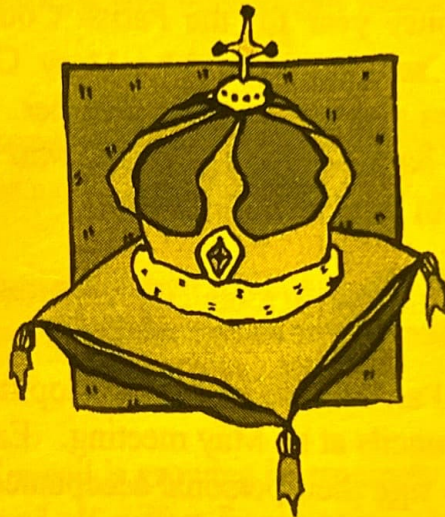


Coddington Community News

Summer 2002



Mary Kallman

Chairman Coddington News Council

Welcome to the Summer 2002 edition of Coddington Community News and as our cover shows many of us will be marking the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth. This year has not gone as she would have wished it with the sad loss of her sister and mother but she has carried on with the Jubilee tour and many of us will carry on with our celebrations.

What will this summer bring us, I wonder? Some of us will probably spend the next four or so weeks glued to our television sets – watching World Cup football while we eat our cornflakes, hoping that England will bring the cup “back home”. Hopefully, we will enjoy some summer-like weather over the coming months which will enable us to get out in our gardens, or have a walk around the village, or Stapleford Woods. And of course get the barbecue out of the garage and treat our friends to sausages and burgers burnt to a cinder. Aahh.....summertime and the living is easy.

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2001-2002

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council. During the year we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs Mary Carver. Mary had been a Councillor for many years and was a valued member. We were very sorry to see her go. In her place we have Mr David Hedge, who is already making a major contribution to the work of the Parish Council

Now a brief run-down of the Parish Council's work over the year.

Code of Practice – The Parish Council will be adopting the Government's Code of Practice for Parish Councils at its May meeting. Each member of the Council will also have to sign their personal acceptance. If they decline to do so, they have to resign.

Increase in Parish Council members – From May 2003, the Parish Council will be increased from 9 to 10 members.

Jubilee Commemoration – The Parish Council will be presenting commemorative mugs to all the children who attend Coddington School, and commemorative plates for the Teachers. The Parish Council also hopes to plant 50 oak trees along either side of Drove Lane, which will present a lasting memento of the Jubilee.

Valley View - Work is in progress to provide lighting and improved facilities for vehicular movement at Valley View. The Parish Council is indebted to our District and County Councillors, Maureen and Vincent Dobson, whose efforts have achieved these improvements.

Highway matters – The Parish Council continues to pressure County Council for a weight restriction on the C208 along with reduced speed limits and traffic calming measures. The problems of speeding and inappropriate traffic on Balderton Lane is also being brought to the attention of the Highway Authority. The Parish Council, along with our County Councillor will not give up on urging the need for these measures and we can only hope that persistence pays off.

Charity Farm – Sadly, the Parish Council has been unable to accept the terms offered by the Coddington United Charity for leasing or buying this land for the village. It was considered that leasing for only 5 years was pointless and a waste of money, and the price of the land was beyond that which the Parish Council could afford or justify.

School Travel Plan – A Steering Group, on which the Parish Council is represented, has been formed to progress the School Travel Plan.

Thorpe Oaks – This development is well underway and the first house should be occupied during the summer. The development is scheduled for completion within 3 to 4 years.

Yew Wood – The Parish Council is growing increasingly concerned about the future of this unique woodland. It suffers from tipping and arson. The owner has been requested to prepare a plan for its Management and Maintenance but to date there is no plan. The Parish Council has therefore asked the District Council to compulsorily acquire the wood to secure its safety.

Other members of the Parish Council will be telling you about further projects that are in hand such as the Millennium Garden, play equipment for Thorpe Close, house numbering and this year's garden competition.

I will end by thanking all my colleagues on the Parish Council for their hard work and support over the year.

Mary Molloson
Chairman Coddington Parish Council

PUT YOUR FEET FIRST

Sharon Foster is a fully qualified and registered Chiropodist with the Institute of Chiropodists and Podiatrists, providing treatments in the comfort of your own home. Both Chiropody and Podiatry deal with the examination, diagnosis and treatment of conditions and functions of the feet. The feet are one of the most vulnerable parts of the body, yet most people neglect them, with inappropriate footwear being the main contributing factor.

