



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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In this issue, I'm pleased to be able to bring you news of positive things that are

happening to make our villages safer, better places to live, including measures to improve road safety, the reinvigoration of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and the progression of Middleton's Parish Plan.

It's encouraging to see the positive reception that Middleton's Plan has received from Corby Borough Council and our local MP, Phil Hope. Work is well underway on the production of a Parish Plan for Cottingham, and it shows that this kind of initiative can really make a difference. If you live in Cottingham, make sure you have the 'Our Village Our Future' event in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Ann Davison and all the people who are helping out with distribution - especially on these cold nights!

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Yours,

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## Speeding and Road Safety

Speeding traffic is a worrying problem for village residents, road users and pedestrians alike. With this in mind, we are delighted to report that Middleton Parish Council has been successful in working with Corby Borough Council to create a 'gateway' on **Ashley Road** to visually narrow the road and provide a definite entrance to the village.

A number of options were considered to slow the traffic, including rumble strips and speed bumps, but it is felt that this solution will achieve the desired result whilst maintaining the character of the village and keeping down noise levels. To back up this work, the Parish Council is also trying to establish a 20mph zone rather than 30mph, but this will take some time to implement and enforce.

Work will also soon start on the widening of the pavement at the top of Ashley Road, at its junction with Main Street, to improve safety for pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Middleton Parish Councillor Charles Freestone said: "With ever decreasing budgets we are pleased to see some action and intend to keep the pressure up to enable more schemes such as traffic calming on Main Street to be included in Corby's plans in the future."

In Cottingham, Cllr Dave Sims, who joined the Parish Council in October, is driving forward the agenda on road safety. Dave is well versed in road safety issues having owned and run a driving school for several years. A number of initiatives are being considered for slowing traffic in the village and we will bring you more news in due course.

Those of you who attended the village road safety meeting with the Police last March will remember that names of volunteers were taken to operate hand-held speed guns in the village. This particular scheme, run by Northants ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England), was withdrawn shortly afterwards which is why things were not taken forward at the time. However, the scheme has recently been reintroduced and the Parish Council will be gauging villagers' opinion on this in the New Year. If at least 20 per cent of villagers support the scheme, it can go ahead.

## Unauthorised Opening - Corby Road

Regarding the unauthorised opening at the top of Corby Road, Cottingham Parish Council reports that the purchaser of the land has been identified and that Corby Borough Council's enforcement officer, **Diane Foster** (tel: **464186**) has written to the purchaser to ascertain their intentions for the land. She is currently awaiting a response.

## Historical Village Calendars

Sue Beadsworth has received more than 65 orders for the historical village calendar, including orders from as far afield as Australia and New Zealand via the [www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamhistory.co.uk) website.

The calendars will be ready for collection from Sue at **Vine House, 37 Main Street, Middleton** from 17 December. Please call her first on **771420** and make sure she's in!

The sale of the calendars will raise at least £100 for Cottingham Church and Methodist Chapel. Thank you everybody for your support.

**Next Issue**  
**Feb/March 2005**

**Issue date:**  
**4 February 2005**

**Deadline for stories:**  
**26 January 2005**

# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor  
01536 262984 or 761752  
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NN14 2QA

### Councillors

Phil Dyne (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chair)  
Mrs Pat Buckby  
Owen Davison  
Eric Lawson  
John Muir  
Pam Moore  
George Sear  
Dave Sims

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the village hall annexe. Villagers are welcome to attend and share their views.

More information can be found on the Parish Council notice board on the corner of Rockingham Road and School Lane.

### Next meetings:

5 January 2005  
2 February 2005



## Middleton

Clerk: Justina Medwell  
01536 771234  
Middleton House, Middleton

### Councillors

Keith Allsop (Chairman)  
Dryden Phillipson (Vice Chair)  
Raymond Ainge  
David Curtis  
Kay Dickens  
Charles Freestone

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the village hall annexe. Villagers are welcome to attend and share their views.

More information can be found on the Parish Council notice board on Main Street, opposite No.34.

### Next meetings:

15 December 2004  
19 January 2005

# Cottingham Methodist Church



"How time flies by and, on behalf of Cottingham Methodist Church, I'd like to thank everyone who has provided their support and made donations over the past year.



