



Cottingham and Middleton News

Summer 2017

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Welcome to the summer issue of the village newsletter.

There's been lots going on in the villages over the past couple of months and village events have raised thousands of pounds for charity and local causes. See the round up on the back page.

It's worth remembering that these events don't just happen by themselves. Like the village shop, they take a lot of hard work and dedication from villagers, who give their time free to get things up and running. Please help out if you can!

Finally, I was very sad to hear about the death of Sue Beadsworth. Sue did a sterling job writing the village newsletter before she handed over the reins to me in 2004. She always worked tirelessly to support the village and help other people. Sue will be greatly missed and long remembered.

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Facebook advertising



The village Facebook page, set up by villager Andy Puchalski around six years ago, is thriving and now has 422 followers.

We are going to trial offering a limited amount of advertising on the page, initially for any businesses who are based in the villages.

For a small fee, we will share posts promoting business services. The money raised will then go into the coffers to boost posts for community events, so we can get them out to a wider audience.

If you're interested, please message us at [facebook.com/cottinghamandmiddleton](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamandmiddleton)

Little Meadow - new planning application

A new planning application (reference 17/00355/RVC) has been submitted to vary the conditions of the planning consent for Little Meadow on Corby Road to allow for up to four mobile homes on the site at any one time. This replaces the previous planning application submitted in August 2016 (which has now been withdrawn) to increase the number of mobile homes on the site to six.

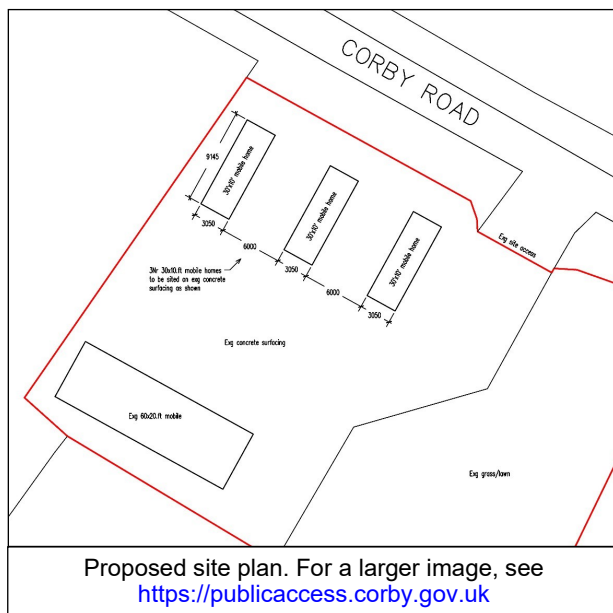
The current conditions, granted in February 2014, allow for two caravans on the site at any one time (of which no more than one shall be a static caravan) and a utility / day room. The agent's Planning Statement supporting the current application states that the additional mobile homes are all for occupation by members of the applicant's family and has proposed inclusion of a planning condition that *"all occupants of the residential units...shall solely be members, dependants, spouses or in laws of the applicant's family (or possess a maiden name as such) at all times."*

At a meeting of Cottingham Parish Council's planning committee on 26 July, the Parish Council agreed to oppose the application on the grounds that this would constitute overdevelopment of the site, would further impact on the rural landscape, that it presents a safety issue (with the site entrance being onto an unlit, 60 mph road) and that the services to the site, and in particular the sewerage system, may not be able to cope with the increased occupancy.

For more information, see Corby Borough Council's planning portal at <https://publicaccess.corby.gov.uk>

If you wish to make comments on this planning application, you can do so through the planning portal above, by emailing planning.services@corby.gov.uk or by writing to Ian Smith, Planning Department, Corby Borough Council, Deene House, New Post Office Square, Corby, Northamptonshire NN17 1GD.

The deadline for making comments is 11 August 2017.



Ringling the changes!

The red phone box on Rockingham Road, Cottingham has been given a new lease of life as a mini library.

The phone box has been fitted out with 32 feet (almost 10 metres) of shelving and villagers have already donated a whole load of books.

If you have any books you would like to donate, just pop along to the phone box and put them in. And if you'd like to borrow a book, please take one – but remember to either replace it with another book or bring it back when you've read it!

Many thanks to Mike Curtis and Sue Trengrove whose efforts have helped transform the phone box into a quirky and useful facility.



Parish

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
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Desborough NN14 2QA, email
peter.taylor6@btinternet.com

Owen Davison (**Chair**)
Clive Ashworth (**Vice Chair**)
Mike Curtis
David Grayson
John Muir
Tom Russel
George West-Robinson

Next meeting

No meeting in August
Wed 6 Sep, 7.30pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
01536 771232, 5 Main Street,
Middleton, LE16 8YU, email
clerk@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

Sarah Brant (**Chair**)
Alan Cole (**Vice Chair**)
Barbara Bradshaw
Kate Cross
Tony Freeman
Gina Hicks
Marie Thomas

Next meeting

Tue 15 Aug, 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

All meetings are held at the
Village Hall Annex next to the
school.

