

Coddington Community News



Summer 1998

Hello, readers

Summer seems to be here earlier this year. Let's hope the weather stays favourable for the many village events to be held throughout the summer months. Make a date this summer to take your family or friends to an event. Not only will you enjoy yourself and have a good time, but you will also be supporting your local village groups. (see back page for dates)

Many thanks to all the village organisations who have contributed to this summer edition of the CCN. Please note the deadline for the next issue is 31 October 1998

CODDINGTON VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME



Following a recent initiative of the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council it has been decided to form the above organisation for the benefit of the people in Coddington. The Parish Council have offered their support to this initiative. It is hoped the service will begin on 1 May 1998.

There are currently four volunteer drivers, and our intention is to start to provide a service to assist those who need transport in order to make their lives a little easier. Some needs are obvious and others may be identified. These might include for example: - obtaining medication, hospital visits, shopping, visiting relatives in hospitals (or at their home) and attending doctors surgeries.

The service is entirely voluntary and is not intended to take the place of public transport or taxi services, nor can it help anyone who is not able to get in and out of a private car without assistance.

Potential users of the service should be aware that the success of this initiative will depend largely on the users. It is important that our volunteer drivers are given as much notice as possible of proposed journeys to allow effective scheduling, and avoiding disrupting volunteers lives too much! The service must be self supporting, (but non-profit making), so we will keep the charges to a minimum.

Initial contact for use of the service should be made to your local co-ordinator:

GORDON PIDCOCK



700233

This line is provided with an answerphone, so that if the phone is unattended you can leave a message. This is **very** simple - just follow the instructions, speak clearly and remember to leave your phone number if you have one, or address if you don't so that we may contact you. **Please remember to give at least 24 hours notice.**

We are hoping that further volunteers may come forward to enable a good service to be given. If you feel you could contribute, please feel free to contact the above number.

Gordon Pidcock

CODDINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
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The Parent and Toddler Group meet each Monday morning during term time at Coddington Village Hall from 9.30 am until 1.00 am. The charge is £1.00 and tea or coffee is served with orange squash and a biscuit for the children. We are a very friendly group, offering parents a chance to socialise and children to learn to mix, so why not come and join us!

BEACONSFIELD PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup meets in the Beaconsfield Community Centre, Valiant Road every Wednesday and Friday during school term time, between 9.30 am and 11.45 am. There are excellent facilities and standards of care catering for two and a half to five year olds with a high ratio of staff to children. Sessions are lively and entertaining with a varied range of interesting activities offered including home corner, book corner, craft and physical activities. Fees are £2.00 per session with concessions for families on Income Support. There are currently places available and anyone wishing to enrol their child should either call in at the Beaconsfield Community Centre or contact Elaine Joynes on Newark 60517

JOB VACANCY

Beaconsfield Playgroup is seeking a qualified Play Leader, (either NNEB, NVQ3 or Pre-School Learning Alliance Diploma) to take over from the beginning of July. If you are interested in applying for this post please either call in at Beaconsfield Community Centre on either Wednesday or Friday morning or contact Kate Marshall on Newark 704369



CODDINGTON F.C.

The season is over and both sides have maintained their status in their respective divisions.

The first team started off brightly in the Premier Division but form dipped badly in the middle part of the season. A bad spate of injuries including a broken ankle and a goalkeeper crisis when he took a bad knock on a leg all contributed to a poor three months.

The reserves were virtually a new side with a lot of young players and a new manager. At times they found things a bit difficult but kept plugging away and managed some creditable results.

Is there anyone out there interested in running a 'mini' football team. The Newark Alliance are considering running a mini league for children under 10 years of age. Teams will consist of **seven** players and play on a reduced sized pitch. It will be run on a competitive basis and matches played on a Saturday morning. If anyone is interested then contact Philip Bryan at 17 Old Hall Gardens, Coddington (Newark 679815)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

£750.00 has been raised up to date this year for the Church of England Children's Society. The events include Christingle Service at All Saints' Church, Coddington, emptying of home boxes and a house to house collection.

Local Representative - Mrs Peggy Harwood, Newark 707213

MAY 1998

Time Travelling: In March, three of the Junior classes went Time Travelling in Southwell! The day was organised and run by Southwell Minster. The children were divided into groups and each group took part in a wide range of activities linked to finding out about Christianity. Amongst other things, they found out about prayer and lit candles and said a prayer. They investigated the history of different parts of the Minster, made crosses and helped do part of a tapestry. The day was so worthwhile and enjoyable that we have already decided we will book again for next year.

Lincoln Music Festival: The school choir, band and recorder groups once again entered the Lincoln Music Festival, which was held in April. Mrs Norris and Miss Briggs had worked very hard with the different group of children, teaching them both the compulsory and the chosen parts of the programme. The standard of entries was extremely high and we had to compete against many other schools, both from the state and the private sector. Once again, we did extremely well, with the band and the recorder groups coming second in their classes and the choir receiving a commendation.

