



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the February / March issue of the village newsletter.

The Bury Close planning application has

once again been opposed by Corby Borough Council and, when the application is considered at appeal in May, it will be 10 years since the first application was submitted. We know that the successive planning applications and last minute changes have caused considerable worry and confusion for villagers. We look forward to a positive outcome at the planning appeal.

Corby Borough Council is now reconsulting on the proposed changes to the village conservation areas, following redrafting of the document as a result of feedback received.

Please take the time to participate in the consultation. Remember that the short time you spend now inputting your views could help preserve and enhance the villages for generations to come.

Regards,

Jane Smith, Editor

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What's changed?

The main change is that the fields to the south of the Jurassic Way are no longer included in the extended conservation area. However, it still includes the land between Cottingham Hall and the Jurassic Way.

You can download a PDF copy of the appraisal document from the Borough Council and village websites. Paper copies are available to view at The Cube and we will be placing a paper copy and large map in the village shop shortly. If you would like a paper copy of the appraisal document, please email planning.services@corby.gov.uk or call **01536 464158**.

Have your say

Please send your comments to localplans.consultation@corby.gov.uk or post them to Local Plans, Deene House, Old Post Office Square, Corby NN17 1GD **by 5pm on 28 March**.

Bury Close planning application

At its meeting on 26 January 2016, Corby Borough Council's Development Control Committee (DCC) once again voted unanimously against the housing estate proposed by The Kiff and Troke Partnership for land at the rear of Bury Close.

79 objections were received to the proposal, including objections from CBC's landscape consultant and tree officer. We have also received continued support for our campaign against this development from our local MP Tom Pursglove.

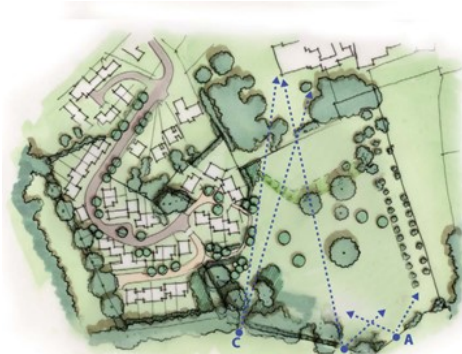
At the meeting, objections were presented on behalf of villagers by Owen Davison (Cottingham Parish Council), Tony Freeman (Middleton Parish Council), Pete Bowman (speaking on behalf of Stephen Craik, current owner of Cottingham Hall), Noel Rogers (East Carlton Walking Group) and Jane Smith, who read out extracts from an objection letter from a Cottingham 20 year old, which beautifully painted a picture of the value of the Jurassic Way from a teenager's perspective.

Further information, including the DCC's reasons for opposing the application, is available on the village website at

www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/Development_DCC_Jan16.htm

What happens next?

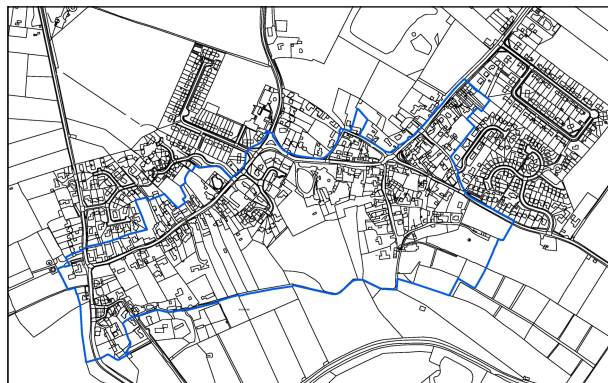
This application is currently the subject of a planning appeal that was initially considered by the Planning Inspector in October 2015. The DCC's recommendation to refuse will now be submitted back to the Planning Inspector, who will take this into account at a reconvened appeal hearing which is expected to take place on 4 and 5 May 2016.



Conservation area appraisal – new consultation

Due to an unprecedented number of comments to the initial conservation area consultation in October 2015, a new, shorter appraisal document has been prepared.

