



# Cottingham and Middleton News

## June/July 2007

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Welcome to the June/July edition of the village newsletter.

We are extremely lucky in Cottingham and Middleton to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and this month our roving reporter Graham Ley has been out on a limb with Cottingham's Tree Warden Jon Dixon to find out what's being done to preserve and enhance our landscape (see page 3).

Worryingly, however, it would appear that wild flowers have been disappearing from the Dale (see page 2) and we hope that villagers will all play a part in stopping this happening to make sure the natural beauty of the Dale is preserved and protected.

And finally, it's great to see such an active social calendar for the villages over the next few months. Thanks to everyone who's giving up their valuable time to help organise these events and we hope to see a good turnout!

Regards,

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## It's Playtime!

The play area on the village recreation field has been upgraded with brand new equipment.

The £45,000 refurbishment has been funded by £22,500 from Corby Borough Council and £19,500 Section 106 monies from the development of Glover Court.

The new play area will be officially opened by the Mayor of Corby at the Village Summer Fayre on Saturday 14 July (see back page for more details).

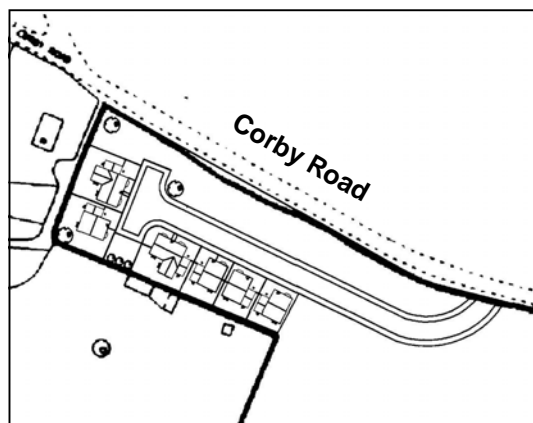


## Planning and Development

### Little Meadow, Corby Road

Cottingham Parish Council has engaged a solicitor to help fight the Government Planning Inspectorate's decision to grant temporary planning permission for the installation of a mobile home at Little Meadow on Corby Road.

The action is being funded by donations from villagers totalling £17,500. We will keep you informed as the case progresses.



### Planning application for the development of six eco-friendly houses

An outline planning application has been submitted for six 3 and 4 bedroom environmentally friendly houses with a new access road on the field in front of the lime kiln to the south of Corby Road.

The houses would feature roof-mounted wind turbines, solar panels for hot water, ground source heating and photovoltaic cells.

Cottingham P C has opposed the application on the grounds that it is outside the village planning envelope within which new development is permitted as defined by the Corby Local Plan. The Parish Council has also expressed concerns about there being a history of flooding on the site, overcrowding of dwellings, poor visibility onto Corby Road for people and traffic leaving the site and overhead power lines impeding construction.

The plans can be viewed at the Corby Borough Council 'One Stop Shop' on George Street, Corby, or online at the Public Access planning portal, available through [www.corby.gov.uk](http://www.corby.gov.uk). Selected documents and plans are also available on [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

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**18 August 2007**

**Deadline for stories:**  
**10 August 2007**

# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

**Clerk:** Peter Taylor  
01536 761752, 5 Headlands,  
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### Councillors

Phill Dyne (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)  
Irene Beadsworth  
Pete Bowman  
Owen Davison  
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 meeting:

Wed 5 Sep, 7.30pm

## Middleton

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

### Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)  
Kay Dickens (Vice Chair)  
Raymond Ainge  
Alan Cole

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 July, 7.30pm

Wed 19 Sep, 7.30pm

## Parish Councillors

### Cottingham

Three new councillors - Irene Beadsworth (770059), Pete Bowman (770821) and Dave Swallow (771796) - have been elected to Cottingham Parish Council following an election in May at which a fantastic 54.5% of village adults turned out to vote.

### Middleton

Four councillors were re-elected to Middleton Parish Council in May - Dryden Phillipson (who has also been elected as the new Chairman), Kay Dickens (new Vice Chairman), Raymond Ainge and Alan Cole. Middleton PC will also shortly be co-opting three further Councillors - Janet Richardson (School Hill), Yvonne Alvey (School Hill) and Gemma Claypole (Cannam Close) - who will join the PC at their July meeting.

## Corby Youth Forum

Corby Youth Forum, which acts as a voice for young people in Corby borough aged 13 to 19 and focuses on issues relevant to young people, is looking for youngsters from the Borough's villages to join the Forum and have their say about rural issues and problems.

