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We have some fantastic news this issue. It's great to see all our village pubs getting behind the new

football teams and to see so much commitment and enthusiasm going into this. It's that same dedication that's managed to secure an amazing £7,500 for youth activities in the village. Please do get your thinking caps on so we can make sure this money is used to best effect.

I have two new correspondents for this issue - Mark Shirley, who's written a fab article looking back at this year's Welland Valley Beer Festival, and 17 year old Steph Brown from Middleton who is keen to be a journalist and has asked if she can help out with the newsletter. I am delighted to have her support and you can read her excellent first article on page 2.

And finally, as well as footy, there are loads of other opportunities in this newsletter to get fit, including walking, jogging, yoga, keep fit and golf, so no excuses to sit in front of that TV!

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Best footy forward!

Football has been given a further boost in the villages with the formation of a Cottingham youth football team (for ages 16 and over) and an under 7s team (for ages 5 to 7). The new teams are the brainchild of 16 year old Evan Burbidge of Berryfield Road, who has also successfully secured sponsorship from the Spread Eagle for the youth team and from the Red Lion for the under 7s. The village 'Ramblers' have also given Evan some money towards set up costs.

Spread Eagle landlord Sam Perkins, who started playing for the original Cottingham FC when he was nine years old and whose father captained Cottingham's lower junior cup winning team in 1949, will be coaching the new youth team. And interest in the under 7s team has been so great that the Red Lion is busy holding a number of fundraising activities to raise money for a second kit!

Once the new pitch, goalposts and protective netting are in place, both teams will be playing their matches on the Berryfield Road recreation field. If you are interested in playing or coaching for the new youth or under 7s team, please contact **Evan Burbidge** on **07908 620745**, email evanlfc@aol.com.



Adult team New Cottingham FC in action, sponsored by the Royal George. See their website at www.clubwebsite.co.uk/newcottinghamfc

£7,500 for village youth

Are you aged 13-19? Do you have an idea for a project, event or activity? If so, Cottingham and Middleton Youth Club has been awarded £7,500 from the Money for Youth fund to support activities for teenagers and is inviting people in this age group to help them allocate the money.

Youth Club Secretary David Swallow said: "There are very few facilities for teenagers in the village and we're keen to support this group. Some ideas that the youngsters have come up with are to establish regular youth club nights for 13-19 year olds, new sports clubs and teams for the village, group trips and individual development like Duke of Edinburgh awards, sports coaching qualifications, music and arts qualifications, first aid courses and so on. This grant is fantastic news for teenagers and opens up many possibilities. So parents, please encourage your children to get their thinking caps on and help us do some good with the money!"

The Youth Club will be finalising plans over the summer and wants to hear from anybody who has an idea they would like to develop. Please contact **David** on **771796** or email david.swallow4@virgin.net.

Village shop update - the Hub and Trumpet

Work is progressing on the shop and is expected to be finished by the end of the month. When the shell of the shop is ready, Community Rocks, the charity that's running the project, intends to hold an open day/evening when everyone will be welcome to come in, have a look around and find out more about the plans for the shop and cafe.

A detailed grant application is in progress which, if successful, will meet part of the set-up costs for the project. The opening date will depend to some extent on how long this process takes but is scheduled for Autumn 2010.

The chosen name for the premises is the 'Hub and Trumpet' which reflects the intention that it is to once more become a central hub of the village, where goods can be bought and sold and where people can meet to enjoy good coffee, good food and some lively conversation.

The Community Rocks team is grateful to all those who have volunteered to work in the shop and/or the cafe so far, but more volunteers are still required. If you can offer some time, please contact **Rachel Hudson** on **770766**.

Jogging...



If you feel in the need of a bit of exercise, Northants County Council has started up a beginners jogging group, just for ladies, starting off every Sunday at 10am from Rockingham Triangle sports centre under the supervision of qualified and insured leader, Scott. Membership for a full year is just £20 and this includes a running T-shirt, a water bottle, a 10 week log book and insurance. For more information, contact **Scott** on **07854 384 878**.

...and walking!



If you prefer to take your exercise at a slightly more leisurely pace, why not join East Carlton Wednesday Walking Group to enjoy an hour's walk from East Carlton Country Park, often along the Jurassic Way to Cottingham and Middleton?

