



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Planning Application, Ashley Road, Middleton

The planning application for the stationing of caravans for three gypsy plots with utility/day rooms on a piece of land off Ashley Road has been **refused** by Corby Borough Council.

A new enforcement notice was issued by Corby Borough Council on 12 January for the removal of the caravan(s) and structure(s) on the site and the restoration of the land to a paddock.

This enforcement notice took effect on 16 February. However, we are advised that the applicants have recently submitted an **appeal** to the Government's Planning Inspectorate against the refusal of planning permission. The enforcement notice will therefore be placed in abeyance until the appeal has been heard.

We do not have any more details of the appeal at this stage, but will keep you informed through this newsletter and the Middleton Parish Council website at www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

Auction of Village Shop, 25 February



The village shop and Post Office, along with the living accommodation, is going up for auction on 25 February, from 5pm at Oadby Racecourse.

The guide price is £240,000 to £250,000 and we are advised by the auctioneers (Shonki Brothers) that they would be happy to receive and forward any written offers to their client for consideration, prior to the actual auction. So, if you are interested in purchasing the shop, please contact **Shonki Brothers** on **0116 234 3373**, email info@shonkibrothers.com. A copy of the relevant pages from the auctioneer's catalogue is available on the village website. Click on the link from the home page.

Rural Trading Mobile Shop

While the shop remains closed, the Rural Trading mobile shop is visiting the villages several times a week selling a range of products including bread and cakes, fresh meat, poultry, fruit and vegetables, sandwiches and drinks, dairy products, household essentials, pet food and delicatessen items. The shop will be in the villages as follows:

| | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Middleton (Main Street, Manor House) | 4.55 to 5.20pm | 9.45 to 10.05am | 9.30 to 9.50am | 10.20 to 10.40am | 9.55 to 10.15am |
| Cottingham (end of Ripley Road) | 9.30 to 9.45am | | 4.55 to 5.10pm | 9.30 to 9.50am | |
| Cottingham (near Spread Eagle) | 9.50 to 10.10am | 5.00 to 5.20pm | 4.35 to 4.50pm | 9.55 to 10.15am | 9.30 to 9.50am |

Rural Trading accepts all major credit and debit cards and you can place your order in advance (including newspapers), by telephoning **0794 1342794** or emailing ruraltrading@aol.com

Little Meadow - Public Meeting Monday 2 March, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex

On the advice of its appointed solicitors, Cottingham Parish Council has taken the decision to withdraw its case contesting the Planning Inspectorate's decision to uphold the Little Meadow planning appeal.

The reasons for this decision will be explained in detail at a special meeting being held in the Village Hall Annex on Monday 2 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Thanks for the Memories

The Cottingham and Middleton Heritage Group has now started to collect memories from current and former villagers. If you'd like to read these fascinating personal stories from Hilda Bradshaw, Walter Campbell, David Dodd, Morley Stuart and John Heathcote, visit the Cottingham History website at www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk then click on 'Personal Memories' in the 'Popular Links' section.

If you have any memories to share, a member of the Heritage Group would be delighted to come out and have a chat with you. Contact **Del** on **771353**, **Dryden** on **770950** or **Jane** on **770821**.



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Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
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Councillors

Clive Ashworth (Chairman)
Pete Bowman (Vice Chair)
Irene Beadsworth
Owen Davison
Phil Dyne
Geof Hudson
Pam Moore
John Muir
David Swallow

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. 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:

Wed 4 March, 7.30pm
Wed 1 April, 7.30pm

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
01536 771234
Middleton House, Middleton,
LE16 8YU

Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)
Kay Dickens (Vice Chair)
Raymond Ainge
Yvonne Alvey
Gemma Claypole
Alan Cole
Janet Robertson

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. 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 meetings:

Wed 18 March, 7.30pm
Wed 15 April 7.30pm



Rural Police Update

From PCSO Pete Heyward

We have continued our 'street a week' campaign throughout all of the rural villages and have had some really positive feedback.

One of the main concerns in Cottingham and Middleton is street lighting, and we are working with the Council to overcome this problem. Please keep talking to us and

letting us know your problems and concerns so we can attempt to address these issues.

We have also carried out an operation to try and help reduce the levels of dog fouling in the villages. The PCSOs have been given bio-degradable dog litter bags to hand out to members of the public who are unequipped on their dog walks. So, if you are without a litterbag, ask Phil, Pete or Julie and they will have a chat and hand you a bag.

