



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the February/March village newsletter.

As we're bringing this issue out mid-month, there are a few events

happening within days of publication that may have passed by the time you receive your newsletter. If you want to make sure you don't miss out on what's happening, please sign up to the village email list at www.cottinghamnews.co.uk

It's great to see all the special offers and events taking place in the villages – at the Village Hall Annex, the Store and Café, our two village pubs and Middleton's Nazz Spice. We're so lucky to live in such vibrant villages where there's always a wide choice of things to do, so please support these initiatives whenever you can.

Many thanks to the local businesses who've supported us with Facebook advertising so far. We've now raised £139 from sponsored posts and have received an additional £100 donation from an anonymous villager. The money we raise is used to help boost and promote community events. If you're interested in advertising to our **670 Facebook followers**, please message us.



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Welland Wanderer bus service

The new Welland Wanderer bus service, provided by Lawson's of Corby, is now up and running two mornings a week as follows.

Tuesdays to Market Harborough, leaving Cottingham around 9.30am and returning from Harborough at 12.30pm.

Fridays from Wilbarston to Corby, stopping in Cottingham just after 9.30am and returning from Corby around 12.30pm.

The bus has full disabled access and bus passes can be used. Having now received funding from Kettering Borough Council and Corby Borough Council, there is enough money to keep the service running until at least September. You can find the latest timetables and fares on the village website at www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/bus.



Peter's long service



Cottingham and East Carlton Parish Clerk Peter Taylor has received a long service award from the Society of Local Council Clerks for 31 years' support at National Conferences, which he attends on behalf of the two Parish Councils.

Peter has kept Cottingham Parish Council on the straight and narrow for 33 years since February 1986, and has worked hard over that time to support the village's welfare and development.

Mini Me yoga sessions

Yoga sessions for pre-school children are now taking place from 9.15 to 9.45am on Wednesday mornings in the upstairs room at the Village Store and Café.



Enjoy a coffee and cake with your friends while your youngster is entertained and enjoying learning yoga. It costs £4 a session, or £24 for 6 sessions.

For more information and to book a place, contact **Lara** on **07917 195232**, email yogadabbadoo@gmail.com.

The Hair Port has landed!

A new unisex hair salon, The Hair Port, has opened its doors in Cottingham.

Award winning stylist Gaynor McDaid Stewart, who is fully trained in all aspects of ladies hairdressing and men's barbering, has converted her garage at 1 Bury Close into a fully functioning salon and is offering a full range of services from boys' and girls' trims/haircuts to ladies complete restyles, colours, full head foils and perms. Gents' services include scissor trims, clipper work, short back and sides, skin fades and beard trims.

Gaynor has over 35 years' experience in her trade. She has run salons in Corby and also in Malaga, Spain, where Paul Weller popped in for a haircut on a number of occasions!

For more information or to book an appointment, call **Gaynor** on **07540 729863**, email gaynorthehairport@yahoo.com or visit her Facebook page [@thehairportcorby](https://www.facebook.com/thehairportcorby).



Did you know? The last hairdressers in the villages was 'Country Cuts', operating from a building next to Middleton Orchard on Main Street from 1984 to 1998. See the picture on the left – just loving those '80s hairstyles!



Parish Councils

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David Grayson (Chair)
George West-Robinson
(Vice Chair)
John Adams
Clive Ashworth
Mike Curtis
Owen Davison
Sarayou Thomas-George
Luke Montague
John Muir
Tom Russel

Next meetings

Wed 6 March, 7.00pm
Wed 3 April, 7.00pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

Middleton

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

Next meetings

Tue 19 March, 7.30pm
Tue 16 April, 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

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

Police update

'Operation Trebuchet', launched by Northants Police following a spate of break-ins to business premises in the villages and across Corby towards the end of last year, has led to the arrest and charging of three men – Stephen Hill (31) and Ross Laird (39), both of no fixed address, and Peter Tierney (37) of Waver Close, Corby.



Our PCSO Joe Devlin is holding a **Police Surgery** at the **Village Store** from **3.30–4.30pm** on **Friday 15 February**. Please pop in and have a chat with him if there are any issues concerning you.

We're aware that your newsletter may reach you after this date. However, this and future sessions are always advertised at least a week in advance in the window of the Village Store, on the village website and Facebook page. You can contact **Joe** on email Joseph.Devlin@northants.pnn.police.uk

In December 2018, there were seven crimes reported in the villages – a burglary in Ripley Road, vehicle crime in Welland View Road, Bury Close and Church Street, a public order offence in Church Street and incidents of antisocial behaviour in Berryfield Road and at the top of Corby Road, You can find details of reported crime on the www.police.uk website - just enter your postcode.



