



# Cottingham and Middleton News

## Summer 2022

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## Jubilee Special



Welcome to the Summer edition of Cottingham and Middleton News.

We are delighted to bring you this

Jubilee Special in full colour, and I'd like to thank Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils for funding the printing of this.

While I'm on this subject, a few villagers have questioned whether we should continue printing the newsletter, given that many people now read it online.

The Parish Councils and I have considered this, and we are agreed that, as not everyone has internet access and some people find it difficult to read things on screen, printing of the newsletter remains necessary to ensure we can continue to reach every member of our community with village news.

Also, even though we are becoming more and more immersed in an electronic world, many villagers do tell us they still like to receive a paper copy, and often keep it handy for reference until the next issue arrives.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Regards,

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## National teaching award for village school administrator



Cottingham CofE Primary School Administrator Carolynn Southcombe has been named as one of 80 Pearson National Teaching Award Silver Award winners across the country.

She has been honoured with a Silver Award for 'Unsung Hero', recognising her outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children she works with every day.

Carolynn, who has worked at Cottingham School for 20 years, is focused on making her school a happy and vibrant place. She regularly supports children and their families with regards to anxiety,

self-esteem and behaviour, leads the pupil 'Magnificent Minds' group and takes weekly yoga sessions for the children.

Carolynn has also raised thousands of pounds for the school through sponsored walking challenges, and other charities, including the British Heart Foundation and Breast Cancer UK, have also benefited from her support.

Carolynn has now been shortlisted to win one of just 16 Gold Awards later in the year.

Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi said: "Congratulations to Carolynn on this incredible achievement, and for the hard work and dedication which led up to it. Winning this award is impressive, well deserved and shows Carolynn's commitment to helping students achieve their full potential."



## Sign of the times

Ro Freeman, Sarah Palmer and Ali Freestone recently recreated this fab picture for the Jubilee, 22 years on from when the village sign was erected for the Millennium!



**Usain St. Leo Bolt** @usainbolt · 3h  
Awww 🙏🇯🇲

**Cottingham CofE** @CottinghamCofE · 5h  
Representing Jamaica today! @thecgf @usainbolt @PDET\_MAT

## Usain Bolt shares Cottingham Primary School Tweet!

Cottingham CofE Primary School took part in the Corby, Oundle and Thrapston school athletics tournament at Rockingham Triangle recently and, to celebrate the 2022 Commonwealth, all schools represented a country.

Cottingham School, representing Jamaica, were absolutely thrilled to have one of their Tweets retweeted by none other than Jamaican sprinting legend Usain Bolt, with the caption 'Awww' along with the folded hands and Jamaican flag emojis.

Usain St Leo Bolt has 4.8 million followers on Twitter, and you can check out his Twitter feed at [twitter.com/usainbolt](https://twitter.com/usainbolt).





## Parish Councils

### Cottingham



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**Next meeting**  
Wed 6 July, 7pm

[www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk](http://www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk)

### Middleton

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**Next meetings**  
Tue 19 July, 7.30pm  
Tue 20 Sep, 7.30pm

[www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk](http://www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk)

### Church thanks

St Mary Magdalene Church would like to thank everyone who helped spring clean the church on Marigold Day (28 May) and those who brought flowers and plants to decorate the Church for the Jubilee.

### Willow Kitchen Project

Cottingham CofE Primary School is looking for sponsors or practical support (plumbing, carpentry, electrics, decorating etc) to replace an adult sized kitchen at the school with a bespoke facility where the children can enjoy cooking and food preparation, and learn new skills in a clean, safe environment.



If you can help, please email Head Teacher **Ashley Scott** on [head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk), or call him on 771391.

### Ganders Goats go solar

Ganders Farm are well on the way to becoming a Net Zero business, with solar power now being used to make ice cream, milk goats and charge cars! The farm also now offers camping and goat walking. See their website at [gandersgoat.com](http://gandersgoat.com) for details.

## Making history

*A view from George West-Robinson, Chair, Cottingham Parish Council*

The call for towns and parishes across the UK to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee saw our community rise rather well to the occasion!

Over the long weekend, we **enacted** and also **made** history, and I'm sure that many of us, and hopefully some of the youngsters, will one day reflect and reminisce: "Do you remember...seeing our horseshoe beacon ablaze with the sun setting over the valley, sitting with our neighbours at tables in the street, picnicking in the Village Hall Annex to dodge the rain, with music from local performers piped in from outside?"

And on the theme of enacting and making history, on 18 May we made history by enacting a 450 year old democratic right to hold an Annual Parish Meeting. This isn't a parish council meeting – parish councils didn't exist until 1894 – but a legacy from the Middle Ages where residents of communities would congregate to share news and stories about what their year had been like.