Not all foot pains are caused by corns and callouses. The human foot consists of 26 bones bound together by ligaments, supported by muscles and supplied with blood vessels and nerves. It is therefore subject to considerable strain and injury. Your feet are perfectly designed for everyday walking and sporting activities, but the demands placed on them are heavy. For each mile you run, your feet will hit the ground about 1,500 times and with each step, your foot will absorb a force several times your body weight. An 11 stone man of average size will process 112 tonnes of weight through each limb per mile.

There are a number of good reasons to visit a Chiropodist on a regular basis, even before common foot ailments such as corns or in-growing toenails become painfully apparent. Less widely appreciated is the fact, that many serious conditions are first manifested by symptoms that first appear in the feet. Regular consultations with a Chiropodist could well highlight any potential health problems before they become apparent.

Ten Little Piggy Foot Facts

1. The average adult takes in excess of 18,000 steps a day and it's even more for kids.
2. Most feet walk about 70,000 miles in a lifetime - that's four times around the earth.
3. With every mile you walk, you shift approximately one hundred tonnes (the weight of a Blue Whale) just by moving your own body weight forward.
4. Around 70% of foot problems come from wearing the wrong footwear or ill-fitting shoes. The majority of these are caused by ill-fitting footwear worn as a child.

5. In the time it takes to make a cup of tea a child may have crawled a quarter of a mile (400 metres).
6. A 'first walker' takes 176 steps each minute.
7. Each adult foot has 26 bones, 19 muscles, over 100 ligaments and thousands of nerve endings.
8. At birth feet contain only 22 partially formed bones.
9. There are more sweat glands per square inch on our feet than anywhere else on the body (250,000 to be exact) and the average pair gives off about half a pint of perspiration a day.
10. Children's feet should be checked for size and fitting every 6-8 weeks in early years. Children's feet often grow faster in the spring and summer, and sometimes hardly at all in the winter.

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CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

2000/2001	INCOME:	2001/2002
£		£
6000.00	Precepts 2000/1/2	8000.00
117.13	Gross Interest 2001/2	36.01
580.74	VAT	450.70
82.00	Allotment Rent	86.00
143.62	Coddington Vol. Car Scheme	-
100.00	Coddington P & T Grp.	-
-	NCC – grasscutting allowance	1660.66
7023.49	TOTAL INCOME:	10233.37

£	EXPENDITURE:	£
1648.58	Clerk's Salary + Expenses	2006.59
375.20	Village Handy Person's Salary	609.20
227.35	Office Expenses	102.65
1528.23	General Expenses	1346.83
1212.70	Environment Expenses	1452.66
166.45	Allotment & Open Space Exps.	304.80
457.32	S137 Payments	410.00
397.60	CCN Expenses	432.00
435.24	VAT	464.64
185.28	Project/Grants Expenses	-
-	Burial Fund account	3000.00
6627.75	TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	10129.37

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FUNDS:	£
Balance at 1 April 2001	4192.55
Add Total Income	10233.37
Less Total Expenditure	10129.37
Balance at 31 March 2002	4296.55

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority at 31 March 2002 and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

Signed: _____ *M A Mellison* _____
 (Chairman)

Signed: _____ *P. Henpini* _____
 (Responsible Financial Officer)

Date: _____
18/4/02

Date: _____
18/4/02

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2002

1. Assets

At 31 March 2002, the following assets were held by the Parish Council:

Gravel Pit, Balderton Lane, Coddington (valued at nominal Value)	£1.00
Village Seat, Brownlow's Hill, Coddington (Replacement value)	£500.00
Village Sign, corner Newark Road, Sleaford Road, Coddington (Replacement value)	£2000.00
Escom Computer (valued at cost)	£1133.00
Notice Board - Coddington Village Hall (Replacement value)	£500.00

2. Tenancies:

During the year the following tenancies were held

Council as Landlord -

Allotments: 13 allotments of which 10 are let at various rents.

Council as Tenant -

Newark & Sherwood District Council £80.00 per annum

3. S137 Payments:

The limited of spending under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for this Council in the year of account was £2852.50 and the payments made were:

Coddington CE Primary and Nursery School (Dare Campaign)	140.00
Royal British Legion	20.00
Coddington Village Hall Charity Trust Committee	250.00

4. Debts Outstanding:

At the year-end debts of £464.64 Vat were outstanding for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002.

