

**AN OPEN LETTER TO CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.**

Rumour is rife in the village that a company is trying to buy the Village Football Ground and other land in the vicinity for gravel extraction. If they were to succeed this would mean the loss of a valuable village asset which has only been achieved by hard and dedicated work.

Perhaps even worse, for many years the villagers would have to suffer the noise, dust and dirt of the workings themselves and heavy vehicles driving through the village to and from the quarries. Even when the gravel has all been extracted there will be a hole or holes to fill; this means more heavy lorries bringing household waste and other rubbish for many years.

And what of the countryside? Reclamation schemes are not always successful and take decades to mature. What would be the affect of lowering the water table on the health of the trees in Stapleford Woods?

Only the Parish Council and the Coddington Charities as landowners can halt this despoilation of the village and the countryside. Hopefully we shall have a bypass in a few years time; we do not want the situation made as bad again with the gravel company's H.G.Vs thundering down Drove Lane and the by then old A17.

Yours faithfully,

*Mary Mollosou*



Mary Mollosou  
The Gables,  
Main Street,  
Coddington.

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At their meeting on 24th November the Parish Council noted Mrs Mollosou's letter but were unaware of the situation. They felt unable to comment further until, following normal planning procedures, they were asked to comment to the District Council.

Subsequently the Editor understands that some landowners have received letters from a company interested in gravel extraction in the local area.

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**Season's Greetings to all our readers**  
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Christmas is with us once more with parties and merry making and family get togethers. It is pleasing to see the children enjoying themselves. I'm sure they do make the best of Christmas, but we all know what it is like to be young.

In the last issue of CCN it explained we were, like many other villages, in danger of losing our Post Office. One can not imagine villages the size of Coddington without a Post Office. The more we can use it and prove its need in the rural community the better chance we have of keeping its traditional and friendly service.

From the Parish Council I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Community a Happy Christmas and a Successful 1988.

*T. Bernard Allen*

Chairman  
Coddington Parish Council



27 Morgans Close  
Coddington

I would like to thank all the collectors and contributors who made the door to door collection for the National Children's Home so successful in the Coddington area and more than maintaining our average.

I would especially like to mention Mary Wright of Harvey Avenue who must have worked extremely hard in that area; her thorough distribution and collection and indeed the contributors made this area the best yet.

Thank you.

*Janet Stacey*  
ORGANISER

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

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Birmingham Church notice in November :-

- Come this Sunday
- Avoid the Christmas rush

## PROPOSED CARAVAN PARK - CODDINGTON HALL

At their meeting in June 1987 the Newark and Sherwood District Council refused planning permission for Colsh Developments/ken Construction Ltd. to develop land off Newark Road, Coddington for the construction of a house and garage and amenity block for a caravan park at the site.

The reasons for the refusal were as follows:- The scale of the proposed development would in the opinion of the local Planning Authority result in an unacceptable degree of traffic generating beyond the capabilities of the roads in the village and the access at the site with a consequent danger to road users and pedestrians.

The scale of the proposed development would be seriously detrimental to the amenities of the locality in that it represents an over intensive use of an area of attractive woodland which in its present form represents a valuable visual amenity, open area and habitat for wild life adjacent to Coddington village.

The proposed development would, by virtue of the over intensive use of the site, the number of people and vehicles likely to be attracted to the site and the disturbance resulting constitute a serious detriment to the amenity and privacy of nearby residential properties.

It is not known whether Colsh Developments intend to appeal against this decision. Local residents have noted that parts of the site have been levelled and roadways blocked off by rubble and debris.

## Editorial

### PRESSURES PUT ON VILLAGES TO EXPAND BY ECONOMIC FACTORS

Most planning applications seen by parish councils are those for alterations to existing properties, refurbishing derelict properties, perhaps the building of a single house or bungalow.

Occasionally, but perhaps more increasingly these days schemes are put forward for large scale developments. In our own village we had planning permission given for twenty-two bungalows; fortunately blending in even better than many of us had first thought and certainly removing some very derelict land.