This is now the subject of a new public consultation that will run for six weeks from **22 February to 28 March 2016**.



Map showing extended conservation area boundary.
See the village website for a larger map.

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
01536 761752, 5 Headlands,
Desborough NN14 2QA

Chair: Owen Davison

Next meetings

Wed 2 March, 7.30pm

Wed 6 April, 7.30pm

www.cottingham.org.uk

Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell
01536 771234
Middleton House, Middleton,
LE16 8YU

Chair: Sarah Brant

Next meetings

Tue 15 March, 7.30pm

Tue 19 April 7.30pm

www.middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

All meetings are held at the Village Hall Annex next to the school.

Cottingham churchyard



Some of the graves and memorials in the churchyard

are being decorated with stones etc.

Graves are of course very special to family and friends and the decoration is attractive. However, it is becoming difficult to mow the grassed areas without disturbing the arrangements and potentially damaging the lawnmower.

The Parochial Church Council has asked if visitors could please remove any decoration that might hinder grass cutting, to help maintain a neater churchyard for all.

Picture by Andy Puchalski



If you'd like to keep up to date with village news between newsletters, you can join the village email

list by following the instructions on the village website

www.cottinghamnews.co.uk

Great value and more choice at the Village Store and Café

From David Swallow, Chairman

"The team at the Village Store and Café would like to thank everyone who provided feedback in the recent customer survey. We received many great suggestions which we are using to improve our offer.

"The ideas fell into two broad areas. First, to offer even more value for those basic items that you run out of at a crucial moment – around one third of our grocery items are now marked with a recommended retail price and we stock a wider range to offer more choice. We have also reduced the price on many more items and believe our combination of lower prices, convenience and a warm welcome make a fantastic combination.

"The second area of feedback was to support more local businesses. This is something we believe in very deeply and you will now find a much wider choice of locally sourced items such as pickles, marmalades, hand made soaps and decorations. The café area will soon be remodelled to display these all together.

"Our motto is 'a place of welcome, refreshment and support at the heart of the community', and we are delighted to announce that there will soon be new faces, alongside many familiar ones, to help deliver that promise. We recently said goodbye to the previous Manager, Nicola, after nearly two years of service, and new staff will be joining over the next few weeks. We look forward to introducing them to you and hope to see you soon in the Village Store and Café."



Local police are on the Mark!

We are delighted to welcome back Mark Tooley as the PCSO for Corby's Rural West wards, including Cottingham and Middleton. Mark will be holding monthly police surgeries at the Village Store and Café. The next surgeries take place at 2.30pm on 2 March and 6 April.

You can contact Mark on the Northants Police non-emergency number **101** extension **78032**, mobile **07557 778032**, or by email at mark.tooley@northants.pnn.police.uk

Mark Walker continues as Acting Rural PC and can be contacted on **101** or by email at mark.walker@northants.pnn.police.uk



PCSO Mark Tooley



PC Mark Walker

Burglaries from sheds and garages

In January, there was a spate of burglaries from garages and sheds in Gretton and Rockingham, with mainly petrol driven garden equipment (mowers, chainsaws, strimmers etc) having been taken.

Our rural police team is asking residents to be vigilant and to call the Police on the non-emergency number **101** if you suspect anything is out of order, for example suspicious individuals or vehicles hanging around in the villages. Please also check that your sheds and garages are secure and, if your property has CCTV, check it's in working order. If you would like any security advice, please contact PCSO Mark Tooley on the numbers and email above.

Cycling safety

Our Borough Councillor Bob Rutt has received a number of calls from concerned residents regarding people cycling early in the morning or late in the evening wearing dark clothing.

In poor light, it is very difficult for motorists to see you, even if you're wearing a headlamp. For everyone's safety, if you're cycling in poor light, please make sure you wear a reflective high visibility vest.