Road Safety Quiz Final: This year the school succeeded in reaching the finals of the annual Newark Road Safety Quiz. All the Juniors took part in the initial round and we then had to select a team of twelve to represent us in the final. We competed against five other schools, and although we did not win, everybody learnt a lot about Road Safety and I think everybody enjoyed the event at the Town Hall. We hope to get through to the final again next year and try to do even better.

After School Activities: The school is again offering many after school clubs which the children can join. This term we have a Gardening Club for the older Infants, Drama Club, Beginners' Recorder, Kwik Cricket and many other sports clubs including netball, football and hockey.

We are currently in the process of setting up an After School Club and hope in the near future to be able to offer places for after school care until 5.00 pm. The club will be open five days of the week and will also operate in the school holidays. It is aimed at helping parents who are either already working or who would like to be able to return to work.

If you would like any more details of the club, please contact Mrs Ferrier at school.

School Trips: The Year six pupils are looking forward to going to Whitby in June. The children will be taking part in a range of activities, including a trip to Robin Hood Bay, a ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, a visit to Bempton Cliffs and to the Sealife Centre at Scarborough.

Other planned school trips include a day visit to Norfolk and taking part in the Bowbridge Infant Music Festival.

Re-cycling: Could I please remind you that we have re-cycling facilities at school for textiles, newspapers and aluminium cans. Thank you very much to those who already use our banks. We do receive money for all of the schemes, which is then used to buy equipment for the children.

Forthcoming Events:

- Thursday 11 June A helicopter, weather permitting, will land on the school field at 9.15 am and all the children will all be taken out to see this.
- Tuesday 30 June A concert will take place in school at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please contact school nearer the date for more details.
- Friday 3 July Open day in school. Parents, and anyone else interested, are invited to visit school to see what happens during a normal school day. School will be open to visitors between 10.00-11.30 am and 1.30-3.00 pm.
- Thursday 9 July This will be Sports Day in school. Infant Sports takes place in the morning and Junior Sports in the afternoon. Please feel free to come and support the children. Wear your trainers if you would like to take part in the parents' race!
- Saturday 11 July The Summer Fayre will be open between 2.00-4.00 pm. This event is organised by the Friends of Coddington Association. Please come and support us.

Linda Ferrier - Headteacher

OVER 55'S LEISURE GROUP

The Over 55's Leisure Group is going from strength to strength with a compliment of twenty six members.

Not only do you enjoy a game of Short Mat bowls every Friday afternoon, we offer a very congenial and sociable afternoon playing, Trionimos, Table Skittles, Cards and Darts. Tempted! Call in any Friday afternoon at the Coronation Hall between 2.00-4.00 pm even if it's just for a cup of tea and a biscuit, you'll still enjoy yourself.

J R Bell - Secretary

CODDINGTON VILLAGE MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

The Millennium Committee was formed at the Annual Parish Meeting of 1997 with representatives from the various groups within the village.

The first task was to establish what the village wanted as a Millennium memorial. Questionnaires were distributed to each house in the village. Unfortunately the response was poor but from the replies received the most popular choice was for recreational or leisure facilities and a conservation area.

Various fund raising events have, or are being organised.

A competition was held with the co-operation of the children of Coddington CE Primary School to design a logo for the year 2000.

From the very high standard of entries received, the winner of a £10.00 book token was Leo Collis, runner up Rose Allen received a £5.00 book token.

A big thank you from the Millennium Committee to all those who participated in this competition, the response was overwhelming.

Raffle Prize Winners - Spring Draw 1998

- 1 Brian Priestly Glider Flight donated by Newark Notts Glider Club
- 2 Pat Mastin Meal: donated by Inn on the Green
- 3 Mr Leggitt Ticket: Notts Show
- 4 Mr Thompson Ticket: Notts Show
- 5 Mrs Jex Ticket: Notts Show - All show tickets donated by Newark & Notts Agric. Soc.
- 6 Mr Johnston Engraved Crystal donated by Carl Porter
- 7 Mrs Fletcher Tickets: Newark Air Museum
- 8 Mr Berry Bag of potatoes donated by Allen Farms
- 9 Mr Wardle Golf Round donated by J Lee Golf Centre
- 10 Mr Dickinson Indoor bowls evening donated by Newark Indoor Bowls Centre

We must thank parishioners for their very positive response in buying raffle tickets for the Spring Draw. A total of 2405 raffle tickets were sold throughout the village - an 83% return.

The Annual General Meeting of the Millennium Committee is to be held on Tuesday 7 July 1998, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This is open to all Parishioners, please come and let us know your views.

Further fundraising ideas are being planned, one is the sale of a Village Tea Towel which is presently being designed, part of which is shown on the front cover of this issue of the CCN.

