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Welland Reading Group



If you like a good book, there's a new reading group is starting up in the villages.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact **Kate Canning** on **771340** or **Anne Parker** on **772079**.

Fundraising Update

The annual Village Wine Safari in June raised more than £2,000 for the Church.

Meanwhile, the PTFA WWII Campout and Summer Fayre raised £1,034 and £3,546 respectively. Thanks to everyone who helped organise and support these events.



*Pictured: The Front Room Jazz Band performing at the PTFA Summer Fayre. For bookings, contact **Rob Cross**, Middleton on **771764**.*

Many Thanks!

Joan Jarman would like to thank everyone who helped out and came along to support the recent Flower Festival and Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church.



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Re...Cycling!



More than 50 people came along for Rockingham Forest Wheelers' latest Fun Cycle Ride on 6 July. "After an enjoyable 10 mile ride, it was back to the clubhouse to sample Mary Needham's excellent home made scones," says organiser Bip Wetherell. "You use up to 1,000 calories an hour cycling though, so you can indulge without feeling too guilty!"

New Village Youth Club Launched

A new Youth Club has started up for Cottingham, Middleton and East Carlton youngsters thanks to the sterling efforts of Parish Councillor Irene Beadsworth, who spearheaded the project, and three local parents - Jake Raj (Club Chairman), Nicola Tyldesley (Club Treasurer) and David Swallow (Club Secretary) - who have nine children between them.

More than 60 youngsters aged 7 to 12 are now getting together every Wednesday night from 6 to 8pm in the School Hall to enjoy a range of activities, from arts and crafts and Nintendo Wii to table tennis and other sports, including Dodgeball, cycling and, on the Club's launch night on 11 September, even a climbing wall! There's an entry fee of 50p which includes all activities, a packet of crisps and free drinks all night.

"The Youth Club has really taken off and we're delighted with the response we've had so far," says Nicola. "We'd also like to thank all the parents and teenagers who are coming along to help out on Wednesday nights - we really couldn't do it without them!"

If you're interested in helping out with the Youth Club, even if it's just once every few months, please contact **David Swallow** on **771796** or email david.swallow4@virgin.net.

Planning Application, Ashley Road, Middleton

A planning application has been submitted for the stationing of caravans for three gypsy plots with utility/day rooms on a piece of land off Ashley Road.

Middleton Parish Council has not supported the application on the grounds that the site is outside the area allocated for development in Corby Borough Council's development plan; would harm the rural character and appearance of the locality; is not in close proximity to amenities such as schools, medical facilities and bus stops and that the location of the site entrance would cause highway safety issues. For more information, see Middleton Parish Council's website at www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk.

Cottingham and Middleton Heritage Group

The Cottingham and Middleton Heritage Group has now started to collect and record villagers' memories, including a fascinating collection of anecdotes and stories from Middleton resident Walter Campbell. This has been transcribed by Pat Aldaya and is now available on www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk (under 'Announcements') and on www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk (under 'News/What's New?'). If you have any stories, photographs or other interesting information about the history of the villages, please contact **Del** on **771353**, **Dryden** on **770950** or **Jane** on **770821**.

What's On

Sat 11 Oct, 7.30pm

Quiz Night, Village Hall Annex

Ant Licquorish's next quiz takes place on 11 October, this time in aid of Cancer Research UK. The cost is £6 including a chicken or fish and chip supper, and doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own drinks, including alcohol. Please contact Ant to order your food on **771062**, email quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk

Tue 14 Oct, 7.30pm

Corby Singers Methodist Church



This is the last event in the season of celebrations for the Methodist Church's 200th anniversary. Tickets cost £4 each, including light refreshments, and are available from **Joan Jarman** on **771193**.

Fri 17 Oct, 8pm

Desperate Housewives Village Hall Annex



Join the ladies for a natter over a Mexican meal, supplied by the Royal George. 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 18 Oct, 2pm

Cottingham School Reunion Village Hall Annex



If you were a pupil at the old Cottingham and Middleton School in School Lane, you are invited to a reunion! It doesn't matter how old or how far you have to travel, a warm welcome will be waiting for you. Bring along any old photos and memorabilia. Refreshments will be provided and, if you'd like to celebrate with something stronger than tea or coffee, you are welcome to bring your own bottle.

There's no charge but if you'd like to make a donation towards the cost, you may do so. Any money left over will go to the Air Ambulance. For more information contact **Pam Moore** (Wildman) on **770022** or **Irene Beadsworth** (Ansell) on **770059**.

Picture shows Cottingham schoolchildren with Headmaster Mr Kisby (1949). For more old school pics visit www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk

Sat 27 Sep, 7.30pm

Race Night Village Hall Annex

Come along to Gemma Claypole's race night which is being held to raise money for Unicef. Gemma is also running the London Parks Half Marathon in October in aid of Unicef. If you'd like to sponsor her, contact **Gemma** on **770679**.

Wed 1 Oct, 5-8pm

Rural Health Week

Corby Borough Council's Health Improvement Bus will be visiting the Hunting Lodge car park from 5 to 8pm providing free health checks and advice.

Fri 28 Nov, 6.30pm

PTFA Xmas Fayre

The PTFA Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre is taking place from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the School. Entry is £2 for adults, free for children.

Obituaries

Tamzin Spalding (1983-2008)



Dorothy and Michael Spalding would like to thank all the kind villagers who sent sympathy cards and gave support

to the Spalding family after their daughter Tamzin died suddenly on 19 May this year.

A memorial website has now been set up for Tamzin so friends can light a candle, leave a tribute or send their condolences at <http://tamzin-spalding.gonetoosoon.co.uk>.

Mary Bidwell (1914-2008): Mary and her husband Peter ran the bakery on Corby Road for many years. People will remember her for her sunny disposition and dedication to the community.

Geoff Buckby (1924-2008): Geoff was born in Cottingham, above his parents' shop on Corby Road which he took over in 1950 and ran for many years. He was well liked and respected and will be greatly missed.

Peter Clemerson (1927-2008): Peter and his wife Joan lived in Middleton for many years and the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding last year. Peter was very active in the villages and was liked and respected.

Colin Crane (1948-2008): Colin was born in Cottingham, the son of Bernard and Evelyn Crane who were themselves members of a prominent local Methodist family. Colin's sudden death has shocked and saddened his family and friends from Cottingham and further afield.

Joan Cooper: Joan sadly passed away in her sleep at Kettering General Hospital (KGH) on 17 September. Pat, Roger and their families would like to thank all friends and colleagues for their kind words and support. Special thanks to Teeny Harkin, Ian and Jenny Harris, and Suzanne Quayle and all the nurses in Twywell Ward at KGH.