



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the April / May issue of the village newsletter.

We're delighted to confirm that the Spread Eagle and

Red Lion are both due to reopen. Each establishment will have a very different offering, with the Spread Eagle opening as a traditional pub and the Red Lion becoming an upmarket Indian restaurant and bar. Coupled with the gastro pub offering at the Royal George, there's no reason why all three establishments can't flourish in the villages, as long as we support them. So why not include a regular trip to your local in your social diary?

Thanks must go to the staff and volunteers at the Village Store and Café for opening up during the recent bad weather and every morning over the Easter break. These guys and gals do a fantastic job and deserve a huge pat on the back! Good luck, too, to the new shop management committee, all of whom are giving their time for free to help get the store operating efficiently and providing consistent, quality service and produce for villagers and visitors alike.



If you want to keep up to date with village news between newsletters, why not join the 569 people who now follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/cottinghamandmiddleton



More than 300 villagers also now receive their news by email. Joining the village email list is easy – just go the village website at www.cottinghamnews.co.uk and click on the link on the home page

Regards,

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Spread Eagle reopening

The Spread Eagle pub is set to re-open the week commencing 16 April, offering lagers and bitters along with traditional ales, a range of wines and specialty gins. A new chef has also been appointed and the pub will be serving a menu of hearty, home made pub food including lasagne, lamb shanks, burgers, steaks, pizzas and jacket potatoes, as well as light bites for the afternoons.

New landlord Rob Wainde (pictured below) has lots of experience in the hospitality business, having managed a working men's club in Leicestershire for 18 years and most recently running a village pub.

The Spread has been cleaned inside and out and redecorated, and the fireplace has been reinstated in the lounge.

"We're looking to create a homely, welcoming environment at the heart of the community and will be offering food from day one," said Rob. "We're also planning to put on quizzes, events and live music and would welcome ideas from villagers as to what they would like to see happening at the pub. I look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you to the Spread Eagle."



For more information, contact **Rob Wainde** on **07563 954681** email robwainde@aol.com



Red Lion to reopen as Indian Restaurant

The Red Lion in Middleton is set to reopen as a top class Indian restaurant and wine bar. Naz Abdul (pictured right) who owns the multi-award winning Cinnamon Lounge in Market Harborough (previously located at the old Horse and Trumpet in Medbourne), is looking to open towards the end of April.

"I believe there is room in the market for a good Indian curry house serving Corby and the surrounding villages," said Naz.

"The Red Lion is the perfect location and I am really looking forward to getting the restaurant up and running. The Cinnamon Lounge is renowned for offering quality food that's a little bit different, coupled with great service and a relaxing, welcoming atmosphere – and that's what I'll be looking to provide in Middleton.

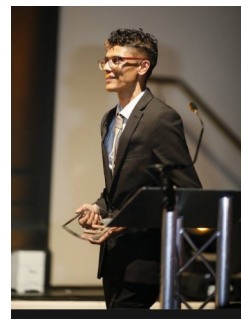
"I am really keen to build a relationship with villagers and would welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have for the restaurant and bar. The response I've received through the village Facebook page so far has been fantastic, so please keep it coming, or please feel free to get in touch with me directly."

Naz is also looking to recruit waiting staff and delivery drivers, both part time and full time. If you're interested, please contact **Naz** on **07955 493575**, email b.4.b@live.co.uk.



The new restaurant will operate alongside the existing Cinnamon Lounge on Northampton Road, Market Harborough, and also a new Cinnamon Lounge restaurant which Naz is about to open in Uppingham.

You can find more information at harboroughcinnamonlounge.co.uk. There is also a [Facebook page](#) for the new Middleton restaurant – search for 'Naz Cinnamon Lounge'.



Parish Councils

Cottingham

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Next meetings

Wed 2 May, 7.00pm
Wed 6 Jun, 7.00pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

Middleton

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Next meetings

Tue 17 Apr, 7.30pm
Tue 15 May, 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

All meetings take place at the Village Hall Annex on Berryfield Road, next to the school.