At the last Parish Council meeting an application was received for 14 dwellings in the core area of the village.

How far should such development go in rural areas? True there is a need for housing - but mainly at the bottom of the market. And few need to be reminded that there has been a noticeable and increasing DECREASE in rural services.

Would new developments bring better facilities, perhaps more shops? If so could this lead to hypermarkets being built in green belt areas adjacent to the A1, A17 and A46? Could there be better public transport services?

Vicar announced additional font in the church so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

Irish Dioc Mag.

More houses, more people clearly put a strain on existing services  
increase traffic congestion, put a strain on school and medical resources.

Clearly services can be increased, at a cost. New large scale  
developments can clearly change the whole character of the environment,  
the whole character of a village - the very reason d'être for many  
people living there in the first place; and often the reason why many  
and city folk want to move to the country in the first place.

There is a need to preserve and conserve the best of the past, but  
also to adapt to the future - the scale of such development must be  
judged by the human factor and the existing scale of the existing  
village and its amenities.

One doesn't have to look too far to the urban follies of the sixties  
- the tower blocks of flats - to realise how easy it is to lose sight  
of the human factor at the expense of the economic power of the  
developer.

There can be little justification for development except where it  
can enhance the quality of life, and the environment for existing  
settlements and their dwellers.

Planners in all disciplines need to consult with each other over the  
effects long term of large scale development.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Parish Council have undertaken a study of the condition of trees,  
plantations and woodland in the immediate vicinity of the old village core.

The aim of the study was to obtain evidence of the existing planting and  
to propose a realistic programme of measures to protect and conserve existing  
stock. It also seemed pertinent to consider a whole village plan for new  
or replacement planting as a long term strategy to enhance and improve the  
natural environment of the Village and its environs.

The main areas considered were The Old Gravel Pit, Balderton Lane, the  
Old Forge Plantation, Coddington House, Main Street, Almshouses Chapel Lane,  
public footpath to and Drove Lane, A17, Old Newark Road, Valley View, Harvey  
Road Estate. The Resident's Association of Beaconsfields Estate (Harvey Ave)  
is also producing an environmental study of its estate.

The scheme would call for some 190 trees, and in one case a bank of wild  
flowers, with the work possibly being undertaken by the Community Project  
Programme.

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#### ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council are concerned at road safety problems in the vicinity  
of the primary school and the A17 both there and at the Plough Inn. They  
decided that together with Mr Dorling, headteacher, they would meet with  
the local Road Safety Officer and officers of the County Council Planning  
and Transportation Department.

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The fortune telling act at Bar Bossanova cannot appear due to  
unforeseen circumstances.

Majorca Bulletin



## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

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On October 13th Miss Joanna Parilby showed a film on Dr. Barnardo's Homes and spoke about the help they give to handicapped and maladjusted children in the community. £5 was donated.

Thanks to those who supported the BINGO evening on October 22nd. It was a big success enabling a donation of £50 to be sent to the Childrens Renal Unit, at the City Hospital, Nottingham.

"Clergy Wives Ancient and Modern" was the topic of the November meeting. Mrs Vera Woodhams gave a fascinating and entertaining account of her past experiencies, both at home and overseas.

### Future Events

In December there will be two open meetings:-

December 3rd - A 'Pie and Pickles' evening with Bingo

December 8th - The Newark Operatic Society Concert Party will entertain us. Mince pies and coffee will be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME. SO DO COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN.

The W.I. are looking for new members.. If you are interested please come to any of our meetings or contact Mrs Jan Philips Tel 72900

### PROPOSAL FOR BUS SERVICE

There is a need for a bus service from the Morgan's Close/Wellgreen area of the Village. So say residents in a survey conducted by the Parish Council.

14% of the 100 residents questioned said that crossing the main road(A17) was a problem whilst a similar proposition found that the existing services were a long way off from their homes. 30% found that the present service was satisfactory, but it should be remembered that many senior citizens live in this area. 20% would like to see a service from Wellgreen.