If you're interested, please contact **Karen Hadden** on **01536 204911** or email **khadden@connexions-northamptonshire.co.uk**

## Cottingham Churchyard



The safety of memorials in churchyards is a current and ongoing concern that Cottingham Parochial Church Council (PCC) is obliged to address. The PCC has a legal liability for Cottingham churchyard generally but the ownership of a memorial belongs, in the first instance, to the person who purchased it and after that person's death the memorial is said to belong to the heirs at law of the person who is commemorated.

Cottingham PCC is keen to produce a register of families or persons whose ancestors are commemorated by memorials in the churchyard to assist in formulating a policy for future safe maintenance. If your ancestors are commemorated in the churchyard, please contact **Reverend Siân Reading (770237)**, **Mary Freestone (771339)**, **Kathryne Tilley (770159)** or **Sue Beadsworth (771420)**.

## Grave Tending Service

A new service is being offered by **Tom Holmes** to people who do not have time to tend to the graves of their loved ones as often as they would like. The service includes grass trimming, cleaning headstones and replenishing flowers. All work is carried out in a respectful and dignified manner in accordance with strict guidelines set up by the Church and Cemetery regulations.

Mr Holmes can be contacted on **07910 116217** or email **holmesclean@hotmail.co.uk**. If you decide to use this service, please inform one of the Church Wardens (Mary Freestone or Kathryne Tilley).

## Wild Flowers disappearing from the Dale



Over the past few months, large areas of native wild flowers, specifically meadow saxifrage (far left) and cowslips, have mysteriously disappeared from the Dale.

The likely explanation for this is that the plants have been uprooted (sorry – stolen) and we are aware that cowslips are being sold for profit at car boot sales.

It is against the law to remove wild plants without the landowner's consent (in this case, Cottingham Parish Council). The Dale is now being monitored closely and the issue has been reported to the Police. If you have any information on this, please contact **Chris Owen** on **771127** and appropriate action will be taken.

## Branching Out!

By *Graham Ley*

Don't ya just love trees?! While strolling along the Jurassic Way and into the Dale, who can honestly say they haven't scrambled around for glossy conkers from the huge horse chestnut tree, or taken a running jump at the rope swinging temptingly from the sycamore halfway up the



hill? I know I have! But it's only when you take a walk up to the top part of the Dale, as I did recently with Cottingham's Tree Warden **Jon Dixon**, and look back down at the stunning view towards the Welland Valley, that you realise how important the architectural shapes of our most beautiful native trees are to creating the character of the landscape in which we are lucky enough to live.

Jon is currently discussing an action plan with Cottingham Parish Council to maintain the trees in the Dale to ensure that this special place is preserved for us and for future generations. Trees, like everything else, have life spans dictated by nature and it is important that there is continuous renewal and management. The most urgent work is to tackle those trees which are diseased or weakened by age. One or two may have to be felled or pruned hard so that they do not pose a safety hazard to passers-by, but where possible Jon will leave the main trunk as a habitat for wildlife and as a striking natural monument. Cottingham Parish Council is also working on a replanting scheme for the Dale and is considering the dedication of trees which will allow villagers to buy and plant trees in memory of a loved one.

Of course, the landscape is not only about the Dale. We all need to share in the care of our trees, especially in the conservation areas in the two villages. Within these areas, it is a statutory requirement to seek permission from the Borough Council to fell or remove boughs from any tree with a trunk that has a diameter of 7cm or more. It's a straightforward and quick process – you can get the form from the Borough Council.

## Crime Report

Only 10 crimes were reported in the villages during April and May. Again, this was mainly vandalism to parked vehicles with a couple of attempted break-ins to properties.



Northants Police are asking people to be on the lookout following a spate of lead thefts from church and school roofs across the county and also to watch out for any attempts to steal car registration plates.

### Drugs Raid

You may be aware that two rented properties in Cottingham/Middleton were involved in a police drugs raid earlier this month. The raid netted £500,000 of cannabis, thought to be the largest ever drugs haul in the county.

### New CPSO

Our local Police Community Support Officer Phil Beckett has been joined by a new PCSO, **Peter Hayward**, on the rural beat, making a total of five dedicated officers for the area.



### Community Speedwatch

Middleton will be taking part in the Community Speedwatch initiative for six weeks from 7 July, involving volunteers from the village operating hand-held speed guns to monitor the speed of traffic in the village.

