
CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS

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SEASONS GREETINGS

A Message from the Chairman, Coddington Parish Council

With Christmas almost here, on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish our community a very happy one and a successful 1986. For those of us of "mature" years they come and go very quickly, but for the children it is a very exciting time which cannot come soon enough.

We should also spare a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves.

It is a time when many of us do eat too much. For the ladies, there is an enjoyable way of swinging back into shape in our school's main hall, in a warm, friendly atmosphere with instructor Mrs. Pat Powel. The course runs for twelve weeks, commencing Monday, 6th January, 1986, from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. The fee is £13.55 and for the unemployed £1.05 for the full course. It's good fun so I am told!

Bernard Allen

Editorial

One Year Old - but still a toddler

Probably no individual can claim to have conceived the idea of a village news letter, but after much discussion CCN was eventually born this time a year ago.

It is far too early to claim that CCN is a roaring success, but the present Editor takes heart from the fact that a newsletter he helped to establish in another community has recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. Over this period of time the community has developed and has become more co-hesive. The rivalries between the various factions and each end of the settlement have become less divisive and more positive, to the general good of their residents.

Similar problems are shown to exist in all settlements and Coddington is no exception to that general rule - But at least each end of Coddington is aware of the existence of the other end. That people comment about their fellow 'east' and 'west-enders' shows that we are becoming more aware of our fellow residents.

To repeat CCN's first Editorial "CCN will attempt to supply news and views about our community, but it cannot produce the goods without you, organisers, chairpersons, clerks etc feeding CCN the information. CCN also wants to stimulate. Will it move you to making your views felt, publishing your comments, moans or suggestions? If CCN isn't lively it won't survive". - So help to keep it going for another year!

27 Morgans Close
Coddington



1.11.85

To the Editor CCN.

How time flies, it seems only yesterday that our very first CCN came through our letter box and now it is a year old, fortunately without even teething problems - or at least no obvious ones.

I myself would have liked to have seen more of Mrs Hine's Household Hints, Mrs Gray's Child's Bright Sayings, and needless to say more advertising by local people. Lets all turn out our never-to-be-used-again items, not only helping our finances, but helping to keep CCN alive and solvent. Think about it.

I wonder how many appreciated the lovely illustrations of old buildings I thought they were a welcome addition to our CCN. Wouldn't it be nice to see an illustration of the old cottages which once stood on 'The Green' now known as "Wellgreen"! I remember them with their small fenced gardens with wicket gates, to say nothing of the lovely 'old fashioned' flowers - lupins, honeysuckle, everlasting sweet peas, peonies, forget-me-nots, not forgetting the rambler roses over the doors and sun flowers that reached the bedroom windows. I used to visit these old cottages when I worked as a nurse 35 years ago. Does anyone have a picture?

Wishing CCN a Happy Birthday.

Janet Storey.

PARISH RATES TO RISE 10%

After holding the parish rate at the same level for three years, the Parish Council has decided to increase its rate precept by 10% - from £1,000 to £1100 from 1st April 1986.

This may sound a large increase, but it still represents less than £1.00 being spent on every man, woman and child living in Coddington, for the whole year. For this sum the Parish Council finances a rubbish skip service at Harvey Avenue and Valley View; CCN - the village newsletter; makes donations to help run village groups; buys and installs play equipment as well as employing a part-time clerk to run the Parish Council's administration.

What doesn't appear on the balance sheet is the considerable time and effort put in by the Parish Councillors at their regular and special meetings, endeavouring to represent the needs and interests of our community to the District Council and County Council and the many other agencies which provide services to the village and whose activities affect our lives.

32 Mitchell Avenue,
Coddington,

To the Clerk of Coddington Parish Council,

Dear Members of the Parish Council,

I am writing this letter of thanks to you with regard to your interest you have shown and the help you have given to the Harvey Avenue Estate. It is nice to have the support from people in your positions behind us as we have fought a long and hard battle with the Newark and Sherwood District Council for better living conditions. We are now beginning to win the battle.