Sign up for this free email service to be kept updated with crime, witness appeals and general policing activity in your local area at northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

Cottingham Parish Council update from David Grayson, Chair

New Councillors

The Parish Council now has a full complement of Councillors. We welcome Sarayou Thomas-George, and Luke Montague who is set to join at our next meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

We are about to start developing the Neighbourhood Plan for Cottingham. The Parish Council has agreed to hire a company of consultants which has helped a number of local parishes to successfully complete their Neighbourhood Plans. Funding for the consultants is to be obtained through a grant, so there shouldn't be any additional cost to precept payers.

Public footpath across golf range

There is a public footpath that crosses the golf range at the top of Corby Road. The finger post is being damaged on a regular basis and all attempts to secure the sign have failed to stop the perpetrators. This path is a public right of way and walkers should not be discouraged from using it. We have contacted the club's owners and will continue to pursue this matter with them. If anyone has had problems using this path, please get in touch with us. We would be interested to hear from you.

Other matters

Some of the other issues the Parish Council is working on are damage to the unadopted pathway leading to the Royal George from Corby Road, a survey of trees in the village, the state and ownership of grit bins and damage caused to the grass verges by Anglian Water.

Vacancies

Cottingham CofE Primary School has a vacancy for a full time KS2 Class Teacher, starting September 2019. Please contact School Administrator Carolynn Southcombe on **771391**, email admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on 1 March.

There is also a vacancy on **Middleton Parish Council**. If you're interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact Parish Clerk Justina Medwell, details above.

Dog mess (yet again)

We've had more reports in recently about an increase in dog mess on Church Street. Please pick up after your dog and take it home with you, or put it in one of the collection bins. There is one at the bottom of the Church steps.

Also, please be considerate if you're walking your dog in The Dale or along the footpaths in the adjacent fields. Don't leave your dog's mess on or near the footpaths for people to tread in. Bag and bin it, or at the very least get a stick and flick it into the undergrowth. This is especially important if there is livestock in the fields, as dog mess can be hazardous to sheep and cattle if ingested, leading to miscarriages, illness and even death.

All snug at The Spread

The Spread Eagle has converted its bar area into a cosy family and dog friendly snug, complete with open fire. There's a range of bar style snack platters available and even free Scooby snacks for your pooch!

A full menu is available in the lounge with Steak Nights on Wednesdays (2 for £15), Sunday lunch being served (booking essential) and a seniors lunch available from 12-3pm Wednesday to Saturday (£7.95 for 2 courses and £9.95 for 3 courses). And don't forget it's quiz night every Thursday, live music on the first Saturday of the month and disco/karaoke on the last Saturday. The pub is closed on Mondays.



Steak and gin at The George

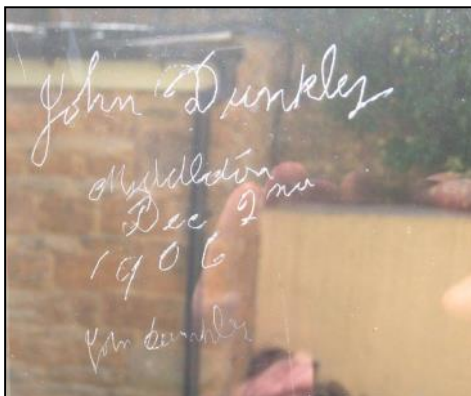
Tuesday is steak night at The George, with 2 steaks and a bottle of wine for £25. The pub is also hosting gin tasting nights every other Thursday, offering three different artisan gins to try. The next gin tasting is on Thursday 21 February, starting at 8pm.

A soldier's tale

Hundreds of villagers turned out to the War Memorial for the Remembrance Service and the commemoration event that followed in the Village Hall Annex on 11 November, to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who came along and helped out with the event, including the Valley Voice Choir and all the musicians who gave their time freely.

The main focus of the day was to remember the brave soldiers from the villages who gave their lives for us, and Ray and Shauna Barnett were particularly interested in the story of John Dunkley, whose name they'd found etched on the window of the utility room at their home on The Hill, Middleton (next to the Red Lion).



After a bit of investigating, it turns out that John and his family lived in this house in 1901 but that by 1911 John, a younger brother, and their mother Mary had moved to the Almshouses in East Carlton. Mary's husband, a carpenter on the East Carlton Estate, had died in 1904 and, as the etching is dated December 1906 (when John would have been around 20), could it be that he left his mark as the family were leaving the house? Sadly, less than 10 years later in July 1916, John died while serving in Iraq, just three months after his little brother Harry had been killed on the Western Front.