Cyril Licquorish, 1921 To 2016

Cyril George Licquorish sadly passed away on January 12th at Kettering General Hospital after a short illness.

He was born and bred in Cottingham and, at the fantastic age of 94, was perhaps the oldest man in the village.

He was the youngest of four children whose father George was a gardener at Rockingham Castle. He left school at 14 and started at the tube works where he worked his way up and was office manager for many years.

The village was always special to Cyril and he helped anyone he could. He married Viola from Middleton and they had one daughter, Lynette, and two grandsons, Edward and Adam. Cyril and Viola had 72 years together and he was always proud to say that they had received three anniversary cards from the Queen!

The Methodist Church was a very important part of his life. He was a local preacher, steward, guild leader, Sunday school superintendent and a member of the Cottingham



Cyril and his wife Viola celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary in 2013

Methodist Brass Band, which used to lead some 80 children from the Methodist Sunday School 'round in the wagons' on August Bank Holiday Sunday.

You can find out more about 'round in the wagons' on the Cottingham History website at www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk/Leisure-Wagons.htm. The information and many of the photographs have been provided by Cyril and he is pictured here on Coronation Day in 1953 (front second left, in the tribby).



Eliza's on top form

Congratulations to Cottingham's Eliza Hudson, who has been named Year 2 Student of the Year by Tresham College for her hard work on the Vehicle Technology Course. Eliza was presented with a prize donated by Snap-On Tools and is pictured here with some of her classmates at the awards ceremony (front second right).



Get into golf

Did you know we have a thriving Golf Society operating in the village? The Royal George Golf Society has been going for over 15 years and lots of the members have been with the Society from the very start. The Society's Norman Golding tells us that everybody has a good day out on the golf course when they play their competitions, which are generally arranged for the first Saturday in every month.

The Society welcomes all players, regardless of ability and golf handicap, so if you're interested in joining, please contact **Norman Golding** on **771081**, mobile **07768 536344**, or email him at nwgolding@btinternet.com



Yellow lines in Cottingham

The Northants County Council (NCC) consultation on the introduction of double yellow lines in the centre of Cottingham closed in December. A report containing objections received is being considered by NCC and has been sent to Cottingham Parish Council for comment. Once this report has been signed off by NCC's Traffic Manager, a decision will be made.

First responder

Middleton's Emma Love has completed her training as a Community First Responder and may be first on the scene in the villages if you have to call an ambulance.



Community First Responders are volunteers who give their time freely to help care for people and save lives in their community. They're trained to deal with a wide range of potentially life threatening conditions until an ambulance arrives.

Ready, Spready, Quiz!

If you fancy giving your grey matter a bit of a workout, the Spread Eagle pub in Cottingham runs quizzes every Thursday evening and on the first and third Sunday of the month.

The Thursday quiz starts at 8pm with cash and beer prizes on offer, followed by 'Play Your Cards Right'. The Sunday quiz starts at 4pm and you can win a £25 meal voucher or a gallon of beer.

For more information, contact the pub on **772080**.

Lent courses

Courses for Lent are being held on Wednesday evenings (8pm) at 28 Rushton Road, Wilbarston and are repeated on Friday mornings (10am) at Vine House, Main Street, Middleton. The courses start on 17 February and run for five weeks. This year, course members will be looking at the Psalms.

For more information, please call **Rev Siân Reading** on **770237** or **Sue Beadsworth** on **771420**.

Help our hedgehogs

Hedgehogs are in serious decline and are now a protected species.



A petition has been launched to provide more legal protection for hedgehog habitats. The most direct benefit of this will probably be that developers will have to consider hedgehogs when they build.

Please sign the petition at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/121264> and share it on social media.

What's on

See www.cottinghamnews.co.uk for latest events

Fri 26 Feb, 7pm

Preservation Order Village Hall Annex

Six-piece midlands band *Preservation Order* are returning to the Village Hall Annex, by popular demand.

Tickets are £7 each and there's a pay bar.

