

CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS
WINTER 1998



Welcome to another edition of the CCN - brimming over with contributions from all groups in the village. Many thanks to everyone who has taken the time to send in their reports. With 24 pages in this edition, there will be lots of items of interest to read about. If you feel that you can write an article or have any exciting hobbies that would be of interest to Parishioners, send in your contributions to P. Hemphill, 2 Randall Close, Newark - deadline 15 April 1999.

Save all your old christmas wrapping paper and cards etc for recycling. Put your items out the night before for collection - you will know then that they will not be missed. You should shortly be receiving new dates from the District Council, remember - every alternate Tuesday.

Seasonal greetings to all!

DOG FOULING

NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL HAVE ADOPTED THE DOGS (FOULING OF LAND) ACT 1996.

This means that any person in charge of a dog which fouls any place in the open air to which the public have access, and fails to clean up any mess that it makes, will be committing an offence: the person does not have to be with the dog at the time.

Dog fouling is not merely unpleasant, but also can pose a threat to health (especially of children); the worm *Toxocara canis*, which can cause blindness, is the most notorious problem associated with it.

The Council's Dog Wardens, who are also on duty in the evenings and at weekends, will be on the lookout for offenders, who will be prosecuted if caught. Penalties are an on-the-spot fine of £25 or a maximum fine of £1,000 in the Magistrates' Court. If you would like any further clarification or have any query regarding this matter contact: Animal Welfare and Control Manager at N&SDC -605111 ext. 248/269

BEACONSFIELD PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup meets in the Beaconsfield Community Centre on Valiant Road every Wednesday and Friday mornings during school term time, between 9.30 and 11.45 am.

The Group provides a wide range of activities for children aged between 2½ and 5 years. These include painting and craft pictures, sand and water play, physical activities and a story corner. Fees are £2.00 per session with concessions for families on income support. There are currently a few places available and anyone wishing to enroll their child should call at the Community Centre during a session.

Unfortunately the Playgroup is threatened with closure unless a new Play Leader can be found to replace Elaine Joynes who has moved out of the area. Please try and help us find a new leader so that the children in Coddington can continue to benefit from the experience of Playgroup

Things are going with a swing again on Harvey Avenue Estate.

The children's swings were removed by the District Council because, after a safety inspection, they were found to be damaged and in a dangerous condition. However, there was no money available from the District Council to replace them.

Your local District Councillor Maureen Dobson organised their replacement by obtaining donations from the following:

<i>Newark Municipal Charities</i>	<i>£1,500</i>
<i>Coddington United Charities</i>	<i>£ 300</i>
<i>Coddington Parish Council</i>	<i>£ 300</i>

If these swings are looked after, and not abused, they should still be there for the enjoyment of the children on the Estate for many years to come. However, because of the cost, it is unlikely that these swings could be replaced again.

BEACONSFIELD PLAYGROUP



STAFF VACANCIES:

PLAY LEADER:

Beaconsfield Playgroup are seeking a qualified person for the above role (NNEB, NVQ3 or Pre-School Learning Alliance Diploma) and First Aid Certificated.

Meeting at Beaconsfield Community Centre, Valiant Road, Coddington, near Newark each Wednesday and Friday morning during school term time, sessions are between 9.30-11.45 am and cater for children aged 2½ to 5 years old. Rate of pay is £3.00 per hour.

We have a light, warm, modern hall with excellent play facilities, and strong support from parent committee. We also have close associations with local the school and nursery unit. We have places for 24 children and 17 are currently on the register.

If you would like further details please contact Jane Dixon on Newark 708025 or call in and see us one morning.

PLAY WORKERS:

We also have vacancies for Play Workers to work with the Play Leader during sessions and to help set up equipment and tidy away at close. Qualifications are not necessary, but a willingness to train is required. A First Aid certificate would also be an advantage, although the main requirement is an ability to get on well with young children.

Rate of pay is £2.00 per hour, and again, if you would like further details please contact Jane Dixon on Newark 708025 or call in and see us one morning.

1ST CODDINGTON BROWNIES

BROWNIES

Since our return to Brownies after the Summer break, the girls have been busy doing badge work and fund raising. We held a Games night in September to raise much needed funds for new equipment. The evening went well with 18 Brownies taking and passing their Hostess Badge. However, it was the same people who supported our event, and I would like to express my thanks to them for their support.

