

Coddington Community News

2001/

Winter 2002



Once again, many thanks to all village organisations for sending in their reports for the Winter edition of Coddington Community Newsletter.

Best wishes to all parishioners from Coddington Parish Council for the festive season.

CODDINGTON BELLRINGERS

At Coddington church we have six bells.

Our ringing practice night is on a Friday starting at 7.30 pm and finishing at 9.00 pm. We also ring on a Sunday for special services or Evensong - usually 5.30 pm until 6.00 pm.

At present we have ten regular ringers and two new learners. We are always on the look out for new members, so if you would like to come along on a Friday, you will be made very welcome.

In September we had our annual ringers outing, and this year we went across to Shropshire where we rang at five churches throughout the day. We had our lunch break at Bridgnorth, and a very enjoyable day was had by all.

We have rung for three weddings this year and three visiting bands have been to Coddington to ring peals.

Mrs Barbara Arkley - Bellringing Secretary

1ST CODDINGTON BROWNIES

I would like to say farewell to Sheila Bache who has retired from Brownies and wish her all the best for the future.

My name is Karen Gill and I have taken over from Sheila as Brown Owl. I have been actively involved in Brownies for over 2 years and have taken over as Brown Owl because I didn't want to see the pack close - we have had Brownies in the village for 40 years. We have a full pack of 24 Brownies and have a waiting list in operation. To keep the pack open we need more adult leaders and if you know anyone who may be able to help or are interested yourself please do not hesitate to contact me on Newark 706456.

Karen Gill
Brown Owl - 1st Coddington Brownies

CODDINGTON C OF E PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

The school continues to grow at an unprecedented rate. This term has seen the creation of two new classes and the arrival of four new teachers. We are aware that many new houses are still to be built in the Coddington area but feel confident that we will be able to offer places to all children living in the school's catchment.

An excellent School Foundation service was held at All Saints' Church in the summer term. This was a 'first' for the school and proved so successful that we hope to make it an annual event.

Of considerable concern to the school and the residents of Coddington is the problem of parking around the school at particular times of the day. In view of this growing problem, the school organised a traffic survey and a meeting for parents and residents in September. A lively meeting was chaired by a representative from Nottinghamshire Environment Department and it was resolved that a steering committee should be formed as soon as possible. This committee will investigate, under the guidance of the Environment Department, ways of alleviating the problem.

On Friday 7th December the school Christmas fayre starts at 6.00 pm in the school hall. This event is, of course, open to all the resident of Coddington and every one will receive a warm welcome.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

**FUTURE DATES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN
NOTICE BOARDS AROUND THE VILLAGE.**

**IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT
BEAT MANAGER PC WOOD TEL: 01636 605999 EXT. 7945**

FRIENDS OF CODDINGTON SCHOOL

The Friends of Coddington School is a group of parents and teachers from Coddington School who meet every 4 – 6 weeks to organise fund raising and social events for the School.

Last year we raised enough money to buy two new computers and a TV and video complete with storage trolley for the school. Our thanks go to everyone who has supported our events.

This year our efforts are concentrated on raising money to improve the school grounds, to provide a stimulating atmosphere where children can play and learn.

Last month we held our annual Square Dance, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, the next Square Dance will be on Saturday 12th October 2002 – make a note in your diaries.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 7th December from 6.00-8.00 pm. There are many stalls planned including games, cakes, books, crafts and refreshments (bacon butties and hotdogs, so don't have your tea at home!) as well as tea, coffee, and mince pies. Father Christmas will be there for the children so arrive early to avoid disappointment. Any donations of raffle or tombola prizes can be made at any time at school, with cakes to be brought in on Friday morning. Please come along and enjoy the fun.

Future events planned so far are a quiz night to be held in school on Saturday 2nd March 2002. There will be a bar available so, again, make a note in your diaries.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported us in the past and, let's hope that 2001/2002 will be an even greater fund raising year for the Friends of Coddington, for the benefit of all the children.

CODDINGTON UNITED CHARITY

The Charity Trustees administer the property and money donated many years ago by three Coddington residents, namely Mr Bell, Joseph Birch and Jacob Ordoyno, for the needy of the village.