For tickets and information, please contact **Audrey** on **771084** or **Irene** on **770059**.

You can find out more about the band on Facebook, www.facebook.com/preservationorder

Fundraising events

Emma and Dale Love from Middleton are organising a number of events to raise money for Childreach International, a group of children's charities working in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the UK.



18 March – Murder Mystery night

Taking place at Northampton Saints Rugby Club. Tickets are £45 each to include a three course meal, available at www.tinyurl.com/Childreach-MM

25 June – Charity Ball, Raven Hotel, Corby

This adults only, black tie Summer Ball is being organised with the support of a committee of local ladies. Tickets are £40 to include a three course meal and welcome drink. For more information, contact Emma on emloulou96@yahoo.co.uk

Fri 8 April, 7pm

Buddy Holly tribute Village Hall Annex

Another popular act returning to the Village Hall Annex. Tickets are £7 each and there's a pay bar.

For tickets and information, please contact **Audrey** on **771084** or **Irene** on **770059**.

Keep fit for older ladies



Emma Bradbury runs a keep fit class especially for older ladies starting at 10.30am every Wednesday at the Village Hall Annex.

The group has been going for eight years and the cost is £4 per class. If you'd like to join in, just turn up or contact **Emma** on **0777 5860751**.

WI, Ashley Village Hall



2 March – Life as an artist

Artist Michael Peachey will be coming along to do some painting and talk about his interesting life as an artist.

6 April – The making of Miranda

One woman's life story from gentleman to gentlewoman.

Both events take place at 7.30pm at Ashley Village Hall. Contact **Wendy Martin** on **0780 119 4560** or email wendy10ecp@gmail.com

March at the Royal George

6 March - Mother's Day Sunday Lunch. £15 for adults, £7.50 for under 10s and a free gift for mum. Call the pub on **660505** to book.



12 March - Switchblade are back with their distinctive take on music from all eras.

26 March - Allan Jay, singer extraordinaire, makes his first appearance at the pub.

See www.royalgeorgecottingham.co.uk for the pub's new look menu.

Easter Church services

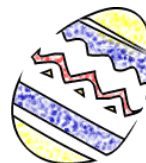
St Mary Magdalene

Good Friday, 25 March
10am Hot Cross Bun Service

Easter Sunday, 27 March
10am Holy Communion

Methodist Church

Easter Sunday, 27 March
6pm service with Rev Martin Swan



Sat 23 April, 6.30pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of Pets as Therapy.

Food is provided if you wish, either fish (or chicken) and chips or a vegetarian option. The cost is £7 per person including food or £3 if you want to bring your own. There is no bar, so please bring your own drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Call **Ant** on **771062** or email him at ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com

Useful Contacts

Northants Police **101**

Neighbourhood Management Team (Suzanne Preston) **463177**, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Street Doctor (Northants CC) www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Cllr Bob Rutt, Corby Borough Council, 07801 945948 robert.rutt@btconnect.com

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, **07927 179921**, delboy639@gmail.com

Village Store and Café, **770097** facebook.com/cottinghamshop

Village Hall Annex
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Methodist Hall
Lynette Muir, **770094**

St Mary Magdalene Church
Ruth Colby, **770178**, ruthcolby2@gmail.com or Rev Sian Reading, **770237**, sjmr216@btinternet.com

Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club
Audrey Ashworth, **771084**

Cubs and Scouts
Gary Chisholm, **772331**

Valley Voice, village choir
Pete Smith, psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

New Cottingham FC
Neil Jarman, **07708 323077**

Royal George Golf Society
Norman Golding, **771081**

East Carlton Cricket Club
Sally Hitches, **01536 771733**

East Carlton Health Walking Group
Noel Rogers, **771837**

Police surgeries

Village Store and Café

**Wed 2 March
2.30pm**

**Wed 6 April
2.30pm**

Our local Community Police Support Officer Mark Tooley will be holding his regular Police surgery. If you'd like to have a chat, please just drop in.