We are trying very hard to improve the image of the estate in the eyes of the rest of the Coddington Community. Although the estate has had a bad name in the past, it was not altogether the fault of the tenants. The District Council must take most of the blame for this as they were using the estate as a dumping ground for problem families. This has now been rectified through the Tenants Association putting pressure on the Council, and we have now got a population of good and helpful people in the Coddington area. So you see we are trying to help ourselves.

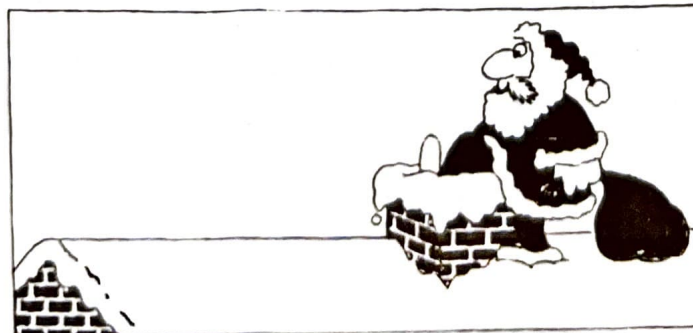
As you may have noticed, I do come down to the Parish Council meetings and sit and listen to what goes on. I then write a report on the meetings for our Tenants Association, which they find of interest.

If any members of the Parish Council would like to attend meetings of the Tenants Association, they would be most welcome to come along to see the work we are doing for the estate. Any advice and help we can give each other can only be for the good of our community which-ever side of the A17 we live.

I have written this letter the best way I know, and so may I say thanks very much again and keep up the good work.

Yours,

Dave McGrath
Harvey Avenue Tenants Association Member



REPORT FROM HATA

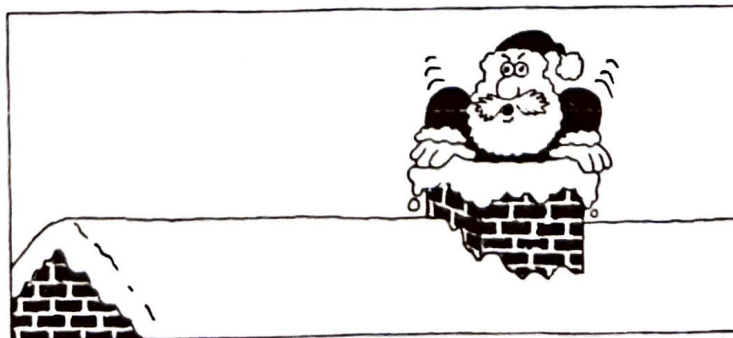
The present Tenants Association on Harvey Avenue has been in existence for two years now and in that time have gone from strength to strength. The members of this Association are Mr Keith Shepherd (Chairman) Mr Jim Gerraghty (Vice-Chairman) Mrs Christine Shepherd (Secretary) Mr John Workman (Treasurer) Mrs Janice Workman, Mrs Barbara Rogers, Mr Eric Rogers, Mrs Dianie McGrath, Mr David McGrath, Mr Trevor Black, Mr Steve Edierley.

We also have two community workers who are Mrs Sandra Taylor and Mr Norman Walker who help us out with any problems we may come across in dealing with the District Council. They also can put us in touch with any other bodies that may be able to help us. They are very busy people as they also deal with other Tenants Associations, even as far away as Boughton Near Ollerton. These two people are very over-worked and do not get a great deal of home life to themselves.

They are the using heroes of all the work that is carried out by the Tenants Associations. But without their knowledge and enthusiasm, the Tenants Association and other Community Groups could not operate. With the help of Norman and Sandra the Harvey Avenue Tenants Association has fought and got the remodernisation programme started.

We now have a small sub-group of ^{the} Tenants Association looking into the structure of the houses on the estate, we also have a group that are doing a "damp campaign" and we have members who attend the meetings of the Federation of Tenants which members of all the Tenants Associations attend. Our own Mrs C. Shepherd is the Secretary of the Federation. There are members of our Tenants Association who attend sub-group meetings for modernisation work known as the Maintenance and Repairs Working Party. As well as the Estate Offices group, members of our Tenants Association attend meetings of the Joint Consultative Council at Kelham Hall. We also have members who are in the midst of the campaign to have the aluminium windows on the estate changed to a safer design for which we must give credit to Mr Gerraghty for all of the hard work he has put in.