## William Riddell Educational Trust (Middleton)

Grants are available from the above Trust to persons under 25 years of age who are resident in Middleton, for further education or to assist with the costs associated with learning a trade or profession.

If you'd like to apply for a grant, please send a letter explaining the circumstances to Kay Dickens, Clerk, William Riddell Educational Trust, Hill House, Middleton. The deadline for receipt of letters is September 1 2007.

### School Quiz Night

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Cottingham School PTFA last month, which raised **£104** for school funds.

### Free Flower Delivery



**Timea Makra**, who lives on Rockingham Road, Cottingham, is offering a free flower delivery service to

Cottingham and Middleton residents from her new flower shop 'Flowers in Style' at 42 London Road, Kettering.

Before moving to Cottingham four years ago, Timea ran two flower shops and a nursery in her native Hungary.

You can contact Timea on **312777** or email [sales@flowersinstyle.co.uk](mailto:sales@flowersinstyle.co.uk)

### Yellow recycling boxes

Do you have any unwanted yellow recycling boxes now that we've moved on to brown wheelie bins?

**Peter Smith**, a design teacher who lives in Middleton, is looking to collect yellow boxes to securely store large amounts of student work.

If you can help, contact Peter on mobile **07971 989081**, email [psmith1309@supanet.com](mailto:psmith1309@supanet.com) or leave the boxes on Peter's drive at No. 8 Glover Court.

### Need a gardener?

Contact **Ralph Turner**, Middleton on **770271**.



# What's On

**Fri 29 June, 8pm to midnight**

## Village Disco, Village Hall Annex

Disco organised by Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Management Committee.

There'll be a licensed bar and tickets are £4 for adults and £2.50 for children. Call **Diane Cooksley** on **771545** to book tickets.

**Sat 30 June**

## Village Wine Safari

The sixth annual wine safari takes place on Saturday 30 June. Tickets cost £15 per person to include a glass of wine and nibbles at each of the stops along the way. There'll also be wine for sale at the last stop.



Last year's wine safari raised a fantastic £1,700 towards St Mary Magdalene Church and all proceeds from this year's event will go towards the church 'steeple fund' to fund vital repairs.

Tickets are available from **Kirsty Swallow** (3 High Street) on **771796**.

**Sun 1 July, 2pm - 4pm**

## Summer Fete, Recreation Field

Come along to the Village Hall Management Committee's Summer Fete on 1 July. Attractions include welly wanging, egg and spoon races, coconut shy, hook a duck and lots of other fun events.



**Sat 7 July**

## WRVS coach trip to Skegness

Fancy a trip to the seaside? Tickets are just £10 from **Judy** on **770799** or **Sue** on **771822**.

**Sat 14 July, 2pm - 8pm**

## Village Summer Fayre, Recreation Field

Organised by Cottingham School PTFA, the village Summer Fayre will include stalls, games, sporting activities, bouncy castle, bucking bronco, BBQ, beer tent, pony rides, fire engine and a full programme of arena events with displays and competitions. Or if you prefer, simply settle down and enjoy afternoon tea in the midst of village life.

At 2.30pm, the mayor of Corby will officially open the new play area on the recreation field.

From 6pm to 8pm, there will be live music from bands including Purple Haze from Northampton College.

Entry is free up until 6pm. Tickets for the evening cost £3.50 for adults and £1 for children (under 12s free) and are available in advance from the **PTFA hotline** on **07765 631967**.

**Sat 11 & Sun 12 August**

## AMEF 07, Fermyn Woods Country Park

The AMEF (Arts Meets Environment Festival) 07 is aimed at young people aged 14 to 27 and features lots of live bands, solo acts, the AMEF 07 Film Festival, graffiti displays, DJ-ing workshops, sculpture workshops, an air brush body artist, stalls, chillout area, food and a beer tent (for the over 18s obviously!)

There will be free transport to the site with pick-up points throughout the Rockingham Forest area so, if you need a lift, email **transport2amef@hotmail.co.uk**

Gate opens at 12 noon with music starting at 2pm. Tickets cost £5 on the gate or £4 in advance from **www.wegotickets.com**. For more information about the Festival, visit **www.myspace.com/ameffestival**

**Details of the latest village news and events can be found online at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk) and in the Down Your Way column in each Saturday's Evening Telegraph.**

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch  
David Robins, **01933 304357**  
[david.robins@northants.police.uk](mailto: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 Heggis  
Northants County Council  
**01536 202918**

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Village Hall Annex  
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**

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

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

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