



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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First of all, apologies that this edition of the newsletter is shorter than usual. Unfortunately, work commitments

have taken over during December but we hope to return to our usual 4-page format for the next issue.



I'd like to say a big thank you to all the people who have sent in stories for the newsletter this year and especially to our new roving reporter Graham Ley, whose articles are guaranteed to put a smile on your face! Look out for his next piece in the February issue.



Thanks too to Anne Davison and all the people who distribute the newsletter, to Colin Cramphorn for his help with the printing and to Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils for their continued funding.



I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2007.

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**Deadline for stories:  
2 February 2007**

## Church Repairs Begin

After a long fundraising campaign which began back in April 2004, repairs to the steeple and roof of St Mary Magdalene are now underway.

The campaign has raised over £80,000 towards the high level repairs needed to keep the Church watertight and preserved for future generations. The congregation and friends of the Church have raised £30,000 with significant contributions received from English Heritage and other historic church preservation trusts and foundations.

Kettering Camarata's recent performance of Christmas music and readings at the Church also raised more than £450 towards the repairs. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening such a success and especially Kettering Camarata for such a delightful and impressive concert.

*Pictured at the top of the steeple is Mark Colby from the Church fundraising team.*



## 2007 Village Calendars

Middleton and Cottingham village calendars, produced by Middleton's Cramphorn Colour Printers, are available from **Mary Freestone (771339)**, **Ann Sturman (771343)** or **Sue Beadsworth (771420)**. The calendars, which come in two different formats, cost £5 each and all profits will go to St Mary Magdalene Church.



## Bip's Pedal Power!

Middleton's Bip Wetherell completed a gruelling four day bike ride from London to Paris in September which, together with a subsequent BBQ, raised a fantastic £3,253 for Kidney Research.

Bip would like to say thanks to everyone who sponsored him and supported the BBQ.

## Cottingham Methodist Church

In October, the Methodist Church celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wesley Guild with a Songs of Praise and tea. Presentations were also made to Cyril Liquorish and Mabel Bull, who are the only two remaining members of the original Guild. On behalf of the Methodist Church, Joan Jarman would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year and wishes all villagers a very happy Christmas and New Year.



## Crime Report

The increased level of crime in the villages reported in the last newsletter has unfortunately continued during October and November. 14 incidents have been reported, again mostly break-ins and theft from motor vehicles. There have also been further incidences of the glass being smashed in the Cottingham and Middleton phone boxes.

If you have any information about the crimes that are being committed in the villages, please get in touch with **Northants Police** on **08453 700700**.

# Christmas What's On



## Church and Carol Services



### Sun 17 December, 6pm

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

### Wed 20 December, 7pm

Coffee and carols at the Methodist Hall.

### Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Midnight service at St Leonard, Rockingham.

### Christmas Day, 10.30am

Communion service at St Mary Magdalene.

## 'People of the Forest'

### Sat 20 Jan, 9.30am to 1pm

Come along to Wilbarston Village Hall for the return visit by Rockingham Forest Trust of the 'People of the Forest' project which aims to help local communities uncover the hidden history in their villages, record their memories and document their church more thoroughly.

This event is being held specially for villagers from Cottingham, Middleton and East Carlton and there will be two sessions on the day - one covering local buildings and other structures of interest (**9.45am**), and the second on churches in the area (**11.30am**). Each session will include a presentation by local expert Dr Peter Hill and a discussion on how the community can preserve their heritage.

The Trust will be providing support for working groups over the following weeks in researching and recording their community heritage and would like to see as many people as possible, of all ages and backgrounds, getting involved. For more information and to book your place on one or both of the sessions, please call **Peter** at Rockingham Forest Trust on **01832 274278**, email **peter@rft.org.uk**

## 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.

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.



## Bereavement Service

### Sunday 7 Jan, 3.30pm

A bereavement service is being held at the Methodist Church to enable anyone in our parish (or beyond) who has lost loved ones to come and join in with a service of hymns, readings and prayers specially chosen to commemorate them.

This will be a joint service between the Methodist Church and St Mary Magdalene. All are welcome to attend.

## Arthur Bell



"The family of the late Arthur Bell would like to thank everyone who sent cards and letters following dad's sudden death in November. We also very much appreciated the lovely flowers given by both the village churches. It is many years since we lived in Cottingham but it still remains home. Thank you all." **Chris Blenkarn and Jenny Cathcart**

"It was with great sadness to us all to hear that Mr Arthur Bell had passed away on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> where many of Arthur's friends from the village and other churches attended. Arthur had been a member of our Church for many years as a Sunday School teacher, steward and treasurer and gave us his time and talents willingly right up to the last. He will be greatly missed by us all." **Cottingham Methodist Church**

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch  
David Robins, **01933 304357**  
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Corby BC Noise Officer  
Paul Craddock, **400088**

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

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Corby Borough Council  
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Northants County Council  
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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**

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**