



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the June issue of the village newsletter.

Summer is just around the corner and there are lots of events

happening over the coming months where you can meet up with friends and neighbours to make the most of the fabulous community spirit we have in these villages.

Our village pubs are an important part of our community and it's great to see The Royal George back open for business after a short closure for refurbishment. We'd like to bid a fond farewell to Steve Picton, who has ably managed the pub for the past few months, and extend a warm welcome to new owners Kevin and Debbie Gibson. Please pop in for a drink and say hello!

A fond farewell too to Ruth and Mark Colby who will be leaving Cottingham in June. Having led the family services at St Mary Magdalene Church for many years, Ruth is being ordained as a minister and will be working in Rothwell Benefice. The very best of luck to you both.

And finally, a big thank you to Del Robertson who has done a fantastic job co-ordinating the newsletter deliveries in Middleton for the past few years. Del is now looking to hand over this role, along with the door to door deliveries for Cannam Close, Darescroft and Lightfoot Lane. If you're able to help, please contact me (details below) so that we can keep the newsletter deliveries going in Middleton.

Regards,

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## Bury Close planning appeal

The planning appeal hearing for the proposed housing development on land to the rear of Bury Close was held at West Glebe Sports Pavilion in Corby on 4 and 5 May.

The hearing, which lasted a day and a half, included a visit to the proposed development site and the grounds of Cottingham Hall. The Planning Inspector, Mr Tim Wood, also walked the footpaths surrounding the villages to see how the development would impact on more distant views.

Villagers were represented at the hearing by Owen Davison (Cottingham Parish Council), Sarah Brant (Middleton Parish Council), Jane Smith (Editor of Cottingham and Middleton News), Noel Rogers (East Carlton Walking Group) and Simon Woods who is a town planner and brother of a village resident.

We would like to thank our local MP Tom Pursglove for again writing to the Planning Inspectorate in support of the villages' opposition to this development.

A decision is expected in early to mid June. Keep an eye on the village website for the latest information.



## Royal George re-opens

Following repainting, re-carpeting and re-upholstering, The Royal George is now back open for business as a free house pub, restaurant and B&B.

New owners **Kevin and Debbie Gibson** have run a pub before and most recently ran the cafe at the Innovation Centre in Harborough. Before that, they ran the sandwich shop at the top of St Mary's Road in Harborough.

Beers will be provided by the Grainstore in Oakham and the pub will offer an interesting menu that changes every month. For more information, contact the Royal George on **660505** or find them on Facebook (Royal George Cottingham).



## No 67 bus service to be withdrawn

Due to budgetary constraints, Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is due to withdraw the funding subsidy for the No.67 Gretton to Market Harborough bus service that runs through Cottingham and Middleton.

Service operator Centrebus has advised that without this funding they will unfortunately no longer be able to provide this service, as the revenue generated would not cover their costs. The service will therefore be withdrawn from 24 July.

NCC is considering what alternatives may be available for affected communities, subject to funding being available, and is liaising with borough and parish councils on this. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please contact a member of your local parish council (see lists on page 2).

The RF1 Corby to Uppingham bus service will not be affected.

## Main Street road closure, 6 June

Main Street, Middleton, will be closed between the entrance to Glover Court and the Ashley Road junction for up to three days from 6 June to allow Anglian Water to install a new connection.

If you have any queries, please contact **Luke Payne** on **01480 326918**.

# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

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

Owen Davison (**Chair**)  
Clive Ashworth (**Vice Chair**)  
Mike Curtis  
Trevor Dicken  
David Grayson  
John Muir  
Tom Russel

### Next meetings

Wed 1 June, 7.00m  
Wed 6 July, 7.30pm

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

## Middleton

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

Sarah Brant (**Chair**)  
Alan Cole (**Vice Chair**)  
Barbara Bradshaw  
Kate Cross  
Tony Freeman  
Gina Hicks  
Marie Thomas

### Next meetings

Tue 21 June, 7.30pm  
Tue 19 July, 7.30pm

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

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

## Annual reports

The Chairs of both Parish Councils have recently produced annual reports summarising what's happened over the past year. You can find these on the village website at [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

 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](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

 You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cottinghamandmiddleton](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamandmiddleton)

## Yellow lines in Cottingham

**Make your views known – Parish Council meeting, 7pm, 1 June 2016**

As you're probably aware, there are now double yellow lines in the village at the junctions of Corby Road, Church Street, High Street and Rockingham Road.