The group of 15 to 20 walkers meets at 11am every Wednesday, outside the East Carlton Park cafe, apart from the first Wednesday in the month when a walk away is organised to take in different scenery and distances, for example to Foxton Locks and Fineshade Woods.

Led by a trained walk leader, beginners or enthusiasts are all welcome. The group is based on friendship and fun, as well as improving fitness levels, and ends with a chat over a cup of tea at the cafe.

For more information, call **Noel Rogers** on **771837** or simply turn up on the day.

Rural Police update

From PCSO Mark Tooley

I have recently had a few concerns raised in relation to inconsiderate parking in the following areas.



- Rockingham Road - cars parking on the grass verge, right hand side heading out of the village. On the occasions when the cars are half on and half off the verge, this causes a hazard to vehicles entering and leaving the village.
- Welland View and Blind Lane - vehicles parking near to junctions and on pathways.
- Outside the school during drop off and collection times.

Please be considerate to your neighbours when parking your vehicles, being mindful of junctions and drivers requiring clear views.

Could I also ask that you are extra observant with persons knocking your door trying to sell items, or persons just acting suspiciously near to your neighbours' homes. A lady in the village was visited by three males recently who gained entry to her home. She is a little shaken but not hurt. Please phone **0345 23 07 702** to report anything related to doorstep crime.

We have also had an incident recently where a dog has worried sheep. Please could I ask dog walkers to take care when walking their dogs near to fields containing sheep.

And finally, our priorities that we work towards are determined by the community. To have your say, please visit **www.northants.police.uk/localpriorities**. This link has also been added to the 'contacts' page on the village website, **www.cottinghamnews.co.uk**.

I shall be available in Cottingham for my monthly drop-in 'surgery' from 2.30pm on Tuesday 14 September in the Village Hall Annex, so please come along.

Cottingham Parish Council News



Cottingham Parish Council Clerk Peter Taylor has recently become a member of the Institute of Local Council Management (MILCM), having studied and sat exams to earn the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

This qualification will now allow the Parish Council to pursue 'Quality Council' status.

Peter, who hasn't missed a single meeting since he joined Cottingham Parish Council in February 1986, tells us that he enjoys the work and has appreciated the support of councillors and residents of the village over the past 25 years.

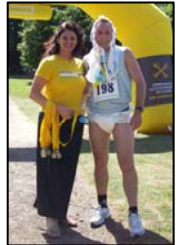
Co-incidentally, Peter actually started his public sector career as a rent collector in the 'other' Cottingham, in the East Riding of Yorkshire. He is also a keen sportsman, having played in goal for Hull City School Boys and represented Great Britain against Holland in the first continental handball match. Peter has run five London Marathons in aid of various charities and speaks proudly of the finish of his 100th half marathon at Bridlington last year, supported by his family and partner.

Well done Peter, we're all very proud of you!

A runaway success

By Steph Brown

More than 450 people took part in the 5km charity run for the Warwickshire and Northants Air



Ambulance in East Carlton Park recently. Onlookers sat poised in the sunshine with their ice creams as 29 year-old Chris Storey was the first to cross the line in just under 20 minutes. As you can see from our pic, Chris was one of many who took advantage of the optional fancy dress and was joined by fire fighters and English kings for the charity's fourth fundraising run of 2010.

Organisers declared the event a huge success and are hoping to raise over £10,000 in sponsorship. If you'd like to make a donation, call **08454 130999** or visit **www.justgiving.com/wnaa**

Beer, buses and big screen TVs!

Mark Shirley (from Rockingham Forest Cider, Middleton) takes a look back at this year's Welland Valley Beer Festival

Beer, buses, and big screen TVs were the theme of this year's Welland Valley Beer Festival, with 11 pubs offering 170 real ales and ciders along with fine food and entertainment. The unseasonably fine weather helped make it a great weekend for locals and visitors alike, and only the England football team failed to raise their game. Thankfully, there was plenty of beer left to drown our sorrows at full time!

Saturday featured a fleet of vintage buses ferrying revellers between the pubs. For those of us old enough to remember these lovingly restored vehicles first time around, the bus rides were a real nostalgia trip and a big part of what makes the Welland Valley Beer Festival so special. Travelling on a packed Routemaster 'London' bus down the leafy lanes of the Welland Valley is highly sociable, so much so that people travel from far and wide to experience the unique atmosphere of the day.