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays were the days most journeys were made.

The County Council, however, have already commented that the roads would not be suitable for the operation of double-deck or large single deck buses.

43 residents would welcome a trial service from the area, with some 56 stating that they would use the service.

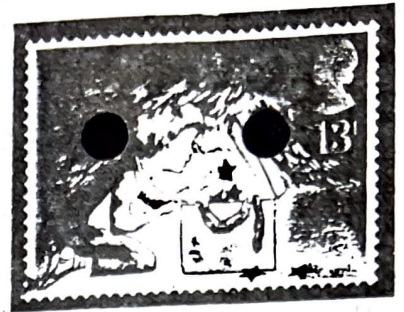
The Parish Council will be putting their findings to both the County Council and local bus operators in the hope that at least an off-peak service using midi-buses(15-20 seaters), which can more easily negotiate the roads, could operate on market days.

For Sale, music centre with speakers, works but no sound,  
good present for adjustable teenager.

Music Mart



# Christmas



An early idea was that the creation of the world took place at the spring equinox so that the new creation represented by Jesus must have taken place on the same day.

The Germanic and Celtic tribes also celebrated the winter solstice, and after the Roman Empire adopted Christianity their winter solstice became a Christian festival.

The use of the evergreen trees, wreaths and garlands as symbols of eternal life was an ancient custom. In medieval Germany a fir tree featured in Christmas celebrations hung with wafers to celebrate the Host - candles symbolised Jesus. The star placed at the top of the fir tree symbolised the star of Bethlehem. Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria introduced this custom to England.

The lighting the yule log is another German custom, but it is no longer possible to observe it in most houses.

The Romans exchanged branches of holly as a token of friendship at the Saturnalia on December 17 and decorated their houses with laurel and bay at the Kalends of January. Christians followed the custom of decorating their houses with bay, laurel, rosemary, holly, ivy and mistletoe.

The word carol is of Anglo-Norman origin and meant a popular dance song or a religious procession. The golden age of English carols was between 1350 and 1550 and many were composed starting with a refrain which alternated with the verses.

It was a Roman custom to exchange presents at Saturnalia and New Year festivals and masters feasted with their slaves who were given gratuities. In medieval times earthenware boxes with a slit in the lid were hung for offerings to be made for the poor and needy. These boxes were opened and the contents distributed on the day after Christmas which became known as Boxing Day.

Saint Nicholas of Myra, who gave his name to Santa Claus, was patron saint of charitable fraternities and guilds of children and sailors, and was believed to visit children with gifts and admonitions of his feast day, December 6th.

In the middle ages the highlight of the Christmas festivities was feasting even in poor houses. In rich households jesters and musicians entertained the household during the meal. There was also the Lord of this rule who may have represented the mock king, who was in charge of the revels of the Roman Saturnalia. The hats in crackers are also a reminder of the fantastic head pieces worn by the Romans during their Saturnalia.





Mince pies were associated with the Crusades before becoming associated with Christmas. Before the reformation the mince pie was oblong to represent a manger and often had a small figure of the baby Jesus on top which was removed before the pie was eaten.

Christmas pudding used to be a porridge; a mixture of raisins and spices breadcrumbs and fruit juices and had to be eaten with a spoon.

The Christmas drink was the wassail which consisted of ale, roast apple, eggs, sugar, nutmegs, cloves and ginger served in an apple wood bowl and drunk hot. Wassailers would carry the bowl from door to door and people would fill it with ale or cider to make sure of a good apple harvest - a relic of ancient tree worship.



## Christmas Stamps

Michael Foreman drew on his experience as a children's book writer and illustrator to design this year's Christmas stamps.

The five stamps tell the tale of one child's Christmas seen through a child's eyes. The 13p stamp shows a small child decorating a Christmas Tree. The practice of decorating fir trees at Christmas time became popular in Germany in the Middle Ages.

