



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the August/September edition of the village newsletter.

There's no further news on the village shop and post office at present but, whilst the shop remains closed, don't forget that you can get first and second class stamps from the Spread Eagle pub. You may also be interested in Bob Riley and Julie Grant's new organic produce delivery and collection service (see page 2).

Our Parish Councils play an important role in looking after the interests of villagers. If you live in Cottingham, don't forget to go down and vote in the Cottingham Parish Council election on Thursday 17 August.

There are also two current vacancies on Middleton Parish Council with one application being considered. Other applications are welcome, so please contact **Justina Medwell** on **771234** if you're interested.

Regards,

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**31 September 2006**

## Annex Opens

The newly refurbished Village Hall Annex was officially opened on 30 June by Cottingham's Roy Harrison. Roy has lived in Cottingham for all his 81 years and was born in the old cottages opposite 'The Nook' on Corby Road. He was also one of the original trustees for the Village Hall charity.

The Annex has benefited from funding from Northants County Council (£10,910), Corby Borough Council (£2,125), Grantscape (£19,500) and over £7,000 from Village Hall Annex funds. If you'd like to book the Annex (currently £6 an hour), contact **Mick and Fran Innes** on **770294** (mobile **07913 552531**).

*Pictured left to right at the opening are Corby Borough Councillor Bob Rutt, Roy Harrison, Village Hall Management Committee Chairman Clive Ashworth and Northants County Councillor Stan Heggs.*



## Cottingham Parish Council Election, 17 August

Two villagers are standing for election to Cottingham Parish Council - **Geoffrey Hudson** from Church Street and **David Short** from Bury Close. All Cottingham villagers should have received polling cards through their doors. The polling station (Village Hall Annex) will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday 17 August for you to cast your vote.

## Little Meadow, Corby Road

Two appeals have been lodged with the Government's Planning Inspectorate in respect of the land known as 'Little Meadow' at the top of Corby Road, as follows:

**Appeal reference APP/U2805/A/06/2016152/NWF (Case Officer, Mr D Packer)**  
Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the installation of a mobile home (deadline for comments was 17 July 2006).

**Appeal reference APP/U2805/C/06/2017666 (Case Officer, Mrs Shelley Hicks)**  
Appeal against the enforcement notice to remove tarmac and reinstate the land to pasture (deadline for comments was 9 August 2006).

For both appeals, Corby Borough Council has sent written representations to the Inspectorate along with copies of all letters of support or objection that they received about the planning application whilst considering it.

Copies of the appeal decisions can be obtained by writing to the case officers quoting the above references at the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

## 2007 Village Calendar - Photographs Sought

Colin Cramphorn is on the lookout for interesting village photographs for a 2007 Cottingham and Middleton village calendar that he'll be producing later in the year. If you've taken any photos of the villages that you'd like to see in print, please contact **Colin** at 27 Main Street, Middleton on telephone **772115**.

# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

**Clerk:** Peter Taylor  
01536 262984 or 761752  
5 Headlands, Desborough  
NN14 2QA

### Councillors

Phil Dyne (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs Pat Buckby  
Owen Davison  
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 6 September, 7.30pm  
Wed 4 October, 7.30pm

## Middleton

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

### Councillors

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

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 20 September, 7.30pm  
Wed 18 October, 7.30pm

## St Mary Magdalene 'Fit for the Future' Appeal 2006



St Mary Magdalene has launched an appeal to raise the remaining £15,000 towards a £72,000 restoration to make the church building secure and fit for the future. The other £57,000 has been raised over the years through events, charity donations and an English Heritage grant.

The church, which has stood in the village since the 13th Century, last underwent a major restoration in 1880. This last restoration cost £2,500 and included the removal of the galleries within the church, new pews, windows and steps, and the donation and installation of the church's first ever organ. Before this, the singing had been led by a harmonium.

Kicking off in September, the church is now looking to carry out repairs to the tower and spire along with a programme of internal restoration. Plans have been drawn up and are on permanent display in the church. If you'd like to make a donation or sponsor a specific item, please contact **Mark Colby** on **770178**.

## Go Organic!

If you're fed up with run-of-the-mill supermarket fruit and veg, you may be interested in the organic produce collection and delivery service being offered free to villagers by Bob Riley and Julie Grant.



Bob and Julie of Welland View Road are acting as a collection point for fruit and vegetable boxes from Woodlands Organic Farm near Boston, Lincolnshire. The boxes cost from just £6 and you can also order organic eggs, turkey, beef and lamb.

