



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the Autumn edition of Cottingham and Middleton News.

I'd like to give a big shout out to all the volunteers who regularly put in so much time and effort for our villages, often behind the scenes.

Within this newsletter, you can see some great examples of events and activities that simply wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of these dedicated people.

Thank you all for helping to make these villages such a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

If you'd like to get involved with any of these groups, there are contact details throughout the newsletter and on the back page.

I hope you enjoy this issue. And don't forget, if you'd like to be kept up to date with the latest village news between newsletters, you can sign up for the village email list on the village website at [cottinghamnews.co.uk/e-list](http://cottinghamnews.co.uk/e-list)

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### Village Fete raises £6,032

The heavens opened on 15 July, the day of the Village Fete, but undeterred, the organisers moved everything inside into the Village Hall Annex and School Hall, and more than 500 people braved the elements to attend and support the event.

Live entertainment was provided by the Welland Valley Voice Choir, Oh Brother! and Soundpost, and visitors enjoyed a range of stalls including food and drink, plants, home made crafts and preserves, a tombola and raffle which, together with the money raised from advertising in the Fete programme, netted £4,762 for The Mill Community Hub Project.

The ever popular tea and cake stall, run by volunteers from St Mary Magdalene Church, raised £470 towards church funds, and Cottingham Primary School PTFA provided games and entertainment for youngsters, raising £800 towards school funds.

This totals £6,032, which is a tremendous achievement, and the organisers would like to thank everyone for supporting the event, and the volunteers for their contributions and manning the stalls.



### Carolynn completes 100 mile walking challenge

Cottingham C of E Primary School bursar Carolynn Southcombe walked 100 miles over the Summer to raise £12,000 for the school and local children's mental health charity Service Six.

Carolynn presented Service Six CEO Emma Campion and her colleague Pep Finn with a cheque for £560 at a special assembly at the end of last term.

"We rely on donations and this one is massive for us," said Emma. "It will really help the young people we work with. We plan to use the money to buy arts and craft resources, games and toys, for the children and young people who come to our youth groups. We'd like to thank Carolynn and everyone at Cottingham School for their generous donation."



# Parish Councils

## Cottingham



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Mike Curtis  
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Andy Mackie  
Sue Morphy  
Tom Russell

### Next meetings

Wed 4 October, 7pm  
Wed 1 November, 7pm

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

## Middleton

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Sian Coughlan (Chair)  
Alan Cole (Vice Chair)  
Caroline Boucher  
Teresa Denton  
Marie Thomas

### Next meetings

Tue 12 September, 6.30pm  
Tue 10 October, 6.30pm

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

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

# From...The Village Store & Café

We'd like to thank our customers for their extra spend in the shop, and in some cases cash donations, in response to the article in the last village newsletter where we asked customers to consider buying an extra item in addition to just a newspaper to help meet the shop's increasing running costs. Your support is really appreciated.

Just a reminder that the shop uses, where possible, local suppliers of goods and you can place an order at the shop for Hambleton's Bakery goods delivered every Friday, Joseph Morris meats, pies, pates and even beef bones for your dogs, delivered several times a week, and Langley Farm dairy products delivered every Thursday.

Essential to the running of the shop and café, besides our lovely staff Alison and Berny, are our loyal and hardworking volunteers. In every newsletter, the Committee appeals for more volunteers to join the team with various degrees of success, but we do need more volunteers to provide cover for holiday leave and sickness, as without the volunteers there is no village shop.

If you're aged 16 years or over and can spare four hours on a weekly or an occasional basis, please consider volunteering. You don't need any retail experience and training will be provided. It's an opportunity to gain new skills and experience, meet new people and give something back to the community. Volunteering is also good to have on a CV or a university personal statement

If you can help or would like more information, please contact **Audrey Teodorini** on **07856 770857**, email [audreyteodorini@msn.com](mailto:audreyteodorini@msn.com), or give your contact details to a member of the shop staff.

## Volunteering for wildlife

Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust (LRWT) are looking for volunteers to help in their Egleton and Lyndon visitor centres, at the Rutland Water Nature Reserve.



**Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust**

LRWT's Matt Scase says: "Our volunteers at these centres provide a friendly face for visitors and engage with the public, telling them more about our learning, shopping, community events and activities. Full training will be given and you'll also receive a free annual permit to access Rutland Water Nature Reserve at any time, a volunteer uniform and invitations to social events throughout the year, as well as being part of a big family of volunteers who all dedicate their time to support nature's recovery."

