



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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## Welcome



I am delighted to announce the launch of the new Cottingham and Middleton newsletter

– which is back by popular demand!

This is very much your newsletter and, to make it a success, we need your support. If you run a club or group in the village, or have any news that you would like to share, we'd like to hear from you. My contact details are below.

We also need more help with distribution of the newsletter to make sure that it gets to your door in good time. If you're able to help out, please call **Ann Davison** on **771333**.

I'd like to thank Northants ACRE for funding this first issue. Going forward, we aim to publish the newsletter every two months.

I do hope you enjoy the newsletter. If you have any feedback or comments, please get in touch. I'd be delighted to hear from you.

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**Next Issue**  
**Oct/Nov 2004**

**Issue date:**  
**3 October 2004**

**Deadline for stories:**  
**27 September 2004**

## Change to Village Boundary

**Cottingham Parish Council, Extraordinary Meeting**  
**11 August, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annexe**

You are invited to attend the above meeting which is being held to discuss a proposed change to the boundary between Cottingham and Middleton.

The current boundary cuts across the Eastern edge of the new Glover Court housing development (off Main Street), placing 1.5 of the 27 dwellings in Cottingham, the remainder being in Middleton. It also cuts through an area of open space at the entrance to the site.

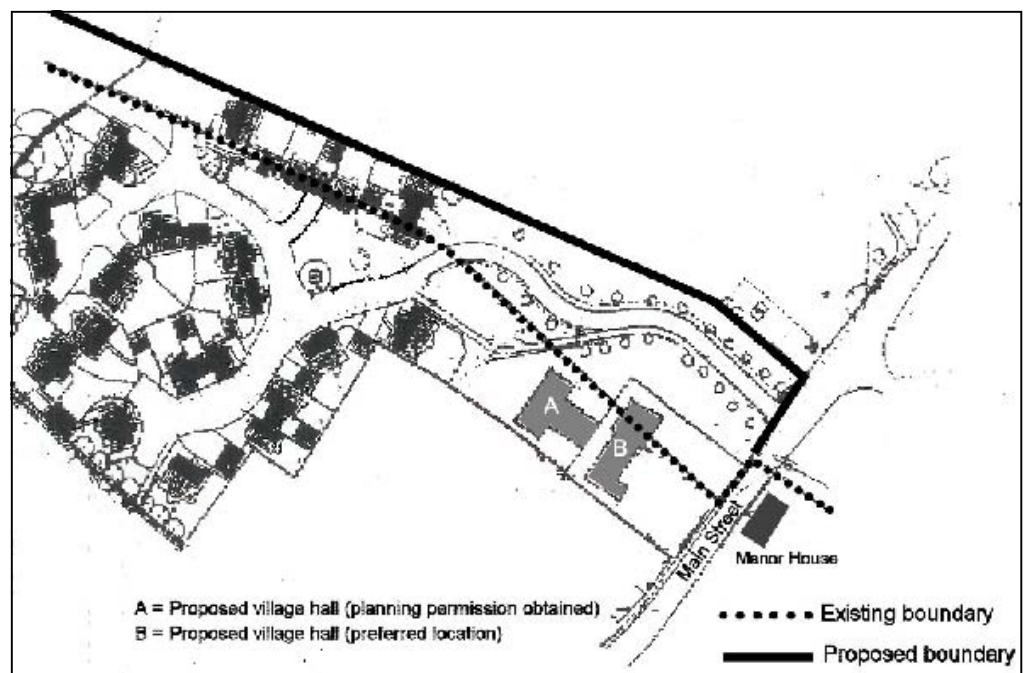
For administrative purposes, Middleton Parish Council has proposed that the boundary be moved to bring all the houses, the open space (and the responsibility for maintaining this space, eg. grass cutting) into Middleton.

As a separate issue, you may have heard that the developers of Glover Court, Faircloughs, are providing £119,500 to Corby Borough Council for community facilities in the two villages under what is known as a 'Section 106 Agreement'.

From this money, it has been agreed that Middleton will receive £40,000 towards a new meeting room, to be built on the open space at the entrance to Glover Court. This meeting room will be available for use by both villages. £60,000 will be retained for maintenance of the Glover Court site and Cottingham will receive £19,500 to upgrade facilities on the recreation ground next to the school.

The proposed boundary change will have absolutely no impact on the split of the funding.

The plan below shows the existing boundary, the proposed new boundary and the two options for the location of the proposed village hall.



# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

**Clerk:** Peter Taylor  
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### Councillors

Eric Lawson (Chairman)  
Phil Dyne (Vice Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth  
Mrs Pat Buckby  
Owen Davison  
Pam Moore  
George Sear

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every 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:

11 August 2004  
(Extraordinary Meeting)  
1 September 2004

## Middleton

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

### Councillors

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

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every 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 meeting:**  
15 September 2004

# Parish Plans

## Cottingham

More than 60 villagers attended a meeting last month (July 1) to begin the process of producing a parish plan for Cottingham.

Parish plans are a Countryside Agency initiative which aim to encourage local communities to shape the future of their villages. A steering group of 12 villagers has now been formed to take things forward for Cottingham. The parish council is being represented by Phil Dyne and the group is being supported by Carolyn Turner from Northants ACRE. Carolyn is also investigating funding for production of the plan.

The steering group has set up a number of sub groups to focus on the key areas raised at the initial meeting, as follows:

Focus area	Main contact	Tele-phone	E-mail
Environment, heritage and housing	Sue Hall	771127	cjeowen@hotmail.com
Businesses and local services	Chris Owen	771127	cjeowen@hotmail.com
Village hall and social/leisure activities	Dave Sims	772121	dave@madtiger.co.uk
Transport and road safety	Gary Blackman	770794	gary@blackman620.freemove.co.uk
Young people	Jan Mears	772130	None
Crime and fear of crime	Bob Riley	771881	bob@bluenose.co.uk
Communication	Jane Smith	770821	jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk

To be successful, the parish plan needs to be produced by the community, for the community and the close involvement of villagers will be vital. Over the coming months, the steering group will be looking to gather views from everyone, young and old, to find out their hopes and aspirations for Cottingham. We'd like to see as many people as possible getting involved.

Progress updates will be provided in this newsletter and will also be available on [www.cottingham.org.uk](http://www.cottingham.org.uk)

In the meantime, if you'd like to add your thoughts on any of the issues outlined above, please get in touch with the people listed.

## Middleton

Middleton's parish plan process is in its final stages now, with the results of a questionnaire sent to all villagers being analysed and put into a readable format. The parish council will be producing an action plan that addresses the issues raised and this should be formally adopted in August.

For more information contact **Dryden Phillipson** on **770950**.

## Cottingham Parish Council - casual vacancy

A casual vacancy has arisen on Cottingham parish council following the resignation of Cllr Andy Roberts.

If you are aged 18 or over and are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact **Peter Taylor** on **01536 761752** by 27 August 2004. More information on parish council and village shop notice boards.

## WRVS

The Women's Royal Voluntary Society (WRVS) is a charitable group that looks out for elderly and vulnerable people in Cottingham and Middleton.

They send flowers and chocolates to villagers coming back from hospital so if you know of any villagers who have spent one or more nights in hospital recently, contact **Judy** on **770799**.

## Youth Facilities - BMX Track

Five local youngsters attended the last meeting of Cottingham parish council to put forward their views on what they would like to see in the village. Top of their agenda was the provision of a BMX dirt track somewhere in the village. They also highlighted the need for repairs on the play equipment and goal posts on the recreation ground.

The parish council, and local councillor Bob Rutt, have agreed to support local youngsters' request for a BMX track in the village, and discussions are now taking place to find a suitable site and to seek funding. The parish council is also working with the youngsters to address the other issues raised.

If anyone has any thoughts or queries about this, please contact **Peter Taylor** on 761751.

## Youth Club

Cottingham and Middleton youth club currently meets every other Monday during school term time from 7pm to 9pm in the village hall annexe.

The youngsters, who meet together to chat, listen to music and play games, would love to see the club opening every week, but more adult help is needed to make this happen.

If you would be able to give some time – just a couple of hours every six weeks or so – your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact **Diane** on 771545.

And if you're aged 8 to 16 and are interested in joining the youth club, just come along! The weekly subscription is 50 pence and the next meeting is on **Monday 13 September**.



## From Our Own Correspondent...

Barbara Cain provides a weekly report on goings-on in Cottingham for the "Down Your Way" section of the Evening Telegraph newspaper.

If you have any news that you would like Barbara to put into the Evening Telegraph, give her a call on 771460 or post to 9 Welland View Road.

## Breast Cancer Support Network

Have you or a member of your family been affected by breast cancer? If so, you may be interested in the support network that Judy Evans is looking to establish.

Says Judy: "I am currently going through chemotherapy myself and I would like to establish a network of support for people who are going through the same thing. It always helps having someone to talk to."

If you would like to know more, call **Judy** on 770799.