Friday evening saw live music at all three of our local pubs. Starting our evening at the top of the hill, enjoying the fine view down the valley from the decking at the rear of the Royal George, we had our first opportunity to try this year's festival special ale, cheekily named 'Welland'Owd', and brewed by Kettering's Potbelly Brewery. It proved to be a delicious golden ale, perfect for summer drinking.

Then onwards to the Spread Eagle where an extensive range of ales and ciders were being served from the cool of the cellar. We took advantage of the late evening sunshine on the patio in front of the pub, enjoying a couple of ciders from award-winning welsh producer Gwynt-Y-Ddraig. Suitably refreshed we took the scenic route to Middleton along the Jurassic Way footpath and our friends were mightily impressed when a Red Kite tracked our progress down the Valley!



The Red Lion was our final destination for Friday and an opportunity to try a few more ciders, including a rare and devilishly strong one from Hucknall in Nottinghamshire. Straw bales and country music set the scene, and the party atmosphere meant we stayed a little longer than absolutely necessary!

Saturday was a day for travelling with the crowds who'd by now descended on the Valley. Pubs were visited and many beers were drunk. If you missed it this year, be sure not to miss the bus in 2011 when the Welland Valley Beer Festival promises to be even bigger and better. If you did enjoy this year's festival, do remember, a pub is for life, not just a warm summer's day in June. The licensees of our three village pubs are doing a fantastic job throughout the year. Please support them whenever you can.

If you're destined for a bumper crop of apples or pears in your garden this year and don't know what to do with them, Mark would be glad to take them off your hands for his 2010 Rockingham Forest Cider pressing! Contact **Mark** on **772001** or email **markshirley54@btinternet.com**.



Big Bash Bonanza!



A group of 'old' Corby Rugby players recently presented a cheque for £3,000 to Bip Wetherell that they raised for the Prostate Cancer charity at a 'Big Bash' held at East Carlton Cricket Club last year. Thanks to everyone who helped out and came along on the day, and to the Royal George for selling tickets for the event.

Sheila Drage would like to thank her friends for the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes she received before and after her heart bypass. Says Sheila; "I am making a very good recovery. Joe and myself are amazed for all your kindness and support shown to us. God bless and love to you all."

Missing cat

Sue and Mike Beadsworth's Birman cat, Misty, has gone missing from their home at Vine House, 3 Main Street, Middleton. If you have seen her, please contact **Mike** or **Sue** on **771420**.



Happy Paws

Liam Muirson of Millfield Avenue is offering a new service for pet owners in the villages called 'Happy Paws'. Liam is offering a 30 minute dog walk for £6 and a midday visit to replenish food and water, and let pets out for the toilet, for £4. Contact **Liam** on **771247**, or email **lmurison15@hotmail.co.uk**

Poppy Appeal

Irene Beadsworth will be co-ordinating the poppy appeal this year. Trays will be placed at the school, in both churches, at all the village pubs, the Hunting Lodge and Rockingham Forest Wheelers club house.

Going for golf

The Royal George Golf Society is on the lookout for new members aged 18 to 80. The Society has around 20 members, has been going for eight years and generally meets up on the first Saturday of every month to play. Secretary Joe Hoedemaker says they don't take themselves too seriously and like their golf days to be fun days out. So, if you know which end of a golf club to swing and would like to join, contact **Joe** on **771549** or **Norman** on **07768 536344** - or pop into the Royal George and have a word with Mass.



What's On

Sat 21 Aug, 7.30pm

Quiz night, Village Hall Annex

Get your thinking caps on for the quiz night at the Village Hall Annex. There will be refreshments and a raffle and you can bring your own drinks. Entrance is £1.50 per person. Contact **Audrey** on **771084**.

Sun 22 Aug, 4 to 6pm

Recycled pubs, Red and Spread!

A group of around 30 cyclists will be heading for the villages on 22 August as part of a campaign to help revive interest in pubs.

Starting at the Bluebell in Gretton, they will visit the Plough in Caldecott and the Sondes Arms before arriving at the Spread Eagle at 4pm, where they will play a one hour acoustic set of music. They will then head for the Red Lion and play a set there from 5 to 6pm, before cycling off to Corby! Feel free to come and join in the fun.

