



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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In this issue of the village newsletter, I'm delighted to bring you news of three Cottingham residents who have received cards from Her Majesty The

Queen this month. Congratulations to Pam and Peter Moore on their diamond wedding anniversary and to Ruth Harrison on reaching her 100th birthday!

I'd like to thank Angela Russel who will be picking up distribution of the newsletters in Stonepit, Millfield and Windmill Drive. I'd also like to thank Wayne Summerfield, Marion Cox and Wendy and Gordon Brown, who have all offered to help out when we have distributors away.

On the subject of distribution, I do get people contacting me now and again to say that dates have passed by the time they receive their newsletter. I would like to remind everyone that the newsletter is written and distributed entirely by volunteers and that we all do our very best to get your newsletter to you as soon as possible, come rain or shine!

There will always be a few days' delay between the newsletter going to print and the paper copies hitting doormats – but if you want to get your newsletter straight away, please join the village email list at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

More than 300 villagers now receive their newsletters electronically, as well as receiving important news that crops up between newsletters, direct to their inboxes.

News is also regularly posted on the village website and Facebook page, so there are lots of ways for you to keep informed.

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## A diamond couple!

Congratulations to Pam and Peter Moore who celebrated their diamond (60th) wedding anniversary on 1 February.

Pam and Peter, who have known each other all their lives as their families were close, married at Cottingham Church on a freezing cold day in 1958 when Pam was 20 and Pete 21.

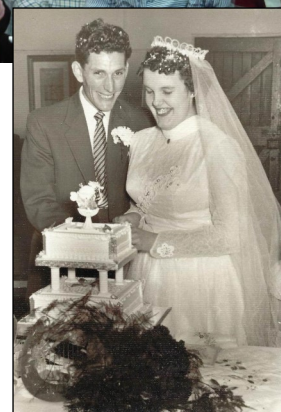


The couple lived in Aldwincle for the first year where Pete worked on a farm, before moving to their home in Bancroft Road where they still live. Pete worked for many years on the trains at the steelworks and Pam worked at the shoe factory in Cottingham. She also served for 14 years on Cottingham Parish Council.

They have three children (Kim, Nigel and Stephen), four grandchildren (Emma, Katie, Richard and Amy) and three great grandchildren (Lily, Chloe and Laila).

The couple celebrated with afternoon tea at Blackthorn Wood Golf Course where they were joined by more than 80 family and friends, including three of their four bridesmaids and Pete's twin brother, David, who was Best Man at their wedding.

Pam and Peter asked for donations for dementia and muscular dystrophy, which are both close to their family's heart, raising £430. Pete celebrated his 80th birthday last March and Pam celebrates hers in May.



## Ruth celebrates her 100th birthday

Ruth Harrison of Berryfield Road would like to thank all her friends and family for the many cards and good wishes she received on the occasion of her 100th birthday. "I also appreciated you visiting me," said Ruth. "You helped to make it a special day. My sincere thanks and good wishes to you all."



## Cottingham Yellow Lines survey

Cottingham Parish Council's survey into the double yellow lines in Cottingham attracted 192 responses from villagers. Of those who responded, 81 people want the lines to stay as they are, 42 want all or some of them removed and 69 want more lines, with the main locations for these being further down High Street (past No.2), outside the village shop and on the triangle outside the school. The majority (62%) of residents would like the lines to be painted paler and thinner to better blend with the conservation area, if they remain.

A working group of Parish Councillors has now been set up to consider all the survey results in detail, factoring in Northants County Council's current financial situation, and formulate feasible recommendations to present to the full Parish Council. The Parish Council is also looking at ways to enforce the restrictions where parking on the existing lines is causing an obstruction, most notably at the top of Church Street on bin collection days. A more detailed survey report is available on the village website at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/lines-survey](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/lines-survey)

# Parish Councils



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(2 vacancies)

### Next meetings

Wed 7 Mar, 7:00pm  
Wed 4 Apr, 7:00pm

[www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk](http://www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk)



## Middleton

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

### Next meetings

Tue 20 Feb, 7:30pm  
Tue 20 Mar, 7:30pm

[www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk](http://www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk)

## Boxing clever

The red phone box at the junction of Main Street and The Hill in Middleton has now been fitted with a community defibrillator.

The defibrillator is designed for use by any member of the public without training, but all residents of Middleton and Cottingham are invited to come along to a familiarisation session at the **Village Hall Annex at 10am on Saturday 24 February** to see how it works.

In the event of a suspected cardiac arrest, the ambulance service should be alerted via a 999 call which can be made from the phone box. On receiving the call, the operator will provide you with the access code which is needed to release the defibrillator from its cabinet and, once the defibrillator case is opened, it plays a video showing you how to use it.

The installation of the defibrillator has been organised in consultation with the Community Heartbeat Trust and has been made possible by funding from Middleton Parish Council, Rockingham Wheelers, the village copyholders and the County Council Community Empowerment Fund. John Connachie has kindly painted the phone box with paint provided by the British Coatings Federation, and BT is providing free electricity to the box.

