



Cottingham and Middleton News

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Welcome to the February/March edition of the newsletter, the first for 2008.

The event calendar for the villages has started to take shape with dates in the diary from this month right through to early July (see back page).

If you have an event that you'd like to promote, please don't hesitate to get in touch. And don't forget that you can find a regularly updated list of village events on the village websites.

On page 2 we have included news on several initiatives happening in and around the area that you may like to get involved with, whether you're into walking, watching wildlife or settling down with a good film.

Our roving reporter Graham Ley is back in the saddle for this issue and we're delighted to bring you an article on our rural police support team (page 3). I'd like to thank Acting Sergeant Julie Mead, head of the Corby Rural Safer Community Team, who has been very supportive in getting this article together.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and roll on Spring!

Regards,

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Pam and Peter Go for Gold!

Congratulations to Pam and Peter Moore who celebrated their golden (50th) wedding anniversary recently. The couple married at Cottingham Parish Church in 1958, moving to their Berryfield Road home in 1960 where they have lived ever since, raising three children - Kim, Nigel and Stephen - along the way.



The couple would like to thank all the family and friends who gave them a lovely anniversary celebration at the Village Hall Annex earlier this month. They requested that instead of buying presents, they preferred guests to make donations to two charities - the Air Ambulance and Cancer Research - raising a magnificent £550 in total.

Pam and Peter are pictured left cutting the cake and above with their bridesmaids Ann Wright (far left), Wendy Porter (far right) and Phyllis Jacobs (second from right).

Little Meadow - Update

Various works have been undertaken on the Little Meadow site, all of which are within the terms of the Temporary Planning Permission that was granted by the Planning Inspectorate following the applicant's appeal and have been overseen by Corby Borough Council's Planning Department.

Cottingham Parish Council and its solicitors are continuing to gather information to form a case for having the appeal decision referred back to the Planning Inspectorate by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Middleton Heritage Project

Middleton Parish Council is looking for volunteers to get involved in researching and recording the village's heritage and history.

Recent history is also of great interest and anyone who can provide personal accounts of Middleton's history in their lifetime will be very welcome.

If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Dryden Phillipson on **770950**, or email him at dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk



Picture shows the old Red Lion, Middleton (1905)

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
01536 761752, 5 Headlands,
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Councillors

Phil Dyne (Chairman)
Clive Ashworth (Vice Chairman)
Irene Beadsworth
Pete Bowman
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 5 Mar, 7.30pm

Wed 2 April, 7.30pm

Middleton

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

Councillors

Dryden Phillipson (Chairman)
Kay Dickens (Vice Chair)
Raymond Ainge
Yvonne Alvey
Gemma Claypole
Alan Cole
Janet Robertson

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 20 Feb, 7.30pm

Wed 19 March, 7.30pm

A Walk in the Park



If you fancy some fresh air, exercise and friendly company, the **East Carlton Wednesday Walkers** meet every Wednesday at 11am outside the café in East Carlton Park. Come along for an invigorating walk taking in the sights and views along the Jurassic Way followed by refreshments and a chat back at the Park Café. The walk lasts around 35 to 40 minutes and people of all fitness levels are welcome.

If you can't make Wednesdays, walks are also held once a month on a Sunday, meeting outside the Park Café at 2.30pm. The next Sunday walk takes place on 24 February and the dates for the rest of the year are: 30 March, 27 April, 25 May, 29 June, 27 July, 31 August, 28 September, 26 October and 30 November.

For more information contact **Suzanne Preston** on **01536 464281**, email her at **suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk** or just turn up on the day. Whether you're a walking enthusiast or just starting out, you'll be guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome.

Wildlife Leaders Sought



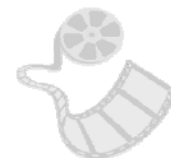
Corby Borough Council's Rural Pride team is looking to get some Wildlife Watch groups started in the villages for youngsters aged 8 to 12. Wildlife Watch aims to introduce youngsters to wildlife and help them appreciate the natural world around them through fun and stimulating activities.

Rural Pride is looking for volunteers who may have an interest in environmental issues or simply the enthusiasm to help run a Wildlife Watch group for the villages. Training and advice to help with running the group will be provided by the Wildlife Trust.