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Signed: Ma Morrison
(Chairman)

Signed: P. Hemphill
(Responsible Financial Officer)

Date: 18/4/02

Date: 18/4/02

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2002 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

31 March 2001		31 March 2002
£		£
	LONG TERM ASSETS	
-	Investments	-
	CURRENT ASSETS	
435.24	Debtors	464.64
-	Prepayments	-
4192.55	Cash at Bank	4296.55
-	Burial Fund Acc	3000.00
4267.79	TOTAL ASSETS	7764.44
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
-	Creditors	-
-	Receipts in advance	-
-	Temporary borrowing	-
	NET ASSETS	7764.44
	REPRESENTED BY:	
-	General Fund Balance	7764.44
-	Long Term borrowing	-
-	Capital Reserve	-
-	Earmarked Reserves:	-

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Signed: M A Morrison
(Chairman)

Signed: P. Henpau
(Responsible Financial Officer)

Date: 18/4/02

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WELL GREEN COMMUNITY CLUB

A trip to the Pantomime to see Aladdin was a great start to 2002.

A Bingo held in aid of RNLI raised £146. Many thanks to those who donated prizes and supported the event.

Wellgreen Craft Class collected £125 to sponsor, Mr B Smith, who did a bike ride across Africa in aid of the Hospice.

Our Knit 'n natter group have filled more sacks with blanket and children's knitted clothes, for the convoy leaving in May. Many thanks to the lady who gave us a knitting machine and bags of wool.

Sadly we lost one of our long time members, Mr Reg Simpson. A collection in lieu of flowers raised £71.60 for the RNLI, which was Reg's charity of choice.

We are looking forward to the first of our monthly trips for a meal at the Durham Ox, Wellow after a tour round the area.

The Club had 22 entries in the Age Concern Craft Exhibition held in the Albert Hall, Nottingham. The exhibition is open to all Nottinghamshire residents over 60. The Craft Group won 12 certificates: (3 firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and four highly commended). Best entry in show was won by Mrs Hilda Page with a 'cross stitch picture' – her prize was a Ming vase to be held for one year. The Chairman's choice trophy was won by Miss Gill Burgess for a tapestry picture.

Isabel Allen – Social Secretary
Wellgreen Community Club

1st CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

The most outstanding results achieved during the last year have been the success of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Four of our young men have gained the Gold Award, Andrew Appleby, Graham Wells, Peter Robinson and Douglas Lyne. Six others have gained their Silver Award; these are Ian Shaw, Grant Anderson, Nick Greenfield, David Appleby, Chris Wellard and John King. Thanks to the young men and to the adults who have put so much time and effort into the training to get these results.

Thanks must also go to the helpers who came and saved the Beaver Colony when our regular leaders, Jill and Bob Skelly, retired. Unfortunately some of these have become victims of job changes and we must have more volunteers to keep this section going.

Akela has been out of action for a while and will not be back until September at the earliest. Jane Hedge, who has taken on her old role of Cub Leader, for the duration has filled her place. Thanks for all the effort from her and her band of press-ganged parent helpers.

Scouts will be attending the Jubilee Camp and the Czech visit camp this summer and have taken part in the Claypole Raft Race again gaining a third place.

The major happening this coming year is the change in the progressive training throughout the age range and later the introduction of the new section (14-18 years)

Our Project for the year is to renew the fencing around the back of the hall, so please watch out for our Quiz Nights etc.

Those who are not members already are invited to join our 200 Club Draw.

Thanks for all the help.

Dave Hedge
Group Scout Leader

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Winners



From left: Douglas Lyne, Peter Robinson, Graham Wells, Andrew Appleby.
Photograph courtesy of Newark Advertiser

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The mobile police station regularly visits the village. Look in the notice boards for dates.

On board with an officer will be a member of 'County Contact' This person represent Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council and will be available to have a chat with any resident regarding any Council matter in confidence.

CODDINGTON CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Church bell ringing is still alive and kicking here in Coddington. Although new ringers are becoming even more difficult to find and retain, our small band of ringers keep to the regarding task very successfully, managing to cope with churches activities when called upon.

We ring on a Sunday evening for half an hour before Evensong and also before special services on either Sunday mornings or afternoons.

