



Cottingham and Middleton News

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As 2021 draws to a close, I'd like to thank everyone who continues to support the newsletter, including the

Parish Councils for their funding and all the willing volunteers who co-ordinate and deliver the newsletter to your door.

I'd also like to wish our readers all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Have a good one!

Regards,

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From...The Village Store & Café

"We'd like to wish all our staff, volunteers and customers a very happy Christmas with best wishes for the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

"To improve the service we deliver, we'd like to extend our opening times and are looking for a third paid member of staff for Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons, from 1–5pm. We will also need more volunteers to cover these hours. If you're interested, please leave your details in the shop and a member of the Shop Committee will contact you."

The shop can take your Christmas orders for Joseph Morris Butchers, Hambleton Bakery, Grasmere Farm and Manor Farm Dairy products. There will be a Christmas raffle as usual. The shop isn't collecting donated prizes this year, but please support the shop by buying a ticket.

The shop's upstairs room is available for use by groups or individuals during opening hours. Please contact the shop if you'd like to book the room for a regular slot or a one off event.



Xmas and New Year

25 to 27 Dec: CLOSED

28 Dec: Open 8–10.30am

1 Jan: CLOSED

2 Jan: Open 9am–1pm

3 Jan: Open 8–10.30am

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The Royal George

As you may be aware, Kevin and Debbie Gibson will shortly be moving on from The Royal George, heading back up north to be nearer family. Over the past five and a half years, Kev and Deb have put their heart and soul into this pub, offering warm hospitality, incredible food and outstanding service, including through the long months of lockdown. They will be sadly missed, but we wish them all the very best for the future. We also look forward to welcoming the new owners in due course. The pub is still taking bookings on the usual number, **660505**.



Running for England

Alan Hawkes of Camsdale Walk, Middleton can often be seen out running in the villages – but in September this year, he was on a different track, competing for the England Masters Athletic Team in a Home Nations International 10K run at Kew Gardens!

This is the second time that Alan, aged 70, has been selected to run for his country – and in a hard fought contest, he finished second in the over 70s age group in an impressive time of 42 minutes, 4 seconds, which is the second fastest time in the UK for his age group this year.

Alan has been running for over 35 years and is a member of Corby Athletics Club. A keen sportsman, he took up running after retiring from squash, having also played cricket and football many years ago. Alan's wife Gill tells us he is very competitive and likes to challenge himself against runners of all ages. And, when he's not racing the 10K, he runs either the Market Harborough or Corby Parkruns.

The qualifying race for next September's 10K International is the Chichester 10K in February. Alan needs to finish in the top three to compete in the International again next year and, if he qualifies, he's aiming for a first place this time round, having finished third and second in his two Internationals so far. Good luck Alan – we'll be rooting for you!



Ganders Goat are Heroes of Net Zero!

Hot on the heels of their success in the 'Green Award' category at the SME National Business Awards, Cottingham's **Ganders Goat** has been highly commended in the 'Heroes of Net Zero' competition, presented at the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow to small businesses that are taking innovative actions to cut their greenhouse emissions.

One of only 10 finalists chosen from 160 entries, judges were impressed by the practical steps farm owners Lauren and Ian Horton have taken to reduce their energy demands, while not neglecting the climate challenges faced by a business working in livestock. "We look after nature, and nature looks after the farm. Everything is in balance and being in balance helps the biodiversity," says Ian. For more information see gandersgoat.com.



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Next meeting

Wed 1 Dec, 7pm

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Next meetings

Tue 21 Dec, 7.30pm

Tue 18 Jan 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

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



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Let's have some conversations

From Cllr Colin Bates, Cottingham Parish Council



We'd like to have more conversations with residents throughout Cottingham. To do that we have to be able to communicate with each other. And that's why Cottingham Parish Council (CPC) is focusing in on how we engage, inform, involve, consult and communicate with you, our local community.

So, what communications are there?

Well, we get a lot of information, much of it from North Northants Council (NNC), such as updates, notices, consultations and data that we are keen to bring to your attention. Some of these would benefit from your input. We publish agendas and minutes of our meetings, news about events and reports on finances. We also have contact information you might be interested in.

How can I receive or view these communications?

Some items are published on the village Notice Board at the crossroads opposite the village shop. Our website cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk also has a new online Notice Board with all recent communications, and other pages that contain information, contacts and planning returns, to name but a few.

Do you use any other types of communication?

Yes, we have a [Facebook page](#) that we use to share news and information. Search for [@CottinghamParishCouncilNorthants](#) to find us, and 'like' our page to receive notifications. Key news is also shared on the village website and Facebook page, and included in the village newsletters and e-newsletters.

How can we contact CPC directly?