New website for Cottingham PC



Cottingham Parish Council
has launched a new website
at www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

On the site, you can find
meeting dates, contact details
and other useful information
from your Parish Council
including, in due course,
meeting agendas and
minutes.

Sue Beadsworth (1943 to 2017)

Family and friends packed into St Mary Magdalene Church on 30 June to remember Sue Beadsworth, who died suddenly but peacefully on 16 June aged 74 with her family around her. Beloved wife of Mike, mum of Alison, Dawn and James, and 'Mocha' (grandmother) of Millie, Sam and Jemima, Sue was a much loved and pivotal part of the village community and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Sue moved from Oxfordshire to Cottingham aged 10 when her father George Trevor took up a position as Head at the village's old school in School Lane. Following in her father's footsteps, Sue also became a teacher and herself taught at Cottingham School in the 1980s and became a foundation governor, a role she only retired from last year after more than 30 years' service! Later in her career, Sue trained to work with children with special needs and, after she retired, became a bereavement counsellor with Cruse and a counsellor at Montagu School, as well as volunteering at Kettering General Hospital. Generous and giving to the end, she was also a Lay Pastoral Minister.

Sue has been laid to rest in Cottingham churchyard.



Sylvia Mason

Sylvia passed away on 13 May after a long illness, bravely borne. She and her husband Dave lived in the villages for many years, where they brought up their daughters Linda and Wendy. Sylvia leaves her two daughters, grandchildren Danielle, Nicole, Adrienne and Jordi, and great grandchildren Eden Ruby and Isla Rose. Sylvia will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was remembered and laid to rest in Cottingham churchyard on 22 May.

The Village Store & Café

Shop and AGM update

From Wendy Curtis, Chair, Village Shop Committee

The Annual General Meeting for the Cottingham and Middleton Village Store and Café took place on 27 June.

The shop is a non-profit making organisation and as such we are pleased to report that we improved our financial position for the year ending December 2016, making a small loss of £639, compared to a loss of £3,635 in the previous year.

The shop is now stocking some new items, mainly good quality and value meat items from Joseph Morris Butchers. This is proving very successful and orders can be taken. A new milk supplier has also been sourced to help us keep prices down for essential items (currently 90 pence a litre). We are aware that there were some teething problems with the milk which have now been sorted but, if you do have any problems with the milk or anything else you buy from the shop, please pop back in so that the team can sort it out for you.

At the AGM, various suggestions were made including home deliveries for people who aren't able to get to the shop. This is something we would very much like to provide, but we will need more volunteers if we are to put new services like this in place.

If you can help out in the shop, even for just a two hours a week, please call the shop on **01536 770097**, pop in for a chat or email cottinghamshop@gmail.com

All of us in the shop would like to say thanks to Molly, who was a great asset to the shop during her recent work experience. We are also in the process of checking shareholders' email addresses, with a view to getting the list up to date in time for next year's AGM.



All change at Cottingham School

Cottingham C of E Primary School will be starting back after the summer break with a new head teacher in post, Ashley Scott.

Mr Scott has been a teacher all his working life, having held posts at Hazel Leys and Exeter primary schools in Corby and, most recently, at Oakham C of E Primary School where he was deputy head and acting head teacher.

A new early years teacher Niki Delo will also be joining the team at Cottingham School next term.

"Cottingham is a good school and there's no reason why it can't be outstanding in the next few years," said Mr Scott. "We are lucky to have a great team of staff, fantastic children and supportive, committed parents. I am looking forward to bringing my experience from Oakham to further improve standards and make Cottingham School a real beacon of good practice within the Northants area."

Having studied for a Bachelor of Education degree specialising in PE and art at DeMontfort University in Bedford, Mr Scott is also committed to building on the school's considerable sporting prowess, which has seen the school win numerous awards for athletics, archery, football and tag rugby over the past few years.

He lives in Corby with his wife and two sons, is a keen football fan and a lifelong supporter of Southampton FC.

Farewell Lorraine

At the end of term, the school also held a special assembly to bid farewell to Lorraine Desmond, who has been a governor at the school for 12 years. Lorraine came along with her daughter Sasha and the children sang her two hymns. Hawthorn Class also did their Spotlight Dance Routine – Wild, Wild, West. A spokesperson for the school said that Lorraine has been an amazing governor and will be greatly missed.



Cottingham kids take centre stage at The Core

More than 70 key stage 2 pupils from Cottingham School recently took to the stage at Corby's Core Theatre to perform an end of year spectacular based on Disney's *Mulan*.

With 11 year old Katie Hay in the lead role of Mulan, the audience were treated to a fantastic performance filled with song, dance and humour that had them blown away, with one parent saying it was like being in the West End!



West Corby extension

In June, Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils invited the developers behind the planned West Corby sustainable urban extension (by the water towers on the A6003) to come along to the Village Hall Annex to give villagers a summary of the plans and answer their questions.