Practice night is on a Friday evening from 7.30 until 9.00 pm. There have been two-quarter peels this year, of which one was on the sad occasion of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother's funeral. This quarter was rung with the bells half muffled.

This year the Coddington Bellringers will again be having their annual outing in the autumn time to Suffolk where we hope to ring at six churches. We are hoping to fill the bus with our families and friends, plus ringers from other churches around the Newark area.

I'd like to thank all our ringers for their support in keeping the bells ringing here at Coddington even when there are times when we are at full stretch, due to other commitments.

Anyone wishing to try their hand at bell ringing please come along on a Friday evening and you will be made most welcome.

Barbara Arkley

Secretary of the Coddington Church Bell ringers

OVER 55'S LEISURE GROUP

Still going strong after being formed in June 1995. New members are always welcome to the fold. We still meet on a Friday afternoon from 2.00 until 4.00 pm, at the Village Hall, where we play short mat bowls, table skittles, scrabble and trionimos. We have tea and biscuits at 3.00 pm and most of all, it's the company that makes it a nice afternoon.

We are looking forward to a coach trip to the Last of the Summer Wine country in July which should be a nice day out for all.

We still have an average membership of 24. Come and give it a try.

J R Bell

Secretary – Over 55's Leisure Group

CODDINGTON WI

The WI continues to meet at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month, and presently has 47 members. Recent guest speakers have included talks on silk painting, Thai cookery, flower arranging, keep fit and the work of the Air Ambulance.

Apart from monthly meetings, we have many and varied activities, all well attended. These include a walking group, French class, choir, line dancing, drama and craft classes. This last group is at present making a 'story board' in conjunction with Newark library. Members have also recently had outings to the Ice Show at Sheffield, to Coton Manor, Newby Hall and Flintham Museum.

We were very pleased that our treasurer passed her Independent Examiners Exam this year, our catering officers successfully completed their Food Hygiene courses, 2 pairs of members were in the Whist final, and one member had her poetry entry for the Lady Denman Cup forwarded to National level.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, and anyone interest in joining us should contact President Mrs Eithne Thompson on Tel: 674574, or our new secretary Mrs Sylvia Aslin on Tel: 678511.

Mrs P Mumby

Press Secretary – Coddington WI

CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETINGS DATES FOR 2002

DATE:**VENUE:**

Thursday, 4 July 2002

Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 5 September 2002

Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 3 October 2002

Coddington Village Hall

Thursday, 7 November 2002

Coddington Village Hall.

Please note all meetings to commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated.

HINTS FOR SUMMER TO SAFEGUARD YOUR VALUABLES AND PROPERTY.

- **Remember to lock garages and sheds when you are cutting your grass. Thieves love summer time, access to mowers, bicycles and tools – keep secure!**
- **Lock doors when in the garden. Thieves can walk in doors and out very quickly when you're occupied outside.**
- **Remember to post code or security mark all new purchases or presents.**
- **The holiday season is here again. If your home is unoccupied for any length of time, remember to put lights and the radio on time switches. Don't leave keys in view or near doors or windows. Get a neighbour to check for post etc. Check all insurance policies are paid and meet the requirements set out in the policy in case of a claim.**

NEW PC FOR CODDINGTON

Police Constable Davies can be contacted at Newark police station on 605999

THERE ARE VACANT ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE IN

CODDINGTON - INTERESTED?

CONTACT: MR B ALLEN - TEL : 703360 OR

MRS P HEMPHILL - TEL: 686317



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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 needy people in 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 land in the village, which is let, and the income from this and investments is available to help people of all ages of modest means. Grants can be given for a wide variety of reasons, such as payment towards traveling expenses for hospital visiting, help with payment of gas or electricity bills, provision of household item or services, educational books, uniforms, mobility etc.

The Trustees are always pleased to consider applications for assistance, in strict confidence, which should be made in writing to the Clerk, Mr Alasdair Morrison, 29 Kirkgate Newark.