Brownies attended and took part in the Harvest Service in Church. The most exciting night so far, the girls say, was the visit to Newark Police Station. This was organised to enable them to complete the Crime Prevention Badge. They were shown the cells, had their finger prints taken and were given a talk on how to protect themselves and their belongings. Everyone had a most interesting time and all passed the badge.

We will soon be losing one of our Guiders. Grace has been with us for the last 7 years and she will be missed. We will need another adult helper to enable the pack to continue.

If any one is interested in knowing more about Guiding please feel free to come along on one of our Brownie nights, talk to us, see what we do and if you like what you see, you could well be the one that will save Coddingtons Brownie pack from closing.

We still have a full Brownie pack with a waiting list. If your daughter would like to be a Brownie then may I suggest that you put her name on the waiting list now.

Sheila Bache - Brown Owl Tel: 686583

1ST CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Despite the wet summer season, the Scouting activities have gone as normal and the planned autumn/winter programmes are just as busy.

The Beaver colony is very active although numbers are such that there are now a few vacancies for boys between the ages of 6 year and up to 8 years old.

The Cub pack is bursting at the seams with around 36 boys attending each week. They held their annual Summer camp at Walesby Campsite and also paid a visit to the International Scout camp in August.

The Scout section is very active. They camped at the International Scout camp for a week in August and hosted 7 Czech Scouts who had come for a visit to Newark this year and didn't expect to be at such a large gathering. They and our Scouts thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made a lot of friends from all over the world, especially with a party of Canadian Guides with whom some of them exchanged addresses. Since then contact has been made via ordinary mail and also by the Internet.

The programme for the Winter includes Rock Climbing training, Mechanics and planning the Winter Camp.

The Venture unit is performing as normal and is a very valuable asset. They help out with a huge variety of tasks which, without them, would probably not get done. They are making goal posts for the 6 a side games, they demolished the dangerous wall in the hall and are helping with the rebuilding, they redecorated the small hall and they help out as junior leaders with the other sections within the Group. Without their help this Group would be struggling in every section.

They went to camp unaccompanied this year for the first time and did themselves proud. The report that came from the site near London gave them good reason to be proud.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award section has been successful with 5 Silver Awards been gained. These awards went to Andrew Appleby, Peter Robinson, Joe Collier, Matthew Woolgar and Graham Wells. They are now starting to prepare for the Gold Award which will keep them occupied for some time!!!

We have a large contingent of people who are planning their Silver Award activities for next year and seem very keen to follow the example set before.

The Committee has supported the Group admirably and as usual without the thanks they deserve, they have come up with plans to improve the facilities further. They would like to make access to the front of the building easier for the disabled by building a ramp to the front door. They also have plans to put lighting in the grassed area so that it is available for use all the year round. They would like to erect a high net fence around the back to protect surrounding property from exuberant ball games!

The projects will cost a considerable amount of money and as a result some fund-raising events have been planned already.

We run a 200 CLUB and for details please contact Mike or Angela Keeley.

My last comment is that we are looking for adult help for every section in the Group. This is for two reasons, firstly that because the present Leaders are doing such a good job, they are attracting more boys and therefore need help. Secondly, if we had more leaders we would be able to provide far more and better activities for the boys. Our stated aim in Scouting is to try to make our children better able to look after themselves and others when they reach adulthood. An hour or two of your time could help hugely, not every week and not in uniform but by sharing your knowledge and experience.

The age range of the sections are as follows-

Beavers	6 years up to 8 th Birthday	Cubs	8 year to 10½ years
Scouts	10½ to 15 years	Ventures	15 years to 20 th Birthday

D of E is only open to members of the Scout Group

Dave Hedge - Group Scout Leader

Coddington C of E Primary School

Christmas Fayre

**Friday 4th December 1998 from 6 pm to 8 pm
(in the school hall)**

**All the usual stalls including tombola, bric-a-brac, cakes etc
plus Santa's Grotto**



**Please come along and support our local school.
All proceeds from the Fayre will be donated to the school's
National Literacy project.**

CODDINGTON VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME

The scheme commenced operations on 1 May 1998, at this time there were a total of four volunteers:

*	Jim and Irene Bell	*	Arthur Davies
*	Reg Dickinson	*	Gordon Pidcock

During the period to date the Scheme has been able to help some of the residents of the Village, and the main types of journeys have ranged from appointments at Newark General Hospital to collecting pensions from the Post Office - a total of 70 journeys has been logged by us, some 300 miles covered.

The Scheme is, financially, just ticking over as the service must be self-supporting, but non-profit making. We aim to keep the charges to a minimum.

