



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the October/November edition of the village newsletter.

This edition has come out slightly

too late to advertise Ant Licquorish's 27th village quiz held on 8 October, but Ant says it went really well with the 14 teams that came along raising £248 for Northants Association for the Blind. Ant's next quiz takes place on 29 April 2006, so make a date in your diaries!

Joan Jarman would also like to thank everyone who came along to support the recent harvest festival events at the Methodist Church.

News and events that crop up between newsletters are always featured in Pete Bowman's 'Down Your Way' column in each Saturday's Evening Telegraph.

Also, more than 100 villagers now receive news and details of village events via email. If you'd like to add your name to the email list, simply go on to one of the village websites (addresses above), click on 'join village email list' in the left hand column and follow the instructions.

The websites also carry a full calendar of events right through to the end of the year.

Yours,

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ABC - Against Building in Cottingham

More than 200 villagers turned up to the first ABC meeting in August to air their views on the proposed development to the rear of Cottingham Hall. Issues raised included concerns about the proposed number of houses, the potential traffic increase, environmental impact, drainage and implications for existing village facilities should the development go ahead.

Several villagers have now offered their support to the steering group. If you'd like to help out, or have any particular skills you'd like to offer, call **Bob Riley** or **Julie Grant** on **771881**. Bob and Julie plan to organise another ABC meeting once the outline planning application for the development has been submitted, which is expected to be late Autumn.

Cottingham Parish Plan moves forward

Cottingham's Parish Plan is progressing well. There are still more questionnaires to come in but, so far, the Steering Group has collected 365 adult questionnaires, representing 207 households. They've also received 33 questionnaires from youngsters aged 8 to 17, and 48 people have put their names on the participation sheets to find out more about village activities. These names and contact details will be passed on to the relevant groups in the village so they can get in touch directly.

The Steering Group's Joanne Leaning is now starting to analyse the questionnaires but it's a mammoth task that'll take some time to complete. So, if you haven't filled your questionnaires in yet, there's still time. Simply fill in your forms and drop them in to Jane Smith (3 Corby Road) or Jo Leaning (17a Church Street).

For more information, or for additional copies of the questionnaire, contact Steering Group Chairman **Jane Smith** on **770821**, email jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk



Mission Possible!

Wendy and Michael Curtis, who are active members of Cottingham Methodist Church, will soon be heading overseas to spend three months working as volunteers in Zambia.

The couple (pictured left) will be helping to develop the Chodort Training Centre, a small trade college in Choma, between Lusaka and Victoria Falls. Michael will be armed with a well stocked toolbox to help with the physical extension of the building and Wendy will be helping local ladies to develop their sewing and business skills so they can produce products for sale at a tourist craft market in Lusaka. Wendy may also be getting involved with the training of pre-school teachers at the local church.

The Methodist Church is holding a coffee evening on **Thur 20 October** at **7.00pm** to raise funds for Michael and Wendy's trip. All are welcome to come along. The couple's air fare, and some costs, will be met by the World Church Overseas organisation.

Denise Walker Memorial Bench

Many villagers will remember Denise Walker who sadly died last December. Denise lived in Berryfield Road and was a dinner lady at Cottingham School for many years.

A group of villagers has got together to raise money to erect a bench in Denise's memory at the entrance to the school, close to where Denise used to live and in a spot where schoolchildren and parents can use the bench for years to come.

If you'd like to make a donation, please contact **Lee Morecombe (771835)**, **Julie Lloyd (771629)** or **Elizabeth Bell (771053)**.

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Parish Councils

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 9 Nov 2005
Wed 7 Dec 2005

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

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 19 Oct 2005
Wed 16 Nov 2005

Cottingham Parish Council

Cottingham Parish Council is organising a series of Parish Councillor surgeries giving you an ideal opportunity to chat with your Parish Councillors, air your views and find out more about what the Parish Council does.

The sessions are being held one Saturday each month from 10am in the Village Hall Annexe starting with **Cllr George Sear** on **12 November** and **Cllr Pat Buckby** on **10 December** (both pictured right).

Unfortunately, Cllr Clive Ashworth's surgery planned for 8 October (and the Parish Council meeting on 5 October) needed to be cancelled due to Parish Clerk Peter Taylor having been involved in a car accident.

We'd like to wish Peter a swift recovery and hope to see him back on his feet very soon.



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Neighbourhood Watch schemes have now been set up in Rockingham Road and Stonepit Drive in Cottingham.

Schemes are also in progress for School Lane, Mill Road and Welland View Road (Cottingham) and Ashley Road (Middleton).