Items are required to be sold at the Car Boot to be held at the Mount School on Sunday 21 June. Any good saleable items can be taken to Wendy Parrett or June Hornby (opposite Post Office). If possible with a price tag attached. All donations gratefully accepted.

It is hoped to hold a Summer Barbeque and other events. Please watch Notice Board for details.

CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY TRST. COMM.

Coddington Village Hall Charity Trust Committee has organised an Autumn Fayre to be held in the grounds of the Church Cottages, Chapel Lane, Coddington (weather permitting - if not in Village Hall) on Saturday, 12 September 1998, 2.00-4.00 pm. This will be a joint venture with many village organisations taking part. Please come along and support us. There will be lots of activities and fun things to do.

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to resignations from Mr P Hammond and Mr J Smallwood during the year, Mrs Wendy Parrett took over the chairmanship of the Parish Council in September, with Mr Roland Carver as Vice Chairman. The Parish Council also lost another member Mrs M Daybell through illness. By co-option, two new members were appointed, Mrs M Molloson and Mr R Dickinson. As from May 1998 the new Parish Council Chairman is Mr Hugh Daybell with Mr R Carver continuing in his role as Vice Chairman.

Many positive actions have been taken as a result of the recent Village Appraisal ie ten minutes is allocated for any parishioner who wishes to raise an issue at meetings, an after school club is in the final process of being set up at the school and Coddington Volunteer Car Scheme has emerged from initial meetings with Notts Rural Community Council via the Village Appraisal.

At the present moment in the forefront of issues raising concern at the Parish Council are the parking of vehicles opposite the school on the grassed area near to the garages on Valley View, vehicles driving over the children's playarea onto to the road and the loss of the warden, Mrs Riley at Wellgreen. The Parish Council has written to various departments supporting her.

Parishioners may have noticed the 'Please drive carefully' signs on the approach roads into Coddington which are the only Traffic Calming measures the County Council has allowed us to introduce at present.

A very worthwhile donation was made by the Parish Council to the DARE project, run by PC Borrington at the School. Other donations include £500.00 towards the cost of trimming Yew Trees in Churchyard, All Saints' Coddington, £400.00 to the Scout Group towards the renewal of the entrance hall floor and £50.00 start up grant for the Coddington Voluntary Car Scheme.

The Parish Council received 11 planning applications.. The precept for 1998/9 has remained at £4200.00

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday, 4 June 1998, 7.30 pm at Beaconsfield Community Centre. Then on Thursday, 2 July 1998, 7.30 pm at Coddington Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr H Daybell - Chairman	The Homestead, Balderton Lane, Coddington
Mr R Carver - Vice Chairman	The Hollies, Newark Road, Coddington
Mrs Y Jackson	Woodlands, Newark Road, Coddington
Mrs W Parrett	Enfin, Newark Road, Coddington
Mr J Bartley	Bayern House, Newark Road, Coddington
Mr B Allen	Drove Cottage, Drove Lane, Coddington
Mr R Dickinson	22 Thorpe Close, Coddington
Mrs M Molloson	The Gables, Main Street, Coddington

1ST CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

During the summer months the whole Group will be doing outdoor activities.

The Scout Troop is taking fourteen scouts and two leaders to the International Camp at Walesby Scout Camp Site between 1st and 8th of August. Twenty two countries are sending representatives including Canada and Russia. Our Scouts will be host to six Czech scouts for a week.

The Cub pack is very strong at present with twenty eight Cubs. They will have their weekend camp at Walesby 10th to 12th July.

The Beaver Colony has twenty members and Hazel Robinson has returned as Assistant Leader. Welcome back Hazel!!!

The Venture Unit has dropped in numbers to five full time members. They have been helping with the refurbishment of the Scout HQ. They have also planned a summer camp in Essex from 10th to 16th August and are planning a Sponsored Hike/Walk in the autumn to support the Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance.

The HQ has had another section of floor replaced and the fund raising is underway to secure funds for the next stage of improvements, so please support us if you can. It's for **our** young people.

We are still in much need of adults to help with the Scout section. If you feel you would be able to become involved, please contact Dave Hedge on 673663.

A team of four, Graham Wells, Andrew Appleby, Peter Robinson and Matthew Woolgar have completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and a group of six lads have started their Bronze Award.

Our SUMMER FAYRE this year is on 27th June. Look out for posters giving more information!

Dave Hedge

CODDINGTON WI

CODDINGTON WI IS THRIVING!

We are now a lively group with an average attendance of thirty seven out of forty four members.

We organise outings to places of interest and exhibitions. Walks every other month, followed or interrupted by lunch at a pub, alternating with a coffee morning where you can be guaranteed stimulating conversation and discussions. Other activities have included: bowls, whist, tennis - to mention just a few!