"Raffles at the regular OAP lunches have raised enough money to buy a new cooker - much to the delight of Sharon Jantzen, our in-house chef - with extra money having been donated to charities chosen by the diners.

"The jumble sale that we held in April this year and our Harvest Festival in September were also a great success.

"This year we also bid a fond farewell to our Minister Rev David Anderson and have been pleased to welcome our new minister, Rev David Bosworth and his wife Linda to Cottingham.

"We send out our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all villagers."

*Joan Jarman, Cottingham Methodist Church*

## Hire of Methodist Hall

After much thought and owing to the rising cost of heating and lighting, the hire of the Methodist Hall has been increased to £5 an hour from its current rate of £4. If you wish to hire the hall, contact **Joan Jarman** on **771193**.

## Services

Please note that from 5 December to 27 February the regular Sunday service will be held at 3pm, apart from the carol service on 19 December which will take place at 6pm.

## Parish Councillors

**Cottingham** Parish Council received three expressions of interest in its casual vacancy and has voted to appoint **Dave Sims** from **Ripley Road** to the Council.

Dave has lived in the village with his wife Trish for 8 years and the couple have two daughters.

Cllr Eric Lawson has stepped down as Chairman of Cottingham Parish Council due to ill health, but will continue to serve as a Parish Councillor. Cllr Phil Dyne has been appointed Chairman and Cllr Clive Ashworth Vice Chairman.

The Parish Council would like to wish Eric a swift and speedy recovery following his recent surgery and look forward to welcoming him back in the New Year.

**Middleton:** There remains a casual vacancy on Middleton Parish Council. If you are interested, contact **Justina Medwell** on **771234**.

## Breast Cancer Support Network

Following an appeal in the first issue of this newsletter, the above group now has seven members who meet once a month to share their experiences. To find out more, contact **Judy** on **770799**.



## Kids on Film!

Northants ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is currently recruiting for a short film-making project to be

created, directed and edited by young people.

The video will be viewed by a range of people who are all working towards making Cottingham a fantastic place to be, including the Parish Council.

If you're aged 16 or under, are creative and energetic and would like to get Involved, please call **Camilla Cobb** ASAP on **01604 825889** and leave a message with your contact details.

## BMX Track

Plans are progressing with the development of a BMX dirt track on the recreation field, near to Mill Road (Bringhurst Road).

Village youngsters are currently developing plans for the track and will also be responsible for its upkeep during the initial 12 month trial period ending October 2005.

For more information, contact **Peter Taylor** on **262984** or **761752**.

## Recycling and Bin Collection

From February 2005, Corby Borough Council will be piloting a new green waste collection service in the villages. Villagers will be given a new black bin for household waste and will be asked to use their green bin for compostable green waste and cardboard.

The system will work on an alternate weekly collection basis - one week green waste, next week normal household waste. The yellow boxes will still be emptied weekly. If you would like another yellow box, call **276930**.

You will no doubt have some concerns about the fortnightly household waste collection. If you have any queries, call **Johanna Hackney** at Corby Borough Council on **464164**. Jo will also be hosting a drop-in session at the Methodist Hall from 2-4pm on **Tuesday 4 January**. So if you have any questions or concerns, come along and talk them through.

**Note:** Cottingham Parish Council is also looking into a mini recycling centre for plastics in the village. In the meantime, the nearest plastics recycling points are George Street, Corby and the household waste and recycling centre at Weldon.

## Middleton Parish Plan

Middleton's five-year Parish Plan was formally adopted by the Parish Council at its October meeting and a copy of the plan has been distributed to every household in the parish.

Chris Mallender, Chief Executive of Corby Borough Council welcomed the publication and has arranged a meeting with Middleton Parish Council to discuss integrating the parish policies and Action Plan into Corby Borough's planning and strategic framework. He has also been on a 'walkabout' around the village to get a first hand view of local issues including traffic calming, environmental issues and housing developments.

A copy of the plan has also been sent to Phil Hope MP who has written praising everyone involved for their hard work and has offered to assist with any issues contained in the plan.

Dryden Phillipson, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group, said: "Middleton's Parish Plan is now completed, but it's what happens next that counts. Central Government has expressed its wish to empower communities to deal with local issues through their local councils and our Parish Plan can only help this process. Before a parish council makes a decision on an issue affecting the community, it should be very sure of local opinion. Parish Plans do indicate local opinion, so are invaluable."