Across the county, we have had a handful of thefts in the early hours of the morning where people have left their vehicles unattended, with the engine running, to defrost the car. Please try not to leave your vehicles unattended as you never know who is looking. I would also ask you to be extra vigilant around your home security, as some areas have had problems with evening time burglaries.

We are still carrying out our usual speed enforcement and school parking patrols. So please keep to the speed limits and be mindful where you park.

For more information on the work we carry out in your area, including my 'Blog' section, please check the Northants Police website at www.northants.police.uk. Click on 'Safer Community Teams' and you will find us under North, Corby, Corby Rural. Thanks for reading.

News from the Parish Councils

Village Road Surface: Northants County Council has been made fully aware of the dangerous state of the village roads which is causing cars and horses to slip. Surface dressing is being carried out, but both Parish Councils are pushing for repairs to be carried out immediately, rather than having to wait until May for a new surface to be laid. We will keep you informed of progress.

Dog Fouling: Despite Middleton PC investing in three new dog litter bins, the problem of dog fouling persists, showing a complete disregard for our local environment and the wellbeing of other residents. The Parish Council now intends to adopt a zero tolerance approach and 'name and shame' policy. If you witness a dog fouling offence, you can report it in confidence to Corby Borough Council Environmental Health Officer **Amy Plank** on **464052**, email env.health@corby.gov.uk

Village Lighting: Middleton PC is fighting Corby Borough Council's plans to remove the budget for village lighting improvements, on the grounds that good lighting is essential to public safety and security. If you wish to write to Corby Borough Council regarding this proposal, the address is **Paul Hymers**, Corporate Director (Resources), Corby Borough Council, Grosvenor House, Corby NN7 1QB.

Jenni's Marathon Quest



Middleton's Jenni Palmer, who works as a learning support assistant at Cottingham School, is running in this year's

London Marathon in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society.

Jenni's grandfather struggled with Parkinson's for over 10 years before sadly passing away last year and Jenni is looking to raise £1,750 for the charity.

Jenni is a keen runner, having completed the Great North Run three times, but this will be her first full marathon.

If you'd like to sponsor Jenni, you can contact her on **770934**, or you can donate online at www.justgiving.com/jennimarathon

Quids for the Kids!

The new village youth club continues to go from strength to strength.

The club has recently received a generous £3,000 donation from County Councillor Stan Heggs under Northants County Council's 'Empowering Councillors and Communities' Scheme. This is a fund made available to county councillors to be used for projects within their area that they consider worthwhile. The money has been used for computer and video equipment, and to train youth club volunteers and future leaders.



The club has also received two brand new Yamaha keyboards with headphones and stands, donated by Cottingham-based PR and marketing agency LE16 Communications. LE16 Directors Pete Bowman and Jane Smith both perform with local bands, so it seemed like the obvious choice to support the club!

Pictured (top): Youth club Treasurer Dave Swallow, Stan Heggs, Parish Councillor Irene Beadsworth, Alfie Gilgrist, Sasha Desmond and Jodi Pearce.

Pictured (left): Youth Club Chairman Jake Raj, Jane Smith, Kirsty Mitchell and Christian Swallow.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

The recent snowfall saw kids and big kids alike taking to the snow-covered Dale to enjoy a bit of sledding. Fun was certainly had by all, but a few revellers did leave a considerable amount of debris behind. A huge thanks to Steve Morphy who took it upon himself to clear up The Dale and take away the truckload of rubbish pictured bottom left. Thanks too to the village pubs who were on hand to feed and water an unexpected influx of cold, soggy mid-afternoon visitors!

Salt Bins



It has been reported that many of the salt bins in the village are empty. If you find an empty bin that needs refilling, please contact Northants County Council's 'Street Doctor' by calling **0845 601 1113**, or emailing streetdoctor@northamptonshire.gov.uk. However, do bear in mind that there is a national shortage of gritting salt at the moment so they may not be able to fill the bins immediately!



Snow pictures from Pete Bowman, Marianne Metaxas and Steve Morphy

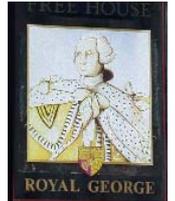
Hilda Bradshaw

Hilda Bradshaw would like to say thank you for all the cards and messages she received on the occasion of her 90th birthday on 26 December.

Hilda was unfortunately in hospital on her birthday but was still able to celebrate the big occasion with her family around her hospital bed! We are delighted to say that Hilda is now well and safely back home in Cottingham.

Take it away!

If you don't fancy cooking, the **Royal George** is now providing takeaway fish and chips every day until 10.30pm. You can place your order in advance by calling **771005**, or pop into the pub to order and enjoy a quick pint while you wait.