The recent evening with Isla St Clair, with support from local poet Chuck Middleton, raised £193 for the Village Hall Annex.

Thanks to Chuck, Isla and everyone who came along.

No. 67 bus service to cease

Northamptonshire County Council has confirmed that they are to end bus subsidies as part of their 2018/19 budget.

This means that the subsidised No.67 bus service that runs through the villages from Gretton to Market Harborough will cease to operate no later than Saturday 21 July.

You may remember that this service was under threat back in 2016, when operator Centrebus said it was no longer able to offer the service as the County Council was withdrawing the subsidy. On this occasion, following a campaign led by villagers in Gretton, the bus service was saved and has continued to operate on a fully subsidised basis through Carter's Travel, at a lower overall cost than the previous arrangement with Centrebus.

The RF1 (Corby to Oakham) bus service will be unaffected.



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Store and café update

The Village Store & Café

At a special meeting on 18 March, shareholders voted to appoint Richard Haigh as Secretary to the Village Store and Café Society and to appoint a new management committee consisting of Wendy Curtis, Anne and Owen Davison, Tony Freeman, Richard Haigh, Mary Knott, Jin Mahil and Chris Owen.

In the short term, the main focus for the new team will be to get the store and café back on track, get the basics right and keep things up and running until the Annual General Meeting in June. They will also be looking at ways to encourage more volunteers to come and work in the shop, potentially including an open day for people to find out what's involved.

If there's anything you would like to discuss, please contact the store's Acting Chair **Owen Davison** on **771333**, email davisono@msn.com

The shop staff would like to thank all the villagers who came out to help clear the snow during the bad weather last month. The shop saw a real increase in sales during this period. Don't forget that the shop is open while the sun shines too!

The shop is open from 8am to 5pm weekdays, 8am to 4pm Saturdays and 9am to 1pm Sundays.



Top awards for scouts

Well done to Tom Porter Brown (Middleton) and Dylan Prior (Cottingham) of the 1st Welland Valley Scout Troop, who recently received their Chief Scouts Gold Award. Presented by Lady Gretton, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, this is scouting's highest award. Both lads are moving on to take up Young Leader roles within the group.



Can you help bring the bible to life for children?

Cottingham C of E Primary School is looking to introduce 'Open the Book', an interactive way of telling Bible stories and bringing them to life for children. The school is looking to create a group of volunteers to deliver these stories. If you're interested, please contact **Philippa** at plarder@cottinghamprimary.co.uk by the end of April.

British Red Cross – tackling loneliness

The British Red Cross has a service in Corby and the surrounding villages to help tackle loneliness and social isolation. Red Cross volunteers provide a helping hand to adults of all ages who feel they have nobody to turn to, including new parents, people dealing with bereavement and people going through divorce or separation.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, or if you're struggling with life's demands and need a friendly chat, contact the Red Cross team on **0345 0547171** or email ConnectCorby@redcross.org.uk. Photograph © Simon Rawles



Fresh as a Daisy!

New photographic studio opens in Middleton

A new photographic studio has opened up in the converted stable at 5 Main Street, Middleton (in the courtyard next to Middleton Farm).

Daisy Dots Photography was founded two years ago by mum of four Nicola Harrison while she was on maternity leave from her teaching job at Corby Business Academy – and what started out as a hobby is now a thriving business!

Nicola has trained with some of the world's top award winning photographers and describes her style of photography as 'documentary and relaxed', so there is no awkward posing or trying to figure out how you should be smiling.

The studio specialises in family portraits, newborns and Fine Art Photography, and has custom made, hand painted backdrops, vintage clothes and props available. Nicola also photographs weddings and events in the UK and overseas.