Trustees:

Mr G Page

Mrs P Bartley

Mr J Bartley

Rev. W Thackray

Mrs M Molloson

Mrs I Allen

Mrs P Mumby (Chairman)

1ST CODDINGTON BROWNIES

I would like to say welcome to Tawny Owl, Laura Wilkinson. 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

GOLDEN



GARDEN

COMPETITION

Judging will take place 5th July 2002

**No entry form required - all gardens
in Coddington visible from the road
will be considered.**

**For further information or to enter
your hidden garden,
Telephone Isobel Turner on 708781**

A Message from Coddington Post Office

Well, here we are just over a year after moving to Coddington. And it has been a very eventful sixteen or seventeen months indeed it has to be said. So many new people we have met and welcomed into the Post Office and shop. It has been a great period for us and seeing the shop develop with the help of our growing customer base is very satisfying. The shop can look good and be well stocked with all the things you require but without your support and goodwill we are nothing. So, first of all, a very big thank you to all our customers for making it more bearable in trying to make the business viable.

Some good news regarding the Post Office. As you are all probably aware Post Office Ltd as part of Consignia is undergoing major changes, which will affect everyone who uses or is employed in the Post Office network. It is an unsettling period for a lot of sub-masters and Royal Mail employees so it was good news when I received a letter from Consignia informing me that Coddington PO is regarded as a rural office and, as such, will be unaffected by the proposed office closure scheme currently underway.

We will, however, see major changes as the state benefits in their current form (benefit books) are withdrawn from post offices over the next year or so. This does not mean that if you currently like to draw a benefit in cash that you will no longer be able to do so. The benefit will have to be paid into a bank account but both the government and the post office recognize that it is important that people can still draw cash from their local post office. You WILL still be able to do this and the post office will offer the facility for a basic bank account from which clients can draw cash using a personalized swipe card. This area of personal banking is the very future for all post offices and it is the clear intention of the network and the government to provide a community banking system. This also has approval from all the major banks. Watch this space!!! Don't forget we also offer many other services from the Post Office such as Bureau de Change, Bill payments, TV licensing, phone cards, etc. and all your postage requirements to anywhere in the world.

As a business we are always looking for other services and products which we think will enhance the village shop. Did you know that we sell local bread, milk and bacon and sausages? It will always be our intention to sell this type of product whenever we can obtain them. We also provide a dry cleaning agency for Balderton Dry Cleaners, again using a local business.

Anyway, it is a pleasure for us both to live and work in a splendid community which itself is undergoing major changes which I am sure will enhance Coddington in the long term. Albeit that there is unavoidable disruption while the building is underway on the site behind the post office. We, as a business, are going in the right direction and it will hopefully become a community store, which everyone can use and enjoy. See you soon.

Bob and Jeanette Thomas

Coddington Post Office

PS Ring us if there is anything you require (within reason) on 676274

CODDINGTON PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Coddington Parent and Toddler Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday during term time at the Village Hall from 9.30-11.00 am.

We provide a safe and exciting environment for children 0-3 yrs, and a chance for parents/carers to get out and meet other people in the same situation. There is a fee of £1 per child to help with the running costs and tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are provided along with a warm welcome and a friendly face.

Regular activities include the celebrations of children's birthdays, Easter egg hunts, an annual visit from Santa Claus and a photographer calls twice a year. We are currently taking bookings for our Summer Trip.

The toys are now available for Party hire (many of them 'Little Tikes') for a fee of £20 per party.

For further information phone Tricia on 612072, Dawn on 651340 or Ellie on 659690.

STOP PRESS: We are now considering opening during the summer hols. Please contact us on the above numbers for more information.

CODDINGTON CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

The exciting times continue at Coddington School. We are still welcoming new children to the school, with many more still to arrive.

The school project (metamorphosis) is gathering pace, with several sections of the project completed ahead of schedule, most noticeably the outdoor infant play equipment, which was installed by a group of parents, teachers and children. This was a massive team effort, involving many hours of backbreaking effort during a weekend in April. Our attention is now turning towards the pond and the wild life area.

Our thanks, once again, go to the Parish Council for their generous financial support of the Drugs Awareness Programme (DARE). The Year 6 children continued our 100% record of graduating through the DARE project.

We are proud to have reached the final of the Road Safety Quiz for the second year running.

We very much appreciate the support of the whole community and would welcome everyone to join us at our Summer Fair on Saturday, 29th June and our activities afternoon (Barbeque, Treasure Hunt and entertainment) on Saturday, 15th June.

We also thank the Parish Council for the Jubilee celebration mugs, which they are presenting to all the children at the school! Our own celebration will take the form of a garden party on Friday, 31st May.

S Daykin
Headteacher

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