If you'd like to find out more about setting up a Wildlife Watch group for youngsters in the village, please contact **Suzanne Preston** on **01536 464281**, email **suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk**. More information about the scheme is also available through the Wildlife Trust's website at **www.wildlifewatch.org.uk**

Rockingham Forest Village Cinema

Oundle Cinema has kicked off a project to bring cinema to village halls across the Rockingham Forest, with the help of a grant from the Rockingham Forest Trust.



If you'd like to catch a movie, Rockingham and Great Easton are both now regularly showing films, with a ticket price of around £4. The forthcoming attractions, plus contact details, are provided below and you can find a full list of films and contacts for all the Rockingham Forest villages online at **www.cottinghamnews.co.uk**

Rockingham

1 March - Atonement
28 March - Casino Royale
Contact: Ian Norman, 771985

Great Easton

22 Feb - Grow Your Own
4 April - TBA
Contact: Sally Armstrong, 772545

If anyone is interested in getting a film programme up and running in Cottingham and Middleton (from Autumn this year), contact **Chris Gill** at Oundle Cinema on **01832 270255**, or email him at **chris@oundlecinema.org.uk**

Dog Fouling in Middleton

A very small number of dog owners continue to ignore warnings of penalties for this anti-social offence. Middleton Parish Council has funded two new dog bins for the village, due to Corby Borough Council having no budget available. If the problem persists after the bins have been installed, the Parish Council will be adopting a 'name and shame policy'.

On the Beat

By Graham Ley

You may have noticed the police making more regular appearances in Cottingham and Middleton over the past year. Happily, this is not a sign of a growing crime wave. In fact it is the result of a welcome national initiative to bring the police into closer contact with communities, with the aim of addressing local concerns more effectively and reducing low level offending.



Pictured (left to right) are PCSO Peter Heyward, PCSO Phil Beckett, A/Sgt Julie Mead and PC Jonathan Meadwell

The Corby Rural SCT (Safer Community Team), based at the Elizabeth Street police station and led by Acting Sergeant Julie Mead, is the team which covers Cottingham and Middleton along with a group of other villages including East Carlton and Rockingham. The team works on a shift basis and has an officer visiting each village at least once a day. There are three Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs): Phil Beckett, Sally Ellson and Peter Heyward; and one PC, Jonathan Meadwell. They hope to become familiar and friendly faces to all of us.

A member of the team aims to attend Parish Council meetings, both to give feedback to the Council on policing in the area and to keep abreast of the issues which are of current concern to the villages. The SCT sets three areas for priority attention each quarter, which are selected largely on the basis of comments by members of the community – so please do tell the team your concerns. The current priority problems are speeding, fly-tipping and illegal parking, and the team are now deploying with speed guns regularly in the villages (see article to the right on village traffic calming).

So how can you contact the team? Well, they are always happy to be approached while on patrol, but you can also find them holding a regular surgery on the second Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall Annex when the Over-60s Club meets. You can also get in touch with the team at any time by phone or email. The number to ring is the Northants police number **08453 700700** - just ask for the Corby Rural SCT. It's important to remember, though, that you must still use 999 for emergencies, when it is a case of possible danger to life or limb or if you need to report a crime in progress.

You can also send an email to SCTCorbyRural@northants.police.uk and if you would like more information about the team and SCTs in general, you might like to visit their website at www.northants.police.uk/sct

Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall

Plans for the new Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall are progressing, with £40,000 being transferred to Middleton Parish Council this month under the Glover Court Section 106 agreement with Miller Homes. Transfer of the land from Miller Homes to Corby Borough is also expected to be completed by the end of February.

Following these long awaited events, it will be time to consult as widely as possible with the communities of both villages on the uses for the hall. Feedback from the Parish Plan questionnaires from both villages clearly showed support for better facilities, but we need to refresh this data to ensure we know what current aspirations are. We are especially interested to know what our young people would like to see, although it will be vital to provide a hall with facilities catering for all age groups and the widest possible range of sports, leisure and cultural activities.

For more information, contact **Dryden Phillipson**, Chairman of Cottingham and Middleton Village Hall Trust (Northants) on **770950**, or email him at dryden.phillipson@middleton-northants-pc.gov.uk

Under the Hammer!



The Royal George's New Year's Eve charity auction raised a fantastic **£1,645** in aid of Motor Neurone Disease

(MND). The George's licensee Wendy Farabella recently lost her grandfather to MND and she'd like to say thank you to everyone who donated auction items and came along to support the event.

Village Traffic Calming

Perennial problems with speeding traffic prompted a suggestion from Middleton Parish Council that villages in Corby Borough should acquire its own speed gun for use by the local Safer Community Team.