You can find a copy of this image along with other pictures from the WW1 commemoration event in the [gallery](#) on our Facebook page. You don't need a Facebook account to view the pictures. You can also click on the link on the website gallery page, www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/gallery

Village fundraising focus

The Christmas raffle at The Royal George raised a fantastic £1,165 for the Pen Green Centre in Corby to provide Christmas toy and food parcels for families in need. Thanks to Julie and George for organising, and to everyone who donated prizes or bought tickets.

The Valley Voice Choir raised £301 for the Air Ambulance from their Christmas carolling at Rockingham Castle and around the villages. Thanks to everyone who supported them.



The Village Hall Annex has set up a new [Facebook page](#) for bookings and enquiries (search for 'Cottingham & Middleton Village Hall Annex, Events & Bookings').



You can also call to book on **771084**. Prices are £6 an hour for the small meeting room, £9 an hour for the main hall and £15 for both.

All events will be shared across to the main village Facebook page and the two sites are working closely together.

The Village Store & Café

Meat and veg!

The Village Store and Café is now stocking a wider range of fruit and veg, along with Joseph Morris meats, all sourced from local farms to ensure consistent high quality and short travelling distances for the animals.



There are homemade soups in the freezer and homemade marmalades and jams on the shelves. And, if you want a quick meal, there's a range of pasta and frozen convenience foods including pizza, scampi, prawns, fish fingers, chips and peas. They also have a range of Warner Edwards gins.

If there's anything you'd like the shop to stock, please let the team know. You can contact them on **770097**, email cottinghamshop@gmail.com



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Website
cottinghamshop.wordpress.com

Shop opening hours

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

What's on

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

Thur 28 Feb, 6pm

Free buffet, Nazz Spice Middleton



Nazz is inviting everyone to come along for a free buffet and party to celebrate his birthday. Booking is essential, and he's inviting donations to his chosen charity, which is Lakelands Hospice.

You can contact the restaurant on **771119** and keep up to date on special offers and events at www.nazzspice-middleton.co.uk and on the restaurant's [Facebook](#) page.

Sat 2 Mar, 9pm

JB Jazz, live at The Spread Eagle



Chill out to all your jazz and swing favourites with JB Jazz, featuring Jane Smith on vocals and tenor sax with Barry Speirs on keys. Entrance is free. If you'd like to book a table for dinner, contact the Spread on **772610**.

WI, Ashley Village Hall



6 March, Amy's Vintage

A look at the current passion for all things vintage, especially hair and clothes.

3 April, The Gunpowder Plot

Or was it? Sometimes not all is as it seems. Come and debunk history.

Events start at 7.30pm and tickets are £4.50 each. If you'd like to go along, please contact **Wendy Martin** on **07801 194560** or email wendy10ecp@gmail.com



Kirsty Swallow is offering a series of creative sewing workshops through her business 'Junebugs'. The next one is a Roman blinds course on **7 March** followed by an easy cushion course on **4 April**. More information on Facebook [@junebugs.sewing](#)

Fri 15 March, 7.30pm

Balor, Village Hall Annex



An acoustic guitar and fiddle duo with male and female vocals playing a mix of Celtic, traditional, modern Irish and folk tunes. See www.balorband.com for more information. Tickets are £5 from **Audrey** on **771084** or **Irene** on **770059**. There's a pay bar and nibbles.

Wed 20 March, 2-3pm

Cottingham walkabout



Join Corby Borough Council's Neighbourhood Wardens **Karen Millsop** and **Brian Houston** for a walkabout in the centre and bottom half of Cottingham. The idea is to take a look around the area and identify any concerns or issues that need addressing. Meet at the Village Store and Cafe at 2pm.

Further walkabouts will be held on 19 June, 18 September and 18 December.

Sat 27 April, 6.30 for 7pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of **EMICS**, the East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme, a network of volunteer doctors with specialist training in pre-hospital emergency medicine who assist the local ambulance service at the scene of life threatening emergencies. They don't get any Government funding and rely entirely on public donations.

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's 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

Caldecott fundraisers

Our neighbours in Caldecott are busy raising money for a village playground. The following events are taking place at Caldecott Village Hall.

Sun 17 Feb, 7pm

Fashion show and shopping event with up to 75% off all your favourite brands. Entrance £2.

Sat 13 April, 7-10pm

Cheese and wine evening. Tickets £15 from **Dionne Macdermott** on **07815 206887**.

Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**
northants.police.uk/webform/report-crime

PCSO Joe Devlin Joseph.Devlin@northants.pnn.police.uk

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

Corby Neighbourhood Wardens
karen.millsop@corby.gov.uk
brian.houston@corby.gov.uk

Highways issues, Northants Council
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Street lighting, Corby Council, email customer.first@corby.gov.uk

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.

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

Village Store and Café, **770097**
cottinghamshop@gmail.com
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Village Hall Annex
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**
[Facebook](#)

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**