



Cottingham and Middleton News

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

It's great to see things progressing so well with the village youth club and getting football back onto the recreation field. Well done to everyone who has been involved with these projects - it just goes to show what can be achieved when you put your mind to it!

I've given roving reporter Andy Gilgrist a break for this issue and, instead, am pleased to bring you an update from Dawn Watkins on the new village shop. I for one can't wait to see the shop open again and I hope you'll support this fantastic venture in any way you can.

I'd like to thank our new PCSO Mark Tooley for his update on page 2. Mark has just let me know that with the help of a villager, he recently arrested an unlicensed doorstep salesman in the villages who has now been charged, with a condition not to enter Northamptonshire again other than to attend court. It's great to see this partnership working.

And finally, I look forward to seeing a fair few of you out and about at the Beer Festival - let's hope the sun shines!

Bye for now,

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Youth Club expands for 11 to 18s

A new section of the Youth Club has started up for youngsters aged 11 (year 7) to 18, being held every Monday during term time (excluding Bank Holidays) from 8pm to 9.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. Activities on offer include music, X-Box with full 'Rock Band' set up, Wii sports and karting, table tennis and mini pool. Entrance is £1 on the door to include free crisps and soft drinks. Tea, coffee and snacks are also available to purchase. Places are limited to enable proper supervision and please note that the organisers are unable to admit children outside the 11 to 18 age group.

Volunteers

Several more volunteers have stepped forward to help out with the youth club following the appeal in the last newsletter. The club's organisers would like to say a big thank you to everyone who is supporting the club, but more help is always welcome!

If you can spare a few hours to help out, please contact Jake (email jakesraj@yahoo.co.uk), David (email david.swallow4@virgin.net, phone **771796**) or Irene (email irene@beadsworth.fslife.co.uk, phone **770059**).



Footymania!

With the country about to be gripped by World Cup fever, the return of football to the village recreation ground came a step closer recently with the receipt of a grant from the Football Foundation for half the cost of full size posts and nets. The other half will be funded by the youth club and the PTFA, and it's hoped that the goals will be in place for the summer.

But if you can't wait that long for some live local footy, get yourself down to Wilbarston Village Hall at **12 noon on Saturday 29 May** to see the lads of New Cottingham FC take on the Cottingham 'old boys'! The event is being held to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease and Macmillan Cancer Care. A presentation will be held at the Royal George at 7.30pm the next day, with live music at 8.30pm from Irish band Jiggirish and a fundraising raffle at 9.30pm. Contact Mass or Wendy at the Royal George for more info on **771005**.



Valley Voice

The recently-formed Cottingham and Middleton community choir, which is now drawing a regular attendance of between 25 and 30 singers, has been formally named 'Valley Voice' (after the Welland Valley of course - and not, I am reliably informed, the Welsh Valleys!).

The choir's current repertoire is a mix of timeless classics including *Amazing Grace*, *Let it Be*, *A Little Help from my Friends* and *California Dreaming* to name but a few. So, if you enjoy singing, why not come along and give it a go? You'll receive a warm welcome and will soon be up to speed with the rest of the guys and gals! There are plans for public performance, but not for some time yet.

Valley Voice meets every Tuesday in the Methodist Hall in Cottingham from 7.30pm to 9pm and subs are just £1 a week. Adults (aged 16+) of all abilities are welcome to come along. For more information, please email Musical Director **Debbie Smith** on psmith1309@supanet.com, or just come along on the night. The choir also still needs a pianist or keyboard player to accompany the singers at rehearsals. If you know of anyone who may be able to help out, please contact Debbie on the email above.

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Parish Councils

Cottingham

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

Councillors

Pete Bowman (Chairman)
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)
Irene Beadsworth
Alan Davies
Owen Davison
Geof Hudson
Pam Moore
John Muir
David Swallow

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. 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:

Wed 2 June, 7.30pm
Wed 7 July, 7.30pm

Middleton

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

Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)
Kay Dickens (Vice Chairman)
Raymond Ainge
Yvonne Alvey
Sarah Brant
Gemma Claypole
Alan Cole

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex. 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 16 June, 7.30pm
Wed 21 July, 7.30pm

Rural Police update

From PCSO Mark Tooley



The current priorities for the rural safety communities team (SCT) are:

1. **Speeding** in Berryfield Road, Cottingham; High Street Stanion and Kirby Road, Gretton
2. **Rowdy/nuisance behaviour** in Church View and Stamford Road, Weldon and Corby Road, Gretton
3. **Doorstep crime** in Church Street, Cottingham (following the spate of burglaries just before Christmas), Keebles Close and Corby Road Stanion

Doorstep Crime

A couple of neighbouring villages have reported men knocking the door during the early evening trying to sell items from a bag. One became a little forceful in trying to get the occupier to buy something before he left. If anyone sees or experiences any persons trying to sell items in this way, Northants Police have set up a dedicated number to combat these type of incidents/crime: **0345 23 07 702**.

