



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the June 2024 edition of Cottingham and Middleton News.

It's great to see so many people getting involved in fundraising for village causes including [The Mill project](#) and the church's bell fund, clock restoration project and the Warm Space initiative, which takes place for older members of our community on Wednesday mornings at the village hall (annex).

There are lots of fundraising events taking place over the summer months (see back page). Please support these when you can.

Regards,

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General election

A reminder that, when you vote on 4 July, our villages are now in the Kettering constituency, following boundary changes in 2023 to rebalance the number of electors in each constituency.

St Mary Magdalene

A team of bell ringers successfully rang a full peal at St Mary Magdalene Church on Sunday 2 June, lasting 2 hours and 45 minutes and covering 31 different 'methods', which are effectively 'tunes' that the ringers learn, with the bells striking in different orders.

The team, pictured left to right, are Nick Churchman, who is one of the tutors for the Cottingham and Middleton team, Paul Mason (Tower Captain at Raunds), Richard Allton (Thrapston), Paul McNutt (Hillmorton) and Nicholas Wilson (Maidwell). This team is looking to ring a peal at all the 5-bell towers (i.e. towers with 5 bells) in the Peterborough Diocese, during this, its centenary year. The last full peal rung at Cottingham Church was seven years ago on 29 May 2017! For more information, see cottinghamnews.co.uk/peal2024.



Bell frame repairs

Just over £800 has been raised to make essential repairs to the frame for Bell No.3 which has rotted quite badly. This frame is supporting a bell weighing around 300kg (a third of a ton), and repairs are needed to maintain the integrity of the bearing mounting. The work entails removing all rotten wood, treating the affected area, then strengthening and filling the cavity with resin. It's anticipated that the repair work will be carried out during the summer.



Most of the money for these repairs has been raised from the Dr Albury ghost story events held in the church last December. Thanks to author Pete Bowman, our narrator George West-Robinson and everyone who supported these events.

Clock restoration and churchyard

So far, £603 has been raised for the Cottingham Church Clock Restoration Fund. Initial investigations by clock professionals have shown that a working clock is within our grasp, so please do keep supporting our fundraising events so we can make this happen.

The churchyard belongs to all of us and, while the church ensures the active graveyard is maintained, they don't have the manpower or finances to manage the old section. The team at St Mary's would love to see a **Gardening @ Cottingham Churchyard Group** set up. If you're interested in helping co-ordinate such a group, please contact **Angela Preston-Jones** on **07594 682671**, email cottinghamchurch@gmail.com. The team is still pursuing the idea of Gander's Farm goats helping graze this area; it's proving rather more complicated than anticipated, but they're working on it.

The church will be open whenever possible on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer months. Please feel free to pop in.

Cottingham School – a strong sense of community

Cottingham Cof E Primary School has retained its Good Ofsted rating, with inspectors saying, 'Cottingham is a happy and caring school with a strong sense of community'. The report also said that the school is ambitious for its pupils and values their wider development, and that pupils are highly engaged, respectful and proud of the roles they take on to support each other.

The school recently took a group of Year 5 students to Corby Foodbank to drop off donations (pictured right). The school has some spaces left for September 2024 admission. Contact the school on **01536 771391** or email office@cottingham.pdet.org.uk to book a visit.



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Cottingham



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Parish Councillors

George West Robinson (Chair)
David Grayson (Vice Chair)
Andy Mackie
Mike Curtis
Owen Davison
Pete Crane
Sue Morphy
Terri McLean-Bowman
Tom Russell

Next meeting

Wed 3 July, 7pm

www.cottingham-northants-pc.org.uk

Middleton

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clerk@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

Parish Councillors

Sian Coughlan (Chair)
Alan Cole (Vice Chair)
Caroline Boucher
Teresa Denton
3 vacancies

Next meeting

Tue 9 July, 6.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

All meetings take place in the village hall (annex) on Berryfield Road, next to the school.



The upgrade to the external area of the Village Store is now complete thanks to money raised from the Easter raffle. It includes new outdoor furniture, cleaning of the footpath and redecoration of the outside of the shop.

As well as providing all the daily essentials, the Village Store supports local suppliers including Joseph Morris butchers who supply the shop with their very popular ham, bacon, sausages, pork pies, pasties and pate. They also supply quality beef, chicken, pork and lamb products, and bbq packs during the summer, all of which are available to pre-order in the shop.