If you feel strongly about these yellow lines, either in favour or against them, please come along to the next meeting of **Cottingham Parish Council** on **Wednesday 1 June** in the Village Hall Annex, Berryfield Road, Cottingham, to make your views known.

The Parish Council has agreed to start the meeting earlier at **7pm** to allow 45 minutes for public participation on this matter.

If you're not able to make the meeting and would like to have your say, please send your comments to Cottingham Parish Council Clerk **Peter Taylor** at [peter.taylor@cottingham.org.uk](mailto:peter.taylor@cottingham.org.uk)

## Background

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) has advised that the proposal for the introduction of the lines was made in response to issues initially raised by Cottingham Parish Council, Corby Borough Council (CBC) and our local PCSO. In addition, villagers' responses to the parking survey carried out by CBC in early 2014 highlighted concerns about parking at the top of Church Street, which was affecting bin collections and access in the street, and safety and visibility issues caused by parking outside the shop.

In response, NCC submitted a proposal to Cottingham Parish Council and, at their October meeting, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the proposal for yellow lines with two amendments. These were to remove the lines outside the village shop and the lines that originally extended further round the corners into School Lane.

NCC's Senior Traffic Engineer has advised that the lines were originally proposed for all the corners at the crossroads (and not just the two corners where problems had been identified) to counteract 'displacement', i.e. that once you paint yellow lines in one place, people start parking on other corners where they might not have parked before. However, when the Parish Council requested the removal of the lines outside the village shop, these 'displacement' lines on the corners of Rockingham Road, Corby Road and School Lane were still left in.

NCC carried out a 21 day public consultation on the proposals from 19 November to 10 December 2015, which involved a notice on the site, an advert in the local newspaper and letters sent to the properties fronting the yellow lines. Details also went out to the village email list on 1 December and were included in the village newsletter published on 3 December.

The consultation received 11 responses – some in favour and some against – which NCC pulled together into an objection report for consideration by Cottingham Parish Council. At their January meeting, the Parish Council agreed to stick to their original decision, supporting the proposal subject to the amendments that they had previously requested.

**Note:** Historic England supports the removal of yellow lines in conservation areas due to the visual intrusion that they cause and advises that, where they are deemed to be essential, they should be painted thinner and in a paler primrose or cream colour. NCC has confirmed that they will consider removal or reduction of the lines on instruction from the Parish Council. See the village website for more information.



## New village hall

Following April's Annual and Ordinary meetings, eight trustees have been appointed to the Management Committee to oversee proposals for the new village hall, which will now be sited on the Village Acre on the Recreation Field.

The trustees are Pete Bowman (Chair), Tony Freeman (Vice Chair), Irene Beadsworth, Sarah Brant, Mike Curtis, Owen Davison, Jo Leaning and Simon Medwell.

An outline planning application for the hall is due to be resubmitted following discussions with Sport England, Corby Borough and Northants County Council. For more information, email **Pete Bowman** at [pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

## Extended conservation area adopted

The Cottingham and Middleton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) was adopted following approval by Corby Borough Council at their Local Plan meeting on 27 April 2016.

This followed a second public consultation that ran for six weeks in February and March, attracting 23 responses. The first public consultation, which ran last autumn, attracted 46 responses.

The extended conservation area joins the previously separate Cottingham and Middleton conservation areas and covers a wider area, including some of the land surrounding the built areas of the villages which has been identified as forming an important part of the villages' historic and rural setting. This includes the piece of land between Cottingham Hall and the Jurassic Way.

