



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the Spring edition of Cottingham and Middleton News.

As you may know, the village

newsletter is written and brought to your door by a team of volunteers, and we'd like to welcome Jean Wilkins to the delivery team for Cottingham.



The Queen is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee in June, and there are

lots of activities planned in and around the villages for you to get involved with. For the latest details, see cottinghamnews.co.uk/jubilee, or see the dedicated [Facebook page](#) – search for 'Cottingham and Middleton Jubilee'

Regards,



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Cottingham Alpacas

The Cottingham Alpacas now have their very own [Facebook group](#)! Search for 'Alpacas of Cottingham'.

As it's nearly Easter, we'd like to say hello and welcome to some of Cottingham's Spring babies.

The lambs frolicking in the field on Corby Road are causing much fascination for the alpacas in the neighbouring field, there's a new Highland calf in Steve Morphy's field on Rockingham Road, and the goats up at Ganders Farm on Rockingham Road have given birth to 36 kids

Ganders Goat are delighted to confirm that homes have happily been found for all the baby boy goats – some have gone to Windmill Farm Park to become racing goats, some to a farm school across the Valley and some are on holiday to Wicksteed Park's new farm attraction.

From...The Village Store & Café

We are pleased to announce that, having appointed a Cottingham resident, Amy Martin, on a three month contract, we will now be able to extend our end of week opening hours.

From 21 April, the shop will be open from 8am to 4pm Thursday to Saturday. Sunday to Wednesday hours will stay as they are currently, closing at 1pm.

We welcome and appreciate our regular customers who collect their papers, milk, bread and groceries in the morning. The café is open throughout the day, both on the ground floor and upstairs. There's space to meet up with friends and business colleagues, with free wifi access throughout the building.

People working permanently and temporarily in the villages can order lunchtime rolls, refreshments and drinks to eat in or take away. Our younger residents will always be welcome in the shop when they get off the school buses at the end of the school day. We stock lots of chocolate, sweets, snacks and biscuits. And we continue to cater for walkers, cyclists, residents and visitors by providing hot and cold food and home made cakes.

We are selling a cup of tea or coffee on average every eight minutes and bacon and egg baps or sausage rolls every 20 minutes. Our average footfall is around 70 people a day and we now have the capacity to increase this with our additional opening hours.

We can only do this effectively though if we have volunteers to support Alison Jones, Bernie Kane and Amy Martin. I know we are always asking for more volunteers, but we really can't provide the community with the services we want to without your help – even for an irregular hour or two every so often. Please step forward and use your unique skills for the benefit of the community!

Contact the shop on **01536 770097**, email cottinghamshop@gmail.com.



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George West-Robinson (Chair)
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Next meetings

Wed 4 May, 7pm
Wed 1 June, 7pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

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Next meetings

Tue 17 May, 7.30pm
Tue 21 June, 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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What are the signs? *From Cottingham Parish Council*

You will have seen (hopefully!) the speed indicator signs that flash up as you enter Cottingham via Corby Road or Rockingham Road.

These signs are owned and maintained by Cottingham Parish Council and, on a roughly quarterly basis, we download and summarise data from them. You can find quarterly summaries and an annual report for 2021 on our website at www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk/speed-reports.

The reports seem to show that most drivers are observing the 30mph limit when entering the village, but many are ignoring the limit when exiting, especially on Corby Road, with almost half (44–48%) of drivers leaving the village on Corby Road exceeding the 30mph limit. There is some evidence of excessive speeding here too, with one driver reaching 91mph at 3pm in the afternoon and, overall, compliance with the speed limit has steadily dwindled over the year.

The Parish Council is in discussion with Northants Police to see if there is anything in our data which can support them with traffic speed enforcement.

The Parish Council's Road Safety Group, comprising two parish councillors, the Parish Council Clerk and a representative from North Northants Council, liaises with the Council's wardens and, on village walkabouts, raises points of concern directly with the wardens, for action and follow up by the safety group.

The group has also recently liaised with Cottingham CofE Primary School regarding a new advisory "slow down school" speed sign, which is being installed on Mill Lane on the approach to the school from Bringhurst.

This sign, like the two speed indicator signs, will be owned and maintained by the Parish Council. The procurement of these signs was covered by grants that the Parish Council was able to obtain, at no cost to the Parish Council or villagers.

