



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the June/July village newsletter.

There are lots of examples in this issue of local businesses and community organisations working together to support each other – from the Spread opening up their car park for the shop and school, to donations, charity fundraising and local professionals offering their skills for free. This is something that has always been special about these villages and long may it continue!

Village email list



Many thanks to everyone who has resubscribed to the village email list recently. This has

become necessary due to changes in data protection laws.

If you'd like to join or rejoin the list, just go the village website at www.cottinghamnews.co.uk and click on the link on the home page. It will only take a moment and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Please note that, if you haven't resubscribed to the list, I will no longer be able to send you village news by email.

Regards,

Jane Smith, Editor

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New sewing group

A new sewing group has started up at the Methodist Hall on Corby Road for like minded sewing folk to meet up 2 or 3 times a month, including Saturdays.

Bring along your sewing machine, overlocker, sewing project and an extension lead. Help and advice is on hand, whatever your sewing level.

If you would like to come along, contact **Bridget Haller** on 770862, email bridget.haller49@gmail.com



Village bus services

The No 67 (Gretton to Market Harborough) bus service ceased operation on 25 May after Northants County Council withdrew their subsidy. The parish councils in the villages served by the bus route, including Cottingham and Middleton, have approached Corby and Kettering councils to see if they would consider subsidising the service so it can continue through to next year. We will keep you

informed but, in the meantime, if you need transport to get into Market Harborough, please call the **Village Store** on 770097 and the staff will see if they can find someone to give you a lift.

Meanwhile, Rutland County Council has approved additional funding to keep the RF1 (Corby to Oakham) bus service up and running, following the decision by Centrebus to withdraw from the contract. However, because the only bid received to run the service is considerably higher than the previous provider, the council will be looking to see if there is a more cost-effective way to deliver the RF1 service, before they finally award the new contract.



It's all go at the Spread!

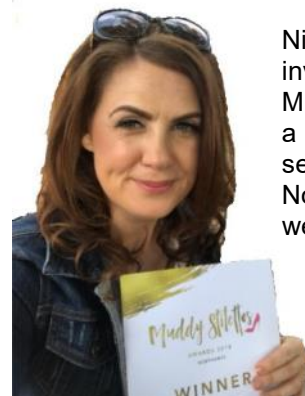
The Spread Eagle is now fully up and running, serving food and running a weekly pub quiz every Thursday. Starting at 8pm for teams of up to five people, entrance is £1 per person and there are alcohol and cash prizes.

New landlord Rob Wainde has also opened up the pub car park to customers of the Village Store and Café and for parents to drop off their children for school. This latest initiative follows on from a recent 'Park and Stride' event, held as part of National Walk to School Week, which saw children being dropped off at the Spread car park to be escorted to school by parents, teachers and Corby Borough Council's Neighbourhood Wardens.



For more information, contact **Rob Wainde** on 07563 954681, email robwainde@aol.com or visit the pub's [Facebook page](#) (search for 'Spread Eagle Cottingham').

On the Dot for Downing Street



Nicola Harrison from Middleton's Daisy Dots Photography was invited to No.10 Downing Street recently to meet the Prime Minister's business advisor and discuss how her business, as a new start up, was doing. And the answer to that, it would seem, is extremely well, as Daisy Dots has just been named Northamptonshire's Best Photographer by rural lifestyle website Muddy Stilletos!

Nicola will be out with her camera at the Valley Voice Summer Picnic on Sunday 1 July (see back page), capturing the event for free. Find out more about Daisy Dots at www.daisydotsphotography.co.uk

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Chair: David Grayson
Clerk: Peter Taylor
01536 761752,
5 Headlands, Desborough
NN14 2QA, email
peter.taylor6@btinternet.com

Next meetings

Wed 6 June, 7.00pm
Wed 4 July, 7.00pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

Middleton

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

Next meetings

Tue 19 June, 7.30pm
Tue 17 July, 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

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

New Village Hall

The Arboriculture Impact Assessment and Tree Protection Plan requested by Corby Borough Council has now been completed and submitted to the Planning Department for consideration at the next Development Control Committee meeting, which will now hopefully be in July as the June meeting has been cancelled.

