting documentation.

## Land at top of Corby Road

Following refusal of the planning application for the installation of a mobile home on land at the top of Corby Road, Corby Borough Council has now been authorised to issue an enforcement notice for the removal of the tarmac that has been laid on the field.

The Northamptonshire County Council/Atkins partnership are also continuing to pursue the reinstatement of the grass verge between the current unauthorised access and the road.

For more information, contact **Michael Woods** in Corby Borough Council's planning office on **464158**.

## Crime Report

There have been three crimes reported in the villages during February and March including one stolen car, vandalism/graffiti on the Corby Road allotments and the extremely disturbing report of a cat belonging to a villager being shot with an air rifle in fields at the back of Ripley Road.

The young cat miraculously survived and is on the mend but the police are taking this sick incident extremely seriously. If you have any information about any of these crimes, please call **Northants Police** on **08453 700700**.

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**Deadline for stories:**  
**31 May 2006**

# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

**Clerk:** Peter Taylor  
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NN14 2QA

### Councillors

Phil Dyne (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs Pat Buckley  
Owen Davison  
Eric Lawson  
John Muir  
Pam Moore  
George Sear  
Dave Sims

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe. Villagers are welcome to attend and share their views.

More information can be found on the Parish Council notice board on the corner of Rockingham Road and School Lane.

### Next meetings:

Wed 3 May, 7.30pm  
Wed 7 June, 7.30pm

## Middleton

**Clerk:** Justina Medwell  
01536 771234  
Middleton House, Middleton

### Councillors

Keith Allsop (Chairman)  
Dryden Phillipson (Vice Chair)  
Raymond Ainge  
Mark Brumby  
David Curtis  
Kay Dickens  
Charles Freestone

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe. Villagers are welcome to attend and share their views.

More information can be found on the Parish Council notice board on Main Street, opposite No.34.

### Next meetings:

Wed 19 April, 7.30pm  
Wed 17 May, 7.30pm

## Dog Fouling - Parish Council to Take Action

The issue of dog fouling on the recreation field is causing a great deal of concern amongst villagers with several complaints having been received. Dog fouling constitutes a significant health hazard, especially where young children are playing, and action needs to be taken.

Cottingham Parish Council is taking this issue very seriously and is currently investigating the enforcement in the village of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. This Act allows Parish Councils to ban dogs from certain areas and/or levy fixed penalty fines on dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. They also have the power to prosecute offenders through the magistrates court.

We'll keep you informed on progress but, in the meantime, if you'd like any more information, contact Parish Clerk **Peter Taylor** on **761752**.

### Sax...

Chris Davies from School Lane in Cottingham plays bass and sax and he's looking for other musicians in the area to jam with.



### ...and psychotherapy!

Chris is also a practising psychotherapist and he's offering to give talks to local clubs, groups or schools.

If you're interested in either of the above, please give **Chris** a call on **770883**.

### Millennium Avenue

*"For those of you who paid for a Memorial Tree for the new Lime Avenue in 'The Fountain' to replace the original elms, the trees have taken off well despite being grazed by cattle in their second year (they were only fenced against sheep, as advised).*

*"Hopefully, they will be left to reach maturity and take their place in the village landscape as did the Elm Avenue for over 300 years before Dutch elm disease took its toll."*

**Sue Hall, Church Street**

## Village Shop and Post Office



Cottingham Parish Council Clerk Peter Taylor is maintaining a watching brief on the position with the village shop.

The current situation is that the shop is now in the hands of a bank, and we are now waiting for the property to be placed back on the market.

We'll bring you more news in due course.

## Out of Africa!



Welcome back to Michael and Wendy Curtis who have recently returned from their working trip in Choma, Zambia - just in time to join their friends

at the Methodist for the Church's anniversary service!

If you'd like to go along to the service, it takes place on **Sunday 9 April at 4pm**, led by Linda Bosworth, and will be followed by a buffet tea.

## Village Design Statement

Cottingham Parish Council is moving forward with the development of a Village Design Statement based on the design statement that has been prepared for the Rockingham Forest Trust.

This will describe the visual character of the village and demonstrate how local character and distinctiveness can be protected and enhanced in any new developments or renovations.

## Cottingham Parish Plan

A few people have asked how Cottingham's Parish Plan is coming along. The Steering Group is currently preparing an action plan, following discussions with Cottingham Parish Council, to address the issues raised and a full report will be available for villagers in due course.

For more information, contact Steering Group Chairman **Jane Smith** on tel **770821**, email: [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

# Pillow Talk!

If you've got friends or family visiting over the coming months and need an extra bed or two, did you know there are a couple of privately run guest houses in the villages offering accommodation? Here's the lowdown:

## Willow Cottage

This 17th century cottage in Main Street, Middleton has two guest rooms (a single and a double) with off-road parking and a private entrance from the back garden. The rooms share a brand new shower room/toilet and have central heating, tv/video (videos available), tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, hairdryer, electric blankets and ironing facilities.



Room prices, including a full English breakfast, are £45 for a double/twin room and £40 for a single. Discounts are available for stays of more than four nights. Contact **Pat Aldaya** on **771223**, e-mail [info@willow-cottage.net](mailto:info@willow-cottage.net) or visit their website [www.willow-cottage.net](http://www.willow-cottage.net)

## Bancroft House



Non-smoking B&B situated in a quiet corner of Bancroft Road, Cottingham with off-road parking. The three guest rooms (two singles and one double) have central heating, TV, washbasin, tea/coffee making facilities and a shared bath/shower room and toilet just across the landing. Prices are £22 per person, or £25 if only staying one night. Contact **Judy Evans** on **770799**, email [info@bancroftshouse.co.uk](mailto:info@bancroftshouse.co.uk), or visit their website [www.bancroftshouse.co.uk](http://www.bancroftshouse.co.uk)

## Anyone for Coffee? *By Graham Ley*



*Sitting down for coffee are Stella (right) with daughter Carly and Carly's two year old goddaughter, Scarlet*

You'll always get a warm welcome from Sam and Stella at the Spread Eagle of course, but did you know that between 9.15 and 11.15 every Tuesday morning you'll also enjoy warm crumpets and muffins, not to mention hot coffee and some lively conversation?

