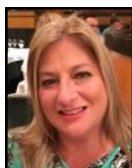




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On 8 September, the nation was deeply saddened by the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. On

page 2, you can read how our Parish Councils joined forces to prepare and plan for this occasion, along with a round up of the commemorative activities that took place in the villages.

I'd like to say thank you and welcome to Neil Campbell, who has kindly agreed to take over from Liz and Richard Allen as newsletter distributor in Middleton. During their time in the village, Liz and Richard have supported our community in so many ways and they will be sadly missed. We wish them all the very best for the future.

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Regards,

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Village pebbles

There are lots of painted pebbles hidden throughout our beautiful villages. Why not see if you can find one? When you do, pick it up and take it home then, when you're ready, hide it somewhere else. Or why not create a new pebble of your own to hide?

Happy hunting!

National recognition for Ganders Goat



More great news from [Ganders Goat](#) on Rockingham Road! Hot on the heels of being named Northants Sustainable Business of the Year in the national SME (small to medium sized enterprise) Awards, they recently appeared on mainstream national TV when comedian Rosie Jones (pictured right) visited the farm with rapper Lady Leshur to milk a goat and try some ice cream making, as part of a visit to Northamptonshire for her Channel 4 TV series, 'Trip Hazard'. Congratulations to Ian and Lauren – it's so great to see this fantastic local business going from strength to strength.



From...The Village Store & Café

Thank you to all our staff and customers who have supported us over the summer.

Sales have been generally good. However, as the trialled Thursday to Saturday longer opening hours have proved not to be commercially viable, we are back to opening 8am to 1pm Monday to Saturday, and 9am to 1pm on Sundays.

We are keen to welcome anyone into our warm space in the mornings as the temperature cools. Grab a drink and socialise, or watch the world go by. There is lots of space to bring a laptop and work upstairs for a change of scene, and reduce your home heating costs.

Following requests from customers, we now have four historical village scenes as postcards to purchase in the shop, for just 50p each.



We are now part of the [North Northants Sustainable Food Network](#) which aims to protect the environment and reduce food waste. We source all our meat from local farms, sell jams, marmalades and honey made by local producers and buy milk from the local Pensworth Dairy. Local allotment holders also donate their excess seasonal produce to the shop, so nothing goes to waste.

Donations into the Air Ambulance Service collection tin we've had on the counter have totalled an amazing £2,210 since 2012. Thank you to everyone who has donated – it just goes to show that every penny really does count!

We are still critically short of volunteers and trying to cover our paid staff's leave is very difficult. Please come forward if you can spare a couple of hours. We cannot stay open without you.

You can contact the shop on **01536 770097**, email cottinghamshop@gmail.com



Sid's Fruit and Veg Van visits every Thursday, stopping outside the shop at 10am and then outside Rockingham Wheelers on Ashley Road, Middleton, at 11.15am.



Farrells Fish van stops outside the shop on Wednesdays, from 12 noon to 12.30pm.

Rita the Refill Roadster stops outside the shop every other Thursday from 11.45am to 1pm, offering sustainable alternatives to everyday items like toothbrushes, razors and kitchen sponges, and zero waste refills of dry foods and household liquids, dispensed by weight into customers' own containers.



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Next meetings

Wed 5 Oct, 7pm
Wed 2 Nov, 7pm

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Stuart Appleby
Alan Cole
Teresa Denton
Marie Thomas

Next meetings

Tue 18 Oct, 7.30pm
Tue 15 Nov, 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

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

Operation London Bridge – putting plans into action

From Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils

Following the recent passing of our Queen, we, your two Parish Council Chairs, thought you may be interested to know about the behind the scenes planning that went on in relation to this internationally significant event.

It was back in October 2021 when we first received an official and highly confidential plan entitled 'Operation London Bridge', which included procedures for the announcement of Her Majesty's death, the period of official mourning and her State Funeral. For us at Parish Council level, this was the first time we'd been involved, but the plan was actually created in the 1960s and has been revised three times a year, with the Queen's full involvement, until, sadly, it was implemented on 8 September 2022.

For our part, we decided early on to form a joint team of Parish Councillors and Clerks to work together on our own version of Operation London Bridge. We complied with all the requirements of the national plan – including strict rules on when the village flag should be lowered to half mast – tailoring it to our own community, facilities, geography and so on.

Little did we know when our plan was adopted by Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils in July 2022 that we would have the immensely sad duty of implementing it quite so soon.