Special launch offer

To celebrate the studio's launch, Daisy Dots is offering a studio session for just £35, to include up to two hours' studio time and a viewing session where you can choose one professionally edited and 10 x 8 printed picture for free. Additional pictures will be available to purchase should you wish, but Nicola assures you there will be no pressure to do so.

For more information, contact **Nicola** on **07702 113648**, email her at daisydotsphotography@yahoo.com, see www.daisydotsphotography.co.uk or find her on Facebook at facebook.com/daisydotsphotography.



Litter pickin' good!

Thanks to the 15 people who took part in the village litter pick in March, collecting 22 bags of rubbish and, would you believe it, the front end of a car!

A twice yearly litter pick seems to be having a positive impact on the amount of litter on some of our regular routes, but hotspots remain Corby Road and areas where fly tipping is prevalent. To report fly tipping, please contact Corby Borough Council on **01536 464242** or use the [online form](http://www.corby.gov.uk) at www.corby.gov.uk

New village hall

The planning application for the new village hall (submitted in November 2017) was due to be considered by Corby Borough Council at their Development Control Committee (DCC) meeting in March.

This meeting was cancelled and the Borough Council has now asked for an Arboriculture Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan to support the application. It is unlikely that this will be completed before the next DCC meeting in April and, while this will unfortunately cause further delay and expense, the Trustees hope to be able to move the application forward before the summer.

Annex hire charges

The Village Hall Annex (VHA) on Berryfield Road will be introducing new rates from 1 May. Prices have stayed the same for many years and the main hall will still only cost £9 an hour to hire, the small room £6 and £15 for the entire VHA. The rate for commercial users remains unchanged at £20 an hour. To book the hall, contact **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084**.

Church bells

Wilbarston's bell ringers will be practising at Cottingham Church on Tuesday 22 May and 10 July, while the bells at Wilbarston Church are away for renovation.

Guitar lessons

Rory McDade has a few spaces for young people or adults wishing learn to play guitar.

Rory has been teaching guitar from his Cottingham home for a number of years and his students have been able to take their Grades at different stages gaining excellent results. Contact **Rory** on **07958 290806**.

Allston Kisby and the shipwrecked sailor

Many villagers fondly remember **Allston Kisby**, who was class teacher and then headmaster at Cottingham School in the 1930s to 1970s. As editor of www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk, I was delighted to be contacted recently by **Philip Chatfield**, who is a survivor of the shipwreck of the historic brig *Maria Asumpta* which was tragically lost off the north coast of Cornwall in May 1995 with the loss of three of her crew.

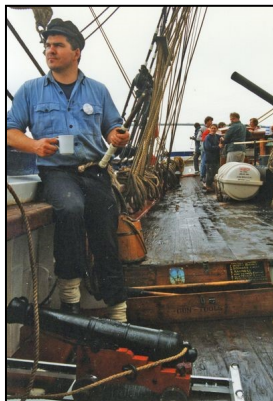
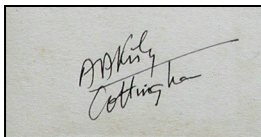
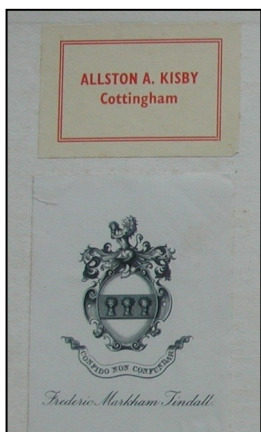
"I had been a regular crew member, carpenter and gunner on this ship for five years," said Philip (pictured on board, bottom right). "I had taken with me on that last fateful voyage a nice old copy of Erskine Childers' novel *The Riddle of the Sands*. I had only got half way through it at the time of the shipwreck and, naturally, the book was lost along with pretty much everything else I had on board with me.

"Over the years I have kept an eye open for a replacement and recently purchased a copy from a book dealer in Ramsgate. When I opened the cover, I discovered it had belonged to Allston A Kisby of Cottingham. I think he would have been delighted to know that one of his favourite books is alive and well and treasured by a shipwrecked sailor!"