We need to recruit more volunteers as it becomes difficult at times to fit in all the requests during the busy periods. We do believe that our efforts are appreciated and that we have managed to improve the lives of some of the members of our community.

For more information on the Scheme - contact G. Pidcock on 700233

Gordon Pidcock - Co-ordinator

Tea-Towels depicting life and places in Coddington Village are on sale at various outlets throughout the Village at £2.75 each. Ideal christmas presents!

Notelets at 10 for £1.30 and Christmas Cards at 5 for £1.00 are also available. Please contact Mrs W Parrett, Newark 672687 if you require more information

MORE STICK THAN CARROT!

In her article in the Winter 1997 cop[y of Coddington Community News, Yvonne Jackson outlined the origins of the school in the village in the early 19th century. It could be said that the next significant change in schooling in Coddington took place some fifty years later with the passing of the famous 1870 Education Act. Essentially this was the legislation which, for the first time in Britain, brought education for the children of working people under some Government control. This was exercised through annual inspection visits to schools by 'HMI's' (Her Majesty's Inspectors) and a system of state payments to the School Committee of Management - dependent, to some extent at least, on a satisfactory report from the HMI. Systematic and regular visits by HMI's were to last for one hundred and fifty years - a degree of stability no doubt envied by many teachers in the profession today.

HMI's inspected our discrete areas in a school. Great emphasis was placed on levels of attendance (but attendance at school by children was still not a legal requirement) and the 'three Rs' of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. So essentially, it seems that teachers were first faced with the difficulty of getting the children to school at all before they could face the challenge of teaching centrally set standards in the prescribed subjects. In rural farming areas such as ours children formed an important part of the economic structure of agriculture and would frequently miss school to assist with such seasonal pressure as pea-plucking and potato-picking.

In 1873 the Government rate of payments to primary school FOR A YEAR was set at:

8/- (40p) per pupil who achieved average attendance; plus 4/- (20p) per pass in each of the three basic subjects.

Thus a good attending pupil who passed the HMI's examination in all subjects was worth £1 to the school Committee of Management.

BUT Infants were not examined and at best could only 'earn' the attendance amount of Eight Shillings for the Committee - if their attendance had been average. As if all this was not enough for the teacher to have to bear in mind, it was for the Committee of Management to decide how the state contribution to costs was apportioned. For instance, the HMI report for 1873 said, in essence, that 'The younger classes do good work, for the rest are inferior.' The Government grant for that year was £23. The Managers decided to allocate half of it to the teaching staff and the remainder to the 'general school fund.' As a result the 'Principal Teacher', Mr Roberts received £6-10s-0d (£6.50) and the Assistant (who was his wife) got £5-0s-0d (£5). These were the salaries for a year.

The attendance and attainment rates paid to schools under this system were fixed by Parliament and there was no provision for recognising any special local difficulties - such as those peculiar to rural communities. Nor was there any mechanism for ensuring that exceptionally good results in a school were automatically reflected in the salaries of the teaching staff. That was up to the local Committee of Management in the exercise of their discretion.

The Education Act of 1870 was the first of many changes in education to take place over the next half-century. No doubt it was seen as being at the forefront of philanthropy for the children of working people. But by the standards of today, especially as regards the teachers, it makes OFSTED look like Father Christmas!

I should like to record my sincere thanks to Mrs Vernon of Balderton Lane for access to the records collected by her late husband.

John Bartley

OVER 55'S LEISURE GROUP

It is nearly 3½ years since the formation of the Over 55's Leisure Group in Coddington. During the time of its existence, many happy afternoons each Friday have been spent in the Village Hall playing cards, skittles, carpet bowls etc, most of all having a cup of tea and a chat with friends.

The founder members of this club should be very proud of their achievement.

We have had several outings this summer, to Yorkshire and to lunch at Barny's Restaurant and we have an annual Christmas lunch.

We always welcome new members, come and join us in our activities each Friday.

J R Bell - Secretary

CODDINGTON VILLAGE MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE (CVMC)

During the past year, many ideas have been bandied about by the Committee as to what direction the celebrations could possibly take. You can rest assured that with the enthusiasm the Committee has shown over the last year, the ideas will prove to be very fruitful in the coming months.

A 'Square Dance' is to be held on Saturday, 13 February 1999 at Coddington CE Primary School - caller Dave Morton. For details of times etc see Notice Boards around the Village.

If you would like to become involved in this historical and exciting time for the village - attend the next meeting of the Millennium Committee to be held on 11 January 1999, 7.30 at Wellgreen.

