



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the October/November village newsletter.

From jazz, pop and rock to old

time music hall, there's something for all musical tastes taking place in the villages over the next couple of months. The village choir 'Valley Voice' will be making their debut at the Old Time Music Hall event at the Church on 16 October and my band 'The Cat Came Back', will be holding a fundraiser for the choir at the Village Hall Annex on 30 October. You just can't beat live music!

I'd like to say a big thank you to Ann Davison who has done a sterling job of co-ordinating distribution of the newsletter over the past six years. Unfortunately, Ann can no longer look after this so I am seeking a volunteer (or volunteers) who may be able to step into her shoes. The role involves counting the newsletters into batches and delivering them to the people in the villages that manage the door-to-door distribution. If you can help out, please contact me as detailed below.

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## £7,500 for village youth - use it or lose it!

In the next couple of weeks, the village Youth Club will receive their £7,500 grant from the Money for Youth fund to support activities for teenagers, aged 13 to 19. But if we don't find projects, events or activities that young people in the village want to get involved in, the money goes back. So, come on everyone, don't let this opportunity go to waste! If you have an idea you'd like to see developed, please contact **David Swallow** on 771796 or email [david.swallow4@virgin.net](mailto:david.swallow4@virgin.net).

**Footy update:** The new goalposts are up on the village recreation field and the football pitch is now being used regularly by the Cottingham FC youth team.

## Rural Police update

*From PCSO Mark Tooley*

### Doorstep Crime

We have had possible bogus workmen working in the villages recently. These workmen rely on advertising by means of leaflet drops or cold calling and say they can perform a variety of tasks around your home or workplace. Some can quote a competitive price which can escalate dramatically once the task has been completed. If you have any doubts about any workmen or persons performing tasks within the villages, please phone either our doorstep crime number **0345 23 07 702**, the main Police number **03000 111222** or trading standards on **0845 4040506**.



### Parking

The new school term has arrived and has brought with it the usual concerns of parking outside Cottingham School. Can I remind parents to park in a safe and courteous manner while being mindful of other road users and, in particular, the safety of children coming or going from the school.

## News in Brief

Welcome to Liz Tayler, the new head at Cottingham School.

Work is progressing on the village shop building and grant funding application. If you can recommend any local suppliers who could provide produce and goods for the shop when it opens, please email details to [hubandtrumpet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hubandtrumpet@yahoo.co.uk)

Joyce Ainge of Ashley Road, Middleton would like to thank the residents of Middleton and Cottingham for the kindness they have shown her during her recent illness.

Ann Sturman of Stonepit Drive, Cottingham would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards, gifts, offers of help and prayers following her recent illness. Ann and Peter have been overwhelmed by people's kindness and say they feel truly blessed to be living in a village that's full of such thoughtful and caring people.

Pat Harrison of Welland View Road would like to thank Church and members, family and friends for the beautiful flowers they sent on her return from hospital.

This year's Wine Safari raised around £2,000 for the Church. Thanks to all involved.

Sidney Beecroft would like to thank the residents of Ripley Road for their generosity in donating £45 to Marie Curie during a collection in August.

## Moving stories *by Steph Brown*

With the cold nights drawing in, what better way to relax than curling up with a good book? The Northants County Council mobile library visits Cottingham and Middleton every three weeks on a Thursday, providing a range of more than 2,500 books catering to every need, including large print and audio. The library stops for 15 minutes at the locations shown opposite. A full timetable is available online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) or by following the link on the home page of the village website.

The books can be renewed by visiting the library on its next visit or by a simple phone call to Corby library on **01536 203304**. If you fancy becoming a bookworm, visit the mobile library when it next returns to the village on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Happy reading!

### Thursday 14 Oct, 4 & 25 Nov, 16 Dec

Cottingham, Ripley Road	9.35am
Cottingham, Post Office	9.55am
Cottingham, Berryfield Road	10.15am
Middleton, Red Lion	10.40am

# What's On

**Fri 8 Oct, 8 till late**

## **Without a Doubt, Village Hall Annex**

Come and boogie the night away to the sound of 60s, 70s and 80s music from popular local band 'Without a Doubt'. There will be a light buffet and bar. Tickets at £7 each are available from **Sandra Battersby** on **770184**.