If you'd like more information about the schemes, or are interested in setting one up for your road, contact **Luisa Jepson** on **444697**, or email luisa.jepson@northants.police.uk

Crime Report

Between July and September this year, seven crimes have been reported in the villages including three vandalised cars and three stolen motorcycles.

Two of the bikes were stolen from locked garages and one from outside the Spread Eagle.

If you own a motorcycle, advice from Northamptonshire Police is to lock it to something secure, even when it's parked in a locked garage, and to have the bike marked with a vehicle identification number.

Cottingham Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch volunteers were out on the village's roads during August and September tracking the speed of vehicles on Corby Road,



Rockingham Road and High Street. Over a 20 hour period, the hand held speed guns clocked 100 vehicles breaking the 30mph limit, the fastest of which was going up Rockingham Road at 51mph.



Northamptonshire Police has sent the owners of these cars a letter drawing their attention to the inappropriate use of speed on the village's roads. Co-ordinator Clive Ashworth would like to thank all the volunteers who operated the guns.

Cottingham: Village of the Year Results

Although Cottingham missed out on the awards in the recent Northamptonshire 'Village of the Year' competition, the organisers, Calor and Northamptonshire ACRE, have written to praise the village for its achievements in a number of areas.

The judges were welcomed to Cottingham by Ann Davison and a group of villagers in May and were given a tour of the village. In their final comments, they awarded high scores for 'Building Community Life' (70.5 out of 80), 'Business' (8.5 out of 10), 'General Impression' (20 out of 25) and 'Wow Factor' (20 out of 25) to give the village a very creditable 149 out of 200 total score.

The judges singled out particular praise for communications, community events and the Dale, saying that they found Cottingham to be '...an extremely friendly, clean, tidy village...with many actively involved volunteers'. In their summing up, they said that they met many of the villagers and were really impressed by their enthusiasm for their many varied activities, adding that Cottingham is 'a beautiful village with nice people.'

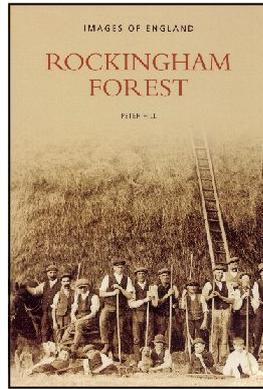
Application forms for next year's competition will be sent out in January so hopefully the village will be able to build on this year's success in 2006.

Forest Photos

Local historian Dr Peter Hill has recently published a new book in the Images of England series entitled 'Rockingham Forest'. The book is packed full of historical photographs from the Rockingham Forest area, including 14 Cottingham and Middleton pictures.

Many thanks to Mabel Adams, Irene Beadsworth, Colin Bradshaw, Annie Johnson, Pam Moore, Wendy O' Brien, Chris Owen and Eileen Watts who all receive a credit in the book for photographs supplied via the www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk website.

Copies of the book are available from all local bookstores, priced £12.99.



Pictures of Pinfold Bank

Whilst we're on the subject of old pictures, Jackie Sheen (nee Harrison) is currently renovating Pinfold House (No.9 Blind Lane) with a view to moving in next Easter. The house has been in the Harrison family for the last 50 years and Jackie is looking for any old photographs of Pinfold Bank and the row of cottages that used to stand there. If you can help, please contact **Jane Smith** on **770821**, email jane@cottinghamhistory.co.uk

Youth Club

With lots more younger people, from age 8, now coming along to the Youth Club, the club is now being held earlier from 6-8pm every other Monday at the Village Hall Annexe. The club next meets on **Monday 31 October** (after half term).

If you'd like to join the Youth Club, just come along on the night or contact **Diane Cooksley** on **771545**. Also, if you've got a pool table or robust football table that needs a good home, or would like to help out with the Youth Club, Diane would love to hear from you!

Community Support Scheme Launched

If you run a community group in the village, or are interested in getting a group or scheme started, you may be interested in a new project being run by ENVA (East Northants Voluntary Action) and CVCS (Corby Voluntary Community Services) for Corby Borough's rural villages.

The project offers help and support to community groups including the preparation of business plans to help with funding applications and advice on funding sources. ENVA is also looking to build up a team of volunteers in the villages to help organise and support community schemes going forward.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact **Debbie Moore** at ENVA on **01933 396382** or email her on enva@serve.org.uk

News Round-Up

A number of volunteers have come forward to start looking at the churchyard and begin tackling the weeds and undergrowth around the gravestones. If you'd like to help out, please call **Mary Freestone** on **771339**.

Building of the **BMX track** on the recreation field has been temporarily suspended following the resignation of working group leader Dave Saunders.

