



Cottingham and Middleton News

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

We have a packed issue this month and as a result, I've had to drop the regular contacts column (back page) and the list of Parish Councillors on page 2 to make way for all the news, but you can find all these details on the village websites (address above).

There's been lots of fundraising going on in the villages over the past few months with thousands of pounds having been raised for the Church, school and Village Hall Annex to name but a few. See the back page for details of further fundraising activities and other events.

To give our regular roving reporter Graham Ley a well earned break, this month's page 3 feature article has been written by 9-year old Michael Orgill, a student at Cottingham School. I'm sure you'll enjoy reading Michael's account of the WWII campout held at the school in June. And watch out Graham - you've got competition!

And finally, well done to Cottingham for their success in the recent Village of the Year competition. A great result - and well deserved!

Regards,

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Cottingham Scoops Village Award



Pictured left to right are Anne Davison, Cottingham School Council Chairman Henry Hudson and Parish Cllr Owen Davison

the needs of older people'. Summing up, the judges said that 'Cottingham is a delightful village...with a charming atmosphere and a caring community spirit.'

Anne Davison, Cottingham's Village of the Year co-ordinator, would like to thank everyone who helped out with the submission, with special thanks to Cottingham School who put on a very impressive presentation for the judges in May.

Cottingham has received a top award in this year's Northamptonshire Village of the Year competition. Cottingham was 'highly commended' in the medium-sized villages category of the competition, which is sponsored by Calor and Northants ACRE.

Judges praised Cottingham as a '...very pleasant village surrounded by splendid countryside.' Villagers' commitment to the community was also singled out for comment, noting that there was a 'good informal support system to address



All the Fun of the Fayre!

The Cottingham School PTFA Summer Fayre held on 14 July raised a phenomenal **£3,400!**

Villagers flocked to the recreation field to join in the fun and games, with the BBQ and Beer Tent also doing a roaring trade. Arena displays included highland dancing, a dog display and a closely fought football match between teams from Cottingham and MidRockEast. The school choir also gave a rousing *a cappella* performance and the music continued into the evening with performances from local bands The Examples and Purple Haze.

The event was compered by Chris Owen in full town crier get up (pictured above) and earlier on in the proceedings the new play area was officially opened by Corby Borough Council Deputy Mayor Cllr Peter McEwan (pictured right with local youngsters).

The organisers would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to and supported the day, and look forward to another successful Summer Fayre next year.

See www.cottinghamnews.co.uk (photo gallery) for more pictures.



Parish Councils

Cottingham

Contact: Peter Taylor
01536 761752

Next meetings:

Wed 5 Sep, 7.30pm
Wed 3 Oct, 7.30pm

Middleton

Contact: Justina Medwell
01536 771234

Next meetings:

Wed 19 Sep, 7.30pm
Wed 17 Oct, 7.30pm

For a full list of Parish Councillors, visit www.cottinghamnews.co.uk

Millennium Avenue

"A letter has been received from Bill Kiff stating his intention to remove the Memorial Avenue of lime trees planted on the land he owns to the rear of Cottingham Hall (Bury House).

"As you may be aware, the trees in the Avenue were purchased and planted by villagers in memory of their loved ones and the Avenue replaces a historic avenue of elm trees which stood on this site for 300 years before falling prey to Dutch Elm disease.

"If you own a tree in the Avenue and would like any more information, please contact me on 771127 after 6pm."

Sue Hall, Church Street



Crime Report

Only two crimes were reported in the villages during June and July - one break-in to an unoccupied property in Church Street and a broken window in Water Lane.

Corby Co-Op Choir

Corby Co-Op Ladies Choir is looking for new members. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm at St Columbus' Church in Studfall Avenue.

If you're interested in joining, please contact **Corrie** on **07768 592211**.