MILLENNIUM PROJECT

Would you like to contribute to a CVMC Project during 1999?

We are hoping to create a calendar record of life in the village during 1999.

This means collecting photographs, adverts, minutes of organisations, village notices, school concert programmes, service sheets from weddings etc. Anything at all that records or tells of events happening in the village during the whole of 1999.

But, we thought, why stop there? Since we are hoping that everyone (young and old) can contribute let's include family celebrations, fund raising, parties ... Anything at all.

For the future we will provide a picture of village life at the turn of the Millennium. Perhaps we can produce a book ...

**If you would like to be involved contact: Pam Hemphill (686317)
or Hugh Daybell (702197)**

MEMORY LANE

Christmas time around the town
Different in many ways.
The things you got for half a crown
Cost rather more these days.

Names of shops a long time gone,
Survived when times were hard,
Clarke's the bakers, to name but
one
Well known in Cawkwells Yard.

A race for 'Hocks' when school
was done,
Contested far and wide,
Fosters 'white shop' was the run
A penny if you tried.

Fields the florists, Howitts too,
The 'Meadow' played its part,
Goodings sweets we loved to chew,
When dad had got a start.

The Royal Oak (a noble name)
Succumbed with the rest,
Only the Woolpack stays the same,
Of time' its stood the test.

To walk the length of Stodman
Street,
The shops ablaze with lights
Was in itself a special treat
For kids on Friday nights.

Oldhams, Melias, don't forget the
bank,
All were a lifeline then,
And Mr Masding, we have to
thank
For taking Dad's suit, till when?

Meccano sets and Hornby trains,
Yo-Yo's and spinning tops,
Mouthorgans with foreign names
In Woolworths 'wonder' shop.

A mystery tour was often had
Round 'Pipers Penny Bazaar',
But woe - betide the foolish lad
Who 'strayed' a bit too far.

To reminisce of years gone by
Sustains the Human Race,
Unlike the shops of long ago
To vanish without trace.

Written by Arthur Davies, The Green, Coddington for the Age Concern
Music and Drama Exhibition, held at Kelham Hall.

WELLGREEN COMMUNITY CLUB

Newly formed Wellgreen Community Club are a small, thriving Club who meet regularly at Well Green, Coddington. Any retired member in the village can partake in the social, informal gatherings that are held throughout the week:

Monday Mornings: Coffee Morning

Monday Afternoons Knit and Knatter - what could be better than chatting to friends whilst your knitting.

Wednesday

Afternoons: Games - such as Trionimos, Dominos, Cards.

The Club are trying to broaden their selection of games and are hoping to buy a second hand Table Skittles. If you know of anybody who has one that they are willing to sell, please contact Wellgreen or call in.

Thursday Afternoons Handi crafts

Wellgreen Community Club would like to thank Coddington Parish Council, Coddington United Charities and Age Concern for their financial help and advice when the Club first started.

CODDINGTON CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Literacy Hour

All classes in school have now been introduced to the Literacy Hour. For an hour each day, the teachers work with their children on various literacy skills. The hour starts off with shared reading or writing and then moves off into more focused work on phonics, words, sentences individual or group reading and creative writing. The children are loving the 'Big Books' that are used throughout the school.

One major change that the Literacy Hour means for children and parents everywhere, is that children are taught the skills of reading and staff can no longer spend as much time hearing individuals read. It is therefore vitally important that the work being done in school is re-inforced by parents sharing books with children at home.

DARE

PC Charlie Borrington has started this year's DARE project with the Year 6 pupils. The DARE project aims to give the children the skills to say 'No' to drug taking and other forms of unacceptable behaviour. I would like to thank Coddington Parish Council for once again donating money to buy DARE booklets and T-shirts for all the children.

School Events

Friday 4 December **Christmas Fayre**

This will be held in school starting at 6.00 pm. Any donations of tombola prizes, raffle prizes, plants, good second hand toys or books etc., will be gratefully received. I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you all to attend this event.

Monday 7 December **Textile Collection**

If you have a wardrobe full of clothes you never wear, please put the unwanted clothes and any old curtains etc in bags, and bring them to school for December 7. We can turn the items into cash for our funds.

The children's Christmas parties will all take place in school starting Friday 11 December. The food organised and funded by the Friends of Coddington. Thank you very much to all those people who give so much of their time to these parties, which give the children so much pleasure.