For more information, see [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/conservation\\_area.htm](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk/conservation_area.htm)

## Middleton newsletter co-ordinator and distributor needed

Del Robertson, who currently co-ordinates the newsletter deliveries for Middleton, has decided to hand over the mantle after several years' sterling service.

The role involves receiving the newsletters from the newsletter editor up to six times a year, splitting them out and taking them to the three or four willing volunteers who hand deliver the newsletters in Middleton.

We are also looking for a new distributor for the 48 houses in Darescroft, Lightfoot Lane and Cannam Close, a round that Del kindly took on 'temporarily' after Dryden and Paula Phillipson's departure! This doesn't need to be the same person as the co-ordinator.

If you can help, please contact newsletter editor **Jane Smith** on **770821** or email [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk). Unfortunately, if no co-ordinator can be found after this issue, Middleton's newsletters will be available online and by email only.

## It's rocket science for Cottingham schoolchildren!

Cottingham C of E Primary School is taking part in an experiment to see how seeds grow once they've been into space. 2kg of rocket (*Eruca sativa*) seeds were sent into space with British astronaut Tim Peake and, after six months in microgravity, have now returned to Earth.

Cottingham is one of 10,000 UK schools running an experiment to see how the space rocket seeds grow compared to seeds that have remained on Earth.

This national project, aptly called 'Rocket Science', is a partnership between the Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency. The schoolchildren are looking after and measuring the plants as they grow, and will be recording the results online in June.



## The village handyman

Cottingham's Paul Freeman has set up a new property maintenance / general handyman service for the village and surrounding areas.



"I've lived in Cottingham all my life and have spent almost 20 years working on luxury motor yachts for Fairline Boats," says Paul.

"If you need a job doing on your home or garden, no matter how small you think it is, please get in touch for a friendly informal chat to see how I can meet your needs."

Contact **Paul** on **07927 410443**, email [fr33bs@hotmail.com](mailto:fr33bs@hotmail.com)

## Quiz news

Thanks to all who attended Ant Licquorish's charity quiz in April, helped out and donated raffle prizes. A grand total of £388.40 was raised and handed over on the night to Rosemary Wooler, representing the charity 'Pets as Therapy'.

Ant's next quiz will take place on **Saturday 22 October** in aid of SERV (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers) who provide transportation of blood, blood products and other urgent medical items for NHS hospitals across the county.

## Farewell Ruth

Good luck to **Ruth Colby** who will soon be leaving Cottingham to prepare for her ordination and move to Rothwell Benefice in June.

A farewell service will be held at St Mary Magdalene Church at **10.30am on Sunday 5 June** and everyone is welcome to attend. Ruth will be ordained at Peterborough Cathedral on 28 June.

## Church 100 Club

St Mary Magdalene Church will soon be launching a '100 Club' (a type of private lottery) to raise funds for the maintenance, preservation and improvement of the Church. More information coming soon.

## New PCSO contact

Mark Tooley has now moved on to join the Safer Roads team so our current PCSO contact is **Anita Hambly**, email [anita.hambly@northants.police.uk](mailto:anita.hambly@northants.police.uk)



# What's on

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

**30 May to 5 June**

## Corby Outdoors Festival



Now in its 8th year, Corby Walking Festival has grown into the **Corby**

**Outdoors Festival** and will this year offer a wider range of outdoor activities, including cycling and outdoor cinema, as well as a full walks programme.

The Festival kicks off on Monday 30 May with a free Family Fun Day at East Carlton Country Park, organised by the event's beneficiary charity Lakelands Day Care Hospice.

For the full programme, see [www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk](http://www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk) or contact **Suzanne Preston** on 01536 463177, email [suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk)

**Sat 25 June, 12 noon to 6pm**

## Cottingham and Middleton Summer Fete

This year's event will have a traditional summer fete feel, with lots of family fun and entertainment.