Methodist Church News

All at Cottingham Methodist Church would like to bid a fond farewell to **Revd David and Mrs Linda Bosworth** and wish them both the very best on their retirement. For the past three years, David has looked after Cottingham as Superintendent of the Kettering/Corby circuit and Linda has had Pastoral charge of Cottingham/Kingswood. The new Superintendent, **Margaret Eales**, will be welcomed to the Circuit at 3pm on 1 September at Kingswood Church, Corby.

If you'd like to place flowers at the Methodist Church in memory of a loved one, or if you know of anyone who is ill or in hospital, please contact any member of the Church or call **Joan Jarman** on **771193**.

And don't forget that the Methodist Church Hall is available for hire at £5 an hour. To book the hall, contact Joan on the number above.

News from St Mary's



The recent wine safari raised more than **£2,000** towards the renovation of St Mary Magdalene Church.

Work on the roof and steeple should be completed soon and consideration will then be given to enhancing the internal parts of the church.

New Village Hall

Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Trust met with architect Ben Downie from the Inkpen Downie practice in Colchester recently to discuss some initial ideas for the new village hall which will be built on land at the junction of Main Street and Glover Court.

Inkpen Downie has a track record in designing and constructing environmentally conscious facilities and has considerable experience in seeking and attracting lottery funding and environmental grants for buildings of this type.

Dryden Phillipson from the Trust said that the next stage would be to hold further talks with both Parish Councils to look at commissioning a feasibility study for the project.



Special Constables

Northants Police are looking to recruit more Special Constables within the region. Special Constables have the same powers as full time (Regular) Police Officers, but work on a voluntary basis, carrying out police duties in their spare time. If you're interested in finding out more, contact **Deborah Gordon** at Northants Police on **08453 700700 ext 2098**, email deborah.gordon@northants.police.uk

Community Grants

Grants of up to £500 are now available for local groups, from the Corby Community Partnership (CCP) Community Cohesion Fund. The grants can be used for a variety of activities including room hire, publicity, events and training.

An application form and guidance notes are available on the www.cottinghamnews.co.uk website. For more information, contact CCP Chief Executive **Karon Phillips** on **263946**.



'Village Voices'

Northamptonshire ACRE are developing an oral history project called 'Village Voices' which aims to collect and record people's memories and to highlight how rural life has changed so dramatically, particularly since WWII.

ACRE are currently looking to gauge interest in the project to support an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. If you'd like to get involved, or pledge your support, please complete the feedback form on the www.cottinghamnews.co.uk website and return it to **Carolyn Turner** at Northants ACRE, telephone **01604 825894**, email carolyn.turner@northantsacre.org.uk.

Corby Volunteer Bureau

Neil Penson from Corby Volunteer and Community Services (VCS), is looking to recruit and place volunteers in local groups and other organisations that might need help. He'll also be able to point people towards other organisations in the voluntary sector to assist with a range of needs from basic skills and transport schemes to pensions and financial assistance.

This service is specifically aimed at the rural areas within Corby Borough. If you'd like to take advantage of Neil's help, call the Volunteer Bureau on **01536 267873**.

Cottingham School WWII Campout

By Michael Orgill (aged 9)

The WWII Campout was a brilliant event held at Cottingham School in June. The Juniors' topic for last term was WWII and we had about 80 people there in about 20 tents.

My first highlight of the day would be sitting in the Jeep vehicle and seeing what it was like to sit in an old 4x4. It made me wonder about its history. My next favourite part of the day was doing some PT and Parade with Major Underwood from the Territorial Army. I've always wondered what it is like to be in the



army. Singing in the Choir was another great part of the day. We sang four songs, my favourite of which was Do-Re-Mi. The fire-watch was unfortunately rained off, which was a big shame because there would have been real fires for us to find, but the Military Vehicle Trust did still bring along a gleaming Green Goddess fire truck (pictured left).

