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Welcome to the October/ November edition of the village newsletter.

The newsletter is just one of the ways that you can find out what's happening in the villages, but you can also keep up to date through the village websites, the Evening Telegraph Down Your Way column (Saturdays) and the new Friday morning radio broadcast on Connect FM. You may also be interested in joining the village email list (see opposite).

The countdown to Christmas has begun and the School, Methodist Church and WRVS are all offering opportunities in November for a bit of early Christmas shopping (see back page). Or, if you fancy making your own cards and gifts, check out Graham Ley's article on page 3 on the new Cottingham Craft Club taking place at the Methodist Hall.

And finally, you may have noticed that an autumnal picture of Cottingham was featured on the front cover of Corby Borough Council's 'One' magazine in September. If you missed it, the picture, taken by Pete Bowman, is featured on our magazine banner this month and a colour version can be downloaded from the village website.

Regards,

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Deadline for stories:
30 November 2007

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

This year, St Mary Magdalene is again collecting shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts for the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' project. The shoe boxes are sent to needy children in the most disadvantaged parts of the World.

For more information, contact **Sue Beadsworth** on **771420** or visit **www.samaritanspurse.uk.com**

Boxes need to be delivered to Sue or to St Mary Magdalene by 17 November.

Obituary: Aubrey Pearson

Aubrey Pearson sadly passed away on September 13th. Aubrey was born in Cottingham and lived here all his life. He sang in the Church choir and played football for the village team. He also enjoyed playing skittles. After his retirement, he spent most of his time on his allotment.

Aubrey will be sadly missed.

His family wish to express their thanks to all neighbours and friends for the cards, messages of sympathy and for the donations for Cottingham Parish Church received in Aubrey's memory.

Aubrey is pictured here with Cottingham FC (back row, third from left)

On the Radio

Cottingham Parish Councillor and Evening Telegraph Down Your Way correspondent Pete Bowman is now recording a weekly village news update for broadcast on local radio station Connect FM.

You can hear Pete's update on Ian Sharpe's breakfast show every Friday. Tune in on 97.2 and 107.4 FM.

Join Village Email List

If you'd like to keep up-to-date with village news and events between newsletters, why not add your name to the village email list?

More than 160 villagers now receive email updates every month or so.

If you'd like to add your name to the list, simply visit **www.cottinghamnews.co.uk,** click on **'join village email list'** in the left hand column and follow the instructions.

Parish Councils

Cottingham

Clerk: Peter Taylor
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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 7 Nov, 7.30pm
Wed 5 Dec, 7.30pm

Middleton

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

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

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 21 Nov, 7.30pm
Wed 19 Dec, 7.30pm

Irene Seeks Youth Views

"Being a fairly new Parish Councillor but at the same time having lived in Cottingham most of my life, I am concerned that there is very little going on in Cottingham and Middleton for the young people. I'm talking Primary school through teens. Being in my 60s, although still 'young at heart', it's not always easy to know what young people like to do with their time these days.

"In the past there have been lots of activities such as Scouts, Guides, football, dance classes, youth club etc.

"There is money available and volunteers to help and advise young people to get started but we cannot apply for these grants without genuine needs and requests. If there are any young people out there fed up with having to go out of the villages to get entertainment, please contact me with your requests and ideas and if there are enough young people who really want to make something happen for them I will try my utmost to help.

"A meeting can be arranged where you can air your needs and ideas. I'm sure some of you have much more imaginative ideas than myself. So come on, let's hear what you have to say! Contact me - I can't do it without you!"

Irene Beadsworth, 11 Corby Rd, tel **770059**, email **irene@beadsworth.fslife.co.uk**

Annex bookings

The hire cost for the Village Hall Annex has been revised to £7 an hour for the main hall and £10 an hour for the hall and meeting room.

If you'd like to book the Annex, contact Fran Innes on **07913 552531.**

Congratulations!

The Spread Eagle's Sam Perkins and Stella York tied the knot at Cottingham Parish Church on 19 September. Congratulations to both of you.

Steeple Chasing

Couldn't resist this one! This adventurous hot air balloon visited Cottingham during the Summer before coming down to rest in the field by the water towers on the A6003.

It's a Snip!
By Graham Ley

With Christmas just around the corner, this may be the only time of year you feel the urge to reach for the glue stick, glitter and the needle. Or you may be bursting with creative energy all year round. Either way, the newly founded Cottingham Crafters could be just the thing for you.

Pictured (left to right) are Jackie Dodds, Emma Davies, Daphne Coe and Heather Hannant

Taking place on the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 4pm in the Methodist Hall on Corby Road, the group, led by Emma Davies get together to share their skills and encourage each other to create beautiful objects with a personal touch. On the day I dropped in, hand made Christmas cards were very popular, but I also saw embroidery, beaded cake decorations and exquisite scrapbooks coming to life, all against a background hum of friendly chatter.