The 18p stamp shows the child on Christmas Eve. A bright star is shining in the east illuminating a village church.

A few hours on and it is time to dream of Santa and his reindeer - the miage captured on the 26p stamp. At the foot of the bed is a toy filled stocking.

Santa Claus is a corruption of St Nicholas, the patron saint of children whose feast day is December 6th, when children in European countries still receive their presents.

The 31p stamp shows the youngsters sitting up in bed reading a new book and surrounded by toys. The giving of presents has religious connections representing the gifts of the Three Wise men.

The 34p stamp shows a scene on Christmas afternoon with the child playing with toys by the tree with a snowman gazing on the scene through a window.

The first Christmas card was designed in 1843 and the custom was well established by 1870.






## Coddington C of E Primary School



School is now preparing for a full round of Christmas Activities

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| Wednesday, December 2nd )    | - Christmas Entertainment for the parents  |
| Thursday, December 3rd )     |  |
| Tuesday, December 8th        | - whole school visit to "Cinderella" at Nottingham Playhouse                       |
| Wednesday, December 9th      | - Christmas Film for the children  |
| Thursday, December 10th      | - Junior Choir to sing carols round the village. (Friday, p.m. if wet on Thursday) |
| December 14th, 15th and 16th | - Christmas Parties  |
| Thursday, December 17th      | - Christmas Lunch  |

A most successful Cowboy and Indian Evening was held on November 12th in school and due to the generosity, and support of children, parents and friends £594.00 was raised for school funds. This is to help transport children to the Pantomime and also with the funding of the Christmas Parties.



### CODDINGTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATION

The season is now in full swing and we are having our ups and downs, but the spirit is there. I am sure that lads will be in the running for honours by the end of the season.

The first team have reached the third round of the Notts Intermediate Cup. Incidentally Coddington are the only club to have brought this cup to the Newark area.

In the "Willie Hall Cup", Coddington's first team, who are the current holders, lost in the second round to Ollerton after a hard fought game, losing by the odd goal.

The second team were successful in this competition and have now reached the third round.

In the Notts Junior Cup the Second Team have also reached the third round after a very exciting game against Strelley Celtic which resulted in a penalty shoot out.

As this will be the last report this year Our Players and Committee would like to wish our supporters and all readers of Coddington Community News a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.





The Women's Festival Group  
c/o The Women's Centre  
30 Chaucer Street  
Nottingham  
NG1 5LP

30th October 1987

Dear Friends

We wrote to you some time ago about the 1988 Nottingham Women's Festival, and wonder if you would kindly publish the following message from the Festival Co-ordinating Group in your next issue. Your help would be much appreciated.

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Plans for the seventh Nottingham Women's Festival in March/April 1988 are now well underway. Groups and individuals have started to think about the events which they would like to organise in their area, and are applying to us for the funding to do so. However, we would like to hear from still more women interested in organising an event for the Festival - sports days, workshops, social events, discussions, performances, in fact anything you can think of which you would like to see happening in your area! Information packs and funding application forms are available from: Nottingham Women's Festival Group

c/o Women's Centre  
30 Chaucer Street  
Nottingham

or phone us on Tuesday and Friday afternoons between 1.30 and 3.30pm on Nottingham 483821. Contact us as soon as possible - we will be processing all applications soon.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, 7.30pm at the Women's Centre, and are open to any women who would like to come along to find out more about the Festival. The Co-ordinating group desperately needs more members to help with the co-ordination and organisation of the Festival. If you can spare even a small amount of time and would like to get involved, come along to our next meeting, or contact us as above. There's still lots of work to be done, and we'd be grateful for YOUR help.

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*Pauline Boney*

FOR NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S FESTIVAL GROUP

# Dates for your DIARY

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CODDINGTON

Thank you all who supported our two recent fund raising activities-our Harvest Supper which raised £100 and the Annual Bazaar which raised £300.

