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Welcome to the August issue of the village newsletter.

We are delighted to report that the Planning Inspector

has thrown out the appeal for the Bury Close housing development. This hopefully marks the end of a 10 year battle against housing on this site. Thanks must go to everyone who has supported the campaign over the years including our two Parish Councils, Bob and Julie Riley who kicked off the initial ABC (Against Building in Cottingham) campaign back in 2006, everyone who sent in objections and helped to collect petition signatures, Noel Rogers and the East Carlton Health Walking Group, Corby Borough Council's planning team and our local MP Tom Pursglove.

I would also like to thank Sarah Brant who has kindly offered to pick up the co-ordination of newsletter deliveries in Middleton along with Dave Palmer and Neil Campbell who have offered to help out with distribution. Getting the newsletter to your door is a real team effort and we couldn't do it without our co-ordinators and distributors, so thanks to you all.

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Planning appeal rejected

The Planning Inspector has thrown out the appeal from the Kiff and Troke Partnership for the Bury Close housing development, stating that it would have a detrimental effect on the setting of Cottingham Hall and the surrounding rural landscape, all of which fall within the newly extended Cottingham and Middleton conservation area.

In his appeal decision, the Planning Inspector, Mr Tim Wood, said: "In my view the benefits are insufficient to outweigh the serious and irreversible harm that would be caused on the significance of the conservation area and the Grade II* listed building. As a consequence, I conclude that the appeal scheme would fail to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the conservation area, and fail to preserve the setting of the listed building."

In a letter of congratulations to villagers, MP Tom Pursglove said: "It is fantastic news that the appeal has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. I completely agree that this should be the end of it. I very much hope that the developers will respect this decision and walk away."

You can view the full appeal decision on the village website.



Mike and Sue are seeing red!

Mike Curtis and Sue Trengove have stripped and repainted the old telephone box on Rockingham Road in Cottingham. The inside has been cleaned ready for a coat of paint and the windows have been cleaned so some repairs can be made to them.

The crown on the top of the box, which shows that it is a K6 type installed between 1936 and 1953, is to be highlighted in gold paint.

"I'd like to thank the neighbour who let me use his power supply so we could remove the old paint with a needle gun," says Mike. "The future of the box, which still has a power supply, is open to suggestions. A few people have proposed using it as a book exchange library, which could be put into effect very quickly, but we'd like to hear what villagers think."

If you have any ideas on how the phone box could be used, please contact **Mike** on 771987 or email him at wendymichael80@gmail.com



Triple triumph for young Cottingham athletes

Cottingham C of E Primary School is celebrating after winning three sporting trophies.

The 40 children in the school's athletics team completed a throw, a jump, a sprint and a distance run to win the Welland Valley Athletics Championships for the fourth time out of the last five years, having previously won in 2012, 2013 and 2015. The school's six-strong archery team also scooped first place and both teams went on to represent the Corby, Oundle and Thapston District at the Northamptonshire County School Games.

This year, due to stormy weather having interrupted the Welland Valley Championships, Cottingham's young athletics team also had the chance to compete directly against 23 teams from Corby primary schools, where they again won first place. That's quite something – well done kids!



Bus service saved

The No.67 Gretton to Market Harborough bus service that was due to be axed because of budget cuts has been saved, thanks to a campaign by villagers in Gretton, Rockingham, Cottingham, Wilbarston and Weston-by-Welland.

Northants County Council will now be fully subsidising the service that will continue with a few minor changes, operated by Carter's Travel. You can find the new timetable on the village website.

Zanzibamba!

Cottingham's **Pete Bowman** has written an instrumental called 'Zanzibamba' for a showreel by BAFTA nominated animator Karen Watson. You can find out more and download the track for just £1 at www.zanzibamba.bandcamp.com.

All proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. If you haven't got a PayPal account but would still like a download, email **Pete** at pete@LE16.com.