When this number is dialled, it gives the call handler a message that the call is in relation to bogus tradesmen or doorstep crime and results in an immediate response from the police.

Crime Report

There have been a few instances of criminal damage to the Village Hall Annex, and the dog fouling bin was emptied onto the children's play equipment. If anyone has any information in relation to these incidents, please let us know.

Contacting us

When you see or speak with any member of the SCT team, we record any concerns you have about your area or street which then helps us decide on the priorities that you, the members of the community, say you want us to address. Please visit the police website at **www.northants.police.uk/localpriorities** to tell us what matters most to you in the area where you live or work. You can help shape local priorities by answering a few questions about your area.

Please note the new number for Northants Police is **03000 111 222** and can be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for all non-emergencies. The old telephone numbers are gradually being phased out so if you call the old 700 700 numbers after 1 June you will hear an 'unobtainable' tone. Please make a note of the new number.

And finally, I shall be available in Cottingham for my monthly drop-in 'surgery' at 3.30pm on Tuesday 22 June in the Village Hall Annex, so please come along.

Parish Council News

Community Speedwatch - Commencing 7 August for six weeks, Middleton and Cottingham have use of a Northants Police speedgun. New volunteers are urgently needed for police training in use of this gun. Contact Community Speedwatch co-ordinators **Dryden Phillipson** for Middleton (email **dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk**, phone **770950**) and **Michael Curtis** on **771987** for Cottingham.

Middleton Parish Plan (2010 to 2015) - Volunteers are needed from Middleton to assist Middleton Parish Council in refreshing the current Parish Plan, which ran through to 2009. Contact **Dryden** as above, or **Cllr Sarah Brant** (email **s.brant@ucl.ac.uk**, phone **772447**).

At a recent meeting of Cottingham Parish Council, Cllr **Pete Bowman** was appointed Chairman and Cllr **Clive Ashworth** Vice Chairman.

Village shop update

By Dawn Watkins

Planning permission has now been granted for the renovations to the shop building and for its use as a shop and café. Work is progressing well and it is hoped that the shop and café will be up and running by late summer 2010. Once the framework is complete, the intention is to open up the shop premises for viewing and for fundraising activities. Details of this will be given nearer the time.

The freehold of the building is privately owned and the intention is to let the cottages (one 2-bed. and the other 4-bed) separately from the shop premises. Anyone who is interested in renting either of these should contact **Jeremy Sharman** on **07768 500 432**. The shop premises will be rented by 'Community Rocks', a local charity that seeks to advance the Christian message by serving the community. The Charity is pleased to have the backing of both of the village churches in pursuing this project.

Volunteers

The projected turnover of the shop and café is such that the budget for employing staff is tight. The Charity is employing staff to cover the basic hours required but in order for the business to thrive, the voluntary support of the community is vital. If you would be willing to volunteer to work in the shop and/or café on a regular basis then please contact either **Dawn Watkins** on **770994**, or **Rachel Hudson** on **770766**. Experience is a bonus but training can be provided.

Use of the shop

At first, just basic provisions will be available such as bread and milk, but it is expected that the variety of goods will increase as time goes on. It is hoped that the shop will become a 'hub' through which local produce can be bought and sold. Other ideas, such as a 'freecycle' board where villagers advertise their unwanted items, have also been suggested. The trustees of 'Community Rocks' would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a bright idea for developing the community aspect of the shop – and from anyone who has expertise in this area who is willing to help on a practical level. The aim is for as many members of the community to be involved as possible in making this project a success. Please contact **Dawn Watkins** on **770994** or **Wendy Curtis** on **771987** if you have ideas that you would like to put forward.

Campaign for faster broadband

A number of villagers are unhappy with the slow performance of their broadband service from a variety of providers. Some residents with a home based job or business need fast broadband; others want to benefit from the many online services and entertainment available only with fast download speeds. Sadly, our low performance broadband costs the same as the high speed service enjoyed in other UK locations, so we're getting poor value for money. BT's national rollout for fibre optic fast broadband is most likely to only benefit highly populated areas for some time to come. This is a problem for many rural areas.

Lyddington village recently successfully set up their own high speed broadband service (see www.rutlandtelecom.co.uk). To explore the possibilities for a similar venture for Cottingham and Middleton, a working group has been formed which includes representatives of both Parish Councils. Please register your interest in this project by contacting **Dryden Phillipson** or **Pete Bowman** on email BBproject@ovi.com.

Litter Pick



More than 20 villagers from Cottingham and Middleton joined forces at the end of April to collect more than 20 large bags of rubbish in the village litter pick, organised by Cottingham and Middleton Parish Councils. The litter pick was part of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England's 'Stop the Drop' campaign. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Quiz Night success

Ant Licquorish's March quiz night attracted 11 teams who between them raised just under £200 for PHAB. Thanks to everyone who helped out or donated prizes. The next quiz is on Saturday 18 September 2010, most likely in aid of the Red Cross - so make a note in your diaries now!