We stock Grasmere Farms delicious sausage rolls and Manor Farm supplies the tastiest cream, yoghurts, creme fraiche and cottage cheese. Again, these products can be pre-ordered, including soured cream.

Corby Rolls and Wesses bread are delivered daily and Hambleton's Bakery supply pre-ordered bread and cakes every Friday.

Over the summer, kind locals and allotment owners donate their excess fruit and vegetables to the shop to sell, so it's always worth popping in to see what's available.

Managing the stock of fresh produce is a constant juggling act, but the Shop Committee is committed to ensuring there are sufficient supplies on a daily basis of the most popular products such as milk, free range eggs, Joseph Morris produce and Corby Rolls.

Thank you as always to our hard working volunteers and loyal customers for their continued support of our community shop.



The Village Store & Cafe

Phone **01536 770097**
Email cottinghamshop@gmail.com
Facebook [@Cottinghamshop](https://www.facebook.com/Cottinghamshop)
Website cottinghamshop.wordpress.com

Opening hours

Monday: 8am to 1pm
Sunday: 9am to 1pm



If you're looking for a good summer read, 'Munch', the debut novel from local author Lesley Bailey from East Carlton, is available from the shop for an introductory price of £10 (£10.99 from bookshops), with £5 from every sale going to the shop.



Congratulations to **Valley Voice** who achieved second place in the community class at the inaugural North Northamptonshire Music Festival, held at Wellingborough United Reform Church on 8 June.

There are several other events in the pipeline and new members are always welcome. If you'd like to find out more, you can contact the choir at valleyvoicechoir@gmail.com.

All in the best possible taste!

The latest wine tasting on 1 June focused on English sparkling and still wines, including one from Welland Valley Vineyard, located just south of Market Harborough. A great time was had by all and the event raised £702.53 in support of The Mill Community Hub projects.

A total of just over £6,700 has now been raised by these wine tastings. The next one is on **Saturday 21 September** when we'll be tasting six wines (2 red, 1 rose and 2 white) from the South of France, accompanied by French themed food. Please contact **Jan Robertson** on email janathome246@gmail.com for tickets (£25 each), or to go on the email list to hear about future tastings.

FroGS step it up by George West-Robinson

Cottingham FroGS (Friends of Green Spaces) have been busy planting and tidying around the village, and the 'Bide Awhile' area has now been created between the Church and the gate to the Dale, with two rustic benches installed. This will be planted with native shrubs and perennials over the summer. We hope you'll like the end result, but in the meantime, why not pop up, try out the benches, enjoy the view and, well, bide awhile? This project has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Rockingham Forest Vision.



FroGS has also been awarded £2,500 from North Northants Council's rural community capital funding scheme to install a terraced sleeper path across the middle of the steep bank on Corby Road, so planting and maintenance can be carried out safely. This will be done sympathetically to the space and will also, of itself, provide a structure for creative planting. We've also applied for a grant from the same fund to refurbish and improve the area around the War Memorial.

If you'd like to join FroGS, or go on our mailing list to receive updates, please contact **George West-Robinson** on **07891 159155**, email grwrconsultingltd@gmail.com.

In Memory...

Joe Hoedemaker, 1943–2024

Joseph (Joe) Hoedemaker of Rockingham Road, Cottingham sadly passed away, aged 80, on 12 April.



Joe moved to Cottingham from London with his wife Barbara following his retirement from the BIFU (Banking, Insurance and Finance Union), where he had been an outstanding negotiating officer, to be nearer his eldest daughter Helen and family who were also living on Rockingham Road in 2002. He soon settled into village life and became secretary of the Royal George Golf Society for many years.

Joe was cremated in Kettering on 7 April and the service was well attended by family, friends and colleagues. His family would like to thank all those who attended.



Michael Day, 1937–2024

Michael Day sadly passed away on 31 May, a week after his 87th birthday.

Michael was born in Walthamstow and played flute in the Middlesex Regimental Band during National Service in Cyprus. After graduating, he became a CofE curate in Manchester, then assistant chaplain at Newcastle University. Moving to London in 1970, he was chaplain at the Royal College of Art, Chelsea College, where he read for a Master's degree. He was also vicar of St George's, Bloomsbury and worked at St Pancras Church before retiring. His book '20th Century Art in English Churches' was on the Open University syllabus for many years and he was an active member of Christian Arts.

Michael moved to Cottingham with his partner Richard Haigh in 2015, two years later celebrating his 80th birthday, Richard's 70th and their joint 50th anniversary.