Courses for Parents

Parents' courses are still running in school. This term, the aerobics course has been very popular and successful. Next term, I am trying to organise a course which will be an Introduction to Play course. This, I hope, will benefit all parents and will help anyone who works with, or would like to work with children. Please contact me at school if you would like any further information.

After School Club

We now have an After School Club running in school, every week night from the end of the school day until 5.30 pm. The club is designed to help working parents by providing affordable child care facilities, but is open to any of our children. If you are interested in more details about this club, please come and see the club in action and talk to the club workers.

We urgently need some more people who could be relief workers for the club. If you are at all interested, please contact school for more details, including details of pay.

School Crossing Patrol

Finally, due to our school crossing person moving away, we have been without anyone on this busy A17 crossing, for most of this term. If you would like to be considered for this job, please contact school or the Road Safety office on 702716.

Linda Ferrier - Headteacher

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CODDINGTON

A letter from our new Vicar

Thank you everyone for the warm welcome at my Licensing Service on September 24. My colleague, the Rev. David Anderson and I, both live in Balderton; but we are available to you as your clergy and we are getting to know a good number of people in the community.

You are most welcome to join us for our services at All Saints' Church. There is 11.00 am Holy Communion on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month; and a evening service every Sunday at 6.00 pm. There are also special services.

Among them are:-

Sunday 13 December **6.00 pm Children's Carol Service**

Sunday 20 December **6.00 pm Traditional Lessons with
Carols**

Thursday 24 December **11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist**

Sunday 10 January **6.00 pm Christingle Service**

With very best wishes,

William Thackray, Priest-in-charge

After a long wait we were able to welcome the Rev. William Thackray as our Priest-in Charge of All Saint's Coddington and All Saints' Barnby-in-the-Willows when he was licensed by Bishop Alan Morgan at a wonderful service at Coddington Church on 23 September 1998.

The ringers who had rung a peel in celebration, stepped aside while he rang one of the bells, was installed by the Ven. David Hawtin and was welcomed by representatives of the local community. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the delicious buffet supper held afterwards in the Village Hall.

On a sadder note, Mr Don Dunmore, who has been Treasurer to the Parochial Church Council for more than seventeen years, has been forced to retire as he has serious health problems. His wife Helen, a tireless church worker who has had the awesome responsibility of being Lay Vice Chairperson during the interregnum, can no longer serve in that role due to Don's illness. We pray that Don will respond to treatment and that we shall see them back at All Saints' before too long.

All Saints' Fair on 31 October raised £425 for Church Funds. Thank you to everyone who braved the awful weather to support us.

All Saints' Day, our Patronal Festival, fell appropriately on Sunday 1 November and our celebration Evensong was conducted by our new Curate, the Rev. David Anderson, who told the story of a child who described saints as, '...people who let the light of Christ shine through them.'

The idea came from seeing images of saints in stained glass windows - which was very appropriate as on Saturday we were visited by Mr M Manser who paid for extensive repairs to one of our famous Morris windows. The work was completed and the window in place for the Rev. William's installation; and there it was on All Saints' Day with the light shining through the figure of Saint Johannes in all his restored glory.

Pat Kirk - Secretary, All Saints' Church, Coddington

CODDINGTON BELLRINGERS

Earlier in the year, a new set of bellropes was fitted at a cost of £650. The lighting in the tower has also been improved.

Since our last entry in the Newsletter, we have rung for Sunday services, as well as for weddings and Christenings, and of course to welcome Rev. William Thackray as our Vicar.

Our current strength stands at 11, and we are in urgent need of new ringers. You have no doubt heard of the need to train up new ringers to ring for the Millennium. If we are to ring at Coddington and Barnby-in-the-Willows on the same day, there is a shortfall in our number.

To learn to ring church bells can take anything from 6 months to a year to handle a bell proficiently. You do not need to be musically minded, but a sense of rhythm does help, and anyone of any age can learn to ring.

If you 'fancy a go' please come along to one of our practice nights, talk to us and see what we do. We are at Coddington Church every Friday evening between 7.30 and 9.00 pm.

Mike Bache - Tower Secretary

CODDINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

The Parent and Toddler Group meets at Coddington Village Hall every Monday morning from 9.30 am until 11.00 am during school term. Sit and have a chat with the other mums who attend. The children will be playing safely nearby with lots of toys. Tea and Coffee is served, with a drink of orange squash and a biscuit for the children. If you would like to attend or require further information please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Evans - Tel: 674413

CODDINGTON WI

The WI meets on the second Tuesday of every month in Coronation Hall from 7.30 to about 9.45 pm. We start with a little business, giving dates of future activities etc and then we have a speaker. These have spoken on subjects as wide ranging as acupuncture, Osteoporosis, travel, gardening and much much more. We then move on to the serious business of supper; home made cakes and coffee and a gossip with friends.