## Memory Lane

### A Date with History

Would you be interested in a calendar containing historical pictures of Cottingham and Middleton? If so, please give **Sue Beadsworth** a call on 771420 or e-mail her on [jsbeadsworth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jsbeadsworth@yahoo.co.uk)

If there is enough interest, Sue will investigate pulling a calendar together for 2005.

The pictures above show Corby Road, Cottingham in the 1960s and Main Street, Middleton, circa 1912. More old photographs of Cottingham can be found on [www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk)



## Flower Festival

The recent weekend of flowers and music (3/4 July) raised a fantastic £1,850 for St Mary Magdalene church.

Visitors were treated to music from Northamptonshire Youth, a tour of 10 open gardens in the villages, a barbecue, country dancing and themed flower displays in the church, with each depicting a nursery rhyme.

Thanks go to the organisers, all those who took part and everyone who came along for making the event a great success.

## That's the spirit !

More than 50 people recently got into the spirit of things on a coach tour of Haunted Northampton, commentated by local historian Peter Hill.

The event was organised by the WRVS.

## Village of the Year

Cottingham has entered into the best kept village section of the Calor Village of the Year competition organised by Northants ACRE. Villages are assessed on overall impression, absence of litter and general tidiness. Results are due out this month.

# What's On?



**Sat 21 August**

## Phil's Disco

Bop the night away from 8pm to midnight in the village hall annexe.

Tickets cost £3 with proceeds to the village hall. Bring your own refreshments. Alcohol allowed. Call **Phil** on **771545**.



## Methodist Chapel

**11-13 September**

## Harvest Festival

**Sat 11 Sep**

Chapel open for viewing from 12 noon to 4pm with lunches from 12 to 2pm and refreshments from 3pm.

**Sun 12 Sep, 6pm**

Harvest thanksgiving and songs of praise, with new minister David Bosworth.

**Mon 13 Sep, 7pm**

Harvest sale and coffee evening.

## Sat 24 September Village Dance

Get on your dancing shoes from 8.15pm to midnight in the school hall.

Tickets cost £3.50 with proceeds to the church and chapel. Bring your own refreshments. Alcohol allowed.

Call **Audrey** on **771084**.

**Wed 29 September**

## Whist Drive

A whist drive takes place on the last Wednesday of every month in the village hall annexe from 7.30pm.

Entrance is £1 and includes refreshments.

If you'd like to join in, contact **Pam** on **770022** or just come along!



## St Mary Magdalene

**Sun 3 October**

## Harvest Festival

Join in the celebrations and singing. From 6pm. The church will be decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and refreshments will be available after the service.

## Clubs and Groups

### Minerva Group

The Minerva ladies discussion group meets every other Tuesday from 7.45pm to talk about anything and everything, from 'my favourite holiday' to politics and current affairs.

The ladies meet at each other's houses. If you'd like to come along, call **Pam** on **770022**.

**WRVS & Youth Club**

See pages 2 and 3.

### Mums and Tots

Meet every Thursday during term time from 1.30 to 3pm in the Methodist Hall.

The next meeting takes place on **9 September**.

Contact **Sandra** on **770184**.

### Wesley Guild

The Wesley Guild meets every other Thursday from 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

The meetings start up again on **14 October** with a social featuring members' favourite music. Contact **Cyril** on **771401**.

### Sunday Clubs

There are two growing Sunday clubs at St Mary Magdalene for children aged under 11 and 11+ to learn about religion in a fun and involving way.

New members are always welcome. Contact **Ruth** on **770178**.

### Over 60s club

Meet every Tuesday in the village hall annexe from 2 to 4pm to chat and play bingo and whist.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 14 September**.

If you'd like to come along, contact **Audrey** on **771084**.

### Coffee mornings

Would you be interested in coming to a coffee morning once a week in the village hall annexe?

If so, please call **Jan** on **772130**.

## Rockingham Forest Wheelers

The Rockingham Forest Wheelers cater for all ages and all kinds of cycling including touring, racing and mountain biking.

The club meets for a run every Wednesday (7pm) and Sunday (10am) from their premises on Ashley Road, Middleton.

If you'd like to know more, call **Norman** on **771356**.

## East Carlton Cricket Club

East Carlton Cricket Club currently runs three youth teams - under 11s, 13s and 15s - and an adult team.

Youngsters can get involved from the age of six. Call **Nick** on **771203**.

## Useful Contacts:

Corby police station: **400400**

Police, northern area control room helpdesk: **445532**

Cllr Robert Rutt  
Corby Borough Council  
07801 945948

Cottingham & Middleton  
Village Hall  
Clive Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall  
(bookings £3 per hour)  
Joan Jarman, **771193**

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