During Emma's time at the school, academic achievement has excelled to well above the national average and the school is fast gaining a reputation as a sporting force in the area, with a plethora of awards for athletics, archery, football and tag rugby under their belt.

Emma said: "The school has come a long way in the last six years thanks to our wonderful children and the fantastic teamwork of teachers and parents alike. I love this school so much and I am sad to be leaving, but the school is in safe hands and I hope to take the nurturing, supportive ethos of Cottingham School to my new role."

The end of term also marked the retirement of foundation governor Sue Beadsworth, who has a lifelong association with Cottingham School. Her father George Trevor was head at the village's old school in School Lane in the 1950s and Sue became a foundation governor when she was teaching at the present school in the 1980s.

Village summer events raise thousands

Events held in the villages over the summer have raised more than £6,300 for good causes. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise these events, came along, took part and supported them.

Village Fete: On 25 June, villagers dodged some severe downpours to enjoy a wide range of stalls, food and drink, traditional games and live performances at the Village Fete which raised £3,510.



There was maypole dancing and singing from the children of Cottingham C of E Primary School, music from the Valley Voice Choir and village band Soundpost, and a very competitive Tug o' War contest adjudicated by local celebrity and Gladiators referee John Anderson – Contestants...ready!

Stalls included the ever popular 'Made in the Villages' stall selling beautiful hand crafted items, teas and homemade cakes served by the ladies of St Mary Magdalene Church, a Pimms stall, beer tent and a fabulous barbeque stocked and run by the Gray family, which on its own raised £850 towards the total.

The proceeds will be used to further develop the playground at the school and contribute towards the creation of a new outside classroom. A generous donation has also been made to St Mary Magdalene Church.

School Charity Day: Cottingham School's annual charity day in June raised more than £700 for local and national charities chosen by the children. Money was raised through a range of stalls and a sponsored space themed obstacle race.

Wine Safari: More than 90 people gathered for the village Wine Safari on 16 July which raised £1,627. From this, a £200 donation is being made to prostate cancer and the rest will be split equally between the Church and the new Village Hall.

Pocket Park picnic and garage sale: The Valley Voice Pocket Park picnic and village garage sale on 17 July raised over £500 for the Church. 25 houses took part in the garage sale and, in Middleton Orchard, villagers, friends and family were treated to free games, competitions and singing from the Valley Voice Choir, along with music from sax quartet Alright Jack, village band Soundpost and acoustic duo Hand Drawn Heart.



Fond farewells

Villagers packed in to St Mary Magdalene Church on 5 June to bid a fond farewell to **Ruth and Mark Colby**. Ruth is pictured (left) at her ordination at Peterborough Cathedral on 27 June. She is now working as a minister in Rothwell benefice.

Cottingham C of E Primary School has also bid a fond farewell to two valued members of their team, as the school continues to go from strength to strength.

Headteacher **Emma Tayler** is moving to a new role after six years at the school and **Sue Beadsworth** has retired as one of the school's foundation governors after more than 30 years' service.

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Goat milk ice cream? No kidding!



If you're looking for something a little different to cool you down on these hot Summer days, why not pop into the village shop and pick up a tub of Ganders Goat milk ice cream, a new local delicacy that's hand produced on Ganders Farm on Rockingham Road, Cottingham?

Ian and Lauren Horton (pictured left) rehomed their first two goats Carrie and Shandy two years

ago and, while thinking what they could do with the milk they were producing, the idea for goat milk ice cream was born.

"After much experimenting, we hit on the perfect recipe for a smooth, creamy goat milk ice cream that tastes just like traditional ice cream but has half the fat, half the calories, is gluten and nut free, and suitable for most lactose intolerances," said Ian. "And we're delighted with the response we've had to the ice cream so far – everyone seems to love it and they keep coming back for more!"

Ganders Goat sold their first pot of goat milk ice cream in Spring this year and now, with a herd of 37 individually named goats, are producing around 240 litres of ice cream a week – that's enough to fill two and a half bathtubs!