The box will be checked regularly to ensure the defibrillator is in working order, but should you have any concerns that it has been vandalised, please report them to a Middleton Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk Justina Medwell.

## Look after your library

The phone box library on Rockingham Road, Cottingham is going well. If you have any good quality novels and there is room on the shelves, then please drop them in. However, if the shelves are full, please don't leave books on the floor, as this means volunteers need to go in and tidy up then take the books to the charity shop or, if they are really tatty, to the tip!



## Spread Eagle appeal rejected

The appeal against the refusal of planning permission to convert the Spread Eagle pub into a house has been rejected by the Planning Inspectorate.

The Inspector gave the following reasons for refusal:

- That the number of objections received shows that the facility is valued by the local community.
- That there is no evidence that the pub could not be viably used as a community facility or, in the absence of any detailed accounts, that the pub itself is not a viable business.
- That he did not feel the property had been adequately marketed for retail or community use, or for a sufficient length of time, particularly given that the asking price was considerably higher than the price the appellants paid for the premises.

Following the dismissal of the appeal, the car park has been closed off for public use and, so far as we know, the pub remains on the market. You can view the appeal decision notice on the village website at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/spreadeagle](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/spreadeagle)



## Cottingham water main upgrade

Anglian Water has kicked off a £300,000 project to replace the 1km of old cast iron water pipes in Bancroft Road, Church Street, High Street, Rockingham Road and School Lane in Cottingham. These pipes are at the end of their useful life and there have been several pipe bursts in the village in recent years causing low pressures and supply interruptions.

Anglian Water say that this vital investment will significantly reduce the risk of future problems. Work started in January and completion is expected in March/April. There will inevitably be some road closures and temporary traffic lights in operation while the pipes are being laid. More information and updates are available online at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/water-main](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/water-main)



## Royal George

The Royal George has appointed a new Head Chef. Gavin Bailey was previously Sous Chef at the Coach Inn at South Luffenham, where he started out as a pot washer aged just 14. He will be working alongside current chef and landlady Debbie Gibson. The pub is also looking for a Commis Chef with at least one year's experience to join their team. Further training will be given. If you're interested, contact **Kevin** on **01536 660505**.



The Heritage Suite at the Royal George  
[www.theroyaleorgecottingham.co.uk](http://www.theroyaleorgecottingham.co.uk)

The pub's newly refurbished 'Heritage Suite' is now open for B&B customers. This room is in the Grade II listed part of the pub and the 13th Century cruck beams – the oldest found in a domestic building anywhere in Europe – are clearly visible.

"With views right across the Valley, this is such a beautiful room, it was a pity not to use it," says Debbie. "We also wanted to open up the beams so that more people could see and enjoy them."

The pub's Grand Christmas Draw raised £700 for the Pen Green Centre in Corby, helping to buy food parcels and Christmas gifts for 63 families and 130 children. Many thanks to organisers Julie and George, everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes.

## School news

Cottingham C of E Primary School has had a busy start to the year. In January, their 22-strong choir joined almost 7,000 youngsters from other Midlands schools for 'Young Voices'. The combined choir took to the stage at Birmingham's Genting Arena to perform a range of songs from different genres, accompanied by guest artists including acapella group The M4GNETS and soul singer Natalie Williams.



Then, just last week, GB Commonwealth silver medallist hurdler Meghan Beesley visited the school as part of the 'Sports for Schools' scheme, which aims to encourage children to take part in sport and also discover and pursue their passions in life.



Meghan, who led sponsored fitness circuits with the children before a lively question and answer session, said: "The children were so enthusiastic and were a joy to work with on the circuits. It was a thoroughly entertaining afternoon."

The sponsored circuits have so far raised £773 which will be used to buy sports equipment for the school.

The school's new headteacher Ashley Scott said: "It was great to have a real life athlete in school to motivate the children to keep fit while raising money to support the PE curriculum. Almost all of the children took part in the circuits, with many red faces to show for their efforts!"

The children and staff look forward to watching Meghan compete in the Commonwealth games in Australia and wish her the very best of luck.

Looking to the future, the school is now considering appointing some new members to its Governing Body. It is also seeking a local company that may like to support the school (and reading in the local community) by sponsoring their new look library. If you're interested in either opportunity, please contact Mr Scott on email [head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk)

## Festive fundraising

There was a record turnout for the Living Crib Journey on Christmas Eve, with the collection at the Church raising £130 for Church coffers. Many thanks to everyone who took part and supported this fantastic annual event.

The Valley Voice Choir collected £270 carol singing at Rockingham Castle, East Carlton Cricket Club and The Royal George. Coupled with a donation of £50 from Rockingham Castle, the choir were able to give £320 to Lakelands Hospice.

## Charity Quizzes

Ant Liquorish's October village quiz – his Silver Jubilee – raised a fantastic £610 for the charity Hounds for Heroes. Ant's next quiz takes place on 28 April in aid of [Northamptonshire SANDS](#), with another quiz on 28 October in aid of Corby charity [Jen's Hedgehog Rescue](#).