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact **Matt Scase** on [mscase@lrwt.org.uk](mailto:mscase@lrwt.org.uk), **01572 720049** or **07951 702059**. For more information about the work of the trust, visit [LRWT.org.uk](http://LRWT.org.uk)

## Get Corby Moving

A local cycling and walking infrastructure plan is being developed for Corby, identifying a series of walking and cycling routes for Corby, and their prioritisation.

There are 6 cycling routes and 13 walking routes proposed,

A public consultation is now underway, ending on **27 September**.

To have your say, visit [corbytravel.commonplace.is](http://corbytravel.commonplace.is)

## Mobile Flu Jab Clinic, 2 October

Thursfields Pharmacy are offering a mobile flu jab clinic at 22 Bancroft Road, Cottingham on 2 October, from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 7pm.

The jab is free for anyone aged 65 and over, or if you are pregnant, a carer or have a disability or chronic long-term condition. For anyone aged 50 to 64 in good health, the flu jab costs £14.99, which is now standard across England. The mobile clinic has a card machine to take payments, and card payments are preferred please. However, if you want to pay by cash, please let Carol know (contact details below), so the clinic can make sure they have sufficient change.

No appointment is needed, but if you're planning to go along for the job, please text or WhatsApp **Carol** on **07711 545470**, so she can get an idea of numbers. Please also complete and take along the flu vaccination record form that you can get from the village website, the Village Store and Café, or from Carol directly.





## Can you dig it?

*Update from Cottingham FROGs, by George West-Robinson*

You may have noticed that FroGS (Friends of Green Spaces) have been busy clearing and planting the first bit of open ground folks see as they come into the village – the bank beside the winding path leading from Corby Road to Stonepit Drive.

This just goes to show that communities really can make a contribution towards conservation, protection, restoration and improvement of our precious green spaces.

We're also really keen to get local youngsters actively interested and involved, and we're very fortunate that Cottingham CofE Primary School's headteacher Ashley Scott and his team are also very committed to promoting education and activities focused on nature and the local environment. For the last few months, Bridget Wildman, one of FROGS' founder members, has been leading a joint project, working every week with the children on the school's allotment and garden. She now has DBS certification, and over the next year we hope to get our junior group 'Tadpoles' involved in more projects around the village, particularly in developing areas for pollinating insects and corridors for wildlife.

FroGS has several other plans and projects in the pipeline and is now actively linking with other like-minded organisations to share ideas, access resources and, hopefully, funding. If you'd like to join Cottingham FroGS, even if only to be kept updated on what we're up to, please let me have your name, email address and telephone number and I'll add you to our email list and, if you wish, our WhatsApp group.

**George West-Robinson**

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## Anyone for Pizza?

**LT Pizza** is offering freshly cooked takeaway pizzas from their



van on the car park of the former Spread Eagle pub, from 5-7pm Monday to Thursdays, 5-8pm Friday and Saturday, and 12 noon to 2.30pm on Sundays.

Pizzas are priced £14.40 to £14.90 each, or £6 for a pizza slice. The menu and more info is available at [www.ltpizza.co.uk](http://www.ltpizza.co.uk)

## Energy grants

Grants are available from the Government's **ECO4 Flex scheme** to help residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes and reduce energy bills.

Grants are available for people receiving certain benefits, who are on a household income of under £31,000 a year, aged over 65 or who are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of living in a cold home.

For more information, see the [North Northants Council website](#) (search for Northants Council Eco4).

## Mill update from the Board of Trustees

The Mill Community Hub Project has an overall remit to ensure the provision of future-proofed, sustainable community facilities for the villagers of Cottingham and Middleton.

Our long-term objective is the construction of a new community facility 'The Mill' on a piece of land known as the 'Village Acre', which is located next to the recreation field, down past the school as you head towards Bringhurst on Mill Road.

However, due to escalating construction costs and changes in funding criteria for new builds, it could be some years before this objective can be fully realised. And so the Mill Trustees have been considering how, in the interim, we can best ensure villagers have ongoing access to suitable community facilities where we can meet, gather and share experiences.