The weather on the day wasn't 100%, but in the end we fitted as much in as possible. One of my favourite indoor activities was the Codes & Clues

Quiz, which involved guiding a made-up secret agent, Agent Midcot, safely home using a map of the local area and a series of clues. It was hard at some points but we solved it eventually, and he ended up safely back at Cottingham School.

But the best and most realistic part of the day would have to be the air raids! It really did sound like we were being bombed. When the siren sounded we all ran to the shelter, which was the big green container which is normally used to store the school's sports equipment - it had been converted!

To finish the day off, we had hot dogs for supper to keep us going in the night and I eventually managed to climb into my sleeping bag just before midnight, Phew! After sleeping through, in the morning my clothes were a bit damp!

I would finally like to thank the PTFA for holding the event, which raised just over £400 for the school. It gave me a real taster of what life was like in the 1940s.



Michael Orgill takes the wheel!

Tom Rides the Earth



Tom Allen from Main Street, Middleton has embarked on an amazing attempt to circumnavigate the globe by mountain bike. 23 year-old Tom (pictured left), who was born and bred in the village and attended Cottingham school, set off on his quest on 17 June with two friends, Andrew Welch and Mark Maultby.

"The aim of the 'Ride Earth' project is to have, and inspire others to have, a great adventure whilst promoting mountain biking as a lifestyle and mode of sustainable transport," says Tom. The boys are also looking to

raise £10,000 for two charities, The Wilderness Foundation and Wheels4Life.

Tom, Andrew and Mark will be cycling through over 50 countries and have already pedalled across Holland, Belgium, France and Switzerland. To find out more and to make a donation to the boys' charities, visit the Ride Earth website at www.ride-earth.org.uk



Peter Walker

Bill Walker of Berryfield Road would like to thank everyone for their

kind thoughts and support following the tragic death of his son Peter in May.

Bill would also like to thank everyone who donated money in Peter's memory, raising £514.70 for Macmillan Cancer Support and £564.70 for Breakthrough Cancer.

William Riddell Educational Trust (Middleton) - reminder

There are still a few days left to apply for an educational grant from the William Riddell Trust. Grants are available to Middleton residents aged under 25 for further education or to assist with the costs associated with learning a trade or profession.

To apply, write to Kay Dickens, Clerk, William Riddell Educational Trust, Hill House, Middleton. The deadline is 1 September 2007.

Planning and Development

The outline planning application for the development of six eco-friendly houses on the field to the south of Corby Road, in front of the limekiln, has been **refused** by Corby Borough Council.

Thanks for the Annex!

Dick and Jean Short would like to express their thanks to all involved with the refurbished Village Hall Annex where they held their Golden Wedding Celebration in July.

"We sat down with 76 family and friends from England, Germany and France," said Dick. "A great night was had by all, virtually on our doorstep, in what we found to be a wonderful resource. In particular, I'd like to thank Mick and Fran Innes, and Audrey and Clive Ashworth, for their help and advice."

To book the Annex (£6 an hour), contact Fran Innes on **07913 552531**.

Sue Jarman of Berryfield Road would like to thank her family and friends, St Mary's and the Methodist Church for the well wishes, flowers and money they sent following her recent operation and stay in hospital.

What's On

Sat 25 August, from 1pm

Charity Bike Ride and BBQ

A charity bike ride and BBQ is being held on Saturday 25 August in honour of local villager James Knauer. The family bike ride starts from East Carlton Heritage Centre at 1pm, finishing at Rockingham Forest Wheelers Club House in Middleton. All ages and cycling abilities are welcome to join in and you can get a copy of the cycle route from **Pete Jinks** on **772414**.

The BBQ kicks off at 7.30pm at East Carlton Cricket Club and there'll be live entertainment from comedy duo 'Fingers 'n' Fumbs'. All proceeds from the day will go to Papworth Hospital and tickets are available from Pete on the number above, or **Bip Wetherall** via the Raven Hotel on **202313**.