## New village hall

A planning application (reference 17/00630/DPA) has been submitted for the new Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall, which is to be located on the Village Acre, a piece of land next to the recreation field on Berryfield Road.

The application will be considered by Corby Borough Council's Development Control Committee on 13 March 2018 (7pm at The Cube). For more information on the planning application, see [www.cotmidhall.org.uk](http://www.cotmidhall.org.uk) and also the Borough Council's planning portal <https://publicaccess.corby.gov.uk>

## Red Lion closed

At the time of writing the Red Lion pub in Middleton has closed and we understand it will soon be placed on the market for rent with [Fleurets](#), Fleurets are a national property company specialising in the hospitality and leisure sector. We will bring you more news when we have it.

## Denise McElwain

Denise sadly passed away on 17 November. She lived in the village until recently and was a much loved member of the community. She always had a smile for everyone, even during her time of illness. She leaves behind her husband James and daughters Bella and Meave. She will be sadly missed.



# What's on

For latest events, see  
[www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

**Fri 16 Feb, 10.30am–12.30pm**

## Corby CCG drop-in session Village Store, Corby Road

Come along and share your views on local healthcare, including the recently announced plans for the Urgent Care Centre. See the article below for more information.

## The Village Store & Café

**From 9 March, for Mother's Day**

Get your fresh flowers, chocolates and boxed cup cakes for Mothering Sunday (11 March).

**Good Friday (30 Mar), 2.30–4.30pm**

Easter fun for the children – decorating Easter eggs and bonnets with prizes for the best, and goodie bags for all.

**Sat 24 Feb, 10am**

## Defibrillator familiarisation session Village Hall Annex

Cottingham and Middleton residents are invited to come along and find out how to use the new defibrillator in the Middleton phone box. See page 2 for more information.



**WI, Ashley Village Hall**

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**7 March, 7.30pm**

A history of Ladybird Books

**4 April, 7.30pm: Women arise!**

Not the usual suffragettes, but a look at other social impacts on the lives of women in 1918.

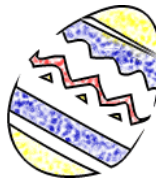
Tickets are £4 each. If you'd like to go along, please contact **Wendy Martin** on **07801 194560** or email [wendy10ecp@gmail.com](mailto:wendy10ecp@gmail.com)

## Easter services

**Good Friday, 10am**  
Hot Cross Bun Service,  
St Mary Magdalene

**Easter Sunday, 9.30am**  
Easter Holy Communion, St Mary Magdalene

**Easter Sunday, 6pm**  
Methodist Church Easter service



**Fri 6 Apr, 7.30pm**

## Isla St Clair, Village Hall Annex

Isla St Clair will be making a welcome return to the Village Hall Annex, performing traditional and country music from her native Scotland.

There is a pay bar and nibbles. Tickets are £12 from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.



**Sat 28 Apr, 6.30pm**

## Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of Northamptonshire SANDS, (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death), a charity that provides help and support for bereaved

parents and families who have suffered the death of a baby either before, during, or shortly after birth.

Food is provided if you wish, either fish (or chicken) and chips or a vegetarian option. The cost is £10 per person including food, or £3 if you want to bring your own. There is no bar, so please bring your own drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Call **Ant** on **771062** or email him at [ant\\_the\\_quizmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com)

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC) [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Cllr Bob Rutt, Corby Borough Council, **07801 945948**, [robert.rutt@btconnect.com](mailto:robert.rutt@btconnect.com)

Cllr Sandra Naden-Horley, Northants County Council, **07944 213860**, [SaNaden-Horley@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:SaNaden-Horley@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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Village Store and Café, **770097**, [facebook.com/cottinghamshop](https://facebook.com/cottinghamshop)

Village Hall Annex  
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall  
Lynette Muir, **770094**

St Mary Magdalene Church,  
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New Village Hall Trust Chair, Pete Bowman, [pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

## Clubs and Groups

Cubs and Scouts  
Gary Chisholm, **772331**

Valley Voice, village choir  
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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**

## Help shape our local healthcare services

Corby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is holding a drop in session at the Village Store and Café on **16 February (10.30am–12.30pm)** for you to come along and share your thoughts about healthcare in Corby, including the recently announced plans for the Corby Urgent Care Centre, which is to be renamed the Corby Same Day Access Hub.

The CCG plans to retain an 8am to 8pm service and also increase GP provision at the Cottingham Road site. Same day appointments will be available for anyone who needs one but, rather than the current walk-in arrangement, you will need to call first and speak to a specially trained navigator who can make an appointment for you and also ensure you're booked in to the right service.

The CCG is asking people to help shape the way the service is accessed. From **12 February to 8 April 2018**, you can have your say by completing an online or paper questionnaire. Your input will feed directly into the access and navigation elements of the contract specification for the Hub service. More information is available at [www.corbyccg.nhs.uk](http://www.corbyccg.nhs.uk), where the online questionnaire will also be available shortly.