**Sat 16 Oct, 7.30pm**



## **Old Time Music Hall, St Mary's**

If you fancy a taste of the Good Old Days, St Mary Magdalene Church is hosting an Old Time Music Hall event that will have you singing along in the aisles.

The evening will feature a number of local acts including our very own 'Valley Voice' choir, making their debut performance.

Please feel free to dress up in 'old time' costumes and hats to add to the atmosphere. Refreshments will be served during the interval.

Tickets at £6 each for adults (£3 for under 12s) are available from **Ruth Colby** on **770178**.

**Thur 21 Oct, 7pm to 9pm**

## **Jujitsu and fitness, free taster class Village Hall Annex**



If you'd like to try a new way to keep fit and have fun, come along to the free Fudoshin Tai Jutsu taster session at the Village Hall Annex.

The first hour of the two hour session involves pad work and basic boxing techniques, followed by an hour of basic Jujitsu that will teach you self-defence techniques with the ability to observe potentially dangerous situations so you can take preventative action.

The class is open to anyone aged 16 or over, male or female, all fitness levels, and no special equipment is needed. For more information contact **Suzy Humphreys** on **07702 843759** or email her at **humphreys.suzy@yahoo.co.uk**.

Successful classes are already running in Kettering and Stanion and, if there's enough interest following the taster session, Suzy is considering setting up a class in Cottingham.

**Fri 22 Oct, 8pm**

## **Desperate Housewives, Village Hall Annex**

Join the desperate housewives of Cottingham and Middleton for a good natter over an Indian meal from the Royal Tandoori. The cost is £7 each, payable a week in advance. Contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Wendy (771177)** or **Sandra (770184)**. Please bring your own drinks.

**Sat 23 Oct and 20 Nov, 8.15pm**

## **Village Dances, Village Hall Annex**

Modern, sequence and ballroom dancing. Bring your own refreshments. Tickets costing £4 each are available from **Audrey** on **771084**. All proceeds go to the Annex.

**Sat 30 Oct, 8pm till late**

## **The Cat Came Back and The Incidents, Village Hall Annex**



The Cat Came Back are a local five piece band playing a mix of pop, indie and light

rock tracks from the likes of the Stereophonics, Snow Patrol, Fratellis, U2, Katy Perry, Oasis, Rod Stewart, the Beatles and Chris Rea.

The band, which features village newsletter editor Jane Smith on lead vocals and Cottingham Parish Council Chairman Pete Bowman on lead guitar and mandolin, will be playing the gig free of charge with all proceeds going to the Cottingham and Middleton 'Valley Voice' choir.

The Cat Came Back will be supported on the night by The Incidents a young local band featuring 14 year-old Henry Hudson from Church Street, Cottingham, making his public debut on bass guitar - not to be missed!

There will be a pay bar on the night and tickets, at £6 each, are available from **Jo** on **770913**, email **joanne.leaning@btinternet.com**, or from **Pete** and **Jane** on **770821**, email **jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk**.

For more information, see the band's website at **www.thecatcameback.co.uk**.

**Sun 31 Oct, 10am**

## **Heroes Service, St Mary's**

A joint benefice service with Gretton, Rockingham and East Carlton, led by the Diocesan Children's Minister Rona Orme, to celebrate saints and heroes as an alternative to Halloween. All are welcome.

**Fri 12 Nov, 7.00pm**

## **Legendary Ladies of Jazz Village Hall Annex**



In conjunction with Northants Touring Arts, Susan Valliant Speer sings the songs of many of the greatest jazz divas of the 20th Century, from Bessie

Smith to Ella Fitzgerald, in her own dynamic and entertaining style. She tells the story of each woman's life and times through their music, monologue, props and costume. Other legends include Peggy Lee, Nina Simone, Sophie Tucker and Billie Holiday.

Tickets (price TBC) from **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084**.

**Sun 14 Nov, 10.45am**

## **Remembrance Sunday**

A joint remembrance service between St Mary Magdalene and the Methodist Church 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. Trays of poppies will be placed at the school, in both churches, all the village pubs, the Hunting Lodge and Rockingham Forest Wheelers club house.

## **Parish Council meetings**

Cottingham Wed 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec; Middleton Wed 20 Oct and 17 Nov, all commencing 7.30pm at the Village Hall Annex.