Everything is produced on the farm, from milking 20 goats twice a day, through making the ice cream in their state of the art production facility, to packaging it into tubs for sale.

There is a range of flavours available including a popular ginger variety, vanilla, chocolate, raspberry ripple and strawberry, all using local produce where available. Ganders Goat also produce guest flavours each month, depending what fruits and herbs are around to go into the mix. Guest flavours have included fresh mint, elderberry, spiced plum and honey, savoury blood orange and even chilli.

Ganders Goat also produces a range of goat milk soaps that, being made from only four natural ingredients (goat milk, local rapeseed oil, coconut oil and lye), is ideal for people with sensitive skin. This and their Bee Soap, made with honey from the farm's bees, and Gardener's Soap made from local yarrow flowers, are all available at the village shop and can also be purchased online at www.gandersgoat.com.



Sue, her husband Michael, their two daughters and three grandchildren have also all been pupils at the school.

She was invited to a special assembly to mark her retirement with hymns, songs, dancing, gifts and tributes from the children, staff and governors.

"It has been a long and happy part of my life and I will always have fond memories of the school, said Sue. "I'd like to thank Emma and the whole school for the wonderful send off they gave me."



Pictured (left to right): are Erica Biddle, Emma Taylor, Sue Beadsworth and Kairen Toman

Next term, current deputy head **Erica Biddle** will become acting headteacher in Cottingham and Emma will be taking up her new role as headteacher at Market Harborough C of E Primary School.

The school's chair of governors **Kairen Toman** said: "We are bidding a fond farewell to two much valued members of our team, who will both be greatly missed."

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 after leaving school. If you would like to apply for a grant, please write to Mrs K M Dickens, Hill House, Middleton, Leicestershire LE16 8YX, giving date of birth and explaining the circumstance and requirements, before 1 September 2016.

Barking dogs

PCSO **Anita Hambly** is appealing to local dog owners to be considerate when leaving their dogs outside. "The summer is a time when people like to have their windows open and there is nothing more annoying than a dog left outside barking while the owner ignores it," says Anita. "It not only affects those with their windows left open but also disturbs people who work shifts."

If you have a problem with a neighbour's dog(s) barking, contact Environmental Services at Corby Borough Council.

Yellow lines survey

Following feedback from some villagers about the double yellow lines that have been



introduced at the junctions of Corby Road, Church Street, High Street and Rockingham Road, Cottingham Parish Council has agreed to run a survey inviting views from all Cottingham villagers in order to determine the next steps. It is expected that the survey will be out next month.

Church 100 Club

St Mary Magdalene Church has launched a '100 Club' (a type of private lottery) to raise funds for the maintenance, preservation and improvement of the Church.

There are 100 numbers for sale at £5 a month each and you own your number for a year. There is then a monthly prize draw with prizes of £100 for first place, £50 for second and £25 for third.

For more information, contact **Kathryne Tilley** on 770159 or **Brad Revell** on 772585.

What's on

For latest events, see www.cottinghamnews.co.uk

Sat 13 Aug, from 9am

Painting day, Village Hall Annex

The Cottingham cum Middleton Village Hall Management Committee is looking for volunteers to help paint the inside walls of the Village Hall Annex, next to the school on Berryfield Road.

All the gear and emulsion paint will be provided and the committee will keep you fed and watered with free tea, coffee and cake!

For more information, or if you're able to help out, contact **Mike Curtis** on 771987, email wendymichael80@gmail.com

Sat 20 Aug, 7.30pm

Summer Charity Evening



This event at 11 Main Street, Middleton will have with an outdoor 'Christmas in Summer' theme with a jazz duo and disco, to raise money for **Leicester Children's Holiday Centre at Mablethorpe**.

