



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the June/July edition of the village newsletter.

It's great to see such a packed

social calendar in the villages for June and July (What's On, page 4). Thanks must go to all the people who are giving up their valuable time to help organise and manage these events. Their hard work and dedication will give us all something to enjoy over the Summer months and help to raise money for local amenities at the same time.

On a more serious note, there have been a few incidences of crime in the villages over recent weeks. We need to work together to combat this, so let's hope as many people as possible will be able to make it to the Neighbourhood Watch set-up meetings on 20 and 21 June.

Finally, if you live in Cottingham, look out for the Parish Plan questionnaire that'll be landing on your doormat in the next few weeks. And please do take time to fill it in. Just 20 minutes of your time now could make a real difference to the village for years to come!

Yours,

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## Cottingham Villagers' Views Sought

Cottingham residents will soon be receiving questionnaires formally seeking their views on the future of their village. The questionnaires have been developed by the **Cottingham Parish Plan Steering Group** and are based on more than 200 comments from villagers at the 'Our Village, Our Future' day in January (pictured right).



Views are being sought from all villagers, young and old, on a range of important subjects including future development, traffic safety, village facilities, leisure activities, environmental issues and communication.

Steering Group member Irene Beadsworth said: "The information we've gathered so far has given us a valuable insight into villagers' main areas of concern. But the questionnaire will enable us to confirm and quantify these views so there can be no doubt about the priorities and aspirations of Cottingham residents."

Once the questionnaires have been evaluated, the results will be used to formulate an action plan to be put forward for adoption by Cottingham Parish Council and subsequent integration into Corby Borough Council's planning and strategic framework.

"Villagers' views really do count and we **can** make a difference," continued Irene. "The questionnaire will only take around 20 minutes for each person to complete and we would urge everyone to spare a little of their time to take part in this important survey."

For more information, contact Steering Group Chairman **Jane Smith** on **770821**, email [jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk](mailto:jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk), or visit [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk)

## Cash Boost for Annexe Refurbishment

The planned refurbishment of the Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Annexe (pictured top left) has been given a £19,500 cash boost from Shanks First under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. This is where landfill operators can opt to pay a proportion of their landfill tax to charities such as Shanks First who use the money to fund community projects up and down the country.

The award from Shanks First means that the refurbishment project is now just £15,000 short of its £40,000 target. The project, being run by the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC), will see the Annexe refurbished to include a bigger main hall, a small meeting room, kitchen facilities and a disabled toilet.

For more information, contact VHMC Chairman **Clive Ashworth** on **771084**.

## Neighbourhood Watch Set-Up Meetings



A new Neighbourhood Watch initiative is being launched in Cottingham and Middleton and residents are being invited to two initial set-up meetings to re-launch the scheme in the area:

**Cottingham Meeting:** Monday 20 June, 7.30pm at the Red Lion  
**Middleton Meeting:** Tuesday 21 June, 7.30pm at the Red Lion

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme will be an important measure in tackling crime in the villages so it needs our support. If you'd like more information about the scheme, please contact **Jolene Wood**, Community Watch Liaison Officer on **444686**, or email [jolene.wood@northants.police.uk](mailto:jolene.wood@northants.police.uk)

# Parish Councils

## Cottingham

**Clerk:** Peter Taylor  
01536 262984 or 761752  
5 Headlands, Desborough  
NN14 2QA

### Councillors

Phil Dyne (Chairman)  
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)  
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 meeting:

**Wed 6 July 2005**  
**(No August meeting)**

## Middleton

**Clerk:** Justina Medwell  
01536 771234  
Middleton House, Middleton

### Councillors

Keith Allsop (Chairman)  
Dryden Phillipson (Vice Chair)  
Raymond Ainge  
Mark Brumby  
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:

**Wed 15 June 2005**  
**Wed 20 July 2005**

## Get Active!

The Tresham Institute has teamed up with health and fitness specialists 'Sport Active' to offer the exciting 'Active Life' programme to Cottingham and Middleton residents - for free!



The 15 week programme, which provides the opportunity for fun learning and invigorating gentle exercise, is suitable for people of all ages, fitness levels and abilities wishing to learn more about health, fitness, diet and stress management. On completion, participants will receive a free workbook and a Level One certificate in developing personal health and fitness.

The course will be held at the Village Hall Annexe on Wednesday afternoons starting in September (dates and times to be confirmed). To book a place, call **Emma** at **Active Life** on **0115 922 7020**. Information is also available on [www.activelife-online.co.uk](http://www.activelife-online.co.uk)

## Plastics Recycling

For various reasons, the plastics recycling bins on the car parks at the Red Lion and Spread Eagle have had to be removed. However, there are still bins for your plastics on the Village Hall Annexe car park. For more information, contact **Johanna Hackney** at Corby Borough Council on **464164** or email [johanna.hackney@corby.gov.uk](mailto:johanna.hackney@corby.gov.uk)

## New Parish Councillor for Middleton

A warm welcome to **Mark Brumby**, who has been co-opted onto Middleton Parish Council. Mark, who moved to 6 Glover Court with wife Debbie and children Jack and Carly a couple of years ago, said: "I've joined the Council because I'm eager to find out what goes on in the area as well as being keen to take an active role in its future."