The George will soon be introducing takeaway pizzas as well, so you'll have even more excuses for keeping out of the kitchen!

Mike Springthorpe

Mike and Kay Springthorpe would like to thank everyone who sent cards, contributions and best wishes following Mike's recent accident. Mike is still in Leicester Royal Infirmary and is shortly hoping to be transferred to Stoke Mandeville in Sheffield.

A Mike Springthorpe fund has been set up and a fundraising auction of promises will take place at the Rockingham Forest Wheelers clubhouse on Ashley Road, Middleton, on **Sunday 22 March** at 3pm. A good response for promises has already been received, but more would be very welcome.

If you can help, please contact **Norman and Mary Needham** on **771356**, 2 Water Lane, Cottingham, email norman@nmneedham.fsnet.co.uk

Well Sung!

The Christmas Singalong held in Glover Court in December raised £25 for BBC Children in Need. Organiser Rob Cross would like to thank everyone who came along to support and take part in the event.

What's On

Fri 20 Feb and 24 April, 8pm

Desperate Housewives! Village Hall Annex



Come along for a good natter and a meal with the Desperate Housewives! In February, there's an Italian meal on the menu, supplied by the Royal George and in April it'll be Chinese.

The cost is £6 each, payable in advance. Contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Sandra (770184)** or **Wendy (771177)**. Please bring your own drinks, including alcohol.

Sat 21 Feb & 21 March, 8pm

Village Dances, Village Hall Annex

Dancing to ballroom, sequence and modern dancing tunes. Tickets are £4 and you can bring your own refreshments (including alcohol). Call **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084** for more details.

Wed 25 Feb, 11am

Red Ramble, East Carlton Park



If you fancy a bit of fun and fresh air, come along to the Red Ramble at East Carlton Park, in support of National Heart Month.

Wear something red and bring a £1 donation, which will go to the National Heart Foundation. Some red refreshments will be available after the walk, which will take just over an hour. All fitness abilities are welcome.

For more information, contact **Suzanne Preston** on **01536 464281**, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Fri 12 to Sun 14 June

Welland Valley Beer Festival

The Royal George, Spread Eagle and Red Lion will all be taking part in the Welland Valley Beer Festival again this year. More information nearer the time.

Thursdays, 10am to 11.30am

Yoga, Village Hall Annex

Free yoga classes are being held at the Village Hall Annex on Thursday mornings, 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**.

Fri 6 Mar & 10 April, 7pm

Bingo nights, Village Hall Annex

Bingo nights are held on the first Friday of every month at the Village Hall Annex. Entrance is free, you just buy your bingo cards and all proceeds go into the prize fund on the night. Contact **Pam Moore** on **770022** for more information.

Sat 7 Mar & 11 April, 7pm

Whist Drives, Village Hall Annex



Whist drives take place on the first Saturday of every month from 7pm in the Village Hall Annex, costing just £1.50 per person. If you'd like to join in, please contact **Pam Moore** on **770022**.

Sat 14 March, 7.30pm

Village Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Ant Licquorish's latest charity quiz is in aid of **Help for Heroes**, a charity supporting wounded servicemen and women injured in the current conflicts. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start and tickets cost either £7 (to include a fish or chicken and chip supper - or a vegetarian option) or £3, if you would prefer to bring your own food. As usual, there'll be a raffle and you can bring your own drinks (including alcohol).

Call **Ant** on **771062** for tickets and to confirm your food requirements or email him at quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk.

Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch
David Robins, **01933 304357**
david.robins@northants.police.uk

Corby BC Noise Officer
Paul Craddock, **400088**

Street Doctor (Northants CC)
0845 601 1113

Cllr Robert Rutt
Corby Borough Council
07801 945948

Cllr Stan Heggs
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01536 202918

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Village Hall Annex
Pam Moore, **770022**

Methodist Hall
Joan Jarman, **771193**

Rev Sian Reading, **770237**
sianreading@tinyonline.co.uk

Clubs and Groups

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

Minerva Group & Whist Drives
Pam Moore, **770022**

WRVS
Sue Jefferson, **771822**

Mums and Tots
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Cottingham Craft Club
Emma Davies, **771221**

Wesley Guild
Cyril Licquorish, **771401**

Sunday Clubs - St Mary's
Ruth Colby, **770178**

Breast Cancer Support Network
Judy Evans, **770799**

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

Royal George Golf Society
Norman Golding, **771081**

Blackthorn Wood Pool Team
George Barker, **07904 954040**

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