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The Village Store & Café



The Village Store and Café is now stocking a new range of greetings cards as well as wrapping paper, gift bags and tags.

Mary Knott has also been busy in her kitchen making a new batch of jams,

as well as her much loved piccalilli, which is just perfect to go with the Joseph Morris pork pies, large and small, from the chiller.

To find out more, visit Facebook [@CottinghamShop](https://www.facebook.com/CottinghamShop), call **770097**, or sign up to the shop email list online at cottinghamshop.wordpress.com

New Village Hall

The planning application for the new Village Hall, to be located on the Village Acre next to the School, was approved unanimously by Corby Borough Council's Development Control committee in August. The Village Hall Trustees will be meeting shortly to discuss the next phase of the project.

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A Summer of singing!



The June 'Valley Sings' concert held in Wilbarston with the Valley Voice Choir, Albany Singers, Ashley Choir and

Great Easton Ladies Choir was a sell out, raising almost £800 which was split between the four choirs for their chosen charities. Valley Voice donated their £200, along with a further £74 raised at their Summer Picnic event, to Corby's Lakelands Hospice.

The choir would like to thank everyone who came along and performed at the Summer Picnic in the Middleton Orchard in July. Thanks too to Nicola Harrison from Middleton's [Daisy Dots Photography](#) for capturing the event so perfectly. You can see some of Nicola's photos on the [Village Facebook page](#).

Cottingham School administrator Carolyn Southcombe is walking the route of the London Marathon on 22 September and is aiming to raise £2,500 to revamp the outdoor play area at the school. You can donate through her page at www.justgiving.com (just enter her name into the search box).



Former Cottingham Parish Council Chairman Robert McKenna sadly passed away in June. Bob and his wife Pat moved to Windmill Close in 1976 and raised two children before moving to Kelso, Scotland, in 2003. Bob was an active member of the village community with Parish Council work, helping with village dances and fetes. He leaves behind his wife Patricia, daughter Janet and son Douglas.

Village bus services

The **RF1** (Corby to Oakham) bus service has been saved and will keep running for at least the next five years, following a change of heart by operator Centrebus which had initially wanted to pull out. The new contract starts on 24 September and will include an additional stop at Corby Rail Station.

Meanwhile, a petition has been launched by Corby's Labour Party representative Beth Miller to save the No.67 bus service (Gretton to Market Harborough), which stopped running on 25 May after Northants County Council withdrew their subsidy. You can sign the petition at www.38degrees.org (search for 'buses Northamptonshire'). Discussions are also underway with Corby and Kettering councils regarding potentially funding the service.

In the meantime, if you need transport to get into Harborough, call the **Village Store** on **770097** and they'll see if they can find someone to give you a lift.

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

Sunday 11 November, WW1 Centenary Event, 11.30am

An event is being planned to take place at the Village Hall Annex on Armistice Day, straight after the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, which starts at 10.45am, to commemorate the end of World War I. There will be live entertainment, hot drinks and refreshments, an exhibition commemorating the village's brave soldiers and a final roll call of those who gave their lives for us. Please put this date in your diary and, if you would like to take part or contribute to the event in any way, please contact **Joanne** on **770913**, email joanne.leaning@btinternet.com



What's on

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

Tue 11 Sep, 7.30pm



Valley Voice taster session

If you enjoy singing and have ever fancied joining a choir but aren't sure if it's for you, why not pop along to the Valley Voice free taster session at Cottingham Methodist Hall on Corby Road? No experience necessary!

Sat 15 Sep, from 10am

Boot sale, Village Store

'Puss In Boots' presents a sale of quality riding boots and genuine Hunter wellies, upstairs at the Cottingham and Middleton Village Store and Café. For more information, call **07775 517910** or **770097**.



Sat 15 Sep, 11am to 4pm

Singapore food 'Pop Up' Rockingham CL site

An outdoor 'pop up' event from Yellowbird, a small family business based in Harborough providing home cooked Singapore Peranakan food. Taking place at The Stables on the caravan site on Rockingham Road, tickets are £20 to include a food platter and entertainment – kids go free. There is also an art exhibition, ice cream tent and bar. For more information and to book tickets, search for [@yellowbirdshik](https://www.facebook.com/yellowbirdshik) on Facebook.



Fri 26 Oct, 7 for 7.30pm

Oh Brother! Village Hall Annex



Featuring Cottingham's George West-Robinson, this trio of brothers plays a range of music from

upbeat bluegrass and melodic ballads to 1930s vaudeville and folk, plus some original numbers, all with close harmony vocals.

Nibbles are provided and there is a pay bar. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £7 each from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

Spread Eagle news and events

The Spread Eagle has appointed a second chef and is now also serving food on a Monday. Regular events include a quiz night every Thursday and monthly Sunday music quizzes (next ones are Sunday 23 Sep and 21 Oct). All the quizzes start at 8pm with cash and drinks prizes. The pub has live music on the first Saturday of every month with the next act being guitarist and singer Ethan Kenna on 6 Oct. There is also a karaoke/disco on the last Saturday of every month, with Halloween fancy dress on 27 Oct. Call **772610** and follow the pub on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).



Sat 27 Oct, 6.30pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex

Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of Jen's Hedgehog Rescue, Corby.



Based in Great Oakley, Jen is doing an amazing job rescuing and caring for our spiky friends which are now an endangered species. Each hog costs £5 to £10 a week to look after and Jen has cared for 142 hogs this year alone!

The quiz costs £10 per person including food, which is fish, chicken or mushy peas and chips (vegetarian), or £5 if you want to bring your own food. 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 9 Nov, 7 for 7.30pm

Ray Brett, Village Hall Annex

Popular local singer Ray Brett is returning to the Annex performing Country and Western, 60s, 70s and 80s music. There will be a pay bar and nibbles. Tickets are £7 from **Irene** on **770059** or **Audrey** on **771084**.

Fri 9 Nov

Comedy Night, East Carlton CC

Taking place at the cricket club, tickets are £10 each from **Pete Jinks** on **07568 167873**.

Thur 22 Nov, 7.30pm

Gin workshop, East Carlton

Gin workshop with Two Birds Gins to include two G&Ts, a guided tasting through the Two Birds gin range and a distilling demonstration and sampling. Tickets are £30 each from **Elisabeth** on **07925 897185**.



Brogan's mobile fish and chip van now visits the villages every Thursday, stopping on School Lane, Cottingham, from 6.50pm to 7.50pm and on Main Street, Middleton, at 8pm.



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: See below

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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**

Down your Way

After two years' sterling service and 130 submissions for the Northants Telegraph 'Down Your Way' column, our village correspondent for Cottingham and Middleton, Del Robertson has decided to call it a day.

If you're interested in taking on this role, please email nt.villages@northantsnews.co.uk