Tickets are £30 to include a welcome drink and buffet from **John and Paula Orton** on 771223, email paula.orton50@yahoo.co.uk

Fri 14 Oct, 7.30pm

Café Jazz Village Hall Annex



Jazz quintet Café Jazz is returning to the Village Hall Annex with a selection of laid back vocal and instrumental jazz classics made famous by the likes of Peggy Lee, Etta James, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Gershwin and Sinatra.

Café Jazz features Jane Smith on vocals, David 'Zoot' Barrs on tenor sax, Fino Lopes on acoustic jazz guitar, Mark Ginns on upright bass and Ian 'Bud' Gemmell on drums.

Tickets are £7 each from **Irene** on 770059, **Audrey** on 771084 or **Jane** on 770821 (email jane@cottinghamnews.co.uk) and there is a pay bar.

The event was a sell out last time the band appeared at the Annex, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Don't miss out on village news

If you'd like to keep up to date with village news between newsletters, you can join the village email list by following the instructions on the village website. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cottinghamandmiddleton

Sat 22 Oct, 6.30pm

Charity Quiz, Village Hall Annex



Come along to Ant Licquorish's Village Charity Quiz in aid of SERV (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers) who provide transportation of blood, blood products and other urgent medical items for NHS hospitals across the county.

Food is provided if you wish, either fish (or chicken) and chips or a vegetarian option. The cost is £7 per person including food or £3 if you want to bring your own. There is no bar, so please bring your own drinks. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Call **Ant** on 771062 or email him at ant_the_quizmaster@btinternet.com

Meet the WI

Wendy Martin (right) and Jacqueline Turner from our local Ashley Welland Valley WI set up stall in the village store and cafe for a week in July to let people know about their 2016 programme of events, which includes speakers, demonstrations, fun socials and outings.



Their members come from Cottingham, East Carlton, Wilbarston and Middleton as well as Ashley, so they really are a Welland Valley group.

Wendy and Jacqueline say they enjoyed meeting everyone and would like to thank the village shop for allowing them to showcase what they do.

Next event: Wed 7 September, 7.30pm at Ashley Village Hall, Recycling for a healthy heart.

To find out more about your local WI, visit their page on the www.ashleyvillage.co.uk website or contact **Wendy Martin** on 0780 119 4560, email wendy10ecp@gmail.com

Parish Council meetings

Cottingham: Wednesday 7 September and Wednesday 5 October

Middleton: Tuesday 20 September and Tuesday 18 October

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex next to the school. Members of the public are welcome to attend. There are no Parish Council meetings in August.

Useful cContacts

Northants Police 101

Neighbourhood Management Team (Suzanne Preston) 463177, email suzanne.preston@corby.gov.uk

Street Doctor (Northants CC) www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

Cllr Bob Rutt, Corby Borough Council, 07801 945948 robert.rutt@btconnect.com

Down Your Way correspondent for Northants Telegraph, Del Robertson, 07927 179921, delboy639@gmail.com

Village Store and Café, 770097 [facebook.com/cottinghamshop](https://www.facebook.com/cottinghamshop)

Village Hall Annex Audrey Ashworth, 771084

Methodist Hall Lynette Muir, 770094

St Mary Magdalene Church, Rev Sian Reading, 770237, sjmr216@btinternet.com

New Village Hall Trust, Chair, Pete Bowman, pete@cottinghamnews.co.uk

Clubs and Groups

Over 60s Club Audrey Ashworth, 771084

Cubs and Scouts Gary Chisholm, 772331

Valley Voice, village choir Pete Smith, psmith1309@hotmail.co.uk

Rockingham Forest Wheelers Norman Needham, 771356

New Cottingham FC Neil Jarman, 07708 323077

Royal George Golf Society Norman Golding, 771081

East Carlton Cricket Club Sally Hitches, 01536 771733

Police surgeries

PCSO Anita Hambly will be holding police surgeries at the village shop on **1 September** and **10 October** from 1pm to 2pm. Please feel free to pop in for a chat.



You can contact Anita on the police non-emergency number 101 or by emailing her at anita.hambly@northants.police.uk