Some forthcoming events: There are plans to have a bring and buy/garden party at Old Manor Farm, Coddington at the end of July. Notices will be displayed closer to the time. We are always open to suggestions and would welcome new members, so if you have something to offer, or would simply like to meet more people and make new friends, then come and be our guest at one of our meetings. They are always held in Coddington Village Hall, every second Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm.

Interested? Contact Hanny Simpson on telephone: 01636 7033021 or our Secretary Irene Bell on telephone: 01636 674574

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CODDINGTON

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during the difficult time of the interregnum, when we have been without a parish priest and major repairs have been in progress.

Thank to Mrs Ferrier and Coddington CE School for help with publicity and family services and to Mrs Bache and the Brownies for their unfailing support on these special occasions.

We have been very well cared for: the bells have rung and all our services have gone ahead as usual, covered by visiting clergy who have all been sympathetic to our needs; putting up with falling plaster, lighting which changed week by week and cold when the boiler clock was out of action, and fitting in with our sometimes (to them) unusual services! In spite of everything All Saints' remained a welcoming place thanks to the good fairies who whisked away dust sheets from pews and altars and cleaned up, preparing alternately for workmen and services.

It's all over now, so do pay us a visit and see the lovely new lighting. We hope to arrange a big thanksgiving service soon.

Two projects remain, which we hope to have completed for the millennium. The first is the restoration of one of our famous Morris School windows, thanks to the vision and generosity of Mr Michael Manser of Northampton who visited our church last summer and has given £680 for the entire repair bill! Sometimes we become so accustomed to our surroundings that it takes a fresh eye to make us look again at our own treasures.

The second project was prompted by a generous offer by Mr and Mrs Molloson to carry out some gardening and repair work in the churchyard, which involves trimming some of the yew trees. We decided that since the state of the churchyard is so central to the appearance of the village we would trim the others. We looked around and discovered we have about forty of them! We realised this was obviously too big a task even for our indefatigable volunteers who keep 'God's Acre' looking neat and tidy but that if we were to have things looking their best for the millennium celebrations, even at a cost of over £1000, it must be done. Two church members and their friends have arranged some Bingo evenings to set the ball rolling, so please support them and help to achieve something of real benefit to everyone. We must also thank the Parish Council for their kind donation of the sum of £500.00 towards the cost of this scheme.

We hope that everyone will join in welcoming our new parish priest when he arrives and in supporting him in the difficult task he faces. Changes will be inevitable but we must look forward with thankfulness that All Saints' remains to us as an active local focus of our spiritual and community life, unlike many villages in similar circumstances in these days of economies and diminishing numbers of clergy.

Please support our fund-raising events and if you feel in need of fresh air and exercise, why not join in a churchyard working party? We have time for a bit of fun and gossip as well as work and you get free tea and cakes! Held every three weeks on Wednesday evening - see church notice board for dates.

EVENTS

Regular SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS begin again in May. The first of these will include a GRAND RUMMAGE SALE as well as the usual CAKES and PLANTS - in aid of the YEW TREE FUND.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK will take place in JUNE on a date to be announced. We will keep you informed.

**OPERA SOLSTICE CONCERT 13 JUNE at 7.30 PM- tickets available
Tel: 705824**

SUMMER FAIR 4 JULY With a touch of America!

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE Saturday 5 September. Details from Gill Burgess Tel: 706461

ALL SAINTS' BAZAAR Saturday 31 October

Any comments or questions or more info call Pat Kirk on 705824.
As you will see OPERA SOLSTICE return to All Saints' by popular request after the wonderful evening they gave us last year. We thank them for their generosity by agreeing to sing again. Don't miss it!

If you can't make it on 13 June you can catch them on:

11 July at Marston Church	25 July at Grimethorpe Castle
19 September at Babworth Church	31 October at Edwinstowe Church

Further Info on 01623 863487

Pat Kirk - Secretary

DIARY OF EVENTS IN CODDINGTON - SUMMER 1998

Saturday	13 June	Opera Solstice	All Saints' Church, Coddington
Sunday	21 June	Car Boot, Mount School	Codd. Village Mill. Comm.
Saturday	27 June	Summer Fayre	1st Codd. Sct. Grp
Tuesday	30 June	Concert	Coddington CE Primary School
Friday	3 July	Open Day	Coddington CE Primary School
Saturday	4 July	Summer Fair	All Saints' Church Coddington
Tuesday	7 July	AGM, Village Hall	Codd. Village Mill. Comm.
Thursday	9 July	Sports Day	Coddington CE Primary School
Saturday	11 July	Summer Fair	Coddington CE Primary School
Saturday	5 September	Sponsored Bike Ride	All Saints' Church Coddington
Saturday	12 September	Autumn Fayre	Codd. Village Hall Charity Trst Comm
Saturday	31 October	All Saints' Bazaar	All Saints' Church Coddington

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