Villagers were told that, if the planning application (reference 17/00180/OUT) is approved, the first phase of development (850 houses opposite the entrance to Danesholme) is expected to start in Spring 2019 and will take around four years. This phase would include a new primary school that would be built when the 300th new home became available. The full development of around 4,500 homes is expected to take around 20 years to complete. For more information, see www.westcorby.com

William Riddell Trust

Grants are available from the William Riddell Educational Trust for Middleton residents aged under 25 years to assist with the costs associated with learning a trade, profession or for further education after leaving school.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please write to Mrs K M Dickens, Hill House, Middleton, Leicestershire LE16 8YX, giving date of birth and explaining the circumstance and requirements, before 1 September 2017.

Garden bonfires

We all love to spend time in our gardens during the summer, but the smoke and smell from bonfires can sometimes spoil our enjoyment.



If you're planning to burn garden waste, please be considerate to your neighbours and remember that it is actually an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to create smoke which becomes a nuisance.

If you do have a bonfire, please check with your neighbours first, only burn dry material (it's green or moist material that creates the most smoke) and avoid damp, windless days when smoke will linger at low levels.

Help shape local healthcare

Corby Clinical Commissioning Group is looking for people with an interest in how health services are delivered in the borough to join a new patient representative group.

Members won't need to attend lots of meetings and will instead operate as a 'virtual' group. The only criteria for joining are that you live in the Corby Borough and are registered with a Corby GP surgery.

Find out more at www.corbyccg.nhs.uk/patient-reference-group

What's on

For latest events, see
www.cottinghamnews.co.uk

Village events raise thousands

Events in the villages over the past couple of months have together raised an amazing £6,403 for charity and local causes. Here's a quick round up. More photos and videos are available on the village Facebook page.

17 June: Sue Hall's strawberry cream tea at the Methodist Hall raised a fantastic £405 for Breast Cancer Care. Sue would like to thank everyone who helped, made scones and made donations.

24 June: This year's **Summer Fete** raised a record £3,787 for the school and church. Thanks to everyone who helped organise, came along and supported the event to make it a great day, full of fun and bursting with school and community spirit!

25 June: The **Valley Voice choir** joined forces with the **Alright JACK** saxophone quartet for a special summer concert at East Carlton Cricket Club. The evening raised an amazing £811 for Lakelands Hospice in Corby, which included two generous donations from choir members. The choir would like to thank everyone who supported the event and made for such an enjoyable evening, all the local companies who donated such excellent raffle prizes and East Carlton Cricket Club, for the use of their facilities.

8 July: 80 people attended this year's wine safari, raising £1,400 to be split between St Mary Magdalene Church and the new Village Hall project.

Villagers were out in force on 7 June to cheer on the cyclists in the **Ovo Power Women's Tour Cycle Race** as they made their way through the villages, this time making the steep ride up Rockingham Road and out onto Rockingham Hill. *Pic by Del Robertson.*



Sat 16 Sep, 7.30pm

Sound Sensation, St Mary's



Sound Sensation, the concert party group of the Kettering Musical Theatre Company, is performing 'Songs from the Shows' at St Mary Magdalene Church.

Tickets are £7 each and include a drink and dessert, in aid of the church improvement fund. For tickets and more information, call **Kathryne Tilley** on **770159** or **Ann Sturman** on **771343**.

Sun 17 Sep, 6.15 for 7pm

Café Jazz, Ashley Church



Come along to St Mary the Virgin Church in Ashley for a relaxed evening of music from jazz quintet Cafe Jazz, accompanied by a glass of wine, or soft drink, and canapes.

Tickets are £15 each (under 16s free) and the event is raising funds for the upkeep of the church and [Voluntary Action South Leicestershire](http://www.voluntaryaction.co.uk).

For more information and tickets, call **01858 565294** or email events@ashleychurch.co.uk

Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

Neighbourhood Management Team (Suzanne Preston) **463177**, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Street Doctor (Northants CC) www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Cllr Bob Rutt, Corby Borough Council, **07801 945948**, robert.rutt@btconnect.com

Cllr Sandra Naden-Horley, Northants County Council, **07944 213860**, SaNaden-Horley@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, **07927 179921**, delboy639@gmail.com

Village Store and Café, **770097**, facebook.com/cottinghamshop

Village Hall Annex
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall
Lynette Muir, **770094**

St Mary Magdalene Church,
Rev Sian Reading, **770237**,
sjmr216@btinternet.com

New Village Hall Trust, Chair, Pete Bowman, pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk

Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Cubs and Scouts
Gary Chisholm, **772331**

Valley Voice, village choir
Pete Smith,
psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

New Cottingham FC
Neil Jarman, **07708 323077**

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

East Carlton Cricket Club
Sally Hitches, **01536 771733**

East Carlton Health Walking Group
David Grayson, **772565**



If you have a community event happening,

why not pop along to Corby Radio (96.4 FM) and record a short notice? It's free, and the notices are broadcast at a quarter to and quarter past the hour, 24 hours a day. Contact **Paul Moore** on email paul.moore@corbyradio.com