Philip, who now lives in Wales and is a professional sculptor, would love to find out more about Mr Kisby and

especially his work as an artist.

If you have any stories to share, please email him at philip.chatfield@hotmail.co.uk. Please also copy me in at jane@cottinghamhistory.co.uk, as I would be fascinated to hear your stories too! More information and some amazing pictures are available on the [village website](http://www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk).



What's on

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



Sat 21 April, 7.30pm

Strictly Sixties Corby Cube

Bip Wetherell's Strictly Sixties event featuring Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band, The John Burrows Band and Mr Bip.

Tickets are £21.50 from the Corby Cube box office on **01536 470470**, email thecore@corbycube. Net proceeds will go to Prostaad and Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

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

Fri 11 May, 7.30pm

Neil Diamond tribute Village Hall Annex



Neal Astbury will be returning to the Annex, this time with his tribute to Neil Diamond.

Tickets are £8 each from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**. There is a pay bar and nibbles.

28 May to 3 June Corby Outdoors Festival



Now in its 10th year, this year's Corby Outdoors Festival will kick off with a free Family Fun Day on Monday 28 May at East Carlton Country Park from 12 noon to 4pm, organised by the Festival's beneficiary charity Lakelands Day Care Hospice. Enter your pooch in the Lakelands Dog Show and join in the family fun with archery, bouncy castles, face painting, children's rides and more.

The festival will offer a wide range of outdoor activities and will be teaming up with the Borough's Cycle Fest event on 2 June outside the Cube. The walk and events programme will be finalised by the end of April. For more details, contact Rural Pride Officer **Suzanne Preston** on **01536 463177** or email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Wed 6 Jun, 7.30pm

WI, Ashley Village Hall



Take a look behind the scenes with the CEO of White Stuff, formerly director of womenswear, lingerie and cosmetics at M&S.

Tickets are £4 each from **Wendy Martin** on **07801 194560**, email wendy10ecp@gmail.com

Sun 10 Jun

Joint choir event Wilbarston Village Hall



The Valley Voice Choir will be taking part in a joint event with other local choirs, including the Albany Singers, Ashley Choir and Great Easton Ladies Choir. More info coming soon.

Fri 15 Jun, 7.45pm

24 Carat Jazz and Oh Brother! Village Hall Annex



The 24 Carat Jazz quartet features Cottingham's Jane Smith on vocals and tenor sax. They'll be playing all your favourite jazz standards from the likes of Ella

Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Peggy Lee, Gershwin, Sinatra, Cole Porter and Nat King Cole to name but a few, as well as some modern numbers with a jazz twist.



Support will be provided by the **Oh Brother!** trio, featuring Cottingham's George West-Robinson. This band

of brothers play an eclectic range of music from upbeat bluegrass and melodic ballads to 1930s vaudeville and folk, along with some original numbers. You'll be blown away by their close harmony vocals!

Nibbles will be provided and there is a pay bar. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.

Tickets are £7 each from **Jane** on **07800 523077**, email jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk, **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

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**

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Village Hall Annex
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Methodist Hall
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St Mary Magdalene Church,
Rev Sian Reading, **770237**,
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New Village Hall Trust Chair, Pete Bowman, pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk

Sun 1 July, afternoon

Summer picnic Middleton Orchard

The Valley Voice Choir will be hosting a summer picnic in the Pocket Park on Middleton Main Street. Get ready for an afternoon of music, relaxation and hopefully sunshine! More information coming soon.



Fri 6 July, 7.30pm

Seagrave Singers Village Hall Annex

Tickets for the Seagrave Singers Ladies Choir are £7 including strawberries and fizz, from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

There is unfortunately no School / Village Fete this year due to lack of volunteers. If anyone would like to organise something in its place, please feel free.