The Charity owns the three cottages known as Church Cottages, each of which has recently been fitted with a new kitchen and bathroom, and are let to people with a strong connection with the village. It also owns several parcels of land in the village, which are let, and the income from those, and investments, is used to give grants to help people on a low income who need help with specific projects.

The Trustees are always pleased to consider applications for assistance, which should be made in writing to the Clerk, Mr Alisdair Morrison, 28 Kirkgate, Newark.

Trustees:

Mr G Page

Mrs P Bartley

Mr J Bartley

Rev. W Thackray

Mrs M Molloson

Mrs P Mumby (Chairman)

Mrs I Allen

OVER 55'S LEISURE GROUP

We are still doing fine, with around 24 members. Most of our members went on a coach trip to the forests of Leicestershire in August. There has been one bingo night in October and another on the 22nd November to raise funds. There will be a Christmas Dinner at the RAFA Club in Newark on December 14th.

We meet every Friday between 2pm and 4pm and new members are always welcome. We play short mat bowls, darts, table skittles and other games. Tea and biscuits included, so why not come along and see for yourselves!

J R Bell – Secretary.



WINTHORPE AND CODDINGTON TIGERS FC

Tigers FC continues to grow and prosper with four teams now up and running, giving more than fifty local children the chance to play league football. The age groups range from Under 9's through to Under 12's.

The club is currently attempting to secure a second home pitch based at Coddington for use by the Under 12's team who require a full size pitch to play their games. The club is ambitious and has many plans for the Coddington site, aiming to make the facilities every bit as good as those currently enjoyed at Winthorpe.

The parents and the children all work very hard to make the Tigers one of the best clubs in the New Newark Youth League and a club which we are all proud to be associated with.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Many thanks to all who donated and helped to raise the record amount of £1,125 for the Church of England Children's Society.

Local representative - Peggy Harwood

DOG FOULING

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE

YOUR POOCH'S HEAPS HOME

- KEEP CODDINGTON CLEAN -

2002 – THE QUEEN’S GOLDEN JUBILEE

To enable bodies such as small parish councils to celebrate the Queen’s Golden Jubilee, funds of up to £5,000 are available under the ‘Awards for All’ Scheme - through which some of the proceeds of the National Lottery are distributed. Coddington Parish Council feels that this represents an opportunity which the village should benefit from and is anxious to hear views of parishioners.

Of course there are criteria to be met if an application for funds for a Jubilee Project is to be successful. Any project would have to meet one or more of the following Golden Jubilee themes:

- involve all sections of the community;
- embrace the multicultural nature of society;
- encourage a sense of community spirit and wide community involvement;
- promote or provide service to others; and
- engage young people.

