



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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As we near the end of the year, here's a quick look back at the main events that have taken place in the villages

during 2005:

**Jan:** 200 people attend Cottingham Parish Plan 'Our Village, Our Future' event

**Feb:** Tsunami fundraising photo session and auction raise £1,500 for victims

**April:** Kettering Operatic 'Sing in the Spring' raises money for the Church

**May:** 500 attend VE/VJ Day celebrations; Open Gardens raise £1,700 for cancer charities

**June:** Royal George takes part in Welland Valley Beer Festival

**July:** Village Fun Day, Wine Safari, BBQ & treasure hunt and Midsummer Madness events raise £1,000 for the VHA, £1,600 for the Church and £1,200 for the school

**Aug:** Thanksgiving service for completion of Methodist Church refurbishments

**Oct:** Charity quiz raises £248 for Northants Association for the Blind



May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2006!

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## Planning and Development



### Land to rear of Cottingham Hall

The outline planning application for the proposed development of 90 homes on land to the rear of Cottingham Hall has now been submitted to the planning authority (Corby Borough Council) and is currently waiting to be processed. When the application has been registered, villagers will have 21 days to submit their views.

### Installation of Mobile Home - Land at top of Corby Road

Corby Borough Council's planning department advise that 'a few hundred' letters have been received in relation to this planning application. The application is currently being processed.

For more information, contact Corby Borough Council's planning department on **464158**.

## Annexe Refurbishment Takes Shape



The refurbishment of the Village Hall Annexe is now well underway, with work expected to be completed by the end of February 2006.

The 12-week scheme involves the removal of the existing showers, changing rooms and bar to give the new-look Annexe a larger main hall, a smaller meeting room, kitchen facilities and a disabled toilet.

The work will cost just over £38,000 (including VAT) with £5,000 having been raised by the Village Hall

Management Committee (VHMC) through various functions and events, £10,910 coming from Northamptonshire County Council and £19,500 from Grantscape, formerly known as Shanks First.

Picture shows VHMC Chairman and Parish Councillor Clive Ashworth in the Annexe.

## Cottingham Parish Plan: Initial Results

Analysis of the Cottingham village questionnaires is now well underway with 214 household questionnaires (representing 56% of homes), 366 individual adult questionnaires (representing 48% of village adults) and 33 youth questionnaires having been received.

The Steering Group's initial analysis reveals that speeding and inconsiderate parking are by far the biggest issues for villagers, with concern over inappropriate development coming in third. Village hall and associated facilities are the fourth biggest issue, with the condition and maintenance of the village's roads and pavements fifth. Dog fouling is the sixth biggest issue, with 39% of villagers saying it is a major problem and a further 51% saying it is a slight problem.

These initial findings from the questionnaires have now been shared with Cottingham Parish Council and the full analysis will be completed by the end of the year. The next step will then be for the Steering Group to meet together with the Parish Council in the New Year to talk through the findings and agree an action plan to address the issues raised.

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



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**Deadline for stories:  
3 February 2006**

## Parish Councils

### Cottingham

**Clerk:** Peter Taylor  
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NN14 2QA

**Councillors**

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

**Next meetings:**

**Wed 4 Jan 2006**  
**Wed 1 Feb 2006**

### 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

**Next meetings:**

**Wed 21 Dec 2005**  
**Wed 18 Jan 2006**

Until further notice, both Parish Councils will be meeting in the Methodist Hall as the Village Hall Annexe is being refurbished.

### Northants Police, New Public Phone Number

Northamptonshire Police has launched a new local rate telephone number for public enquiries:

**08453 700700**

This number will eventually replace the various local police station numbers.



## Cottingham Methodist Church

"It's been a busy year for the Methodist Church and, with the refurbishment of the Church and Hall now complete, we'd like to say thanks once again to everyone who helped out.

"The Church was full for the thanksgiving service held to mark the completion of the refurbishment, and the Harvest Festival events and recent Christmas Bazaar - which raised £366 - were also really well supported.

"We'd like to send our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all villagers, and also to wish all the best to Michael and Wendy Curtis who'll be heading over to Zambia to work as volunteers in the New Year."

**Joan Jarman, Cottingham Methodist Church**

### Services

Please note that from January 2006 until further notice, the regular Sunday services at the Methodist Church will start at 3.30pm to avoid the dark evenings.