The best ways to contact us are by emailing clerkcottinghampc@gmail.com or by writing to The Clerk, Cottingham Parish Council, 6 Church Street, Cottingham, Market Harborough, LE16 8XG. Parish Council and Planning Sub-Committee meetings are open to the public, and you are most welcome to come along. Details of these are published via the channels described above.

We would like to hear from you, so please get in touch if you have any feedback or suggestions as to how, or what, we can communicate with you. We would also like to hear from any non-profit organisations, clubs or societies within the village. So, come on, let's have some more conversations!

Middleton Parish Council

Middleton Parish Council (MPC) is looking for one new Parish Councillor and also a footpath warden, who doesn't need to be a PC member, to walk the paths in the village and report any problems.

MPC is also working with North Northants Council and the Environment Agency to set up a Community Resilience and Response Group (CRRG) to help in the event of flood emergencies in the village. They are looking for a number of volunteers who would be happy to become flood wardens/ community volunteers to help our community in the event of a major flooding incident (some of us will remember the flooding on 23 December last year). For more information, please contact MPC Clerk **Justina Medwell** (details on the left) or MPC Chair **Sian Coughlan** on **07774 852478**, email sian_coughlan@hotmail.com.



Ashley Road planning appeals

The Peasdale Hill planning appeal has been postponed from 22 February 2022 and is yet to be rescheduled, and no date has yet been set for the Oakley Park appeals. Middleton RAG is continuing to fight these developments on our behalf, but they urgently need our help to continue. Funding is needed to hire specialists who can represent the villages at the appeal hearings and give us the best possible chance of stopping these plans being approved. Please don't leave it too late! You can return your donation envelope to Cottingham Village Store or Ashley Farm Shop, or donate by bank transfer, details from RAG at middletonrag@gmail.com. For more information, see the village website at cottinghamnews/ashley-road-planning.

The Mill Community Hub

*An update from Acting Joint Chairs
George West-Robinson and Sarah Brant*

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has continued to get behind, donate to and talk about The Mill. Our third pop-up attic sale raised almost £450. Thank you to both churches for the loan of tables, to all the contributors, and to the volunteers who turned out on the day to sell, buy, deliver and provide welcome refreshments when the weather chilled.

We are very excited to have been able to appoint additional Charity Trustees, each of whom brings particular experience, skills and interests to help drive the project forward. You can find a list of Trustees on our website at themillhub.co.uk. We'll be updating the constitution and our Charity Commission record in due course.

Looking ahead, we plan to start constructing the splay and entrance to The Mill site as soon as weather permits in the New Year.

Our Spanish Wine Tasting event on 27 November is now sold out, and we're holding a Christmas themed sale in the room above the shop from 29 November to 3 December (see back page).

Other plans for fundraising and early construction tasks are in the pipeline. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any great ideas, feedback or offers of help. We'll continue to keep you posted.



Get fresh with Sid's



Sid's delivery van is taking orders for fresh fruit, veg and pickles for delivery or collection on 23 December.

The van will be at Cottingham Shop from 9.30–11am and at Rockingham Forest Wheelers from 11–12.30, with home deliveries from 12.30–1.15pm. You can pick up an order form from the van, or order online at sidsfruitandveg.co.uk.



Blackthorn Café up at the Golf Club now offers full English

breakfasts and eat in/takeaway pizzas, as well as their delicious cakes, paninis and other snacks and drinks. Contact **Nikki** on **07789 727764** or see their [Facebook](#) page for details.

In memory



Villagers recently bade a fond farewell to two of their close friends and neighbours – Pete Revell and Lizzie Morris. They will both be sadly missed. Pam Hulatt would also like to thank villagers for all their kind words and sympathy cards following the passing of her husband John in August.

Peter William Revell passed away on 13 September aged 80. Pete was born and grew up in Blaby and, after a stint working in engineering, took on his dad's pig farm at Blaby Mill. In the '80s he developed the farm into a livery yard, giving more time to enjoy holidays with his wife Margaret and children Adele and Brad. Pete and Margaret moved to Middleton in 1998 to enjoy their retirement. Here, they made many friends and Pete became a familiar face at Ramblers and in other social circles. A proper country man and a real gentleman, family was always central in Pete's life, especially Adele, Brad, Debbie and his three grandchildren Thomas, Charlotte and Jamie. Our thoughts and best wishes to all Pete's family and friends.



Lizzie Morris with 'Doddy' and Norman Wisdom

including Sir Paul McCartney, Jimmy Tarbuck – and Ken Dodd who was moved to refer to Lizzie as “The best damn PR girl I ever met!” A talented, vivacious and elegant lady, Lizzie will be fondly remembered by her friends, the local community, her daughter Anna, partner JC and two young granddaughters Grace and Peony.

