



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the April/May village newsletter.

As I may have mentioned before, getting the newsletter to your

door is a real team effort, and two of the people who've been central to this are Irene and Laurie Beadsworth, who've recently left their home in Corby Road to move to Broughton, Kettering.

I would personally like to thank Irene and Laurie for all their support over the years and wish them well in their new home.

Lorraine Desmond has very kindly agreed to fill Irene's shoes in co-ordinating the newsletter distribution for Cottingham, and Marian Cox is taking over from Laurie to deliver newsletters to Corby Road and High Street. Many thanks Lorraine and Marian, and welcome to the team!

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The Village Store & Café

Your Village Store has a selection of Easter eggs available and has also stocked up on local Gander's Goat ice cream, ready for spring.



If you prefer something savoury, Grasmere pies and sausage rolls are available hot or cold every day and there's a selection of pasta and sauces for an easy meal.

Shop opening hours

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

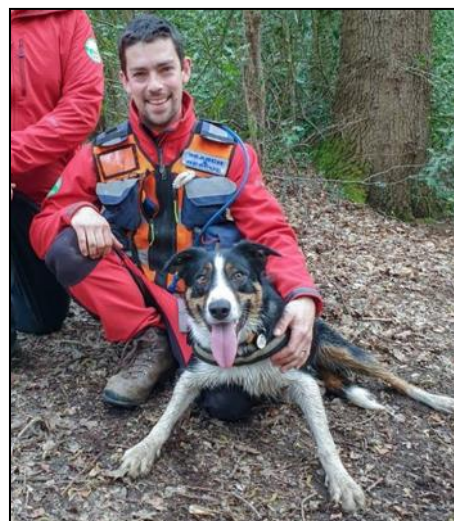
It's Ted to the rescue!

A Cottingham sheepdog has become the first qualified Search Dog for Northamptonshire Search and Rescue (NSAR). After nearly two years of training, Collie dog Ted and his handler Ian Horton have recently passed their national assessment to operate as an authorised pair for NSAR.

Ian and Ted will now be on call 24/7 to assist Northamptonshire Police with missing person searches.

Ian, who owns and runs Gander's Farm on Rockingham Road with his wife Lauren, said: "Dogs are a fantastic asset to searches, offering speed, and efficiency when every second counts to save a life. Ted has been through 100 training sessions and it's been a long process, but totally worth it to help those lost and missing."

For more information about NSAR, visit www.northantssar.org



A lasting memorial

At our WW1 commemorations last year, we displayed two life size metal Tommy figures, which were designed by Pete Bowman based on a Welsh WW1 memorial sculpture and plasma cut from sheet metal by Rich Guilford at King Trailers in Market Harborough, who kindly donated the materials and machine time for free.

As a lasting memorial to our brave soldiers, these figures have now been permanently installed at the War Memorial on Mill Road. Many thanks to David Grayson, Mike Curtis and Steve Morphy for organising this. Do pop along and see them.

Nancy Carruthers Brogan (1941 to 2019)

Nancy Brogan passed away peacefully in Kettering Hospital with her family around her on 18 March (aged 78), following a short illness.

Born into a farming family in Canonbie near Carlisle, Nancy and her family moved to farm in Newton near Geddington, where she regularly worked with the animals.

Having met on a blind date in Northampton, Nancy married Jim in 1964 and the couple moved to their home in Corby Road, Cottingham, in 1974. It was here that their three children Elliot, Sanchia and Marcia were born and raised.

An excellent cook and baker, Nancy ran a successful catering business for a while and even won a Sunday Times cooking competition. She loved pottery, sewing, animals, the countryside and was a keen gardener, looking after the flower box and flag on the green at the centre of Cottingham, as well as tending her own garden.

Caring and family oriented, Nancy loved the time she spent with her children, her five grandchildren Paige, Georgia, Sam, Theo and Jonti, and great grandson Maxwell.

She was laid to rest in Cottingham churchyard on 3 April and will be fondly remembered by her family, friends and neighbours.



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Next meetings

Wed 1 May, 7.00pm
Wed 5 June, 7.00pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

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Barbara Bradshaw
Tony Freeman
Gina Hicks
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Next meetings

Tue 16 April, 7.30pm
Tue 21 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.

Corby MP visits Cottingham School

Corby MP Tom Pursglove recently visited Cottingham C of E Primary School to present prizes and certificates, and to talk to the children about his role as an MP.

The children asked Tom about Brexit and local politics, including if there's anything he'd like to change about his constituency.

"I think it's important for us to create a strong local economy with more jobs, so that young people come back to the town after they've been away to university," said Tom. "I'd also like to see more police officers on the beat in Corby, and that's something I've raised at PMQs."

Tom has pledged to look into sources of funding to refurbish the school toilets and is also now working with the school to launch a petition to the House of Commons to get a 20 mph speed limit outside the school.

