



# Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the April/May edition of the village newsletter. - a short one again this

time around, but hopefully still full enough to bring you news of the latest happenings and events in the villages.

The nearly new sale of children's clothes and toys hosted by the newly-formed Cottingham School PTFA on 10 March raised nearly £300 towards stage, sound and lighting equipment for the school.

On the same day, the 'Give and Take' event hosted by Northants County Council in the Annex raised £80 towards the Jurassic Way project.

Thanks to all the organisers and everyone who supported these events.

And finally, well done to Graham Ley from Church Street and Cottingham Parish Clerk Peter Taylor who both successfully completed the London Marathon on 22 April.

Regards,

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## Little Meadow

The Government's Planning Inspectorate has granted temporary planning permission at appeal for the installation of a mobile home at Little Meadow on Corby Road. Planning permission has been granted "...for a limited period being the period of five years from the date of this decision..." for the stationing of "no more than two caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (of which no more than one shall be a static caravan or mobile home)."

## Fighting Fund

At a meeting hosted by Cottingham Parish Council on 10 April, nearly 200 people gave their support for the Parish Council to take action to fight the Planning Inspectorate's decision in the High Court.

More than £17,000 has now been donated by villagers in Cottingham, Middleton and East Carlton to fund this action, with a further £2,000 pledged. However, more money is needed! If you would like to make a donation, cheques should be made payable to Cottingham Parish Council and handed to your nearest Cottingham Parish Councillor. You can also send cheques to Cottingham Parish Clerk **Peter Taylor**, 5 Headlands, Desborough, Northants NN14 2QA (01536 761752).

## Mandate Forms

More than a third of Cottingham villagers have so far signed mandate forms in support of the Parish Council's action. No villagers have returned forms to say they are against it. If you live in Cottingham, are aged 18 or over and haven't yet signed a form, it's important you do so, whether you are in favour of the action or against it.

Copies of the mandate form can be downloaded from the [www.cottinghamnews.co.uk](http://www.cottinghamnews.co.uk) website and can be returned to any Cottingham Parish Councillor. On the website you can also view copies of the appeal decision and various legal documents relating to the Parish Council's case.

## Next Meeting

Little Meadow will be on the agenda for discussion at the next Cottingham Parish Council meeting to be held at the Village Hall Annex at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 9th May**. Members of the public are, as always, welcome to attend.

## Cottingham Parish Council Election Thursday 3 May, Village Hall Annex



An election will take place to fill the nine places on **Cottingham Parish Council** on Thursday 3 May from 7am to 10pm, same time as the Borough elections.

There are 13 people standing for election and you may vote for **up to** nine of the following candidates: Clive Ashworth, Irene Beadsworth, Peter Bowman, Owen Davison, Phil Dyne, Geof Hudson, Pam Moore, John Muir, George Sear, David Short, David Sims, Wayne Smith, David Swallow.

## Middleton Parish Council

The following people have been automatically re-elected to Middleton Parish Council: Raymond Ainge, Alan Cole, Kay Dickens and Dryden Phillipson. Keith Allsop has retired after 46 years as councillor and 39 years as Chairman.

To encourage a more democratic approach and because Middleton PC intends to progress towards Quality Council Status in the future, which requires that a minimum of 80% of councillors are elected, the three vacancies will be filled by election rather than by co-option.

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**Deadline for stories:  
8 June 2007**

# What's On

**From Tue 17 April, 10 to 11am**

## Tai Chi and Pilates

A combined Tai Chi and Pilates class has just started up in the Methodist Hall. Classes cost £5 each. If you're interested in joining, contact instructor **Madeleine Clarke** on **01572 822700**.

**Sat 5 May, 2.30 to 4pm**

## Coffee, books and plants St Mary Magdalene

Come along to the church for coffee. There will also be plants and second hand books on sale. All proceeds to St Mary Magdalene.

**Fri 11 May, 7pm**

## Family Quiz, School Hall

Family quiz for teams of 2 to 6 players being hosted by Cottingham School PTFA. Entry is £1 per person with plenty of questions to keep the kids interested. Drinks and hot nibbles will be served during the interval. There are prizes for the winners and a prestigious Cup for the Quiz Champions! For more information contact **Kirsty** on **771796**.

**Sat 7 July**

## WRVS coach trip to Skegness

For tickets, contact **Judy** on **770799** or **Sue** on **771822**.

**From Thu 17 May, 10.30 to 12.30**

## Get, Set, Go! Village Hall Annex

A free six-week health and social activity programme for anyone aged 50 or over is kicking off at the Village Hall Annex on 17 May. There's a range of social and physical activities to help improve health and well-being, but the emphasis is also on having a lot of fun at the same time.

The programme is free and is being organised by Age Concern, Corby Borough Council and Corby Voluntary and Community Services.

For more information or to book a place, contact 'Get, Set, Go' co-ordinator **Cathy Fountain** on **01536 525201** or Corby BC Rural Pride Officer **Suzanne Preston** on **01536 464281**.

## Coming Up!

### Welland Valley Beer Festival

Including the Royal George and Red Lion  
**Fri 22 to Sun 24 June**

### Wine Safari 2007

**Saturday 30 June**

### Cottingham School Summer Fete

**Saturday 7 July**

## Crime Report

Seven crimes were reported in the villages during February and March. This included two vehicle break ins, vandalism/break in to outbuildings, caravans and allotments in nearby fields and the theft of the sign from the school wall.

## Dog Fouling

There has been a recent increase in complaints about dog fouling in the villages, particularly along the new footpath linking Glover Court and Darescroft and in the Churchyard. Clearly this is unpleasant and presents a health hazard for other villagers, visitors to the churchyard and the people who cut the grass!

Middleton Parish Council has placed official warning notices in certain 'hot-spots' in the village. These sites are under surveillance and fixed penalties of £50 are being threatened against offenders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

If you are walking your dog, please show consideration for other villagers and clean up after your animal. Do not leave it to others to do so on your behalf! Thank you.

## Red Kites

Red Kites have been sighted over Church Street and in The Dale. With a wingspan of nearly two metres, red kites can be distinguished from other birds of prey by their red colouring and forked tail.

## Adult Learning

Northants County Council is looking to start up adult learning courses at the Village Hall Annex. If you have any ideas for recreational activities you'd like to get involved in, please contact **Sara Mason** on **07734 496563**, email [saramason@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:saramason@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Obituary: Dr Harry Voss, 1913 to 2007

Long time Cottingham resident Dr Harry Voss sadly died on March 12th. Harry trained at Guys hospital and in 1948 was appointed the first NHS consultant at Kettering General Hospital where he was in charge of the Pathology Laboratory until he retired in 1978. At Kettering he did much to foster postgraduate medical education and encourage good working relations between all levels of staff.

Harry, his wife and four sons lived at The Nook on Corby Road. In the 1950s, in response to a request from local youngsters, Harry set up and ran a youth club for a while until it moved to new premises.

Harry was a rich source of good stories, many about the village, some of which have recently been captured on video. He led a very full life, had boundless enthusiasm and kindness, was excellent company and enjoyed a medic's capacity for good red wine! He will be much missed.