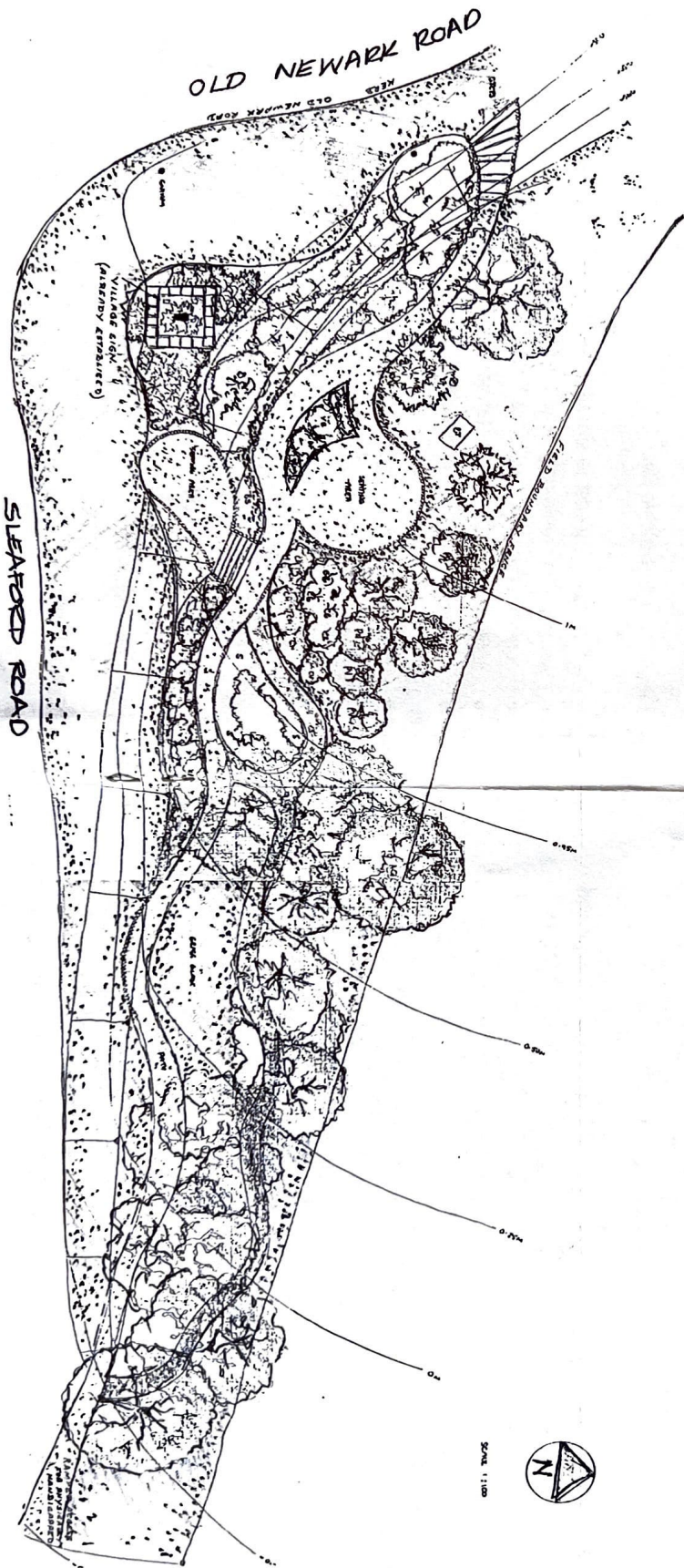
Funds are not available for:

- general running cost to sustain current activity;
- items which would only benefit an individual;
- activities promoting religious beliefs;
- activities that are part of statutory obligations or replace statutory funding;
- endowments, loan payments or second hand vehicles, foreign trips.

The Parish would be expected to contribute something towards project costs, but this could be in the form of cash, time, materials, premises or transport.

One idea already suggested is to plant fifty oak trees, as an avenue, along that part of Drove Lane from its junction with the A17 towards Main Street. But there must be other projects, which parishioners feel would be worth consideration. If you have any ideas for a Jubilee Project, please let Pam Hemphill, Clerk to the Parish Council, know before the next Parish Council meeting on January 3rd 2002.

John Bartley



**PROPOSED CODDINGTON MILLENNIUM GARDEN
LANDSCAPE DESIGN BY BRACKENHURST COLLEGE,
SOUTHWELL**

**HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR OBSERVATIONS
ON THIS SCHEME. IF SO, PLEASE SEND THEM AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:**

**MRS WENDY PARRETT
CHAIRMAN, CODDINGTON VILLAGE MILLENNIUM
COMMITTEE
'ENFIN', NEWARK ROAD, CODDINGTON**

CODDINGTON MILLENNIUM GARDEN

In the spring of 1998, Coddington Village Millennium Committee was formed from various groups within the village. Their brief was to investigate providing a living reminder of our time for the enjoyment of present and future generations. After considering many options, it was agreed a garden would fulfil these conditions.

Plans are now well advanced for installing a Millennium Garden at the junction of Old Newark road and the C208 road on slightly rising ground opposite the Village School. The land is owned by Nottinghamshire County Council who have given permission in principle for the garden to be constructed. We have the support of Brackenhurst College who have prepared the landscape design, and agreed to undertake the ground work and planting by students on a voluntary basis, forming part of an instructional course.

