



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the second issue of your new village newsletter.

Feedback on the first

issue has been very positive and thanks to everyone who has come forward with ideas for stories.

Thanks also to all the people who are helping out with distribution. Your support is vital to make sure that everyone gets to hear the news, and read about events, in good time.

Several people have asked about the inclusion of a Neighbourhood Watch report in the newsletter. I have tried on several occasions to speak to our Neighbourhood Watch officer at Corby Police to obtain the information, but he hasn't called me back as yet. I'll keep trying!

Finally, thanks to Cottingham and Middleton parish councils for funding this issue.

And don't forget, if you run a club or group in the village, have an event coming up or any news to share, please get in touch.

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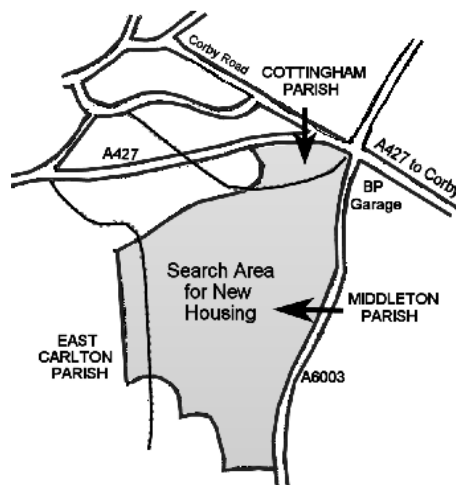
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Rumoured Developments

There have been lots of rumours circulating recently regarding possible developments on land in and around the villages.

Cottingham and Middleton parish council meetings take place on **6 October** and **20 October** respectively. You may wish to go along to meet with villagers, discuss the issues and air your views. See page 2 for times and venues.

Corby Expansion



There is a large amount of development planned for Corby borough over the next 20 to 30 years. To achieve this, whilst brown field (previously developed) sites will be used first, the scale of development proposed inevitably means that large areas of farmland will also need to be developed.

An area of land falling within Middleton and Cottingham parish boundaries (south of the A427 and west of the A6003, where the water towers are) has been included in a 'search area' for possible new housing. A more detailed map showing the extent of this search area will soon be up on the Middleton village notice board on Main Street.

An independent feasibility report has recently been completed on behalf of Corby Borough Council and we'll bring you more news in due course. In the meantime, more information about the plans for Corby can be found on Catalyst Corby's website www.catalyst-corby.co.uk and in their various publications.

Order your Village Calendar

We've had an excellent response from the last newsletter regarding a calendar containing historical pictures of Cottingham and Middleton.

Sue Beadsworth has kindly offered to pull a calendar together, but she'll need to pay for them up front so, if you would like to order a copy (or copies), please fill in this form and send it with a cheque made payable to **Sue Beadsworth, Vine House, 37 Main Street, Middleton, Market Harborough, Leics LE16 8YU** by the end of November.

The calendars will cost £6.00 each and at least £1.00 from the sale of each calendar will be donated to Cottingham church and Methodist chapel.

Name _____ Number of copies required _____

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If you don't want to cut up your newsletter, there's a form available online at www.cottinghamnews.co.uk and www.middletonnews.co.uk that you can print off and send with your payment. You can contact **Sue** on **771420** or email her at jsbeadsworth@yahoo.co.uk



Next Issue
Dec 2004/Jan 2005

Issue date:
3 December 2004

Deadline for stories:
24 November 2004

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
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Councillors

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

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:

6 October 2004
3 November 2004

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:

20 October 2004
17 November 2004

Farewell...



The **Rev Miles Falla**, rector for Cottingham, Middleton, Gretton, East Carlton and Rockingham, will be retiring at the end of October. His final service in Cottingham will be on Sunday 17 October at 9.30am. There will also be a special 'social tea' at East Carlton Cricket Club on Sunday 31 October (4.00pm) followed by Miles' last service, a harvest songs of praise with a pumpkin theme at St Peter's Church, East Carlton.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift and card for Miles to be presented at the East Carlton service, please send to **Ann Sturman**, 33 Stonepit Drive, Cottingham (771343) or **Sue Beadsworth**, Vine House, 37 Main St, Middleton (771420).