Head teacher Ashley Scott said. "It was a real pleasure to welcome Tom to the school. The children asked some quite searching questions and we were really encouraged by his frank and open responses."

After the visit, Tom wrote to each and every one of the children personally to thank them.

School Governors

Cottingham School is looking for new Governors. If you'd be interested in becoming a School Governor or if you'd like to find out more, please contact the school on **771391** or email head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk



Digging in for water and broadband

After a long summer of digging and roadworks last year, we've spoken to Anglian Water and Gigaclear to find out how we can benefit from the new water main and fibre broadband. So here goes!

Water: Anglian Water tell us that the project to replace 1km of water pipes in Cottingham took longer than expected due to hard ground conditions caused by the extremely dry summer, and also the need to lay new pipes in open cut trenches when the less intrusive slip lining and pipe bursting methods they'd planned to use proved unsuitable. However, the works have now been completed at a cost of £700,000 and Anglian Water say the new water main will reduce the likelihood of bursts, low pressure and interruptions to supply in the future.

They've recently been back to install a new pressure monitoring point to better regulate water pressure in the network. They'd like to thank villagers and road users for their patience throughout this vital improvement work.

Broadband: As a result of Northants County Council's [Superfast Northamptonshire](http://www.superfastnorthamptonshire.co.uk) project, villagers can now connect to ultrafast 'fibre to the premises' broadband through independent supplier Gigaclear. You can sign up and find out more about their services at www.gigaclear.com



Police and crime update

In January and February, there were eight crimes reported in the villages – burglaries on High Street and Welland View Road, antisocial behaviour on Bancroft Road, Ripley Road and Berry Road, vehicle crime in Blind Lane and incidents falling into the 'violent crime' category on High Street and Ripley Road. You can find details of reported crime on the www.police.UK website, just enter your postcode.

The Police have also alerted us to a couple of scams where fraudsters phone you up pretending to be the Police. In one scam, the fraudsters say there's been fraud on your credit or debit card and ask you for the security code. In another, they ask you to withdraw money from your bank and hand it to a courier at your door to assist with an alleged fraud investigation. Neither the Police or your bank will ever call and ask for your security code or PIN number, or ask you to withdraw money to give back to them. Please be on your guard and report any suspicious activity to the Police on non emergency number 101.

Welcome to The Mill *From Pete Bowman, Chair of Trustees*

As you probably know, the new hall project finally got planning permission last August. Since then, the Trustees and an enthusiastic team of volunteers have been beavering away on a wide range of fundraising ideas, from local events to lobbying national funding agencies.

And we've got our work cut out – our architects' Quantity Surveyor has suggested construction costs that could be as high as £1.3 million!

Because we're entering this new phase for the project, we felt we needed a new name for the hall – one that would reflect its location and also its surrounding heritage.

So welcome to 'The Mill'!

The name is inspired by the old water mill on Mill Road which was a favourite of the late Keith Allsop, who kick started the new hall project over 15 years ago. As the entrance to the new hall will be on Mill Road, the name also ties in nicely with its location and we hope 'The Mill' will eventually become a vibrant and active hub for the whole community.

We also have a new logo that's been expertly and generously designed free of charge by Charles Freestone of Wow Design in Middleton. He's produced variations for different applications too, so the logo will work whether it's on a small business card, in a newspaper advert or on the side of a building.

Over the coming months, we'll be creating a new website and an updated Facebook page so you can follow the progress of this exciting project online, as well as through this newsletter.

If you'd like to be part of the fundraising team, or if you'd like any more information, contact me, **Pete Bowman** on **770821** (email pete@LE16.com) or **Tony Freeman** on **770283** (email tonyfreeman48@aol.com).

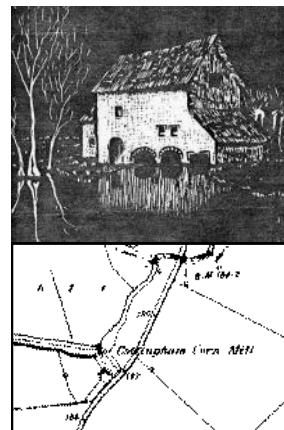


THE MILL
COTTINGHAM & MIDDLETON
COMMUNITY HUB

The old mill

The old Cottingham water mill operated from at least 1704 to the late 1800s. By 1922 it was disused and, in 1936, was demolished having been seriously damaged by fire.

The mill sat astride the River Welland, which had been diverted to form a straight mill race, and had a 6 ft (3m) tall mill wheel. You can still see the remains of the foundations, wooden mill cill and brick spillway (overflow) today.