## Jan's in a Pickle!



Local businesswoman Jan Sturman has won a top prize for her pickles and preserves.

Jan, who runs Mutts Pickles and Preserves from Blind Lane, Cottingham, scooped top prize for the most innovative product at the recent East Midlands Food and Drink Festival, with her 'Scarborough Jelly' of parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

So, if you're looking for something a little bit different for your Christmas hamper, contact Jan on **771713**.

## Call Clarence!

If you want to report blocked road drains, pot holes or damage to pavements, contact **Clarence** at Northants County Council on **0800 232323** or email [clarence@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:clarence@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Street Lighting

If you want to report a faulty street light, contact **Ian Tattershall** at Corby Borough Council on **402551**.



## Neighbourhood Watch



All of us want to feel safe and secure in our community and a strong, active Neighbourhood Watch scheme could really help to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the area.

Jolene Wood, our new Community Watch Admin Clerk, is looking to reinvigorate the scheme in the villages and to get as many villagers as possible involved. If you're interested in finding out more, Jolene has organised a meeting to be held at the Village Hall Annexe (next to the school) at **7.30pm on Tuesday 11 January**.

## Recorded Telephone Messages

The Neighbourhood Watch team runs a service which provides recorded messages updating people on local crime-related issues. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these messages, or are currently receiving these messages and would like them stopped, please contact Jolene on **01536 444686** or email [Jolene.Wood@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Jolene.Wood@northants.pnn.police.uk)





# Christmas What's On



## St Mary Magdalene

**Sat 11 Dec, 10am to 5pm**

Carol themed Flower Festival with cakes, preserves and Christmas craft stalls, refreshments, tree of stars and quiz.

**Sun 12 Dec, 11am to 12.45pm,  
1.30pm to 5.30pm**

Flower Festival with refreshments, tree of stars and quiz.

**Sun 12 Dec, 6pm**

Carol Service with mince pies and mulled wine

**Christmas Eve  
11.30pm**

Midnight Mass

**Boxing Day, 10am**  
Family Service



## Methodist Church

**Thur 16 Dec, 7pm**

Coffee and Carols (Hall)

**Sun 19 Dec, 6pm**

Carol Service (Chapel)

## Living Crib Journey

**Christmas Eve, 4pm**



Join villagers for a dramatic re-enactment of the Christmas story.

Starting at the Methodist Church at 4pm, Mary and Joseph will travel down through the villages ending up in a stable at Wellington's nursery in Middleton, complete with real calves and goats! Here, shepherds and angels will join the throng to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Feel free to come along in costume and join in! For more information contact **Ruth Colby** on 770178.

## Travelling Crib

In late November, two cribs (Mary, Joseph and donkey) set off on their travels from St Mary Magdalene church.

During Advent, they will be visiting houses and locations around the villages including Manor House in Middleton, Cottingham School and Wellington's Nursery.

If you would like Mary and Joseph to spend a night at your home, contact **Ruth Colby** on 770178.



## Cottingham - Our Village, Our Future

This event will now take place in the Methodist Church and Hall, Corby Road on:

**Saturday 29 January, 12 noon to 4pm  
and Sunday 30 January, 10am to 1pm**

The event is an important step in producing a Parish Plan for Cottingham. Don't miss this opportunity to have your say on the future of our village!

**Look out for more details in the New Year.**



## Useful Contacts

Corby police station: 400400

Police, northern area control room helpdesk: 445532

Cllr Robert Rutt  
Corby Borough Council  
07801 945948

Cottingham & Middleton  
Village Hall (bookings)  
Frances Innes, 770574

Methodist Hall  
Joan Jarman, 771193

Northants ACRE  
(Actions with Communities  
in Rural England)

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## Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club  
Audrey Ashworth, 770178

Minerva Group  
Pam Moore, 770022

WRVS  
Judy Evans, 770799

Youth Club  
Diane Cooksley, 771545

Mums and Tots  
Sandra Battersby, 770194

Wesley Guild  
Cyril Liqueorish, 771401

Breast Cancer Support  
Network  
Judy Evans, 770799

Rockingham Forest Wheelers  
Norman Needham, 771356

Cottingham Youth Football  
Club  
Albert Hussain, 772189

East Carlton Cricket Club  
Nick Sumpter, 771203