At our modern version of it, we heard news and accounts from 15 individuals, groups and organisations who undertake activities for the benefit and wellbeing of our community – our Community Shop, St Mary Magdalene Church, Valley Voice Choir, the Mill Community Hub project, the Village Hall Management Committee, the Footpath Warden, the owners of the Cottingham Alpacas, the village maintenance contractor, the village newsletter and website editor, East Carlton Walking Group, the Copyholders, Friends of Green Spaces (FroGS), Parish Council and Clerk, and the Welland Valley WI.

Other people representing community related activity – such as the school, the hosts of the Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group and the proprietors of the Royal George – were unable to make it this year, but it's hoped that they, and any of you interested in taking part, will come along next year.

It was an inspirational evening, and one which I think all of us will look back on with the realisation that we experienced something special, and probably made a little bit of history. All the inputs and reports are being collated for posting to the Parish Council website shortly.

## Jubilee photo special





Over the long Bank Holiday weekend (Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June), Cottingham and Middleton villagers came together to celebrate a once in a lifetime event, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Kicking off on Thursday with street food and live music at the Royal George, at 9.45pm villagers gathered in the field next to the Dale to see our Jubilee beacon set alight to a trumpet fanfare, against the backdrop of a crescent moon and the sun setting over the valley. On Friday, the Church bells rang out to herald in the day before a 10am Church Service and afternoon tea and cake with the Cottingham Alpacas.

Saturday saw street parties taking place across the villages. Then, on Sunday, torrential rain threatened to scupper plans for the Big Feast on the recreation field, but the Jubilee Committee quickly stepped in to set up the Village Hall Annex so villagers could picnic inside and still enjoy music from local performers, playing live in the outside marquee.

Huge thanks must go to our Parish Councils and a whole host of villagers for making these celebrations so memorable. You can find a full list of thankyou's and a link to our Jubilee photo gallery, with lots more photos, on the village website at [cottinghamnews.co.uk/Jubilee2022](http://cottinghamnews.co.uk/Jubilee2022).







## William Riddell Trust

Grants are available from the William Riddell Educational Trust, established almost 400 years ago in 1727, for Middleton residents aged 25 years and under to assist with the costs associated with learning a trade, profession or for further education after leaving school.

If you'd like to apply for a grant, please write to Richard Bamford, 46 Main Street, Middleton, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 8YU, giving your date of birth and explaining the

circumstance and requirements, before **1 September 2022**.

Pictured above (left to right) at William Riddell's grave in Cottingham Churchyard are Trustees Sarah Sharman, Richard Bamford, Charles Freestone, Lynn Carson and Jonathan Haddock.

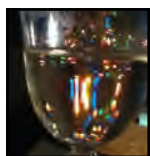
## Veterans' Tea

As part of their Jubilee celebrations, on 23 May Cottingham CofE Primary School invited veterans to a free afternoon tea, served by the children, with entertainment from Valley Voice and the school choir.



## Sat 10 September Village Wine Safari

The Cottingham and Middleton Wine Safari is back for 2022. Please save the date.



## Charity quiz

The winners of Ant Licquorish's St George's Day charity quiz were, rather appropriately, 'The Dragons', who took first place along with a voucher for afternoon tea worth £35.

Many thanks to all who attended and also those who helped make the event a success, including Karen, George, Pat, Alastair (marker), Beryl and her raffle team.

A total of £240 was raised for Corby MIND, who were represented on the night by a team of three.

The next quiz is planned for **Saturday 29 October**. The charity is still under discussion.

## Top of the Box!

Check out this lovely hand crocheted postbox topper that appeared on Main Street, Middleton, complete with an alpaca, hand pump and village signpost.

A real work of art!



## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**  
[www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)  
PC 820 Brad Wilson, PCSO 7030  
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Safer Corby Team, for reporting anti-social behaviour  
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Safer Corby Partnerships Officer  
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North Northants Council  
Street lighting, environmental issues, highways etc  
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The Mill Community Hub  
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St Mary Magdalene Church  
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## Clubs and Groups

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Royal George Golf Society  
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East Carlton Cricket Club  
Marion Goodman

East Carlton Health Walking Group  
David Grayson, **772565**

Join village email list  
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## From...The Village Store & Café

The village shop shareholders held a successful and generally positive AGM on 7 June. Both Parish Councils were represented and agreed to forward any information on grants that might apply to us. We had offers to help improve our Facebook presence and to explore organising craft events in the upstairs room.

The shop continues to be just viable after the Covid grants, and we will assess the impact of the longer opening times soon. We still need many more volunteers to open longer going forward. Thanks to everyone who is in any way involved with keeping the shop open.

A reminder that the shop and café are currently open from 8am to 1pm Monday to Wednesday, 8am to 4pm Thursday to Saturday, and 9am to 1pm Sundays.

Contact the shop on **01536 770097**, email [cottinghamshop@gmail.com](mailto:cottinghamshop@gmail.com).