The Garden will take in the existing village sign, and cover the ground between Newark Road and the access to the fishing pond, featuring,

17 mixed trees	52 evergreen and deciduous plants
81 herbaceous perennials	25 grasses
Frost resistant limestone path with disabled wheelchair access at the pond end	
Bark mulch glade path	2 raised rest areas with hardwood benches

Funding

Materials, trees and shrubs		£4775.00
Groundwork and planting by Brackenhurst		
Valued at		2660.00
Legal documentation		<u>100.00</u>
		£7475.00
Less –		
Coddington Millennium funding contribution	£1400.00	
Brackenhurst College service at no charge	2600.00	<u>4000.00</u>
Grant funding required		<u>£3475.00</u>

An application for a grant has been made to WREN, 'Waste Recycling Environmental' for the above sum, and a decision is expected before the end of the year. The garden has been designed to require minimum maintenance, and when this is necessary the Parish Council has agreed to undertake the maintenance.

SHOULD ALL OUR HOMES BE NUMBERED?

There was an occasion recently when a parishioner had to dial 999 to call an ambulance to take his spouse to hospital following an apparent heart attack. Their home was in one of the roads within the Parish where the properties are not numbered – but are identified by names only. It seems that, because of this, the ambulance crew spent what might have been vital time in driving up and down the road in question looking for the caller.

It seems that time, and even possibly a life, could have been saved had the properties in the road in question been sequentially numbered.

The lack of road numbers in some parts of the Parish present problems, especially at night, not just for the emergency services, but also for relief postmen/women and trades people. At the same time it has to be recognised that some parishioners are quite happy to rely on house names and might be resentful of numbers being ‘imposed’ upon them.

Responsibility for numbering within the Parish rests, ultimately, with the District Council which has powers in this area under the Public Health Act, 1925. That said, the District Council is unlikely to insist on any numbering arrangement without the consent of the majority of householders. The Parish Council, who would make any necessary formal approach to the District Council, needs to know what parishioners think about this.

If you have any views you would like represent, why not attend the Annual Parish Meeting on April 18th 2002 and let your Parish Councillors know what YOU think.

John Bartley

CODDINGTON VILLAGE MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

Last few T Towels £1.40 each

Notelets £0.65 for 10

CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Coddington village hall is on Brownlow's Hill, in the centre of the village, near the Church. It has a large hall suitable for parties, functions or group gatherings, and a smaller room for meetings or games nights. Toilets and an improved kitchen, with a bar hatch are also available.

The hall was purchased, built and is owned by the local community, so it belongs to you, the people of Coddington. You can hire the hall for children's parties or other activities at £5 per hour. Functions such as wedding receptions or evening parties are £40 for the evening.

To view the hall, make a booking or suggest an activity you wish to start up at the village hall, phone Pam Hemphill on 686317.

CODDINGTON TODDLER GROUP

Come and join the fun! We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning during school term time, 9.30-11.00 am in the village hall.

The group offers a safe and exciting play environment for children 0-3 years and a relaxing social opportunity for their 'slave'! There is a fee of £1 per child to help with running costs. Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are included.

We celebrate children's birthdays and have a summer outing. Santa Claus calls to see us at Christmas, and a photographer visits us twice a year.

The toys are now available to hire for Toddler parties at a charge of £20 per party. (The village hall, with good kitchen facilities, can be hired for £5 per hour)

Interested in coming along, hiring the toys or just want more info, phone Alison on 684873 or Tracey on 659927.

WELL GREEN COMMUNITY CLUB

Our trips to Burnley Hall Gardens and Skegness were enjoyed in beautiful sunshine and we celebrated Mrs Lyn Ward's 90th birthday at Rutland Water in August.

More bags have been filled with knitted blankets and children's clothes, ready for the next convoy going to Albania, our Knit n'Knatter group on Monday afternoons has been kept busy - thanks to those who have provided wool.

A bingo session raised £100 for All Saints' Church, and one in aid of the Hospice made £140. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and helped raise these amounts.

Our Craft class did very well at the Age Concern show at Nottingham gaining 11 prizes, plus the shield for community effort. The class is held every Thursday between 2 pm – 4 pm.