The Parish Council and Road Safety Group would be interested to hear any views you may have on the speed reports, the speed signs or any other aspects of road safety. Please contact the Parish Clerk, details on the left.



Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan

Cottingham's Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted following the referendum on 17 June, which returned a majority YES vote, with 303 villagers voting YES and 23 voting NO. The turnout was 40.9%. This means the Plan is now accepted and it is due to be ratified by Northants County Council any time now.

A massive thank you to Cottingham Parish Council for the tremendous amount of dedication and hard work that went into preparing this plan. And thanks too to all the villagers who helped with the plan, and everyone who turned out to vote. A great team effort!



Middleton Parish Council

Middleton Parish Council (MPC) has secured a £3,180 grant from the North Northants Pathfinder Flood Defence Team to provide the village with 24 metres of flood defence barriers, following the flooding that occurred on The Hill in Middleton in December 2020.

The NOAQ Boxwall system is a mobile self-anchoring flood barrier that creates a dam for water up to a height of 50cm. Huge thanks to Rockingham Wheelers, who have agreed to store the barriers behind their club house on Ashley Road.

There is still one vacancy on MPC. If you're interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact MPC Clerk **Justina Medwell** (details on the left) or Chair **Sian Coughlan** on **07774 852478**, email sian_coughlan@hotmail.com.



In memory

Pauline Lenton sadly passed away on 7 February, aged 85. Born in Exton in 1937 and raised in Wilbarston, Pauline moved to Cottingham when she married and lived in the village for 56 years. She raised three children – Sharon, Nigel and Lesley – and used to help her husband Butch, a well known local character, run a mobile shop in the village. Pauline loved her family and was very proud of her three children, her four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Anita 'Joy' Ball, who was secretary and Bursar at Cottingham School for 37 years from 1970 to 2007, passed away suddenly on 24 February after a short illness. She was surrounded by loving family at home in the last weeks.

Joy, who was married to former Cottingham School headmaster Glyn Ball for 60 years, successfully transferred the school from School Lane to the current location in the early '70s and, in the '80s, implemented the school district's computerised accounting system, which became an example for other schools in the district. She was always there for children needing medical help and enjoyed using her skills developed in nursing during the '50s. Her support of the arts was

shown in the village during panto season, being part of the make-up team.

Joy's sons Glyn and Matthew say that, looking through the retirement well wishes from children and teachers brought smiles to their faces as they captured her so well: "Mrs Ball can tell you anything you don't know", "I remember that she smiled at me on my first day of school", "I will never forget the first time I met her" and "we are going to miss you", to name but a few. An avid gardener, artist, seamstress and traveller, Joy is dearly missed by friends and family.

The family is supporting the [Marie Curie Foundation](#), who provided critical at home care and end of life support to Joy during her final weeks, if you'd like to make a donation.

Also, if you or a loved one are facing an end of life illness and would like advice regarding preparation and execution of palliative at-home care, please reach out to Matthew Ball at mattbotak@yahoo.com. "There was much we learned going through this process and would be more than happy to share our experiences to ensure correct level of support is provided to you or your loved one," says Matthew.



John Muir sadly passed away on 21 January, aged 77. John was born in Paisley, Scotland, the youngest of eight children and, in his usual humorous way, said that when his mother saw him she declared he was 'the one she'd been waiting for!'

He did well at school but was disappointed that he wasn't allowed to take part in sport because of his asthma, something he made up for in later years playing 5-a-side football and golf.

After working in Scotland for the Co-Op, he joined his brother in Corby in 1968, first working at Corby Steelworks, where he met his wife Lynette, then for Corby Development Corporation, followed by

Corby District Council as a Court Officer in the legal department.

He was married to Lynette for over 50 years and they had two sons, Edward and Adam. His friends in the village and the wider community meant a lot to him and he worked hard in everything he was involved in, including the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee. His stewardship at the Methodist Chapel was especially important to him, where he supported members and friends. Along with Lynette, he led the youth club for over 15 years and was a member of a Methodist support charity for 25 years.

He was very kind and supportive of family and friends, with a lovely sense of humour and a bright outlook. He loved being part of the village community. His family has had wonderful support from everyone who knew him and were made very proud by the attendance at his funeral.

