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Mark wins top award



Mark Jefferson of Ripley Road, Cottingham, has been named East Midlands Young Apprentice of the Year. Mark, 15, undertook a Young Apprenticeship at Rockingham Cars and has now been accepted for a full apprenticeship with the business. He is now in contention for a National Apprenticeship Award to be announced in London in July.

William Riddell Educational Trust (Middleton)

Grants are available from the William Riddell Educational Trust for Middleton residents aged under 25 years to assist with the costs associated with learning a trade, profession or for further education. If you would like to apply for a grant, please write to Mrs K Dickens, Hill House, Middleton, Leics LE16 8YX explaining the circumstance and requirements. The deadline for applications is 1 Sep 2009.

David does 3 Peaks!

David Love from Middleton is raising money for Kettering General Hospital Accident and Emergency Department on 20/21 June by climbing more than 22.5 miles up and down Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. To sponsor David, visit www.justgiving.com/kghaande3peakschallenge.



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CAMRA award for Red Lion



The Red Lion has been named Northants CAMRA pub of the season. The award recognises the hard work that landlord and landlady Kevin and Fiona Barby (pictured above with their award) have put into keeping and supplying real ales and supporting local breweries.

are leaving your car unattended - even for a minute - as this is all it takes for an opportunistic criminal to take advantage.

The local police have also issued a warning to be on your guard against a group of salesmen who have been seen in the area recently selling household goods door-to-door. Unfortunately, this group has been linked with burglaries in the areas they visit. To protect yourself and your home, if a salesman knocks on your door ask to see their ID and their Peddler's Certificate, issued by the local council. If you are in any way suspicious, contact the local Police straight away on their new number **03000 111222** (or **999** for emergencies) and, if you see a vehicle, take down the registration number.

Looking back in time

Alan Craxford from Tyneside visited Cottingham recently with his wife Judith to bring his family history to life. The Craxfords lived in Cottingham and Middleton from the early 19th Century and Alan is keen to tease out the complex interweaving relationships of several village families including Beadsworths, Bradshaws, Coles, Claypoles, Cranes and Tansleys. There is some fascinating information about the Cottingham Craxfords on Alan's website at

www.craxford-family.co.uk (the red pages).



During their visit, Alan and Judith met up with Laurie and Irene Beadsworth from Corby Road, Cottingham. Laurie is Alan's second cousin and both are descended from great grandparents William and Sarah Craxford (nee Claypole). We think that the picture on the left may be of Sarah Craxford. If anyone can confirm one way or the other, please email Alan at alancrax@aol.com

Steve Jones from Australia has also traced his family's history back to Cottingham. Steve is planning to visit the village in August and is keen to make contact with descendants of the Tansley, Panter or Inkle families still living in the villages who are interested in family history. If you can help, please email sjones25@iprimus.com.au

Be on your guard

Four crimes have been reported in the villages from 20 April to 7 June, including graffiti on a wall at the top of Corby Road, theft from a driveway in Stonepit Drive and break-in to non-domestic premises on High Street. Also, a driver who left his engine running while delivering a package in Berryfield Road has had his vehicle stolen. A similar incident occurred in Darescroft earlier in the year and we would urge residents to be vigilant. Always lock your car, and never leave your keys in the ignition if you



What's On

Fri 12 to Sun 14 June

7th Welland Valley Beer Festival



Soak up the full atmosphere of the Beer Festival at the Royal George,

Spread Eagle and Red Lion over the weekend.

The villages will be alive with music on Saturday night with Irish band *Skibereen* appearing at the Red Lion, acoustic quartet *The Cat Came Back* at the George and *Vinny Christian* at the Spread. On Friday night, guitarist/singer *Paul Lake* will be appearing at the Spread with *The Welland Valley Stompers* taking to the stage at the George on Saturday afternoon.

Vintage buses will again be running all day on Saturday and programmes/timetables are available from the pubs.

Sat 13 June, 7.30pm

Seagrave Singers, Village Hall Annex



The Village Hall Management Committee presents an evening with popular ladies choir The Seagrave Singers. Wine and nibbles will be available and tickets are just £6. Call **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084** for more details.

Sat 13 and Sun 14 June

Flower Festival, St Mary Magdalene

With flower displays themed around the International Year of the Child, the Church will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 12.30pm to 5pm on Sunday.

Refreshments will be served all weekend with light lunches on the Saturday. There is also a tombola, raffle and book stall and all proceeds will go towards the Church refurbishment fund. Entrance is free but donations on the day would be welcome.

For more details, please contact **Ruth** on **770178** or **Mary** on **771339**.

Sun 14 June, 2pm

Fun Cycle Ride

All are welcome to join the Rockingham Forest Wheelers for a fun cycle ride which, weather permitting, should be a cracking family day out. The cyclists will leave at 2pm on a gentle 10 mile circuit around the Welland Valley and return later for a BBQ.

On the day, the lucky winners for the 'Mike Springthorpe' charity raffle will also be announced. Fabulous prizes have been donated including a holiday in Spain, and tickets are still available from **Norman** and **Mary Needham** on **771356**.

The cost for the bike ride is £2.50 per adult, with children under 12 free. Tea, coffee and cake will be served and



everyone is invited to bring a bottle if they fancy a glass of wine with their meal.

Fri 26 June and 21 Aug, 8pm

Desperate Housewives! Village Hall Annex

Come along for a good natter and meal with the Desperate Housewives. The cost is £6 each, payable in advance. Contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Sandra (770184)** or **Wendy (771177)**. Please bring your own drinks, including alcohol.

Thursdays, 7.30 to 9.30pm

Dancing at the Village Hall Annex

For just £1 a time, you can dance the night away at the ballroom and sequence dancing sessions now being held every Thursday at the Village Hall Annex. For more information, contact **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084**, or just come along.

Parish Council Meetings

Village Hall Annex, 7.30pm

Cottingham: Wed 1 July

Middleton: Wed 15 July

There will be no meetings in August.

Sat 28 June, 2pm

Bip's Birthday Bash!

To celebrate his 60th birthday, **Bip Wetherell** is holding a garden



bash at his home at 21 Ashley Road, Middleton LE16 8YP, from 2pm to 10pm to raise money for prostate cancer. Instead of gifts, Bip is asking guests to pay £15 to include a charity donation, wine on arrival, buffet and entertainment. Children are free and you are welcome to bring your own wine, beer, spirits, cool box etc.

Special guests include Colin Dexter (author of the 'Inspector Morse' stories and a former Cottingham resident) and local TV celebrity John Anderson who will be stepping out of the Gladiators' arena to referee some traditional garden games. You can play tennis on the tennis court, if you would like to join in and there will be live music from the 'Golden Boy of The Sixties' Jess Conrad, backed by the Telstars - namely Bip and Bob Gowen!

There will also be a raffle with some great items to auction so come along and enjoy what should be a cracking day. You can pay your £15 by sending a cheque to the above address or by credit/debit card by calling the Raven Hotel on **01536 202313** during office hours. Speak to Glen or Elaine. For more information, email Bip at **bip.wetherell@virgin.net**