Says Bob: "We're really keen to support this scheme as it will not only benefit villagers, it will also cut down on carbon miles and encourage local farming. If you're not in on a Thursday to take the delivery, we'll happily accept it for you. And, if you're elderly or without transport, we'll deliver the box to you when you're able to take it."

For more information, contact **Bob and Julie** on **771881**, email **organic@bluenose.co.uk** or visit the farm's website at **www.woodlandsfarm.co.uk**

## Middleton Traffic Calming

Middleton Parish Council has given approval for a sub-committee to prepare a detailed proposal for chicane type traffic calming at two locations on Main Street - one near the bus stop outside Wantage Mews and the other adjacent to the post box/seat near 34 Main Street.

The proposal will be submitted to Northants County Council for approval. If successful, the required funding of approximately £12,000 will be sought from any available source.

## Pilates Classes

The popular village Pilates classes will be starting up again from 12 September with intermediate level sessions taking place on Tuesdays (10-11am) and Wednesdays (2-3pm) in the Methodist Hall.

Instructor Madeline Clark has also offered to start a new beginners' course on Tuesday mornings. If you're interested, please contact Madeline on **01572 822700**. Sessions cost £5 a time and Madeline will need nine people to make the new class viable.

## Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch

There have only been three crimes reported in Cottingham and Middleton over the past couple of months including vandalism to a car on The Hill, Middleton. We are also aware of a recent break-in to a car parked on a driveway in Church Street.

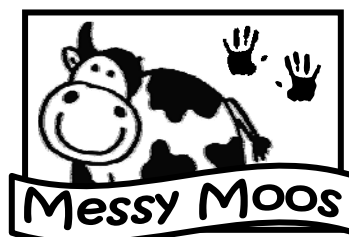
We are currently awaiting the appointment of a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator following the departure of Luisa Jepson. In the meantime, our contact is **David Robins** on **01933 304357**, email **david.robins@northants.police.uk**

# Getting Messy with the Moos!

By Graham Ley



Pictured with group organiser Tasja are daughter Abigail, Grace McGowan (left) and Jake Evans (centre).



I wonder which you'd prefer - sipping a quiet cup of tea with your feet up or plunging your hands, face, arms and hair into a giant bowl of Sugar Puffs?

Well if you've yet to reach your second birthday you might well prefer the latter, but the former is also on offer for those bringing their babies, toddlers and pre-

school children to Messy Moos on Wednesdays at the Village Hall Annex!

On the day I visited, organisers Tasja Whitehead, Jo Green and Kim Miller had the kids throwing themselves into a wonderful variety of creative (and messy) activities such as potato stamping, making paper JCBs with moving parts, sand play and stencils. Jo and Kim both have nursery experience and Kim is a qualified nanny. They started the group mainly to amoose (sorry) their own and their friends' children, but it has proved justifiably popular for many others.

The group meets from 1.45pm to 3.15pm during school terms, conveniently timed for those collecting children from Cottingham School. After messy play the children are given a healthy snack and are rounded up by the organisers for a story and Moosic Time (which sounds like noisy fun). This also gives their parents the breathing space for the above mentioned quiet cup of tea.

Sessions cost £3 for children over 12 months (£2.50 for under 12 months, free for babies under 6 months), and you can register through **Jo (07783 030952)**, **Tasja (07947 229577)** or **Kim (07702 792969)**. Numbers are restricted to 20 children, so you may have to join a waiting list. A second weekly session is being considered if there is enough demand. The Autumn term programme kicks off on Wednesday 13 September, so please get in touch before 6 September to reserve your place.

## Obituary: Rosa Lenton



Mrs Rosa Lenton of Berryfield Road sadly passed away in July at the grand old age of 90.

Rosa was born in Blatherwycke and came to Cottingham in 1947 with her husband Bill. Quite a character, Rosa took easily to village life, joining the potato picking teams and working at the local shoe factory for a time. She was always supportive of village events and activities, especially the local history and gardening societies, and she will be remembered as a keen and talented gardener.

Rosa's son 'Butch' was a well known sight in the village running the mobile shop and greengrocer's service for many years. Her daughter Margaret sadly died of multiple sclerosis a couple of years ago and residents in Berryfield Road have collected £110 for the MS Society in Rosa's memory.

Rosa now rests in Cottingham churchyard alongside her husband. Her parents, both of whom lived to over 100 years of age, are also buried in the churchyard.

Our thoughts and condolences go to Rosa's sons Butch and Brian, and their families.

## In search of... Howard Short

Jon Rysdale is trying to locate his long lost friend, Howard Short. Jon and Howard both lived in Darescroft, Middleton in the mid 1970s and used to work on the Medwell's farm after school.