Fundraising focus



Ro Freeman recently walked the 13 mile Rutland Spring Half Marathon, together with her regular walking buddy Sarah Palmer, and has raised over £2,000 for Prostate Cancer UK to boot. Well done ladies!

Molly Jones and her grandad **David White** are climbing



Snowdon in June to raise money for Lakelands Hospice, in memory of Molly's Great Nan (David's mum), **Edna White**, late of Cottingham.

"I'm fundraising for Lakelands to give something back and help other families that are in need of the care that was given to my Nan, as I know the money would go to great use," says Molly.

"Any donations would be greatly appreciated, to go towards the wonderful service Lakelands Hospice provides for end of life care."

You can donate online at gofundme.com/f/sz27bm.



The two sell-out Italian wine tasting evenings held for The Mill in March and April raised a fantastic £1,108 for The Mill Community Hub project. Massive thanks to the organisers, our resident sommeliers Glynn and Brian, and everyone who came along to support the events.

What's On

For latest events, see cottinghamnews.co.uk

Sat 23 April, 6.30 for 7pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Ant Licquorish's St George's Day Village Charity Quiz is in aid of Corby Mind. Orders for food (fish or chicken and chips) are closed, but you can bring your own food, and the cost is £5 each. There is no bar so please bring your own drinks too. If you'd like to come along, please let Ant know on **771062**, or email him at ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com.

Sat 28 May, 10am

Marigold Day, St Mary Magdalene

The Church is holding a Marigold Day to give the Church a good Spring clean on 28 May. There will be cakes and refreshments for helpers and any help would be very gladly received. For more information, please contact **Angela Preston-Jones** on **772297**, or email her on p.j55@btinternet.com

Royal George

The Royal George pub is back open on Blind Lane with an amazing new menu (Thursday to Monday), live music some Saturday evenings and a quiz night every Monday starting at 8pm. The quiz costs £1 per person for teams of up to six people, with a special quiz night menu being served from 5.45pm to 7.30pm (last orders 7.15pm). Booking is essential, so please contact the pub on **660505**.



Safari Bar re-open from 11 May

The Safari Bar at the VO Polo Club on Ashley Road, Middleton will be back open from 11 May. There'll be live polo with drinks and Chukka burgers on Wednesdays and a full evening menu on Fridays, together with live jazz from 9pm (£2 surcharge). Booking is essential for Fridays. See thesafaribar.co.uk or call **01536 639018**.



Green bin collection – consultation

North Northants Council is consulting on the harmonisation of garden waste collection services across the area. This is likely to result in a charge for green bin collection, and potentially collection during the growing season only. **Deadline for comments 17 April**.

Veterans Tea at Cottingham School

Mon 23 May, 1.45pm

As part of their Jubilee celebrations, Cottingham CofE Primary School would like to invite veterans from the local community to attend a Veterans Afternoon Tea. This free event will be held in school, and veterans will be served afternoon tea by the children and enjoy music from the choir.

If you'd like to come along, or know someone who may be interested, please pass on these details and let **Carolynn Southcombe** know as soon as possible, or by Friday 6 May latest, by emailing admin@cottinghamprimary.co.uk or by calling her on **771391**.



Corby Pole Fair, Fri 3 June

This unique tradition takes place in Corby once every 20 years, Corby will be reliving many of the old traditions and there'll also be lots of entertainment and community activities to enjoy. For the latest information, see madewithmany.org/event/corby-pole-fair-2022.



Village Jubilee weekend Thur 2 – Sun 5 June

Thur 2 June

Jubilee at the Royal George, 4pm to 8pm
Beacon Lighting in the field next to The Dale, 9.45pm

Fri 3 June

Service at Cottingham Church, time TBC
Afternoon tea with the Alpacas, 1pm to 3pm

Sat 4 June – Street Parties

Join with your neighbours and arrange your own street parties to celebrate the Jubilee

Sun 5 June, 12 noon to 6pm
The Big Lunch, Cottingham School Field

A true village celebration! There'll be live music, dancing, bouncy castles, ice creams and lots more. Bring your own picnic and please feel free to enter into the spirit by wearing 1950s clothing!

More information at cottinghamnews.co.uk/jubilee, or see the dedicated [Facebook page](#) – search for 'Cottingham and Middleton Jubilee'.



Useful Contacts

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Rockingham Forest Wheelers
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East Carlton Health Walking Group
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