Sat 1 September, 2-5pm

Cream Teas, St Mary's

Come along for a cream tea in the beautiful surroundings of the Church. There will also be craft activities for children and various stalls including tombola, cards and books. Everyone is welcome.

Tue 4 September, 10am

Pilates, Methodist Hall

Madeleine Clarke will be running another Pilates course from 10 to 11am on Tuesday mornings in the Methodist Hall, starting on Tuesday 4 September.

The classes cost £5 per session. If you'd like to join in, call Madeleine on **01572 822700**.

Fri 7 September, 8pm

Bingo Night, Village Hall Annex

Eyes down for the VHMC Bingo Night! Filled rolls will be on sale. Bring your own drinks. Call **771545** or **771084** for further details.

Sun 16 September, 10am

Car Boot Sale, Recreation Field

Come and snap up some bargains at the VHMC car boot sale. Cost for sellers is £5 per car. Call **771545** to book a pitch.

Sat 8 September, 10am to 4pm

Craft Club, Methodist Church Hall



A new Craft Club is starting up at Cottingham Methodist Church Hall. Run by **Emma Davies** from Rockingham Road, the club will meet once a month starting in September.

Says Emma: "The idea is for people already into card making, scrapbooking and jewellery-making to bring along their equipment and supplies to work on their current projects with others, share ideas and make friends."

Admission costs £7.50 to include tea and coffee and entry to a raffle to win a crafting type prize. There will also be cakes available for a nominal charge of which half the proceeds will go to charity.

If the Club takes off, Emma's ideas for future classes include demonstrations, competitions, 'make and takes', a swap shop and to use monies from the entrance fee to buy equipment for people to use at the club.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Emma on **771221** or **07776 084190**, email email@ejdavies.net

Sat 8 September, 7.30 for 8pm

Village Quiz, Village Hall Annex

Ant Licquorish's 15th Anniversary Quiz is in aid of the Princess Diana (Warwickshire and Northamptonshire) Air Ambulance.

Doors open at 7.30pm for a prompt 8pm start. Tickets are £5 per person, which includes a fish or chicken and chips supper, and you're welcome to bring your own drinks.

Teams of four should register their interest as soon as possible (along with their food orders) before 1 September, so give Ant a call on **771062**.



15-17 September

Harvest Festival, Methodist Church

Sat 15th (11am to 5pm) - Church open for viewing with buffet lunch and light teas.

Sun 16th (6pm) - Harvest Songs of Praise led by Maureen Ownsworth.

Mon 17th (7pm) - Coffee evening and produce sale.

The Church will be open from 5.30pm on Friday 14th to receive any gifts towards this event. Contact **Joan Jarman** on **771193**.

Sat 29 Sep, 7.30pm

Concert, St Mary's

Cottingham is delighted to welcome the **Seagrave Singers** to St Mary Magdalene Church for an Autumn concert.

Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children to include refreshments, available from **Mary Freestone (771339)** or **Pam Harrison (771555)**. Transport also available.

Sat 6 & Sun 7 October



Harvest Weekend, St Mary's

As part of it's Harvest

Festival weekend, St Mary's is inviting entries for the following fun **Harvest Competitions**:

- Harvest pictures (under 16s)
- Harvest-themed photographs (adults)
- Harvest decorated cakes (adults and children's categories)
- Best dressed vegetable (individual and family categories)

Entries cost £1 per item and will be received in the Church from 10am to 4pm on Sat 6 October. Entry forms available soon.

The entries can be viewed at the Church on the afternoon of Sun 7 October with judging at 4pm.

At 5pm on Sun 7 October there will be a **Harvest Songs of Praise** followed by a traditional **ploughman's supper**. Please let Mary Freestone have your favourite Harvest hymn or any item of appropriate poetry, prose or Bible reference to be included in the service.

Sat 13 October

Nearly New Sale

Cottingham School PTFA Nearly New Sale to be held in the School Hall. More details available nearer the time.