If you have any information about Howard, who would now be around 47 years of age, please email **jonrysdale@mac.com**. Or, if you don't have access to email, call **Jane Smith** on **770821** and she'll pass on the information.

## Fundraising and Events Update

This year's village fun day raised £625 for the Village Hall Annex with the Wine Safari raising £1,704 for the St Mary Magdalene Church refurbishment. The 'Right Royal Celebration' concert and open gardens raised a further £973 for the church.

Thanks to everyone who came along, took part and helped to organise these events.

Next year, the Village Hall Management Committee is looking to change the format of the fun day to a village fete with stalls and some kind of central attraction. If you have any ideas for the fete, please contact **Diane Cooksley** on **771545**.

## Youth Club to Close

As there has been no interest in taking over the running of the Youth Club, the club will unfortunately now need to be wound up.

The Youth Club's funds will be transferred into a trust account on the understanding that the money is only used for projects benefiting the youth of the village. For more information contact **Diane Cooksley** on **771545**.

# What's On

## Sat 2 Sep, 3pm

### BBQ and Sports Day

Charles and Alison Freestone are hosting another Village BBQ and Sports Day at Bromwell House, Ashley Road, Middleton on 2 September.

The fun and games start at 3pm with the BBQ at 5pm. Tickets, costing £5 for adults and £3 for children, are available from **Mary Freestone (771339)** or **Ruth Colby (770178)**.

All monies raised will go towards the St Mary Magdalene renovations.

## Sat 9 Sep, 10am onwards

### Historic Churches Bike Ride and Volunteer Job Day

The historic churches sponsored bike ride is an annual event where cyclists are sponsored to visit as many Northants churches as possible during the day. Money raised helps to fund repairs to churches across Northamptonshire.

To coincide with this year's event, St Mary Magdalene is holding a 'volunteer job day' and is looking for volunteers to help tidy the churchyard - weeding, sweeping, planting bulbs, creosoting the fence, trimming shrubs etc. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated, even if you can only spare an hour or two.

Refreshments are available for cyclists and helpers. More details and sponsor forms for the bike ride are available from **Mark Colby** on **770178**.

## Sat 16 Sep, from 1pm

### Dog Show, Recreation Field

A novelty dog show is being organised by villagers to raise money to help an African community become self sufficient.

Entries (£1 each) are being taken from 1pm with the show starting at 2pm. Prize categories include 'waggiest tail', 'best on 6 legs' and 'prettiest bitch'!

For more information, contact **Rachel Hudson** on **770766**.

## 16-18 September

### Harvest Festival - Methodist Church

**Sat 16:** Lunches from 12pm to 2pm and church open for viewing from 4pm

**Sun 17:** Harvest songs of praise led by Linda Bosworth, 6pm

**Mon 18:** Coffee evening and produce sale, 7pm



## Sat 30 Sep, 7.30pm

### Village Quiz Night

Ant Licquorish is holding the next of his popular quiz nights in the Village Hall Annex, this time in support of the RNLI.

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Prices are £5 per person including a fish and chip meal. There will also be a raffle. Please bring your own drinks.

If you'd like to take part, and to order your food, please call Ant on **771062** or email him at **quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk**.

Ant's April quiz raised £272 for Help the Aged. If you know an organisation that would benefit from a quiz night or quiz sheet then please let Ant know and he'll be only too pleased to help.

## Sun 1 Oct, 5pm

### Harvest Festival - St Mary Magdalene

Songs of praise followed by a Harvest supper. All are welcome.

## Sat 7 October, 7.30pm

### Whist Drive - Village Hall Annex

Cost £1 per person, All are welcome. Contact **Pam Moore** on **770022**.

## Sun 19 Nov

### Wicksteed Park Party

The WRVS is organising a coach trip to a party at Wicksteed Park leaving on the morning of Sunday 19 November, which includes Wurlitzer organ entertainment, lunch and afternoon tea. Tickets are £20 and there are 50 places available. If you'd like to join in, call **Judy Evans** on **770799**

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch  
David Robins, **01933 304357**  
david.robins@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  
**01536 202918**

Northants ACRE  
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Down Your Way correspondent for Evening Telegraph  
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Village Hall Annex  
Fran and Mick Innes, **770574**  
(mobile **07913 552531**)

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**

Mums and Tots  
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Messy Moos pre-school group  
Tasja Whitehead, **07947 229577**

Wesley Guild  
Cyril Liquorish, **771401**

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

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

Rockingham Forest Wheelers  
Norman Needham, **771356**

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

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

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