Elizabeth Ann Morris passed away on 10 October after a number unforeseen challenges. One of five children, Lizzie was adopted at an early age and grew up in Corby. She raised millions of pounds for charities over the years as a professional fundraiser, including the set up and launch of the Rocking Horse Appeal for Liverpool's Alder Hey Children's Hospital, raising millions to build a facility close to the hospital (Ronald McDonald House) that housed parents of terminally ill patients. She managed to get a number of celebrities involved,

Village charity quiz

Ant Licquorish's popular Village Charity Quiz made a welcome return to the Village Hall Annex on 23 October. Thirteen teams competed in a close fought contest that saw just three points separating the top three teams. Well done to the victors, 'Little Shop of Horrors' and thanks to everyone who came along and helped organise.

The quiz raised a fabulous £300 for the [Captain Tom Foundation](#). The next quiz will hopefully be held in April 2022, for Corby MIND.

Meet the alpacas

September's 'Meet the Alpacas' Coffee Morning raised an amazing £1,613.27 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Massive thanks to everyone who supported the event, from Tracey and Jon Hinton, and of course the stars of the day – Alan, Snowy, Kuzco, Biscuit and Humphrey.



29 Nov–3 Dec, Village Store

Xmas Craft Sale for The Mill



The Mill team are holding a Christmas themed sale in the room above the village shop from 9am to 1pm each day from Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December.

Most of the items have been designed and made by our growing group of volunteer 'Crafty Millers', and range from cute tree decorations to elf gonks and cuddly toys.

All proceeds will go to [The Mill Community Hub](#) project.

Tue 14 Dec, 6pm

Carols by Candlelight at Cottingham School



Villagers are invited to come along to Cottingham CofE Primary School for an evening of festivities in the school playground, with singing from the children of the school and the Valley Voice Choir. Please use the playground entrance on Mill Road.

There'll be luxury hot drinks and sweet treats available to purchase, along with a fabulous raffle and a selection of home made gift stalls.



Church services

12 Dec, 10.30am, Cottingham Church

Service with Dawn and James Watkins

24 Dec, 11.30pm, East Carlton Church
Midnight Mass

25 Dec, 9.30am, Cottingham Church
Christmas morning service

The Parochial Church Council has made the difficult decision not to host the services that attract large crowds inside the Church this year. This decision was made thoughtfully and with the best intentions and interests of the community we want to keep safe, with an eye on the continuing threat from Covid.

However, as shown on this page, there are still plenty of Christmas events for you to get involved with in the villages.

The Church will also be open every day from 20–24 December, from 10am–4pm, so the community has access for the whole of Christmas week.

Christmas with Valley Voice

Join Valley Voice to hear and sing along with some of your favourite carols.



Sat 4 Dec, 10.30am: Coffee and Carols at Great Easton Village Hall.

Fri 10 Dec: Carols in the Welland Valley, details TBA.

Tue 14 Dec, 6pm: Carols by Candlelight, Cottingham School (details on left)

Fri 17 Dec: Carols around the villages, starting at East Carlton Cricket Club at 6.30pm, followed by Middleton Pocket Park on Main Street at 7.45pm and the Royal George, Cottingham at 8.30pm.

See the choir's [Facebook page](#) or their website at valleyvoicechoir.wordpress.com for the latest details and timings.

Christmas Eve Nativity Walk

This Christmas Eve, the organisers are looking forward to staging a refreshed and reinvigorated Nativity Walk around Cottingham and Middleton, drawing on talents and skills from our whole community.



They're looking for performers, musicians, sound and lighting technicians (think amplifiers, microphones, lighting and keyboards) as well as marshalls to look after villagers' safety en route.

All ages are welcome to take part and you don't need to be a professional in any of these roles, you just need a basic knowledge, have equipment you're willing to operate or lend, and be keen to be part of bringing this popular village celebration back with a bang.

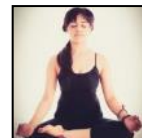
If you'd like to contribute or take part in any way, large or small, please contact **Angela Preston-Jones** on **07594 682671** or email p.j55@btinternet.com as soon as possible.

Thanks everyone. Don't be shy!

The Nativity Walk Team

Hatha Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are now taking place every Wednesday at the Village Hall Annex at 6pm. These 1.5 hour, beginner friendly classes cost £7 a session (£3 for under 18s). If you'd like to come along, please message **Amanda** on **07869 892758**, or Instagram [@yogaincorby](#). If you have any injuries or medical concerns, please speak with your doctor before coming.



Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**
www.northants.police.uk
PC 820 Brad Wilson, PCSO 7030
Chris Asante-Ampaduh
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Highways issues, North Northants Council, northamptonshire.gov.uk, search for 'Street Doctor'

Street lighting, North Northants Council, customerfirst.cbc@northnorthants.gov.uk

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Village Store and Café, **770097**
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Rockingham Forest Wheelers
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New Cottingham FC
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Royal George Golf Society
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East Carlton Health Walking Group
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