The above image is a linoleum block print made by former head of Cottingham School, Allston Kisby and the OS map (reproduced by kind permission of [Ordnance Survey](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk)) is from 1887. For more information, see www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk

Thanks to Irene Beadsworth

The Trustees for the new hall would like to say a big thank you to Irene Beadsworth, who has recently stood down as a Trustee. Irene's input has been invaluable over the many years she's been involved with this project and they thank her for her enthusiasm, hard work, support and her championing of the new hall since she became a Trustee in the early 2000s.

Village Summer Fete Saturday 6 July, 12-4pm

By popular demand the Cottingham and Middleton Summer Fete is back! Details are still being finalised but there'll be fun for all the family – lots of games and activities, an inflatable, raffle, tombolas, a plant stall, a 'beer, fizz & Pimms' tent, tea and cakes, barbecued food and much more.

There'll be live music throughout the afternoon and the popular 'Made in the Villages' stall will be making a welcome appearance again.

The majority of this year's funds will go towards the new hall project **The Mill**, but the school and church, as key contributors to the fete, will also benefit from the proceeds.

A Fete Guide is being prepared to go to every home in the villages. If you'd like to advertise in the Guide please contact **Jan Robertson** on **771353** by the end of May.

We'd also welcome prize donations for the raffle, and all donations or sponsorships will be credited in the Fete Guide.

And if you'd like to help with the fete, you'd be very welcome to join the organising team. Please contact **Sarah Brant** on **772447**.

We're counting on your support, so please put the date in your diary.

See you there!



Nicola wins bronze

Congratulations to Nicola Harrison of Middleton's [Daisy Dots Photography](http://www.daisydotsphotography.co.uk) who has recently won a national award for one her photos.



Nicola won a bronze award from the Guild of Photographers for this picture of her daughter Daisy.

Nazz Spice

Once a month, Nazz is offering to send one of his chefs to come and cook for you in your own home, in return for a donation to Lakelands Hospice.

Then, on **22 June**, the restaurant will be celebrating its first anniversary with an outside event in the beer garden. There'll be a DJ and entertainment, a barbecue and all you can eat buffet, a prosecco and gin bar plus 2-for-1 on spirits, cocktails and wines. Tickets are £15 each. Contact the restaurant on **771119**.

What's on

For latest events, see
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Easter services

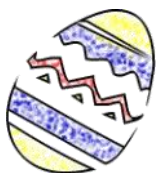
St Mary Magdalene Church

Good Friday, 10am

Hot Cross Bun service with re-enactment of the events of Holy Week.

Easter Sunday, 9.30am

Holy Communion



Good Friday 19 April, 11am to 4pm

Vintage pop-up event

East Carlton Cricket Club

NO.15 vintage pop up event selling painted furniture, vintage and decorative goods. For more info, see the NO.15 [Facebook page](#).

Sat 27 April, 6.30 for 7pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of [EMICS](#), the East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme, a network of volunteer doctors who assist the local ambulance service at the scene of life threatening emergencies.

The deadline for ordering food has passed, but you can still come along and take part in the quiz. Tickets without food are £5 each. Please bring your own drinks too.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Call **Ant** on **771062** or email him at ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com

Sat 4 May, 2-5pm

Cottingham School reunion Village Hall Annex



A reunion for former pupils of the old Cottingham School on School Lane is taking place at the Village Hall Annex.

Please bring along your old photos and memories. For more information, please contact **Eileen Watts** (nee Jackson) on **01858 465232**.

Sat 11 May, 10am-12.30pm

Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting and exhibition is being planned at the Village Hall Annex to start progressing a Neighbourhood Plan for Cottingham. More information is coming soon - look out for a leaflet through your door.

Fri 17 May, 8pm

24 Carat Jazz, Village Hall Annex

The 24 Carat Jazz quartet will be back at the VHA playing all your favourite jazz standards as well as some modern numbers with a jazz twist.



Nibbles will be provided and there's a pay bar. Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

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

27 May to 2 June

Corby Outdoors Festival



This year's festival kicks off with a free family fun day on Monday 27 May at East Carlton Country Park, from 12 noon to 4pm, in aid of [Lakelands Hospice](#).

The full festival programme, which will include running, walking and cycling, will be finalised by the end of April and we'll share this on the village website. For more information, contact Suzanne Preston on **01536 463177**, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk.

Wed 5 June. 7.30pm

WI, Ashley Village Hall



Meet a real life adventurer and learn about his travels through the exciting land of Bhutan. Tickets are £4.50 each from **Wendy Martin** on **07801 194560** or email wendy10ecp@gmail.com

Sat 6 July, 12-4pm

Village Summer Fete



By popular demand, the Cottingham and Middleton Summer Fete is back, with the majority of the proceeds from this year's event going to the new hall project, The Mill.

Please put the date in your diaries and see page 3 for more information.

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 cottinghamshop.wordpress.com

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**