The Planning Officer has said there are still some minor issues that will need to be addressed before consideration, but the Trustees and the new hall's architects are working to make sure these are resolved to the Borough's satisfaction.

Shop AGM, 24 June

The AGM for shareholders of the Village Store and Café will take place at **3.30pm on Sunday 24 June** at the Methodist Hall on Corby Road.

For more information see the shop website cottinghamshop.wordpress.com

The Village Store & Café

In direct response to customer feedback, the Village Store and Café has reduced the price of its milk, has more local produce on the shelves and has stepped up its communications.



Welland Valley honey, made by Cottingham bees, is on sale for just £5 a jar. It's said local honey is great for hayfever sufferers, so pop in for a jar next time you're passing. The shop also has delicious home made piccalilli and jams.



Two litres of milk now costs £1.25, which is cheaper than the BP garage! It's locally sourced too, from Kirby & West (now part

of the Pensworth Dairy Company) who have been delivering milk in Leicestershire for almost 150 years. The shop also has almond milk available and award winning Manor Farm yogurts and cream.



There are Joseph Morris sausages, bacon, ham, pies and other meat products, all sourced from local farms. The shop also takes orders for joints etc.



Warner Edwards artisan gins are now back in stock – choose from Dry Gin, Elderflower or Rhubarb!

Keeping you informed

The shop has launched a new website where you will always be able to find the latest opening hours. The website works hand in hand with the shop's Facebook page and both these online portals are being developed to bring you more information, including lists of suppliers, products and prices.

The shop has also set up an email list to keep you right up to date with the latest news, products and services. You can join the email list through the new website cottinghamshop.wordpress.com or by popping your name and email address on the form in the shop.



Large Hovis white and wholemeal sliced loaves are now available in addition to the ever popular Corby Rolls from the High Street Bakery. You can also order homemade artisan breads and cakes from Rutland's Hambleton Bakery, delivered to the shop on Tuesdays and Fridays.



cottinghamshop.wordpress.com



Shop opening hours

Monday: 8am to 2pm
Tuesday to Friday: 8am to 5pm
Saturday: 8am to 4pm
Sunday: 9am to 1pm

New library opens

Cottingham C of E Primary School has opened a brand new library to provide a relaxed, inviting environment for youngsters to sit, read and learn to love a book.

The new library was launched at a special event attended by school governors, PTFA members, teachers, children and special guests.

School head teacher Ashley Scott said: "We want to get a love of reading going in this school and the opening of the new library is a really positive step, providing a pleasant space for the children to sit, read and enjoy their books.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has helped get the library up and running including the PTFA, children and the local community who have together raised £5,000 towards the library. We are also pleased to have received a donation of books from Corby Library and a £1,000 grant from Persimmon Homes."

2018 school places

The school has a few places available for 2018 new starters and also in some of the other year groups. If you would like to find out more or take a look around the school, please contact school administrator **Carolynn Southcombe** on **771391**, email admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk



Cottingham School children with head teacher Ashley Scott, PTFA Chair Zoe Nursey and Duncan Mills, CEO of Peterborough Diocese Education Trust

William Riddell Trust

If you're aged under 25 for the 2018/19 academic year and live in Middleton, then you may be eligible for a grant. William Riddell founded his trust in the 1700s to provide assistance towards the costs associated with learning a trade, profession, or higher education after leaving school.

To apply, please write to the clerk Richard Bamford at 46 Main Street, Middleton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 8YU, providing your address, date of birth and details of your course/training, by the deadline of **1 September 2018**.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing after the trustees have met in September.

Poppy appeal - can you help?



Irene Beadsworth has been co-ordinating the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in the villages for a number of years but is now looking for someone to take on this important role.

If you can help, please contact Irene on **770059**, email irenebeadsworth@gmail.com

Ann Stretton (1936 to 2018)

Margery Ann Stretton passed away peacefully at home in May.

Married to George for 61 years, Ann had lived at her home in Church Street, Cottingham for 52 years and the couple raised three children in the village. She was a dinner lady at the old school and the new one, worked as a home help for a number of villagers and could often be seen around the village on her bike.

Ann's family would like to thank their friends, neighbours and members of Cottingham Methodist Church for their help and generosity during Ann's illness. She will be sadly missed.



