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Welcome to the February/March edition of the village newsletter.

In this issue, we're pleased to bring you a special feature on the fundraising activities that villagers are getting involved with and ideas on how you can support them.

We also take a look at the funds that the Church and Chapel are looking to raise for refurbishments and repairs.

It was great to see so many people turn out for the recent 'Our Village, Our Future' event. If you came along, please pass the word on about the Parish Plan as we need as many people as possible to get involved going forward to make it a success.

As there won't be another newsletter until April, enjoy the Easter break, and roll on Spring!

Yours,

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Cottingham - Our Village, Our Future

More than 200 villagers came along to the recent 'Our Village, Our Future' event to find out more about the Parish Plan for Cottingham and to share their thoughts and aspirations for the future of the village.

The Parish Plan Steering Group, which organised the event, was particularly pleased to welcome Chris Mallender, Chief Executive of Corby Borough Council, our local beat officer WPC Helen Greenfield and Cottingham's Parish Councillors.

The Steering Group would like to thank everyone who visited and supported the event, especially the Royal George, Spread Eagle and Hunting Lodge for the marvellous free refreshments and the local clubs and groups who mounted displays at the event.

Steering Group Treasurer Joanne Leaning said: "We are now well placed to move forward to the next phase of the project - the development of a questionnaire based on the hundreds of written comments from residents who attended the event. The Steering Group plans to prepare and issue this questionnaire to villagers within the next few months."

Look out for more information soon. Updates will be provided through this newsletter and are also available on the www.cottinghamnews.co.uk website.



Cottingham School Find Raises Concerns



In a recent routine health and safety site check at Cottingham C of E School, a very small quantity of drugs was found in a covered area of the school grounds. Procedures in school were then utilised immediately and the police contacted. Sniffer dogs did an additional sweep of the school site and confirmed that this was an isolated incident.

Headteacher Luke Whitney said: "The school is having difficulty with groups of youths who congregate during the evenings and it would now appear that there has been an escalation in their activities.

"This is the first such find at Cottingham School and the robust procedures we use to ensure the health and safety of pupils have been successful. It is my hope that the community can come together and address this issue. While I do feel confident that pupils will not be endangered, I feel less confident in respect of the perpetrators and hope that, as a community, we can support them and channel their energy in a more creative direction."

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Fundraising

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
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Councillors

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

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each 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:

Wed 2 March 2005

Wed 6 April 2005

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
01536 771234
Middleton House, Middleton

Councillors

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

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each 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 meetings:

Wed 16 Feb 2005

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St Mary Magdalene



The parish church of St Mary Magdalene is looking to raise £82,000 to fund urgent repairs to the roof and spire.

Villagers have raised more than £12,000 towards the repairs over the past couple of years including £900 from the Flower Festival held just before Christmas. There are also several fundraising events planned for this year, kicking off with 'Sing in the Spring' on Saturday 2 April (see back page for more details).

If you would like to make a donation to the Church, contact **Mark Colby** on **770178**.

Methodist Chapel

A team of volunteers is helping with refurbishments at the Methodist Chapel which include new disabled access and toilet, and carpet tiles for both the Hall and Worship Area. The Church also plans to purchase 25 new chairs for the Worship area.



Wendy Curtis from Cottingham Methodist Church said:

"We would be grateful if anyone would like to 'Buy a Carpet Tile' for £5 each or even 'Donate a Chair' for £50. If you are a standard rate tax payer your donation can be 'Gift Aided' and we will be able to claim a further 28 pence in the pound.

"We trust the Community as a whole will benefit from this improved facility and would like to thank everyone who has given their time and support to the refurbishments."

Donations can be made via your own church contact or to **Michael and Wendy Curtis** on **771987**.

The sale of 106 historical village calendars raised £110 for the Church and Methodist Chapel. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Rural Support Line

Have you ever felt stressed, lonely or isolated and not known who to turn to for support? If so, you may be interested in a new phone and internet support service for local rural communities being looked into by Northants ACRE.



The helpline will provide a central point of contact linked to a network of support organisations around the county. It will also be backed by a team of volunteer 'befrienders' who can make home visits in certain circumstances.

Camilla Cobb at ACRE is looking for feedback on the idea, especially from people who have looked out for someone in distress or who have themselves been

supported.

She'd also like to hear from anyone who would be interesting in receiving training to become a 'befriender'.

Contact **Camilla Cobb**, Northants ACRE, Hunsbury Hill Centre, Harksome Hill, Northampton NN4 9QZ, **01604 825889**, email: camilla.cobb@northantsacre.org.uk

Travelling Crib

Ruth Colby would like to thank everyone who came along to support the Living Crib journey on Christmas Eve. Said Ruth: "More than 100 people turned out for the journey. It was a lovely start to Christmas!"

Focus...

Cottingham to Khao Lak

Karen Blackman of Blind Lane (pictured right) is about to set off for the Phang Hga province in Thailand to spend six weeks working for the Tsunami Volunteer Centre in Khao Lak.

Said Karen: "I made a donation when the disaster happened, but I felt that I wanted to do more, especially as I've visited Thailand several times and have a real affinity with the place and the people."