From Wed 1 Sep, 10 to 11.30am

Keep fit classes, Village Hall Annex

Come along to keep fit at the Annex every Wednesday morning. Classes cost £3 each. Contact **Emma Bradbury** on **07775 860751**.

Fri 3 Sep, 8pm

Desperate Housewives, at Kirsty's!

Join the desperate housewives of Cottingham and Middleton for a good natter over a chilli, courtesy of Kirsty Swallow. The cost is £7 each, payable a week in advance. Contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Wendy (771177)** or **Sandra (770184)**. Please bring your own drinks.

Fri 3 Sep, 7.30pm

Artisan, Village Hall Annex (VHA)



Vocal harmony trio Artisan have spent the last 25 years performing their own brand of singing and humour across the World and now, with the help of Northants Touring Arts, they're coming to Cottingham!

Tickets, including a light supper, are £8 each and there will also be a bar and raffle. Contact **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

Sat 4 Sep and 2 Oct, 7.30pm

Whist drive, Village Hall Annex

Entrance £1.50 with all proceeds to the Village Hall Annex. Contact **Pam** on **770022**.

Fri 3 and Sat 4 Sep

Beer festival, Red Lion

Come along to the beer festival at the Red Lion in Middleton to enjoy 10 guest beers, ciders and perrys. There will be live music from Mr Bip and the Telstars on Friday evening and, on Saturday evening, a barn dance along with a raffle to raise funds for the Cottingham under 7s football team, that the pub is sponsoring. Contact **Kevin** or **Fiona** on **771268** for more details.

From Thur 9 Sep, 10 to 11.30am

Yoga classes, Village Hall Annex

A new 12-week course of free yoga classes starts up on September 9th at the Village Hall Annex. The classes take place on Thursday mornings and are funded by Corby Borough Council. All ages, abilities and new members are welcome. Just come along or, for more information, contact **Sue Webster** on **710603**.

Sat 18 Sep, 7pm

Charity quiz, Village Hall Annex

Ant Licquorish's second quiz of 2010 will be in aid of the Red Cross. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 each to include a fish or chicken and chip supper. If you want to bring your own food, the entry fee is £3 per person. You can also bring your own drinks.

If you would like to take part, please let Ant know so he can book your place and order your food if required. Call **Ant** on **771062** or email **quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk**. Or, if you can't attend but wish to donate a raffle prize, please contact Ant as shown.

Sat 25 Sep & 23 Oct, 8.15pm

Village Dance, Village Hall Annex

Modern, sequence and ballroom dancing. Bring your own refreshments. Tickets costing £4 each are available from **Audrey** on **771084**. All proceeds go to the Annex.

Parish Council meetings: Cottingham Wed 1 Aug and 6 Sep; Middleton Wed 15 Sep and 20 Oct - all commencing 7.30pm at the Village Hall Annex.

Fri 4 Oct, 7.30pm

Bingo night, VHA

Eyes down! Free entrance, 10 games are played and bingo cards cost £10 for six books or £5 for three. All proceeds go into the prize fund on the night.

Sat 8 Oct, 8 till late

Without a Doubt, VHA

Come and boogie the night away to the sound of 60s 70s and 80s music from popular local band 'Without a Doubt'. There will be a light buffet and bar. Tickets at £7 each are available from **Irene** on **770059**.

Sat 16 Oct, 7.30pm

Old Time Music Hall, St Marys

If you fancy a taste of the Good Old Days, St Mary Magdalene Church is hosting an Old Time Music Hall event that will have you singing along in the aisles. The evening will feature a number of local acts including our very own 'Valley Voice' choir, making their debut performance. Get the date in your diary and look out for more information coming soon.



Obituary
Robert Harry Newman
1937 to 2010

Robert Newman of School Lane, Cottingham sadly passed away on 4th August, having been ill for two and a half years with Myeloma, a blood cancer of the bone marrow.

He had been Clerk of Cottingham Parish Council for many years, prior to Peter Taylor taking over, and Steward of the Manor to Cottingham Copyholders. He was involved in local and family history and often opened his garden for Church events and under the National Gardens Scheme. As a retired solicitor and partner of Wilson Browne, he was very well known within the community.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Janet, his family and friends.