Don King (1932 to 2018)

Donald King sadly passed away on 20 January having lived in the village for 60 years. He leaves behind his wife Pam, daughters Mandy and Alison, grandsons David and James and great grandchildren Joey and Harper.

Pam and family would like to send their heartfelt thanks for all the kind messages and cards they received at their sad loss of Don.

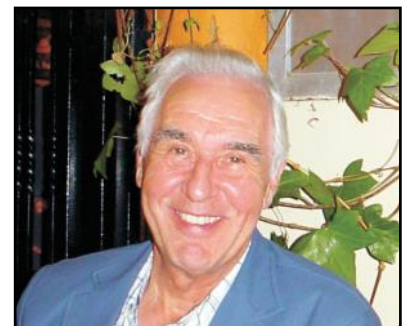
Father Geoffrey Ward (1930 To 2018)

Reverend Geoffrey Ward sadly passed away recently aged 87, just a few days short of his 88th birthday.

'Father Geoffrey' was Rector at Cottingham Church for 23 years from 1972 to 1995 and, as well as the usual church services, held 'Tiny Tots' and weekly school assemblies. He also coached badminton and joined in regular charity dances and village activities. On one occasion, it was advertised that 'the Rector would cast the first clout' at an event to celebrate the purchase of The Dale - this turned out to be hurling a wet rag on a stick!

Father Geoffrey has been part of many people's lives, both young and old, and the bridegroom at his last wedding was the first baby he baptised. He was happily married to Judy for over 55 years and his wife supported him in his role as well as working full time as an infant teacher and bringing up their two sons, Aidan and Gregory. The boys spent most of their childhood in the village and have fond memories of playing in the Dale and East Carlton Park, grazing sheep, a tractor parked in Church Street and freshly baked bread from the village bakery.

The family would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to Father Geoffrey's funeral at St Mary Magdalene Church and also for the lovely comments that were posted on the village Facebook page.



What's on

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

Sun 10 Jun

The Valley Sings! 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. Tickets are £5 each from **Joanne** on **770913**.

Fri 15 Jun, 7.15 for 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**.

18/19 June

Naz Lounge @ Red Lion, Middleton



The Naz Lounge @ the Red Lion is set to open on Monday 18 June. Then, on Tuesday 19 June, this new Indian restaurant will be hosting an 'all you can eat' buffet night for £11.95 a head, with all profits going to a local charity.

For more information, to book a table, or to nominate a local charity, please contact **Naz Abdul** on **07955 493575**, email b.4.b@live.co.uk

Sat 30 June, 7pm

Village Wine Safari



Tickets for the 16th Village Wine Safari are £20 each including five glasses of wine and food, to be enjoyed in village homes and gardens as you stroll up through Middleton and Cottingham.

There will be live music, and proceeds will be split between St Mary Magdalene Church and the new Village Hall.

To reserve your tickets, please contact **David Swallow** on **07895 011122**, email davidswallow@me.com

Sun 1 July, 2-5pm

Summer picnic, Middleton Orchard



The Valley Voice Choir will be hosting a summer picnic in the Pocket Park Orchard on Middleton Main Street. Bring a picnic and enjoy

a relaxed afternoon of music and hopefully sunshine! Entrance is free.

The choir will kick things off at 2pm and there will be musical performances throughout the afternoon from village band Soundpost, the Oh Brother! trio, Alright JACK saxophone quartet and the Yellow Dog Rhythm & Blues Band.

There will be a children's treasure hunt, skittle table, drinks and cakes. Profits from the cake stall will go to the Church and the choir will be collecting for Lakelands Hospice.

Wed 4 July, 7.30pm

WI, Ashley Village Hall



A talk giving valuable advice on online security, telephone and banking cards.

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

Fri 6 July, 7.30pm

Seagrave Singers Village Hall Annex



Tickets for this award winning ladies choir are £7 each including strawberries and fizz.

Contact **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**

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**
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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

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**

Village charity quizzes



Ant Licquorish's April charity quiz raised more than £600 for Northamptonshire SANDS.



His next quiz is on 28 October in aid of Jen's Hedgehog Rescue, Corby.