"I hope to be doing some outreach work with families in the camps to make sure they're getting the support they need. I'll also getting involved in clean-up Operations, data input and anything else that's required."

Charity Auction

Royal George, Friday 18 Feb, 8pm

Mass and Wendy at the Royal George are hosting a charity auction complete with free Thai nibbles to raise money for Karen's trip. Prizes already donated include a track day at Rockingham Speedway, a car wash and valet from Arc in Corby, meals in restaurants, a chocolate lovers' hamper and a Thai meal prepared by Karen in her home when she returns from Thailand!

A small amount of the money raised will go towards Karen's accommodation, but the vast majority will be given to the Tsunami Volunteer Centre in Khao Lak to help rebuild the lives of those affected.

Please come along to lend your support and, if you or your business would like to donate an item for the auction, contact **Karen** on **770794** or **Mass and Wendy** on **771005**.



David snaps into action

A portrait session held by local photographer David Swallow from High Street raised more than £650 for the Asian Tsunami appeal. This was match funded by Barclays Bank to make a grand total of £1,300!

"I was totally taken aback by the response," said David, "especially when we counted up the donations at the end of the day. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped out to make the day such a success."

Pictured below selecting their picture on-screen with David Swallow are villager Liz Parker (centre), her mother Anne and children Joanne (left) and Charlotte.



www.davidswallow.co.uk, tel: 771796,
email: davidswallow.photography@virgin.net



Running for Shelter!

Claire Dixon from Church Street will be running the **London Marathon** this year (17 April) to raise money for the housing charity Shelter. "Shelter is committed to ending the injustice of homelessness and bad housing," said Claire. "Our homes mean a lot to us and I am looking for people to sponsor me so that home ownership can be extended to others less fortunate."

As an added incentive, all local sponsors will be entered into a prize draw to win a 'Marathon Spring Clean' donated by Cottingham based cleaning company **Little Treasures**. The Little Treasures team will clean for the length of time that it takes Claire to run the 26.2 mile marathon. "I'm a slow runner," added Claire, "so it should be a lengthy clean!"

Little Treasures Proprietor Chrissie Roberts said: "We're delighted to be supporting Claire to raise money for Shelter. We all spend a lot of time and effort looking after our homes and we're pleased to be helping to raise money to bring home comforts to even more people."

If you'd like to sponsor **Claire**, call her on **772363**.

Little Treasures, which now employs 16 cleaners, has recently marked its two year anniversary with the launch of a new website. For more information about Little Treasures, contact **Chrissie** on **772035** or visit their new website at www.littletreasurescleaningservices.co.uk

What's On

Fri 18 Feb, 8pm

Fundraising Auction

Come along to the Royal George to help raise money for the Tsunami Volunteer Centre in Khao Lak, Thailand.

See page 3 for full details.

Sat 26 Feb, 8pm

Village Dance

Dance the night away from 8pm to midnight in the village hall annexe to the sounds of the Blue Moon Disco.

Tickets cost £4 with proceeds to Cottingham Church and Chapel. Bring your own refreshments. Alcohol allowed.

Call Audrey on 771545.

Sun 6 March, 4 pm

Mothering Sunday

Special Mother's Day service at St Mary Magdalene Church



Sat 2 April, 7.30pm

'Sing in the Spring!'

Concert by Kettering Operatic Society at St Mary Magdalene Church.

Tickets £5 to include refreshments, a glass of wine, punch or juice plus smoked salmon sandwiches.

All proceeds to the Church. Tickets from Ruth (770178) or Sue (771420).

Fire Safety

If you'd like to know more about fire safety in the home, a series of free leaflets is available from Northants Fire Protection Department on 01604 797150.

Leaflets include smoke alarms, cigarette fires, kitchen safety and planning your escape.

Easter Services

St Mary Magdalene

Good Friday - 25 March, 6.30pm

Easter Sunday - 27 March, 10am



Methodist Church



Palm Sunday - 20 March, 4pm

This service will be followed by a special tea to thank all the people who have helped out with the recent refurbishment

Easter Sunday - 27 March, 6pm

Communion service to be taken by Rev David Bosworth.

All Change at St Mary's

"Congratulations to Rev Sally Hughes on her new appointment as incumbent for the benefice covering Stoke Albany, Wilbarston, Ashley, Weston-by-Welland and Sutton Bassett.

"Sally has been Curate at Cottingham since Rev Miles Falla retired last October. She's done a magnificent job and will be very much missed by us all. We now await a new minister and hope it won't be too long a wait!"

Sue Beadsworth, St Mary Magdalene

Swap Shop!

A big thank you to Michael and Helen Clarke, who have run the village shop and post office for just over seven years. All the very best for your future - and hopefully no more early mornings!

And hello to the new proprietors, George and Vera Ahmed. Welcome to the village and good luck in your new venture.

Useful Contacts

Corby police station: 400400

Police, northern area control room helpdesk: 445532

CLlR Robert Rutt
Corby Borough Council
07801 945948

Village Hall Annexe
Frances Innes, 770574

Methodist Hall
Joan Jarman, 771193

Northants ACRE
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Barbara Cain, 771460
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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 Liqueorish, 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