So as you can see, we have not been dragging our heels this last couple of years.



ON THE MOVE FOR MODERNISATION

As you may know the next phase of the modernisation has started on the Harvey Avenue Estate after one delay and then another.

The District Council staff with their usual flair for disorganisation have been round letting people know which houses they are to move into. There have been many complaints from tenants about the dirty state of their temporary homes they were given to move into, after the Council had promised to clean them out.

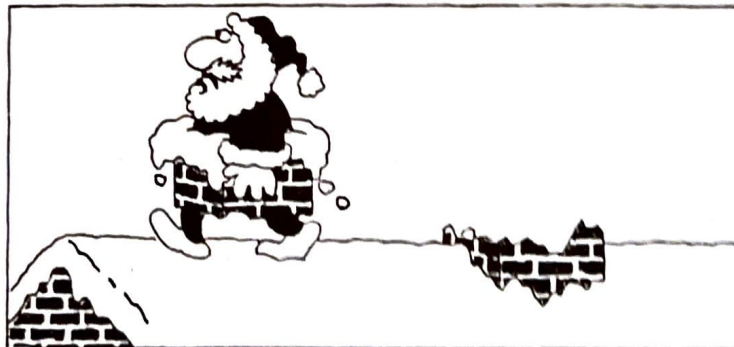
I for one was told which house I was to move into. After I had been round to have a look at it, I saw through the windows that it was in a dirty state and I went to a Tenants Association meeting attended by Mr Connors and Mr Day of the Housing Department. I told them both that I would not move into that house because of the dirty state it was in and if they didn't find me a house that was in a cleaner state, I would stay in my own house and they would modernise round me. Mr Day's reply was that if I put it in writing, he would see to it that I could stay where I was.

Fortunately he changed his mind and said he would look into getting me a clean house. Surprise, surprise, a woman housing officer came round the next morning to tell me we were to be offered another house.

Another problem has been that some people have received their keys up to three weeks before they moved in, while others have been given their keys only one or two days before they have moved in, giving little or no time to get things ready. This has caused a lot of inconvenience to tenants, upsetting them and their families.

Can we hope that the next phase of modernisation will be better organised?

D. McGrath



CODDINGTON'S VILLAGE HANDYMAN

Peter Johnson has recently been appointed as Coddington's new Handyman. He is able to take on quite a range of jobs, but they must be for the benefit of the community as a whole and no-one should make any monetary gain from his services.

If you can suggest any job that needs doing about the village please contact Mr Bernard Allen (Chairman) or any other Parish Councillor (see CCN No. 2, E2 for addresses) or Mrs Tysse, Clerk to the Parish Council, Little Surprise, Main Street, Coddington.

CODDINGTON SPORTS & SOCIAL ASSOCIATION



Football

The 1st team, although a little short of players this term, are continuing to make steady progress. A recent win over Winthorpe F.C. being the most notable result, if only for the fact, this is the first time we have beaten them!

Since then, the team has won through to the next round of the Notts. Intermediate Cup, and have also reached the last 16 of the "Willie Hall Cup" as well. If the team can keep clear of injuries for a spell, they should certainly prove more than a match for most teams.

The 2nd team this year, have certainly come out of their shell. They are still unbeaten in the league and also have a place in the last 16 of the "Willie Hall Cup". Next round they face British Sugar, a premier division side, and are looking forward to this match with a quiet confidence. No wonder manager John Keeley has a smile on his face these days!

He tells me all his lads are really playing well, and although reluctant to single any one player out, he feels that both Ian Smithson and Sid Yeomans are playing exceptionally well.

Pavilion

Work is still in progress on the pavilion, we now have a roof over quite an area, and as and when money becomes available to us, we hope to install toilet and showering facilities, so that what we have erected so far can be brought into use. This project is for us, at the moment a long term one, but the eventual benefits are obvious to all.

Fund Raising

We are running our usual Christmas Raffle, tickets are freely available, especially at Coddington Post Office. We are also holding a Coffee Evening, Bingo and Tombola at the Village Hall on Thursday 5th December at 7.30p.m. Everyone is welcome, please come and support us, and enjoy yourselves.