Miles and his wife Pam will be sadly missed. In the six years they have been in our parish they have endeared themselves to us all in dedicated service to eople in the villages. We wish them happiness and contentment in their well-deserved retirement.

Whilst a new minister is being sought, services will be taken by members of the present church team, including the curate, Rev Sally Hughes.

...and welcome

We'd also like to welcome **Rev David Bosworth**, the new superintendent minister for the Methodist churches in Cottingham and the surrounding area. David has been appointed following Rev Bill Anderson's departure to take up his new role as chair of the Methodist churches in Birmingham.

David and his wife Linda, who is also a preacher, previously ran a shared ministry in Durham City. Their three daughters and four grandchildren all live in the Midlands.

Parish Council Vacancies

Middleton parish council is looking to appoint a new councillor following the resignation of Cllr Tony Freeman. It is particularly keen to receive expressions of interest from residents of the new **Glover Court** development to ensure that all areas of the village are represented. If you're interested, please contact **Justina Medwell** on 771234 by 19 October 2004.

Cottingham: Three applications have been received for the casual vacancy on Cottingham parish council. A decision will be made at the next meeting (6 October).

Get Crafty!

Northants Children's Resource Centre on Rockingham Road is a registered charity providing recycled art and craft materials to local schools and groups. The materials are quality selected waste products from local businesses so the environment benefits as well as the kids.

The centre is looking for volunteers to help in the shop and to run arts and craft projects. Fancy getting your hands dirty? Contact **Peter Taylor** on 262984.

Middleton Village Meeting Room

At an extraordinary meeting on 11 August, Cottingham parish council voted against the proposed boundary change between Cottingham and Middleton at the eastern edge of the new Glover Court housing development.

Middleton parish council is currently reviewing options for the proposed village meeting room planned for the Glover Court site.

For more information contact **Keith Allsop** on 771308.

Keeping Cottingham Tidy



Cottingham parish council has recently reviewed the location and condition of litter bins in the village. Corby Borough Council is now considering the report and investigating funding available for new bins.

Youth Facilities/BMX Track

In the last newsletter we reported on plans to develop a BMX dirt track in the village in response to requests from the Cottingham youth council.

A suitable site has now been identified on the recreation field, near to Mill Road (Bringing Road), and the parish council, youth council and Cllr Bob Rutt are now working together to take things forward.

Funding is also being sought for new goalposts on the recreation ground and a seating area for youngsters somewhere in the village.

For more information, contact **Peter Taylor** on 262984 or 761752.

Remember, Remember...

If you're planning a party for bonfire night, **remember** our animal friends. Dogs especially are terrified by fireworks and some even need sedating before the noise starts. So, if you're planning to have fireworks, please could you let your neighbours know and also pop the location and approximate times on the form on the village shop notice board.



Also, **remember** that it is now illegal to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, although some concessions may be made for bonfire night. This fireworks curfew carries the threat of a £5,000 fine and six months in jail, so listen out for the latest news and take heed! Bonfire night fires must be out by midnight.



And finally, if you're planning a bonfire, **remember** that hedgehogs often build their nests under heaps of garden rubbish. To make sure these helpful little creatures don't come to a horrific end, move your rubbish to a different location before burning. Hedgehogs cause no harm to your garden and eat slugs, snails and beetles, so it's worth looking after them!

Down in the Dale

A tree survey recently carried out in the Dale pocket park has found a couple of dangerous trees that need to be felled. Please take care if you're walking in the Dale in strong wind as there are some loose branches.

There have also been some branches deliberately torn off young trees in the Dale. Cottingham parish council knows who the culprits are and is on the case but please contact **Owen Davison** on **771333** if you see any vandalism taking place.

Work is currently being undertaken to get rid of weeds in the fenced off area but you'll be pleased to hear that the fencing will be gone in time for the sledging season!

Finally, there will be some further landscaping put in around the pond this winter. Contact Owen if you'd like to lend a hand.