The idea is that you come along to work on your own project, taking advice from others who may have more experience than you and sharing materials (there is a Swap Shop for when you have too much of one thing). Emma has a selection of useful papercraft equipment to use on the day if you don't have your own. There is also a programme of demonstrations and special events planned so that you can be inspired to try something new if you want to. In December there will be a competition for Christmas cards made from recycled objects, with a Hobbycraft Voucher to win and January will be about Meandering Mini Memories Books (sounds intriguing).

The sessions currently cost £7.50 (£3.50 for a half session and for under 15s), with a discount if you sign up for three. Coffee and delicious home made cakes are on sale, with proceeds going to charity. You know you always say you're going to make your own Christmas cards one year – well, now you have no excuse not to!

There are still a few spaces available at the Craft Club. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Emma Davies on **771221** (mobile **07776 084190)** or email

Have you seen Branston?

Nicola Tyldesley of 16 Church Street is asking villagers to help find her family's much loved cat Branston, who has unfortunately been missing since July. Branston is a medium sized cat, tabby and white, and quite shy. She is not wearing a collar. A £100 reward is on offer.

If you have any information, please call **Nicola** on **01536 771395** or **07796 684065.**

Nearly New Sale

The PTFA's Nearly New Sale of children's clothing, toys and equipment in October was a busy and successful day raising **£203** towards school funds.

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who sold or bought items and all those who visited the tea room, where the home baked cakes proved very popular!

Methodist Harvest Thanks

The Methodist Church would like to thank everyone who supported the recent Harvest Festival activities.

Chris Owen of Church Street would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and cards following his recent stay in hospital.

Ant Pops the Question

Ant Licquorish's 15th anniversary quiz held in September raised a fantastic **£436** for the Princess Diana Warwickshire Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA).

Thanks to everyone who helped out on the evening, especially John Hulatt with the 'gophering', Beryl Booth for the raffle and everyone who donated raffle prizes. This included a number of great prizes donated by the WNAA - a polo shirt signed by Geoff Hurst, a drawing of Nobby Stiles' jig at the 1966 World Cup, signed by the man himself, and a book about the Spencer family and Althorp signed by the author Charles Spencer - Princess Diana's brother.

Congratulations to quiz winners '**Tom's Team'** (pictured above). The booby prize went to the appropriately named **'Absolutely Hopeless'** (pictured right).

The 2008 quizzes are likely to be in March or April and September or October. Watch this space for further information.

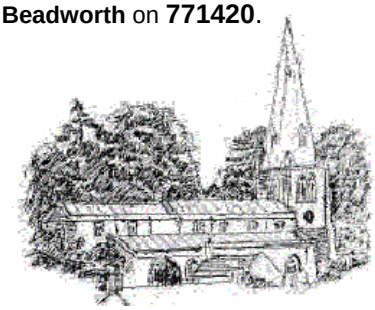
What's On

Sat 3 November, 2-5pm

Cream Teas & Crocks!
St Mary Magdalene

St Mary's last Cream Tea afternoon for 2007 will have a Christmas theme with various gifts, cards and decorations and a china/crockery stall.

If you have any unwanted cups and saucers, jugs, vases etc that you'd like to donate to this very good cause, please contact **Sue Beadworth** on **771420**.



Sun 11 November, 11am

Remembrance Day Service

A joint remembrance service between St Mary Magdalene and the Methodist Church is being held at the war memorial outside the school to honour the men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts.

This will be followed by refreshments at the Methodist Hall on Corby Road. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Cottingham war memorial, c1919

Sat 17 Nov, 2pm

Autumn Bazaar
Methodist Hall

Come along to the Methodist Church Autumn Bazaar to snap up some goodies well in time for Christmas.

For more details, contact **Joan Jarman** on **771193.**

Sat 17 November

Milton Keynes
Christmas Shopping Trip

The WRVS is organising a Christmas shopping trip to Milton Keynes on Saturday 17 November.

Tickets are £5 for OAPs and £7 for others, and are available from **Judy Evans** on **770799** and **Sue Jefferson** on **771822.**

Sun 18 Nov, 11am to 5pm

Christmas Fayre, Cottingham School

The PTFA Christmas Fayre will be held in the school hall and classrooms with 25 stallholders offering a wide range of crafts and gifts.

Amongst the exhibitors are local artist **Mikki Longley**, who has painted scenes from many of the surrounding villages including the picture shown here of Market Harborough farmers' market.

Also exhibiting is **Dick Tilley** from Spirits of Wood who will be demonstrating his skills carving wood using a chainsaw!

When you've finished your shopping, you can relax in the 'Class Café' for some Christmas refreshments. Entry is £2 for adults, free for children.

Useful Contacts

Northants Police: **08453 700700**

Neighbourhood Watch
David Robins, **01933 304357**
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Paul Craddock, **400088**

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Methodist Hall
Joan Jarman, **771193**

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 Liquorish, **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**

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