RIP dear lady. We feel so pleased that our Late Queen was able to celebrate her 70th Jubilee in June, and that we in our community played our small but memorable part in that celebration. For decades and centuries to come, we have no doubt that history will show you were a most special monarch and a unique human being.

Sian Coughlan and George West-Robinson

Thanks to everyone who came together to mark this historic occasion, including the village shop for hosting the Book of Condolence, the team at St Mary Magdalene for sounding the bells and the wonderful service of commemoration, Rachel Raj for making the Parish Council wreaths, Mike Curtis and Jimmy Brogan for managing the raising and lowering of the flag, and all the villagers who turned out for the King's Proclamation on 11 September, ably delivered by Cllrs Andy Mackie (Cottingham) and Sian Coughlan (Middleton), with the National Anthem played by Jane Smith on soprano sax.



Planning and development

Cottingham Methodist Church. The planning application for change of use and conversion of Cottingham Methodist Church into a two-bedroomed residential dwelling has been **approved**. The windows and the exterior of the building will be unchanged and a more detailed internal layout plan is now available on North Northants Council's planning portal.

Dwelling and Forest School, Corby Road. The planning application for the erection of a residential dwelling with rooms for the running of the existing Blossoms Nursery and Forest School on land south of Corby Road (opposite the entrance to Millfield Avenue) has been **refused** on the basis that the proposed dwelling is in the countryside, outside of the settlement boundary for Cottingham village, without an exceptions justification.

Ashley Road appeal hearings. The July appeal hearings to consider the planning appeals for the traveller sites at Oakley Park, land to the south of Oakley Park and Peasdale Hill were commenced but then adjourned by the Planning Inspector, due to not all parties having all the documentation required to allow a fair hearing for all parties involved. New dates are being scheduled and are likely to be in December. We will inform you of the confirmed dates as soon as they are available.

In memory

John Orton of Main Street, Middleton sadly passed away on 18 July, aged 66, following a short illness. John served as a firefighter in Leicester for 32 years and was a generous, caring man who devoted his life to others. He supported numerous local charities as well as village fundraising activities, and we will remember him fondly in his red top hat and high-vis jacket at the Christmas Nativity Walk, and spinning the discs as DJ at village events and parties.



More than 200 people, including two fire engines and a guard of honour from Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, turned out to celebrate John's life at Countesthorpe Crematorium, and donated almost £2,000 towards [The Firefighters Charity](#). Paula would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. "It will go to look after those presently serving and those retired colleagues and their families in times of need," says Paula. "I am so blessed to have been John's wife for 43 years and to have so many amazing friends. Thanks again for your kind words and support."

Dick Pollard ('Judge Dick') formerly of Cannam House in Middleton, sadly passed away suddenly in July, aged 81. Described by his peers as 'a guiding light in the judiciary' and 'a man of integrity', Judge Dick will be fondly remembered by villagers as a larger than life character, and for the many parties he and Angela held at their home. May he rest in peace.



Police update

There has been a recent spate of thefts of BT cabling in North Northants (including the Geddington area), which have left hundreds of homes without a landline and in some cases broadband connection for considerable periods, before BT could rectify the problems. In North Luffenham, the thieves even got hold of a decommissioned Open Reach van and fluorescent jackets to strip away the cabling, so no-one suspected any wrongdoing. If you see anything suspicious revolving around BT or Open Reach activity, please report this to the Police using the normal channels.



Please take 5-10 minutes to complete the annual Neighbourhood **Watch Crime and Community Survey** at surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWCCS2022. The survey is open to everyone, regardless of whether you are a Neighbourhood Watch member or not. The survey closes on 26 October and you could be in with a chance to win a £25 Amazon

Born in the USA! On the ancestry trail in Cottingham



Kathy Kober and her husband Jeff came all the way from Florida to visit Cottingham in the summer, after Kathy had traced her family history back to the 1600s in the village.



Kathy is related to the Coles, Vickers, Claypole and Loveday families, but is particularly interested in William Coles (pictured above) who raised her grandmother Viola May Coles after Viola's parents died in the flu epidemic of 1918. By age 23, William had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and emigrated to the USA.

You can see Kathy's family tree, more information and some lovely images of Kathy's visit to Cottingham on the village website. If anyone has any pictures or genealogy information about the above families, Kathy would love to hear from you. You can email her at kkober6@gmail.com.

School Governor vacancy



Cottingham CofE Primary School has a vacancy for either a Community or Church Governor.