Young Cricketers are Bowled Over!

Cottingham cricketers scooped seven awards at the recent East Carlton Cricket Club (ECCC) presentation evening. The awards were presented by David Ripley (back row, centre), Cricket Development Officer for Northants County Cricket Club.

Pictured (left to right) are: Harry Roberts (U11s manager's award), Daniel Bradshaw (U13s manager's award), Christopher Evans (U13s fielding), Paul Tilley (U15s bowling) and Daniel Partridge (U13s bowling). Daniel Smith (not pictured) received the bowling award for the ECCC adult team and Roger Smith (back left) the batting award.

If you're interested in playing cricket, new members are always welcome at ECCC. Contact Coach and Youth Development Officer, **Nick Sumpter** (pictured back row, right) on **771203**.

Cottingham Youth Football Club

For the 2004/5 season, Cottingham Youth Football Club will be training and playing their home matches in Wilbarston, on the field next to the village hall. There are three youth teams - Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 14s. Training takes place on Saturday mornings and matches are played on Sundays. The club is always on the lookout for new players. If you're interested, contact **Albert Hussain** on **772189**.



Charity Trustees Wanted



Would you like to get more involved in the development of

the rural communities in Northamptonshire?

If so, Northants ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is looking for volunteers with an interest in community development, charity governance, business management, fund raising, training, health services, youth work or rural issues to serve on their Board of Trustees.

Most meetings are held at the ACRE offices in Harksome Hill, Northampton and travel expenses can be reimbursed.

For an information pack, contact acre@northantsacre.org.uk or call **01604 765888**.

For an informal discussion, contact Northants ACRE Chief Executive **David Quayle** on **01604 825883**.

What's On?

Thur 25 October

"Can I clean the board Miss?"

Join the Wesley Guild at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall to hear the tales and experiences of a local teacher, Ms J Federico.

Non-members are welcome. Just come along. Contact Cyril on 771401.

Thur 11 November

Night of Nostalgia

Do you have fond memories to share of the good old days? If so, why not come along to the Wesley Guild's Nostalgia evening at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall?

Non-members are welcome. Contact Cyril on 771401.



Sun 14 November

Remembrance Day

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.

The service commences at 11am and all are welcome to come along.

FREE Composting Service

Are you about to trim your garden shrubs? Want to slim your bin and protect the environment? If so, **Bob Riley** is offering to collect garden cuttings free of charge from Cottingham and Middleton residents on a first come, first served basis. You can contact Bob on 771881 or email bob@bluenose.co.uk

Cottingham - Our Village, Our Future

Saturday 13 November, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall Annexe

Cottingham parish plan is progressing well. The Steering Group is now planning 'Cottingham - Our Village, Our Future', an exhibition and event for residents of Cottingham which will look at the village today and ask what you would like for the future. The event will include a pictorial history of the village, a giant aerial map, interactive displays and refreshments.

If you run a local business, club or group that you would like to promote at the event, or if you would like to put up a fundraising stall, please contact **Joanne Leaning** on 770913 or e-mail joanne.leaning@ic24.net by 22 October and we'll see how we can best accommodate you.

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved with the future of our village!

For the latest information about Cottingham's parish plan and the 'Our Village, Our Future' event, visit www.cottinghamnews.co.uk and www.cottingham.org.uk or contact **Pete Bowman** on 770821, email pete@LE16.com

Useful Contacts

Corby police station: 400400

Police, northern area control room helpdesk: 445532

Cllr Robert Rutt
Corby Borough Council
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Cottingham & Middleton Village Hall
Clive Ashworth, 771084

Methodist Hall
(bookings £4 per hour)
Joan Jarman, 771193

Northants ACRE
(Actions with Communities in Rural England)

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Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club
Audrey Ashworth, 770178

Minerva Group
Pam Moore, 770022

WRVS
Judy Evans, 770799

Youth Club
Diane Cooksley, 771545

Mums and Tots
Sandra Battersby, 770194

Wesley Guild
Cyril Liquorish, 771401

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