P.S. Should anyone have a little something in the way of a prize for our raffle or bingo, we would be most grateful. We never say 'no' to any offer!

Maurice Britten
Secretary
Coddington Sports & Social Ass.



The human race is divided into two classes,
Those who go ahead and do something,
And those who sit and inquire
Why it was not done the other way.

Janet Storey



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Thanks to all who helped in any way to organise and run the Bazaar and Bingo which made a profit of £181.75 for Church Funds; thanks also to all who supported the efforts.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th December The Kirk Family Entertains in Coddington Village Hall 7.30p.m. Tickets £1.00 (includes tea) from Paul Curtis or any other member of the PCC.

Thursday 19th December Barnby-in-the-Willows CAROL SERVICE at 7.00p.m. Refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.

Sunday 22nd December Coddington Carol Service at 6.00p.m.

Tuesday 24th December Barnby - Midnight Mass 11.45p.m.

Wednesday 25th December Coddington - Family Communion at 9.30p.m.

The Vicar and P.C.C. wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see you at one of our services during the Christmas period.

Paul F. Curtis

Sunday 22nd December Sunday School Christmas Service at 2.30p.m. Mums and Dads - All are welcome.



CODDINGTONS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

WI meets 2nd Tuesday each month and craft evenings every 4th Tuesday each month in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

10th December : Carols, mince pies, and punch.

14th January : Holiday in New York and Washington - Miss N. Smith

11th January : Living afloat - Mrs G.K. Steggle

WHAT MANY OF US GO TO CHURCH FOR

Some go to church for a walk,
Some go to stare and laugh and talk;
Some go there to meet a friend,
Some their idle time to spend;
Some for general observation,
Some for private speculation;
Some to seek or find a lover,
Some go a courtship to discover;
Some go there to use their eyes,
And newest fashions criticise,
Some to show their own smart dress,
Some their neighbours to assess;
Some to scan a robe or bonnet,
Some to price the trimming on it.
Some to learn the latest news
That friends at home they may amuse;
Some go to gossip, false and true,
Safe hid within the shelt'ring pew.
Some go there to please the squire,
Some go his daughters to admire;
Some on the Parson go to fawn,
Some go to lounge and some to yawn;
Some go to claim the Parish doles;
Some go for bread, and some for coals;
Some because it is thought genteel,
Some go to vaunt their pious zeal;
Some go to show how sweet they sing,
Some how loud their voices ring;
Some the peacher go to hear,
His style and voice to praise or jeer,
Some for forgiveness to implore,
Some go, their sins to varnish o'er;
Some go to sit and doze and nod,
How few to kneel and worship God!



To the Editor

Dear Sir,



Last Christmas day (25th December) I was walking my dogs in the fields in a fresh sunny morning when the bells pealed out their message of goodwill to all men.

Suddenly a shot rang out and an animal screamed with pain near me, and though I searched in order to bring help to the injured animal I could not find it - only the blood where it had been hit.

It seemed as if nature herself stood still with shock.

May I appeal to all people to give at least one day a year (25th Dec) to peace and goodwill on earth this year.

Sincerely,

L.A. Saunders.

Red Roofs
Main Street,
Coodington

ROSIE

She wanders around wearing a cloak
Begging your pardon, its a cloud of smoke,
A constant smell of burning rag,
Means she's lit another fag,
This makes the early morning air
As pure as two stable loads of fresh manure,
The fragrance of carnations and zinnias
Is as nought compared to golden virginia.
Books and wallpaper acquire an amber sheen
From layer upon layer of nicotine.
Inside every room, to a garden scene
Its not hard to tell where Rosie has been.
Pot flowers are withered
No flowers have they
They have been slowly poisoned,
Forty times a day,
Out in the garden, no worms appear,
Until she has gone
And someone sounds the ALL CLEAR.

FOR SALE *****

Pentland Crown Potatoes

55lb and 28lb bags

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CCN sends CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all our readers, and wishes them a
HAPPY and PEACEFUL 1986.

CCN for 1986

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Hoping to hear from Coddington's "absent friends" next time.