If you're interested, there is a role description on the [village website](#), or contact Head Teacher **Ashley Scott** on 771391, email A.Scott@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Ashes locket found



An ashes locket has been found in Cottingham, near the gate into East Carlton. If you know who it may

belong to, please contact Jane Smith (details on front page).

Royal George

The Royal George pub is now offering themed dining on Wednesday evenings. So far there's been mussels, curry Portuguese, French and Italian food on the menu. Monday to Thursday, they're offering free dining for Under 13s and 20% off lunches for the Over 65s. There's also live music some Saturday evenings. Keep an eye on the pub's [Facebook page](#) for the latest information.



From Middleton Parish Council

We have placed new signage on the gates to the footpath from The Hill to East Carlton Park, asking you politely to keep to the footpath and keep all dogs on a lead. A similar sign has been placed on the gate as you leave the Park to come back into the village along this footpath.

This footpath crosses farmland where we have recently had a spate of livestock worry incidents with dogs out of control, off the lead. While we understand that these dogs may not be owned by villagers, we would ask you please to ensure your dogs are kept on the lead along this footpath, setting an example to all other dog owners who may not be so aware of the Countryside Code. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

What's On

For latest events, see cottinghamnews.co.uk

Tue 4 October, 9.30am–12.30pm

Mobile flu jab clinic, Cottingham

Thursfields Pharmacy is holding a mobile flu jab clinic at 22 Bancroft Road, Cottingham for anyone aged 50 and over, or anyone who struggles to get into Corby, for example if you are pregnant, a carer or have a disability or long term condition.

For more information, please see the [village website](#) or contact Carol on 07711 545470, or by email at carolm19@hotmail.co.uk



Sat 8 October, 12–2pm

Harvest Lunch, St Mary Magdalene

'Bring and Share' Harvest Lunch at the Church to celebrate and give thanks for harvest time.



Please contact Angela Preston Jones on 0759 4682671 or Mary Freestone on 771339 to let them know what you'd like to bring. Suggestions include loaves and butter, quiche, sausage rolls, cheeses, crackers, fruit, or whatever else you'd like to share.

Tea, coffee and juice will be provided and there will be a game or two for your entertainment.

On Sunday 9 October at 10.30am, there will also be a Harvest Songs of Praise at the Church.

With the cost of living crisis causing stress to so many, the Church is collecting cash and food donations for Corby Food Bank at both these events. Visit corby.foodbank.org.uk to find out what items are most needed.

Everyone welcome, including children.

Sat 15 Oct, 7.30pm

Yellow Dog, Village Hall Annex



The Yellow Dog Rhythm and Blues Band are playing live at

the Village Hall Annex in Cottingham, with all proceeds going to the Annex for essential maintenance and facility improvements.

There is a cash bar and tickets are £10 each, from Angela Ruthven on 07538 719032, email ang.ruthven@hotmail.co.uk.

Sat 29 October, 6.30 for 7pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Ant Licquorish's 'End of British Summertime' (BST) Village Charity Quiz will be in aid of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Tickets are £10 per head including a supper of fish, chicken or mushy peas and chips (vegetarian), or £5 if you'd prefer to bring your own food. There is no bar, so please bring your own drinks (including alcohol). Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

If you would like to bring a team or two, please contact Ant on ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com or on 771062 with your food order by Friday 14 October latest.

This quiz, Ant's 58th, marks exactly 30 years to the month since he first began these charity fundraising events, during which time he has raised nearly £50,000!

Sat 29 Oct, 7pm

Comedy night, East Carlton CC

Comedy night at East Carlton Cricket Club featuring Howard Walker, Mark Row and Kevin Daniel. Tickets are £10 from Pete Jinks on 07568 167873. Pay on the door.

Wed 23 Nov, 9.45am & 1.15pm

Cottingham School open day



If you're choosing a primary school place for 2023, Cottingham CofE Primary School welcomes you for a guided tour of the school. Children are welcome to come along too. Please call the school on 771391 for more details, or to RSVP.

Village Wine Safari

The annual village Wine Safari raised a fantastic £1,800 to be divided between The Mill Community Hub project and FROGS (Friends of Green Spaces) for planting bulbs and trees along the Jurassic Footpath in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and to welcome in our new King Charles III.

If you'd like to help with the planting, which will hopefully be in the Autumn, or would like to get involved in any way with next year's Safari, targeted for Summer 2023, please contact Ali Freestone by email on alisonfreestone15@gmail.com.



Useful Contacts

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Royal George Golf Society
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East Carlton Cricket Club
Marion Goodman

East Carlton Health Walking Group
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