It will focus around a central arena where there'll be some family games such as egg and spoon races, three legged races and a tug of war. You can also have a go at traditional games such as welly wanging and hook-a-duck, browse the craft, book and plant stalls and relax to live music.

If you're feeling peckish, there will be delicious hot food (marinated meats and deli style salads), home baked cakes, a beer tent and, new for this year, a Pimms stall run by Cottingham Primary School PTFA.

The fete is organised by the local community, for the local community, with proceeds going to the school and St Mary Magdalene Church.

For more information, please see the [Cottingham C of E Primary School PTFA Facebook page](#) or email the PTFA at [cottinghamptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cottinghamptfa@gmail.com)

**Sat 20 Aug, enjoy Christmas in Summer!**

This event at 11 Main Street will have with an outdoor 'Christmas in Summer' theme, a jazz duo and disco to raise money for **Leicester Children's Holiday Centre at Mablethorpe**.

Tickets are £30 to include a welcome drink and buffet from **John and Paula Orton** on 771223, email [paula.orton50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paula.orton50@yahoo.co.uk)

**Sat 25 June**

## 80s night, Raven Hotel, Corby



The Charity Ball scheduled for this date has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

In its place, the organisers are holding an 80s night with a disco to raise money for **Childreach International**.

Tickets are £10 each from **Emma Love** on [emloulou96@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emloulou96@yahoo.co.uk)

Please come along in your best 80s dress.

The organisers would like to thank **Bip Wetherell** for providing the Raven Hotel free of charge for this event.

**Sat 16 July**

## Village Wine Safari



The Wine Safari is back and will follow the traditional route from Middleton to Cottingham, accompanied by a selection of fine wines and delicious nibbles on route.

New for this year, there'll be hot food at the end house included in the £20 ticket price and a pay bar available at each stop should you wish.

For tickets, please contact **Lizzie Morris** at [lizziemorris@sky.com](mailto:lizziemorris@sky.com) or **Kirsty Swallow** at [kirsty@junebugs.co.uk](mailto:kirsty@junebugs.co.uk)

**Sun 17 July, 12 noon to 4pm**

## Pocket Park picnic and village garage sale

St Mary Magdalene Church is running a garage sale event in Cottingham and Middleton to help raise funds for essential improvement work to the Church.

For just £5 per house, you can raise some money for yourself by selling your unwanted items from your garage and support the Church at the same time.

The Valley Voice Choir will be laying on fun games, entertainment and refreshments in the Pocket Park (orchard) on Middleton Main Street. Entrance is free for everyone, whether you're touring the villages browsing for bargains, or if you just want to pop along with a picnic to enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

If you'd like to take part in the garage sale, please provide your name, address and £5 entry fee to **Peter Smith**, 8 Glover Court, Middleton, email [psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk), mobile 07971 989081, by 30 June.

A map will then be created to guide visitors around the houses taking part and also showing the location of the Pocket Park.

## Useful Contacts

Northants Police 101

Neighbourhood Management Team (Suzanne Preston) 463177, email [suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk)

Street Doctor (Northants CC) [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

Cllr Bob Rutt, Corby Borough Council, 07801 945948 [robert.rutt@btconnect.com](mailto:robert.rutt@btconnect.com)

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, 07927 179921, [delboy639@gmail.com](mailto:delboy639@gmail.com)

Village Store and Café, 770097 [facebook.com/cottinghamshop](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamshop)

Village Hall Annex  
Audrey Ashworth, 771084

Methodist Hall  
Lynette Muir, 770094

St Mary Magdalene Church,  
Rev Sian Reading, 770237,  
[sjmr216@btinternet.com](mailto:sjmr216@btinternet.com)

New Village Hall Trust, Chair, Pete Bowman, [pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk)

## 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](mailto: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

## WI, Ashley Village Hall

**1 June – Stamford, Jewel in the Crown**  
An evening with a Blue Badge guide



**6 July – Bee keeping**  
Visit a local garden and find out what problems our bees are facing.

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