Mark's location on the new Glover Court development makes him the ideal point of contact for new residents and he says to come along and give him a knock if you have any issues you'd like him to raise.

## Sally Hughes - Leaving Collection

The Reverend Sally Hughes will be giving her last service at St Mary Magdalene Church on **Sunday 26 June** before leaving to take up her new post as Priest in Charge at Wilbarston and Stoke Albany.

**Sarah Palmer** is organising a collection in appreciation of all Sally's hard work for the villages. If you'd like to contribute, please leave a sealed envelope addressed to Sarah at the Church, or put it through her letterbox at 3 Peake Close, Middleton.

## New Site for BMX Track and Youth Shelter

A Working Group has been formed to take forward plans for the proposed temporary BMX track on the Recreation Field. The Working Group is proposing to re-site the planned 50 metre x 20 metre track on Parish Council land on the east side of the Recreation Field near the old grandstand, a site that has already been proposed for the location of the permanent track if the temporary scheme proves successful.

**Dave Saunders** from the BMX Track Working Group said: "We felt that the original site on the Village Acre near Mill Road might not be suitable for safety reasons and could possibly be prone to vandalism. The new proposed location will be highly visible, making it safer for the young people using the track."

It's proposed that the temporary track will also incorporate a new Youth Shelter, constructed from compressed fire and water resistant straw bales. The temporary track will be evaluated over a 12 month period but will still need to go through consultations with residents, the Parish Council and Corby Borough Council before the trial can begin.

The working group is being assisted by Northants ACRE and support has also been received from Weldon Plant in Corby who have agreed to donate top soil for the temporary track. For more information, contact **Camilla Cobb** at ACRE on **01604 825889**, email [camilla.cobb@northants-acre.org.uk](mailto:camilla.cobb@northants-acre.org.uk)

## Cash Available for Rural Projects

A rural development initiative has kicked off to boost the Rockingham Forest, of which Cottingham is part. Funded by the European Community LEADER+ Programme and DEFRA, the Rockingham Forest Rural Revival (RRR) Programme provides support, guidance and cash for communities to undertake their own projects. Up to 70 per cent of funding can be provided for approved projects which must make the best use of natural and cultural resources, and benefit (among others) the target groups of the under 30s, women and rural workers/businesses.

For more information, contact **Jane Ivens** at Rockingham Forest Trust on **01832 274278**, email [jane@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:jane@rftrust.org.uk)

## 'Friends of Rockingham Forest'

Rockingham Forest Trust has also launched a free membership scheme for anybody living or working in the Rockingham Forest area. The scheme is ideal for anyone who's interested in learning more about RRR, has a strong interest in the history, culture and natural resources of the area or would like to join the Friends Discussion Forum and/or six-monthly meetings. If you're interested in joining, please email your details to [camilla.cobb@northantsacre.org.uk](mailto:camilla.cobb@northantsacre.org.uk) or call her on **01604 825889**. There's also a launch event on **Saturday 25 June** from 10.30am to 3.30pm focusing on sustainable heating. If you'd like to go along, contact Camilla on the number and email above.

More information about both of the above projects is available online at [www.rockingham-forest-trust.org.uk](http://www.rockingham-forest-trust.org.uk)

## Anglia TV - Country Days

If you'd like to find out more about Rockingham Forest, tune into Anglia TV's 'Country Days' programme, at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 30 June**. This programme will include a special feature on the Rockingham Forest area including its history, trades, environment and present day.

## Cottingham: Road Safety Action

Road safety in Cottingham was given renewed focus recently when Parish Councillor Dave Sims showed Northants County Council traffic engineers around the village to highlight areas of concern.

Said Dave "We are now liaising with the County Council to get the 30 mph signs on Rockingham Road, Corby Road and Bringhurst Road moved further out to slow vehicles down before they enter the village. We're also investigating flashing 'slow down' signs, changing priorities at 'The Cross' and at the junction of Corby Road/Millfield Avenue, and a new zebra crossing outside the Hunting Lodge."

All these initiatives will rely on securing funding but Dave is confident that data gathered as part of the Community Speedwatch initiative will help to strengthen the village's case. The Speedwatch initiative will see hand-held speed guns being operated in the village by locally trained residents in either August or October this year.

For more information, please contact Parish Councillors **Pam Moore** on **770022** or **Dave Sims** on **772121**.



## Residents Rally to Remember

More than 500 people turned out for the VE Day Celebrations on 8 May. Organisers Maggie Silcock and Ian Hodge would like to thank everyone who came along and all the people who helped to make the day a success.

Pictured left is four year old Jason Tilley from Rockingham Road aboard a 1939 Rolls Royce Wraith owned by Bill Kiff (also pictured). The car, part of a display of vintage vehicles at the event, has its own wartime story to tell having made a guest appearance in an episode of the TV classic sitcom Dad's Army in 1974, complete with a full camouflage paint job!