After our next trip round the Lincolnshire Wolds, ending with a Fish and Chip tea, we are looking forward to Christmas Dinner at the Old Time Music Hall, Northampton.

So ends another enjoyable year.

Isabel Allen – Social Secretary

THERE ARE VACANT ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE IN

CODDINGTON - INTERESTED?

CONTACT: MR B ALLEN - TEL : 703360 OR

MRS P HEMPHILL - TEL: 686317

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CODDINGTON

The year 2001 has been another successful year for Coddington Church. We would like to thank all of you who came along to our Services and supported our fundraising events. An especially BIG thank you to the Brownies and pupils from Coddington School who have delighted us with their performances at our family services.

This year has been a very important one for fundraising. August saw the start of our 'Promise Programme'. Our dedicated volunteers visited much of the parish to explain the scheme and 45 people have committed themselves to giving regular donations. A total of £6282 has been pledged so far. A fantastic achievement for such a small parish. It's never too late to get involved. If you would like more details on how to give a regular donation please contact me.

June saw 15 hardy men and women taking part in our Sponsored Cycle Ride. Arranged by the ever-athletic Mary Danskin, we raised £522 for church funds. Unfortunately, the Sponsored Walk had to be cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth crisis, but hopefully everyone will have used the time to get in some extra training and be raring to go next year! The All Saints' Fair in November raised £590. Over £100 more than last year!

Coffee and cakes have been big business again this year. Our regular Saturday coffee mornings have been very well attended and have raised £770 for church funds, with special donations being made to the Children's Society and the Bell Ringers.

Our close links with Coddington School continue to grow. June saw our first 'Foundation Service' - a service to celebrate the founding of our church school. This is to become an annual event so please come along and celebrate with the children and us on the 23rd June 2002.

One of Rev. William's plans for next year is to have a Palm Sunday procession through the village - with a real donkey!

A big thank you is given to those who have given of their time and green fingers to help keep the churchyard looking wonderful. If anyone would like to give us a hand, regular working parties are held on Wednesday nights during the summer months.

As you can see an awful lot of hard work and dedication goes into keeping All Saints' a flourishing part of the community. Do come along and support all this hard work and have fun at the same time.

Clare Cotton – Secretary to the All Saints' PCC

Regular Services:

Family Communion every 3rd Sunday in the month at 9.00 am.

Evensong every Sunday at 6.00 pm with a Holy Communion service taking place every 1st Sunday.

Special Services and Events:

UNITED ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST GILES, BALDERTON
SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER AT 6.00 PM

CHILDREN'S CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 6.00 PM

TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER AT 6.00 PM

MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST AT BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS AND ST GILES,
BALDERTON MONDAY 24 DECEMBER AT 11.45 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE WITH SHORTENED COMMUNION
SERVICE TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER AT 9.30 AM

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
SUNDAY 13 JANUARY 2002 AT 6.00 PM

CANDLEMAS UNITED SERVICE (for our three churches)
SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2002 AT 6.00 PM

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE SUNDAY 10 MARCH AT 3.00 PM

PALM Sunday FAMILY SERVICE WITH PROCESSION THROUGH VILLAGE
(with Donkey) SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2002 AT 11.00 AM

EASTER DAY FAMILY COMMUNION SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2002 AT 9.00 AM.

CODDINGTON W.I.

The W.I. has had a good summer – there was an outing to Coton Manor, a walk on the beach at Gibraltar Point, a tour round Flintham village and museum and a look behind the scenes at Waitrose supermarket.

We meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month in the village hall. We have guest speakers, craft and French classes and the drama and choir groups are planning new programmes.

New members are always made very welcome, and can come as a guest first to try it out. Contact the President, Mrs Eithne Thompson, Tel: 676915 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH

The W.I. has arranged the next annual New Year's lunch for Coddington senior citizens, for Sunday 13 January 2002 at 12.30 pm in the village hall.

As always, space is very limited, so please book your place early, by ringing Irene on 674574, and let me know if you will require a lift.

We look forward to seeing you all again.

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