Stella has been hosting weekly coffee mornings for a few months now - she gives the credit for the idea to daughter Carly - and is always looking for newcomers to introduce to the group.

The events attract a nice mixture of friends catching up on local goings on, mums taking a welcome break and adventurous (but charmingly well-behaved) toddlers having a ball as they make a playground and assault course out of Sam and Stella's furniture.

Stella and Carly are full of ideas for their monthly Coffee Morning Specials when they invite an outside guest to make a presentation or display. On 2 May there'll be a demonstration of hand crafted greetings cards and Stella plans to feature books and home-crafted jewellery in the near future. So why not pop along and give it a try?

For more information, contact **Stella** at the Spread Eagle on **772038**.

## Obituaries



**Laurie Jackson** sadly passed away on 2 March aged 77 years. He was born in Cottingham and was the only son of Sid and Ethel Jackson. Laurie helped out at Reg and Ron Claypole's farm in the village when he was still at school, then continued to work there for over 37 years. He also worked in the building trade before taking retirement but, as his wife Margaret reflects, his first love was farming. He was a well known, popular figure around the village and will be greatly missed by his many colleagues and friends. Our sincere condolences go to Margaret and her family.

**Charles Edgar Beadsworth** sadly passed away on 16 March aged 94 years, the youngest of seven brothers and sisters who all pre-deceased him. Edgar, as he was always known, lived in Cottingham all his life and his first job after leaving school was in a Kettering factory to which he cycled every day! He later worked for British Steel in Corby. He leaves three nephews and a niece to whom we send our sincere condolences.

**Christine Perkins** of Berryfield Road would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages of sympathy for daughter **Janis**, who sadly died in February.

Christine would also like to thank villagers for their flowers and best wishes during her recent stay in hospital following a fall.

# What's On

## Easter Services

### St Mary Magdalene

**Maundy Thursday (13 April), 6.00pm**

'The Last Supper' - service with readings and prayers

**Easter Sunday (16 April), 9.30am** Communion

### Methodist Church

**Good Friday - 14 April, 7.30pm**

**Easter Sunday - 16 April, 6pm**



**Friday 21 April, 7pm**

### Easter Bunny Drive, St Mary's

Come along to St Mary Magdalene for an Easter Bunny Drive to include prizes, a raffle, competitions and refreshments. Tickets are £1 each. For more information, contact **Ruth Colby** on **770178**.

**Saturday 22 April, 3pm**

### Pilates Workshop, Methodist Hall

Sue Hall has had a tremendous response regarding setting up a Pilates class in the village. She's now organised an open workshop with Pilates instructor Madeleine Clarke for anyone who's interested in finding out more and to sort out times and dates for the classes. For more information, contact **Sue Hall** on **771127** (after 6pm).



**Sat 29 April, 7.30pm**

### Village Quiz

Ant Licquorish brings the latest of his ever popular charity quiz nights to the Village Hall Annexe, this time in aid of HUG (Helping Unite Generations), which is part of Help the Aged.

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start and tickets cost just £5, which includes a fish and chip supper. As usual, there'll be a raffle and you can bring your own drinks (including alcohol). Call **Ant** on **771062** for tickets and to place your food order or email him at [quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk)

**Sun 30 April, 9.30pm**

### Youth Service, St James, Gretton

Children and young people from Cottingham, Middleton, Rockingham, Gretton and East Carlton will be joining together on 30 April for a joint service of praise at St James Church in Gretton.

The lively service, which will include music, drama and readings, is being led by Ministry Youth Officer Reverend Paul Niemiec.

Refreshments will be served after the service and everyone is welcome to come along.

**Sat 20 May, 12 to 4pm**

### Car Boot Sale Cottingham School

Come along and snap up some bargains at this car boot sale being held to raise money for the school.

There'll be hot refreshments, drinks and a cake stall.

If you'd like to book a pitch, please contact **Kirsty Swallow** in advance on **771796** or call the school on **771391**.

## Coming Up!

### Wine Safari 2006

**Saturday 24 June**

### Welland Valley Beer Festival

Including the Royal George and Red Lion

**Fri 23 to Sat 25 June**

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch  
Luisa Jepson, **444697**  
[luisa.jepson@northants.police.uk](mailto:luisa.jepson@northants.police.uk)

Corby BC Noise Officer  
Paul Craddock, **400088**

Street Doctor (Northants CC)  
**0845 601 1113**

Cllr Robert Rutt  
Corby Borough Council  
**07801 945948**

Cllr Stan Heggs  
Northants County Council  
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Methodist Hall  
Joan Jarman, **771193**

## Clubs and Groups

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

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

WRVS  
Judy Evans, **770799**

Youth Club  
Diane Cooksley, **771545**

Mums and Tots  
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Wesley Guild  
Cyril Liqueorish, **771401**

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

Breast Cancer Support Network  
Judy Evans, **770799**

Rockingham Forest Wheelers  
Norman Needham, **771356**

Cottingham Youth Football Club  
Albert Hussain, **772189**

East Carlton Cricket Club  
Nick Sumpter, **771203**

Royal George Golf Society  
Norman Golding, **771081**

Spread Eagle Pool Team  
George Barker, **07904 954040**

**The latest What's On information can be found on the village websites and in the 'Down Your Way' column in Saturday's Evening Telegraph**