## News Round-Up

360 people turned out for the **Cottingham and Middleton Open Gardens** in May raising nearly £1,700 for cancer charities. The Hensons, Pollards and Newmans would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the day a huge success .

**Claire Dixon's London Marathon run** raised £1,600 for housing charity Shelter. Claire would like to thank her 120 sponsors, and also local cleaning company **Little Treasures** who offered a free 'Marathon Spring Clean' to match Claire's time. The four hour 37 minute clean was won by the Davies family of Rockingham Road (pictured below).



The **St George's Day Quiz** in April raised £427 for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity. Organiser Ant Licquorish would like to thank the 80 contestants who came along. Ant's 27th Village Charity Quiz has already been booked for **Saturday 8 October** and will be in aid of the Royal Institute for the Blind.

**Carol Woodward**, manager of the Althorp Ward at **Kettering General Hospital**, would like to thank everyone who came forward with furniture and other items for their new day room following an appeal in the last newsletter.

# What's On

The latest details of village events can be found on [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk) or [www.middletonnews.co.uk](http://www.middletonnews.co.uk) and in the 'Down Your Way' column in Saturday's Evening Telegraph

**Wed 15 June, 6pm**

## Spooky Coach Tour

Join the WRVS for a coach tour of haunted Northants and Leicestershire with commentary from local historian Peter Hill.

Tickets cost £12 (over 60s) and £13 (under 60s) to include a pub meal en-route.

Contact **Judy** on **770799**.

**Sat 18 June, 2-4pm**

## Jumble Sale

Methodist Hall, admission 50p

**Sat 25 June**

## Church Action Day

Can you spare an hour or two from **9am to 6pm** to help give the inside and outside of St Mary Magdalene Church a belated spring clean and tidy?

Contact **Mary** on **771339** or **Kathyne** on **770159**. Refreshments provided!

**24 - 26 June**

## Welland Valley Beer Festival



The **Royal George** is taking part in the third annual Welland Valley Beer Festival, putting on a cowboy-

themed weekend with a bucking bronco and Western barbecue.

The George joins other pubs in Caldecott, Weston By Welland and Gretton serving a range of guest beers. Vintage buses will be ferrying revellers between the pubs and a timetable and event programme will be available for just £1.

To find out more, call **Mass** or **Wendy** on **771005**.

**Sunday 3 July, 1-5pm, Recreation Field**

## Cottingham Fun Day and It's A Knockout!

Come along for an afternoon of fun including music, stalls, bouncy castle, refreshments and an It's A Knockout competition.

If you'd like a stall at the event, could spare a few hours to help out in any way, or would like to put a Knockout team together (four people), contact **Diane Cooksley** on **771545**.



**Saturday 9 July, 7.30pm**

## Wine Safari 2005 - 'The Ashes'

2005 sees the return of the Cottingham and Middleton wine safari. After a year's break, this fourth annual wine safari will have a cricketing theme, so dust off your Whites to get into the mood!

Tickets cost £15 per person to include a glass of wine and nibbles at each of the four stops along the way. There'll also be wine for sale at the last stop plus entertainment from the legendary 'Mr Bip'. All money raised will go towards St Mary Magdalene Church.

For tickets, available on a first come, first served basis, contact **Kirsty Swallow** (3 High Street) on **771796** or **Ro Freeman** (Martin House, Peake Close) on **770283**.

**Sat 16 July, 10am onwards**

## Treasure Hunt and Barbecue

Join in a treasure hunt around Cottingham and Middleton to raise money for St Mary Magdalene Church. Treasure Hunt sheets will be available on the day from **10am to 3pm** from **Charles and Alison Freestone** at Bromwell House, Ashley Road, Middleton or from **Sue Hall** at 4 Church Street, Cottingham, and cost just £5 per team. The completed sheets must be handed in before 5pm and the team with the most correct answers will win a £25 Asda voucher.

The Treasure Hunt will be followed at **5pm** by a **Summer Barbecue** at **Bromwell House**. Tickets for the Barbecue will be on sale beforehand for £5 (adults) and £1 (children). To buy your tickets, call **Sue Beadsworth** on **771420**.



**Saturday 16 July, 7.30pm**

## Table Top Quiz

Table top quiz at Village Hall Annexe - tea and coffee available, bring your own alcohol. Tickets, costing £5 per team of up to 4 people, are available from **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084**.

Funds raised will go towards the Village Hall Annexe Refurbishment (see front page for brief details of the plans).

## Useful Contacts

Corby police station: **400400**

Police, northern area control room helpdesk: **445532**

Cllr Robert Rutt  
Corby Borough Council  
**07801 945948**

Village Hall Annexe  
Frances Innes, **770574**

Methodist Hall  
Joan Jarman, **771193**

Northants ACRE

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**01604 825 889**

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0845 601 1113

## Clubs and Groups

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

Minerva Group  
Pam Moore, **770022**

WRVS  
Judy Evans, **770799**

Youth Club  
Diane Cooksley, **771545**

Mums and Tots  
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Wesley Guild  
Cyril Liquorish, **771401**

Sunday Clubs - St Mary's  
Ruth Colby, **770178**

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**