We have lots of outside activities, a walking group meets every other month for a gentle walk followed by a pub lunch, and in the alternate month we have a coffee morning discussion group; meeting in each others homes. We also have craft classes, French lessons and we have even started a drama group.

We are a lively and friendly group and new members are made very welcome. If you would like to come along one evening to try a taster visit, please ring Betty on 707119 or Irene on 674574.

On our programme for the next four months until the end of our financial year, we will be learning to make Christmas decorations in November, our Christmas party is in December, we have a talk on a wildlife sanctuary in January and our AGM with cheese and wine is in February.

So don't be shy, come and join us.

Irene Bell - Secretary

So, what would you like for Christmas?

The following are just a few hints as to how you can get what you really 'want' for Christmas. If however it doesn't work, I accept no responsibility. These hints are for the female readers, since we all know that they have no problems in thinking of gifts for their partners. How many of us have been given a card on Christmas morning with either a £10 or if we are lucky a £20 gift voucher in it, with the remark 'racked my brains love, hope this will do'.

Now, the first thing is to establish exactly what it is you want your partner to buy you. Make it perfectly clear. Do not be standing next to the cat's bowl when remarking that 'oh! isn't this worn out', (if it is new slippers that you want) because ten to one the cat will enjoy Christmas and you won't.

If it is a new watch that your heart desires, much tutting and tapping of the old watch with 'well, perhaps it's the battery' or 'must have got damp when I was washing up', which in itself could cover two items, a watch and a dish washer.

Should you want a really nice dressing gown, everytime you put your present one on accompany it with, 'brrrr, this must be getting thin' and then when you see either a play or an advert in which a female is wearing a nice cosy gown, say (quite casually, but not too casually) 'oooh! I love the colour/style/material of that dressing gown'.

Now it may be that your partner is particularly insensitive to your needs so you may well have to come out with both barrels. Next time you're in a large clothing store, with him, of course, the remark 'I'm just popping up to look at ladies nightwear' is guaranteed to get him moving. He'll be thinking sheer nightgowns, you of course will be thinking lovely, bright, totally none see-through warm dressing gowns. 'Course, I might be wrong and you'll end up with a sheer nightgown. Well, if you do, then you'll probably both have a very happy boxing day.

Merry Christmas !!!!!

June Hornby

Do you talk to the plants in your garden? Spend hours mulling over packets of seeds every planting season? Have you ever secretly thought that your garden is good enough to enter a competition? Well thought has now become fact - Coddington Parish Council is in the early stages of organising a 'Best Kept Garden for 1999' competition for the village of Coddington - no matter how small or large your garden is. So next time you are at the seed counter put a little extra thought to where you are going to plant your marigolds.

Please help make Coddington a prettier village or even a weed free zone for 1999. Details of the competition will be placed in your local Notice Board.



GoodLuck!

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The amount of £1060.00 has been raised this year for the Church of England Children's Society. Various events organised include Christingle Service at All Saints' Church, Coddington, emptying of homes boxes, village collection, plants sales etc.

May I pass on my thanks to all villagers who have consistently supported the Children's Society over the past year.

Local Representative - Mrs Peggy Harwood, Newark 707214

CODDINGTON OPPORTUNITIES GROUP - COG



COG is hoping to bring residents from **all** of Coddington together. Finance to establish the Group has come from the European Social Fund.

The focus of the Group is to identify and provide relevant educational and learning opportunities for local people. This may include both vocational and non-vocational courses. Future funding, it is hoped, will come from various sources in order to widen the opportunities locally.

An 'Introduction and Opportunities for Coddington' open morning was held at Beaconsfield Community Centre on 12 November 1998 to acquaint and familiarise people with the Group and what it has to offer. Refreshments were organised by Harvey Avenue Tenants' Association, crèche provided by Beaconsfield Playgroup. Many local organisations brought displays and information such as Newark & Sherwood, The Youth Service, Play Workers, Guideline Careers etc were only a few of those represented at the meeting.

If you are interested or feel you can play a part in bringing learning opportunities into Coddington or require more information, you can either attend a meeting which are to be held monthly, alternating between Beaconsfield Community Centre and Coddington Village Hall or contact Mrs W Parrett, 'Enfin', Newark Road, Coddington.

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