### Reader Help Wanted

Chris Davies, a practising psychotherapist with partial sight living in School Lane, would like help from an articulate, outgoing person to read articles from technical journals and chapters from books for him.

These will be recorded onto audio equipment at Chris's home or read out face to face. Chris would be happy to pay between £5 and £10 an hour and he reckons he'll need around three hours' help a week. If you're interested, give **Chris** a call on **770883**.

### Denise Walker Bench

Friends of the late Denise Walker would like to thank everyone who has donated money for the memorial bench.

It's hoped that the bench will be in place at the entrance to the school within the next couple of months. There'll also be a little money left over which will be donated to a suitable charity.

For more information, contact **Lee Morecombe (771835)**, **Julie Lloyd (771629)** or **Elizabeth Bell (771053)**.

### Join the Village Email List



If you'd like to keep up-to-date with village news and events between newsletters, why not add your name to the village email list?

More than 100 villagers now receive email updates every month or so.

If you'd like to add your name to the list, simply visit **www.cottinghamnews.co.uk** or **www.middletonnews.co.uk**, click on 'join village email list' in the left hand column and follow the instructions.

### Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Update

In October and November, there were two attempted break-ins to garages in Cottingham, and one house burglary.

Northamptonshire Police also report an increase in the number of cars being stolen in the county using keys stolen from the owner's property. In some cases, an attractive vehicle parked on the driveway is leading to a burglary being carried out to find keys. Advice from the Police is to keep car keys safe at all times, well away from the front door and out of sight of windows. However, never take your keys with you to bed.

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now up and running in Welland View Road, co-ordinated by Bob Riley. Schemes are also in place for Rockingham Road and Stonepit Drive.

If you'd like more information about Neighbourhood Watch, contact **Luisa Jepson** on **444697**, or email **luisa.jepson@northants.police.uk**



# Not Forgotten....

If you've been watching any of the recent TV programmes about the First World War, you can't fail to have been both fascinated and moved by the real life stories of the people who fought, lived and died during the Great War. But have you ever wondered at the stories behind the men commemorated on the Cottingham and Middleton war memorial?



War memorials first sprang up after the 1914-18 War to provide a focal point for families to remember their loved ones who'd died and been buried overseas.



David Tilley

One of the 23 First World War soldiers remembered on the village memorial is **Omar Tilley**. His great nephew David Tilley (pictured left), now living in Cleethorpes, tells us that Omar was an acting sergeant in the Leicester Regiment and a holder of the military medal. He died of his wounds in December 1917 aged 23, most probably during the German counter offensive at Cambrai, and is buried in the British Commonwealth war graves at Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension in France.

The war memorial was also recently visited by Margery Haseler and her family who have traced their ancestors back to Cottingham. Margery's uncle **John Dunkley**, of the Royal Engineers' Reinforcements, died in Basra, Iraq in July 1916, aged 26 and his younger brother **Harry Dunkley**, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, died a few weeks later in the Somme, aged just 17.

Channel 4 is currently compiling a database of the First World War memorials and those they commemorate at [www.channel4.com/lostgeneration](http://www.channel4.com/lostgeneration). The Cottingham and Middleton memorial is listed and the database also includes a memorial plaque at Cottingham and Middleton School erected 'in memory of the old boys of the school who fell in the Great World War 1914-1918'.

Additional details for the village war memorial (including inscription and list of names) have been submitted to the Channel 4 site by [www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk) and should be included in the database shortly.



*Pictures: Top right - Remembrance Day, c1919; Bottom right - War Memorial c1920. Pictures below taken from Cottingham School photographs.*

## Cottingham and Middleton War Memorial:



Harry Fisher, c1900

**'To the glorious memory of the men from this parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918'**

Colonel George Ripley, William Booth, William Chambers, William Coles, Ernest Crane, George Crane, Harry Dunkley, John Dunkley, Harry Fisher, Thomas Goode, Alfred Inchley, Roland Ingram, George Lewin, Frederick Oliver, John Sanders, James Simpson, Leonard Stokes, William Tansley, Omar Tilley, George Timson, Edward Towndrow, Frederick Vye, John Wilden.



Ernest Crane, c1900

**Second World War (1939-1945): 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'**

Flight Lt Bertrand Townsin, John Campbell, Charles Cooper, Edward Hurst.