He more recently started a very successful art class around the kitchen table at home, which was still active at the time of his death. He attended Our Lady of Walsingham in Corby, where his funeral was held on 12 June.

The Show Must Go On! Almost 80 people turned out for this thoroughly entertaining evening of music and comedy, put on by Wendy Harkin and George West-Robinson on 11 May. The event raised £250, to be shared between FroGS and the church Warm Space group. Well done to the 14-strong cast and crew, and thanks to everyone who supported this event. Can't wait for the next one!



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 Sep 2024.



THE MILL
COTTINGHAM & MIDDLETON
COMMUNITY HUB

The vintage sale held in April raised more than £1,020 for the Mill Community Hub project.

The village hall (annex) has been spruced up with new, welcoming décor and mood lighting, and the flat roof has been repaired.



The Pop Up bar launched in May welcomed more than 150 people over the two May bank holiday Saturdays. There are more Pop Up events scheduled over the summer months. Keep up to date with everything on Facebook, Instagram, the village WhatsApp groups and The Mill website at themillhub.co.uk.

Could you be a Trustee?

We are working hard to build a community space we can all be proud of....

THIS TAKES TIME AND MOST IMPORTANTLY PEOPLE & WE ARE LOOKING FOR TRUSTEES TO JOIN OUR CHARITY.

Whats involved?

- 1 meeting per month, to discuss & make decisions.
- A couple of hours per month to drive forward any actions

Fancy giving it a go? Please contact: mail@themillhub.co.uk
For more information.

What's On

For latest events, see
cottinghamnews.co.uk

Sun 30 June, 3.30pm

24 Carat Jazz, St Mary Magdalene

24 Carat Jazz is performing a one hour Sunday afternoon concert at Cottingham Church.

Featuring Jane Smith on vocals and tenor sax, John

Deane on piano and Kevin Griffiths on double bass, this popular trio plays easy listening jazz and swing favourites from the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Frank Sinatra, to name but a few.

Tickets are £10 including a glass of fizz and canapés. Please get your tickets in advance, so we know how many to cater for, from Joanne on 07776 261647, email joanne.leaning@btinternet.com.

All profits will go to the Cottingham Church Clock Restoration Fund.

Fizz and canapés will be served from 3.30pm and the music will start at 4pm.



St Mary Magdalene Church

New service pattern, all welcome

First Sunday, 10.30am, Hymns and coffee

Third Sunday, 10.30am, Communion Service (bells rung at 10am)

Kettering branch bell ringing practice
Sat 15 June, 3.30–4.30pm

See cottinghamnews.co.uk/church

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**SATURDAY
20 JULY, 7.30pm**

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'DARK SIDE OF THE MOON' AND
'SHINE ON YOU CRAZY DIAMOND'**

**TICKETS: £10
AVAILABLE FROM PETE
07768 808036 or email
petebowman397@gmail.com**

ANNEX DOORS AND BAR OPEN 6.30pm

ALL PROFITS TO THE MILL COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

Sat 31 August, 7.30pm

Phoenix Saxophone Orchestra, Summer Concert, St Mary Magdalene Church



This nationally acclaimed orchestra features seven different types of saxophone playing a range of music to suit all tastes.

Tickets are £12 including a glass of Pimms and nibbles. Please get your tickets in advance from Angela on 07594 682671 or email cottinghamchurch@gmail.com.

The orchestra is performing for free and all profits will be shared between the church and the orchestra, which is a registered charity.

To find out more about the orchestra and to view their showreel, please visit phoenixsax.org.uk.

Useful Contacts

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St Mary Magdalene Church

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Rockingham Forest Wheelers

Norman Needham, 771356

Royal George Golf Society

Norman Golding, 07768 536344

East Carlton Cricket Club

Marion Goodman, 07901 941224

East Carlton Walking Group

Pam Grayson, 772565

WhatsApp Groups

Cottingham Neighbourhood Watch,

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Middleton Neighbourhood Watch

07930 614621

Cottingham Chit Chat

07796 684065



Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall and Playing Field, Berryfield Road, LE16 8XB
Contactless payment available for Bar and BBQ, Cash required for all other stalls.

Volunteers needed! If you can help out on the day of the Fete, or with setting up and breaking down on the Friday and Sunday, or are able to donate any craft items, cakes or home made produce (please include a list of ingredients), please contact Sian on email sian_coughlan@hotmail.com, mobile 07774 852478.