The scheme is now being managed by Cottingham Parish Council. More news to follow as soon as it's available.

A new business, the **Absolute Care Agency**, has been launched in Middleton offering personal, respite, rehabilitation and palliative care, social support and home and garden help for private and social services clients within a 15 mile radius. If the agency's fully trained nurses and care workers can help with any issues of personal care you may have, contact **Wendy Pears** on **772557**.

The '**Active Life**' programme due to start at the Village Hall Annexe in September has unfortunately been cancelled as the Tresham Institute are no longer able to fund the programme. Instead, organisers Sport Active are currently working with Corby Borough Council to get some 'weight and shape management' courses up and running in the area. More news soon.

Local Lads Bowl 'Em Over!

Young cricketers from Cottingham and Middleton picked up a whole host of players' awards at East Carlton Cricket Club's recent annual presentation evening. Players from the Under-13s and Under-15s squads were honoured for their achievements as the club celebrated yet another successful season which included the Under-15s scooping the Corby & District Wilson Browne Youth Cricket League Championship in a nail biting play-off against Burton Latimer.

Pictured left to right are Daniel Smith (U15s Fielding), Richard Moore (U15s Hat Trick Ball), Paul Tilley (U15s Most Improved Player), Nick Sumpter (Coach and Youth Development Officer), Daniel Partridge (U13s 'Archers' Batting), Ben Leaning (U15s Bowling), Nathan Innes (U13s 'Bulls' Batting), Roger Smith (U15s Manager), Harry Roberts (U13s 'Archers' Fielding), Jamie Bradshaw (U13s 'Archers' Bowling) and Steve Partridge (U13s Manager).



If you'd like to find out more or if you'd like to get involved with the club - especially on the coaching side - call **Nick Sumpter** on **771203**.

What's On

The latest details of village events can be found on www.cottinghamnews.co.uk or www.middletonnews.co.uk and in the 'Down Your Way' column in Saturday's Evening Telegraph



**Fri 21 October
10.30am**

Lyveden Walk

Join the Friends of Rockingham Forest

for a guided walk with the National Trust from Lyveden New Bield to Fermyn Woods Country Park. The tour starts with a presentation by the Forestry Commission that has been instrumental in revamping Lyveden Way.

The Friends of Rockingham Forest is a free membership group that takes part in activities relating to the Rockingham Rural Revival, heritage and environment of the Forest area and exists as a social and Information sharing network.

To join the group, please call **Camilla Cobb** on **01604 825889** or email camilla.cobb@northantsacre.org.uk

Sun 30 October, 6.30pm

Rev Sian Reading - Induction

An induction service is being held at St James' Church in Gretton for Cottingham's new vicar, Reverend Sian Reading.

Refreshments will be provided after the service at Gretton Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Fri 28 October

Video Game Competition

If you're aged 11 to 21 and are a whizz at computer/video games, why not come along and test your skills in a competition being run especially for young people from Corby's rural villages at **Weldon Village Hall**?

There'll also be DJ tuition, professional nail and make-up demonstrations, fitness tests, prizes, stalls and much more.

Timings are 1-3pm for 11 to 14 year olds, 3.30 - 5.30pm for 15 to 17s and 6-8pm for 18 to 21s.

A bus is being provided from the villages, but you'll need to book by 14 October, either online at www.corby.gov.uk or by calling **01604 825889**.



Sat 12 November, 7.30pm

Wartime Songs and Singalong

Kettering Operatic Society is inviting you to pack up your troubles and join in with a little wartime nostalgia at St Mary Magdalene Church.

Tickets cost £5, including refreshments, and are available from **Mary Freestone (771339)**, **Pam Harrison (771555)** and **Ruth Colby (770178)**.

All proceeds in aid of Cottingham Church.



Sun 13 November, 11am

Remembrance Day Service

A remembrance service is being held at the war memorial outside the school to honour the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Sat 26 Nov, 2pm

Christmas Bazaar

Come along and get your Christmas goodies at the Methodist Church Christmas Bazaar.

For more details, contact **Joan Jarman** on **771193**.



Fri 25 November, 10am

Shopping Trip - Milton Keynes

The WRVS is organising a trip to Milton Keynes for a spot of early Christmas shopping. The coach leaves at 10am and will arrive back around 5pm.

Tickets, costing £5 for villagers aged 60 or over and £7 for others, are available from **Judy Evans** on **770799**.

Useful Contacts

Corby police station: **400400**

Neighbourhood Watch
Luisa Jepson, **444697**
luisa.jepson@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
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**