## Wartime Sing-along

Villagers were in fine voice for the recent concert of wartime songs and sing-along at St Mary Magdalene Church. Thanks goes to Kettering Operatic Society who played to a packed house, helping to raise a fantastic £600 for Church funds.



## Dot Says 'Thanks'

Dot Ashby on Rockingham Road would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent cards and phoned her family during her recent stay in hospital.



## Charity Ball - Hunting Lodge

A charity ball held at the Hunting Lodge Hotel in October raised more than £4,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Organisers Diane Knauer, Ro Freeman and Dorothy Anderson would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who attended and all those who gave donations, raffle and auction prizes.

They'd especially like to thank Philip Ritchie-Smith and his staff at the Hunting Lodge for all their help and advice with the organisation of the event and throughout the evening itself. It was a great success.



# Christmas What's On



## Church and Carol Services



**Thur 15 Dec, 7pm**

Coffee and carols at the Methodist Hall

**Sun 18 Dec, 10am**

Children's 'Carols around the Crib' service, at St Mary Magdalene

**Sun 18 Dec, 6pm**

Joint carol service for St Mary Magdalene and the Methodist Church, to be held at the Methodist Church

**Christmas Eve, 11.30pm**

Midnight communion service at St James' Church, Gretton

**Christmas Day, 10.30am**

Communion service at St Peter's Church, East Carlton

## Living Crib Journey

**Christmas Eve, 4pm**

Come along for a dramatic re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to the stable.

Starting at the Methodist Church, the procession will travel down through the two villages to Middleton House Farm to celebrate the



Nativity, stopping for worship along the way. Refreshments, kindly provided by Justina Medwell, will be served afterwards at Wellingtons' pre-school nursery, where there will also be a collection in aid of the Oxfam Village Farmyard Appeal.

Villagers of all ages are invited to join the procession, so bring along a torch and wear something reflective. Alternatively, you are more than welcome to dress in costume. Contact **Ruth** on **770178** or **Kathryne** on **770159**.

## Village Pubs - New Licenses

New licensing laws came into effect on 24 November that have required all establishments serving alcohol to apply for new licenses from their local council. Whilst all our village pubs and the Hunting Lodge have been granted longer opening hours, all say that these longer hours will be used sparingly, for special occasions and to allow flexibility.

Licenses have been granted as follows:

|                               | Monday to Thursday                   | Friday & Saturday                                   | Sunday              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Red Lion</b> (771268)      | 12 noon to midnight                  | 12 noon to 1am                                      | 12 noon to midnight |
| <b>Royal George</b> (771005)  | 12 noon to 3pm<br>5.30pm to midnight | 12 noon to 1am<br>(Closed 3pm to 5.30pm on Fridays) | 12 noon to midnight |
| <b>Spread Eagle</b> (772038)  | 7.30am to midnight                   | 7.30am to 1am                                       | 7.30am to midnight  |
| <b>Hunting Lodge</b> (771370) | 10am to 2am                          | 10am to 2am   | 10am to 2am         |

In the case of the Spread Eagle, the 7.30am opening time will allow the pub to open for early morning televised sports matches, as and when they occur.

The pubs and Hunting Lodge all have special events on over the festive season including afternoon opening, live music, karaoke, dinner dances and discos. For details, contact them on the numbers above.

## Spread Eagle Coffee Mornings

**Tuesdays, 9.15am to 11.15am**

Come along for coffee and homemade cakes every Tuesday morning at the Spread Eagle. Children are welcome. For more information, call **Stella** on **772038**.

## Robbie Burns Gala Dinner

**Saturday 28 January, from 6pm**

Five course gala dinner at the Hunting Lodge complete with piper, haggis, neeps, tatties, Scottish beef and whisky jelly. Contact the Hunting Lodge on **771370**.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch  
Luisa Jepson, **444697**  
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Corby BC Noise Officer  
Paul Craddock, **400088**

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

Cllr Robert Rutt  
Corby Borough Council  
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Cllr Stan Heggs  
Northants County Council  
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Village Hall Annexe  
Frances Innes, **770574**

Methodist Hall  
Joan Jarman, **771193**

## Clubs and Groups

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

Minerva Group  
Pam Moore, **770022**

WRVS  
Judy Evans, **770799**

Youth Club  
Diane Cooksley, **771545**

Mums and Tots  
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

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**

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

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