After much thought, we are agreed that our immediate focus needs to include maintaining and enhancing our existing village facilities and, under the overall umbrella of 'The Mill Community Hub Project', we are now actively working with our friends on the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) to make sure the current Village Hall Annex remains a viable facility for community use in the short to medium term. This includes making improvements to the premises and increasing bookings to maximise income.

We are also progressing with building the new car park that's included in the plans for the proposed new Mill Hub. Located on the Village Acre, this will have multiple benefits such as providing parking at school drop-off and pick-up times, parking for events and meetings at The Annex, and enabling greater use of the recreation field for sports.

At the Village Fete, we were pleased to be able to update villagers on our plans for the new car park and the Mill Project generally, which will include research to better understand what's needed from the existing facility and requirements for the new building. There was a steady flow of visitors eager to learn more and volunteer their support.

If you have any ideas or would like to play a part in the development of our community facilities, please contact us at [mail@themillhub.co.uk](mailto:mail@themillhub.co.uk) and don't forget to keep an eye on [themillhub.co.uk](http://themillhub.co.uk) for news and updates.

If you'd like to book the Village Hall Annex, please contact **Tom Russell** on **07806 784212**, email [thomas-russel@sky.com](mailto:thomas-russel@sky.com)



# What's On

For latest events, see  
[cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://cottinghamnews.co.uk)

**Mon 2 October, 9.30am & 5.30pm**

## Mobile Flu Jab Clinic

See page 2 for information.



**Sun 8 October, 4–5pm**

## Harvest afternoon tea, St Mary's

Come along for an informal Harvest afternoon tea in the Church with sweet and savoury scones, tea, coffee etc. The Welland Valley Voice Choir will perform and there will also be some well known tunes for everyone to sing.



There is no charge but donations will be taken for Corby Foodbank.

**Sat 21 October, 7pm**

## Chilli Cook-Off, Village Hall Annex

Del Robertson's Chilli Cook-Off is returning for 2023, with eight village Gourmands up for the challenge this time round including Lee Gray, who is defending his 'Crown of Chillis' title from the first event in 2019.



Chilli Con Carne and 'Sans Carne' (veggie chilli) will be up for tasting along with salsa, sour cream, tortillas and crusty bread.

Arrival 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please bring your own drink.

Tickets are £15 each from **Del Robertson** on [delboy639@gmail.com](mailto:delboy639@gmail.com)

All profits to The Mill Community Hub Project.

**Sun 22 & 29 Oct, and 26 Nov**

## Church services at The Annex

Rev Amanda Oliver will be leading church services in the Village Hall Annex at 10.30am on the above dates.



The idea is to see if more people attend, maybe those with who struggle with the steps up to the Church? Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Sat 28 October, 6.30pm**

## Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex

Ant Licquorish's 60th and final village charity quiz will be in aid of **NHS Charities Together**, which will also commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the NHS.



Tickets are £10 a 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'd like to bring a team or two, please email Ant on [ant\\_the\\_quizmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com), or call **771062** with your food order as soon as possible, and by 13 October at the latest.

Although Ant is giving up running the village quizzes after this one, he is still available to put together quizzes if anyone would like one to raise funds for any charity or cause. Ant will prepare the questions, so long as you can take on the administrative side of things – booking the venue, arranging food etc.

**Sun 12 Nov, 10.45am**

## Remembrance Service

A remembrance service is being held at the War Memorial outside the school to honour the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Sat 18 Nov, Village Hall Annex**

**£25**



**7pm**

## Australian Wine Tasting

We're going down under for the next village wine tasting! Tickets, to include wine and tucker snacks, are £25 each from **Jan Robertson** on **07770 372345** or **01536 771353**. All proceeds to The Mill Community Hub Project.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**  
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Safer Corby Team, for reporting anti-social behaviour  
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## Clubs and Groups

Valley Voice, village choir  
Pete Smith, **07971 989081**  
[valleyvoicechoir@gmail.com](mailto:valleyvoicechoir@gmail.com)

Rockingham Forest Wheelers  
Norman Needham, **771356**

Royal George Golf Society  
Norman Golding, **07768 536344**

East Carlton Cricket Club  
Marion Goodman, **07901 941224**

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

## WhatsApp Groups

Cottingham Neighbourhood Watch, **07792 912508**

Middleton Neighbourhood Watch  
**07930 614621**

Cottingham Chit Chat  
**07796 684065**