After the Harvest Supper we said goodbye to Alice Merchant, our Church Warden for the past 2½ years. Mr and Mrs Merchant have now moved away from the area. We give thanks to them both for their work on behalf of the Parishioners of Coddington Church and wish them well for the future.

Our 1987 Christmas Services are as follows:-

Sunday	20th December	9am	Holy Communion
		6pm	Carol Service
Christmas Day		9.30am	Family Communion
Sunday	27th December	9am	Holy Communion
		3pm	Childrens Service

There will be no Evensong on this date.

Midnight Mass this year will be held at 11.45pm Thursday 24th December at BARNBY CHURCH.



On Sunday 1st November six members of the local bellringing team rang a Quarter Peal for All Saints Day, the Patronal festival of our Church. This was the 150th quarter peal to be rung on the bells, all of them being rung since November 1965 when the bells were rehung in a new frame and on ball bearings.

The following Saturday (7th November) a full peal was rung with the bells half muffled, in remembrance of the fallen of two World Wars. This peal was the 49th on the bells, and once again all being rung following the 1965 rehangng.

In the near future it is hoped that members of the local band will be successful in their attempt to ring the 50th peal on these bells.

Three of our ringers, Mandy Curtis, Catherine Stone and David Tysoe, wh who have been the least experienced members of the band for the last 18 months, have now been made to feel quite expert as we now have 3 new members, Dawn Bache Elizabeth Pickston and Wendy Skinner, who are making good progress and will soon be good enough to ring with us for Sunday Services.

"WHATS ON AND WHERE"

TIME	Time	Activity	Location	
pm	7.15 - 9.15	Swing into Shape	C of E Primary School	
	<p><b>C</b> ORGANISERS/SECRETARIES? If you know of any changes to dates, times, venues or events please contact the Editor giving details of your organisation and your contact name, address and telephone number. <b>D</b></p>			
am	9.15 - 11.45	Playgroup (3-5) see notes	Village Hall	
	1.00 - 3.00	Mother & Toddler Group	Beaconfield C. Centre	
	2.00 - 3.30	Mother & Toddler Group (Term time only)	Village Hall	
	7.00 - 8.30	Keep fit	Beaconfield C. Centre	
	7.30	W.I. (See programme)	Village Hall	
pm	Alternate Wednesdays - Mobile Library Service, Various locations in Village (703966 for details)			
	6.00 - 8.00	Beavers (6 - 8)	Scouts HQ.	
	6.30 - 7.30	Brownies 1st Coddington (7 - 10)	Village Hall	
	7.15 - 9.00	Scouts 1st Coddington (11+)	Scouts HQ	
am	9.15 - 11.45	Playgroup	Village Hall	
pm	2.00 - 4.00	Mixed Crafts for the Retired	Wellgreen	
	6.30 - 9.00	Youth Club (8 - 16)	Beaconfield C. Centre	
am	9.30 - 11.30	Rising 5 Group	Village Hall	
pm	6.30 - 8.00	Cubs 1st Coddington	Scouts HQ	
	7.30	Bellringers Practise	All Saints Church	
pm	2.00 - 5.00	Assorted Sports for children	Beaconfield Recreation Ground, Harvey Avenue	
am	9.00	Holy Communion	All Saints Church	
	10.30 - 11.30	Sunday School	All Saints/Village Hall	
	10.30	Coddington Sports Ass. Football (Home Matches)	Stapleford Lane	
	pm	6.00	Evensong	All Saints Church
		7.00	Prize Bingo	Beaconfield C. Centre

for further details and contacts see inside

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DATA PROTECTION - YOUR RIGHTS

The Data Protection Act, which came into force on 11th November allows you to -

- check if any organisation keeps information about you on computer.
- to see a copy of the information known as personal data. A fee may be payable.

A leaflet "Are you in on the Data Protection Act"? edited and designed by Plain English Campaign can be obtained from Newark Library.

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Many housewives can't even tell storks from butter according to T.V. adverts in Britain.

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