The suggestion was given approval in principle by Northants Police last month and a speed gun has been secured, using County Council funding, for exclusive use by the Borough's villages.

And whilst we're on the subject of traffic, remember that it is an offence to park on the pavement - even with just two wheels. Parking on pavements causes serious problems for pedestrians, especially for wheelchair users and people with pushchairs.

Ruth Says Thanks

Ruth Harrison would like to thank her family and friends for the many cards, good wishes and gifts she received on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Congratulations Ruth!

Say it with Flowers



Timea Makra of Rockingham Road is offering Cottingham and Middleton residents a **10% discount** on

all flower orders from her shop 'Flowers in Style' at 42 London Road, Kettering. The shop celebrates its first anniversary this month.

You can contact Timea on **312777** or email her at sales@flowersinstyle.co.uk

What's On

Fri 22 Feb and 25 April, 8pm

**Desperate Housewives!
Village Hall Annex**



Desperate housewives of Cottingham and Middleton are invited to a new social event involving a takeaway and a good natter.

At just £6 per person, the idea is to have a fun evening that doesn't cost the earth. The first event takes place on 22 February and will then be held every eight weeks, with payment required a week in advance. If you'd like to come along, contact **Jan (772130)**, **Kirsty (771796)** or **Wendy (771177)**. Please bring your own drinks, including alcohol.

Sat 8 March, 2 to 5pm

**Afternoon Tea and Sale
St Mary Magdalene Church**



Come along to St Mary Magdalene Church for afternoon tea. There will also be a selection of stalls to browse including homemade

cakes, cards and books, and a plant stall courtesy of Sue Hall. All money raised will be used towards the ongoing restoration of the Church. Everybody is welcome, including walkers and their dogs.

Sat 15 March and 26 April, 8pm

Village Dances, Village Hall Annex

Pull on your dancing shoes for the village dances to ballroom, sequence and modern dancing tunes, starting at 8pm.

Tickets are just £4 and you can bring your own refreshments (including alcohol). Call **Audrey Ashworth** on **771084** for more details.

Sat 15 March, 7pm

**Bunny Drive
St Mary Magdalene**

Similar to a Beetle Drive - but with bunnies! Come along to the Church for some good family fun. Cost is £1 per player and there will be prizes for the highest and lowest score. Refreshments will also be served.

Sat 12 April, 7pm

**Village Quiz, Village
Hall Annex**



Ant Licquorish brings his latest quiz to the Village Hall Annex on Saturday 12 April, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

This time, Ant is raising money for the charity 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'. Tickets are £6 per person, which includes a fish or chicken and chips supper, and you're welcome to bring your own drinks.

Teams of four should register their interest as soon as possible (along with their food orders), so give Ant a call on **771062** or email him at **quiz-man@tiscali.co.uk**

Saturday 5 July, 1-5pm

PTFA Summer Fayre

The date is set for the PTFA Summer Fayre. Attractions confirmed so far include the Corby Radio roadshow, 'Robot Wars', pony rides, beer tent, BBQ and events area.

The PTFA are again producing a souvenir programme for the event. If you would like to advertise in the programme, or donate a prize for the Summer Raffle, please contact the PTFA on **07765 631967** or email **pt.fa@cottingham.northants.sch.uk**

**Fri 20 to Sun 22 June
Welland Valley Beer Festival**

**Saturday 28 June
Annual Wine Safari**

More information coming soon

Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch
David Robins, **01933 304357**
david.robins@northants.police.uk

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

Street Doctor (Northants CC)
0845 601 1113

Cllr Robert Rutt
Corby Borough Council
07801 945948

Cllr Stan Higgs
Northants County Council
01536 202918

Northants ACRE
Carolyn Turner, **01604 825889**
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Down Your Way correspondent
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Village Hall Annex
Pam Moore, **770022**

Methodist Hall
Joan Jarman, **771193**

Rev Sian Reading, **770237**
sianreading@tinyonline.co.uk

Clubs and Groups

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

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

WRVS
Judy Evans, **770799**

Mums and Tots
Sandra Battersby, **770184**

Cottingham Craft Club
Emma Davies, **771221**

Wesley Guild
Cyril Licquorish, **771401**

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

Breast Cancer Support Network
Judy Evans, **770799**

Rockingham Forest Wheelers
Norman Needham, **771356**

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

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

East Carlton Cricket Club
Nick Sumpter, **771203**