Lilian and Eric Lawson would like to thank everyone for their kindness during their stay in hospital, Thakley Green and at home. Special thanks to Anne Parker, Ann Stretton, Beryl Booth and their family.

Pat Harrison of Welland View Road would like to thank family, friends and Church members for the beautiful flowers she received when she returned from her recent stay in hospital. A big thank you to all.

Stray cat

There is a stray cat living in the sheds on Rockingham Road, near houses 6 to 10. It is a young cat with ginger and tabby colouring and is friendly. If you know who it may belong to or are interested in giving it a home, please contact **Sue** on **770975**, **Dawn & David** on **771736** or **Phil & Claire** on **771852**.

Northants Touring Arts

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the recent 'Evening with Isla' at the VHA (Village Hall Annex) such a success.

On 3 September, we'll be joining with Northants Touring Arts to bring internationally-acclaimed vocal trio *Artisan* to the VHA. For more information contact **Irene** on **770059** or see the 'What's On' guide on www.cottinghamnews.co.uk.

What's On

Fri 4 June and 2 July, 7.30pm

Bingo night, Village Hall Annex

Eyes down! Free entrance, 10 games are played and bingo cards cost £10 for six books or £5 for three. All proceeds go into the prize fund on the night.

Sat 5 June and 3 July, 7.30pm

Whist drive, Village Hall Annex

Entrance £1.50 with all proceeds to the Village Hall Annex. Contact **Pam Moore** on **770022** for more information.

Sat 5 June, 2 to 4pm

Afternoon teas, St Mary Magdalene

As well as teas there will be a cake stall, book stall, bric-a-brac, children's stall and tombola. All funds raised will go towards restoration of the Church.



Fri 18 June, 7.30pm

Seagrave Singers, VHA

The Village Hall Management Committee presents an evening with The Seagrave Singers ladies' choir at the Village Hall Annex. Tickets are just £6 including strawberries and fizz. Call **Irene** on **770059** for more details.

Tue 22 June, 3.30pm

Meet your PCSO, VHA

If you'd like to meet our Police Community Support Officer, or have anything you'd like to discuss, come along to the Village Hall Annex.

Fri 25 June, 8pm

Desperate Housewives, VHA

Join the desperate housewives at the Village Hall Annex for an Italian meal and a good natter. The cost is £6 each, payable a week in advance. Contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)**, **Wendy (771177)** or **Sandra (770184)**. Please bring your own drinks, including alcohol.

Every Thursday is dance night at the Village Hall Annex - modern, sequence and ballroom from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Contact **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084**.

Fri 11 to Sun 13 June

The 8th Welland Valley Beer Festival



11 pubs are taking part in this year's Welland Valley Beer Festival including the Royal George, Spread Eagle and Red Lion.

On Friday night, *Mr Bip* will be appearing at the Spread with *The Contenders* at the George and country and western singer *Ben Oakley* at the Red Lion. The *Welland Valley Stompers* will be at the George on Saturday afternoon with Irish band *Skibbereen* at the Spread in the evening. The George and the Spread will also be showing the England game live on Saturday evening.

All three pubs will be serving food throughout the festival with an alfresco grill at the George, breakfast at The Red Lion on Saturday, 10am to noon followed by light snacks through to early evening and the normal restaurant menu and Sunday carvery from the Spread and Red Lion.

Vintage buses will be running all day on Saturday and programmes/timetables are available from the pubs, priced £1.50.

Sat 3 July, 7pm

Barn Dance, E Carlton Cricket Club

Contact **Sharon Jantzen** on **771371**, email **sharon@ivanember.free-online.co.uk** for more details.

Sun 4 July, 11am

Charity Run, East Carlton Park

Join in the **Air Ambulance Heroes 5km Run** to raise funds to keep the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) flying and to celebrate the life-saving work of the doctors and paramedics who are real life heroes to many people.

You can run, jog or walk the 5km route. Entry is £10, or £5 for under 16s. Dogs are also welcome although they must be kept on leads. There are medals for all finishers plus winners' trophies and you are welcome to wear fancy dress. Subject to missions, the helicopter and crew will be flying in to meet supporters.

For more information and registration, visit **www.wnaa.co.uk** or you can register on the day from 10am to 10.30am. For any other enquiries, contact Jayne Farquharson, WNAA Events Manager, on **heroes@wnaa.co.uk**.

Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Corby BC Noise Officer
Paul Craddock, **400088**

Street Doctor (Northants CC)
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Corby Borough Council
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Pam Moore, **770022**

Methodist Hall
Joan Jarman, **771193**

Rev Sian Reading, **770237**
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Clubs and Groups

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

Minerva Group & Whist Drives
Pam Moore, **770022**

WRVS
Sue Jefferson, **771822**

Mums and Tots
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Crafty Monkeys pre-school club
Nicola Gumbeer, **770563**

Youth Club
David Swallow, **771796**

Wesley Guild
Cyril Liquorish, **771401**

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

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

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

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

Blackthorn Wood Pool Team
George Barker, **07904 954040**

East Carlton Cricket Club
Sharon Jantzen, **771371**