

# CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS

# CCN

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## EDITORIAL

CCN No. 3 contains much which is encouraging but there are two items which are of great concern to CCN and which should be to residents and friends of Coddington

But first the good news:

CCN is pleased that we have had contact from two groups from Harvey Avenue. First is the Harvey Avenue Mother and Toddlers group and the other is the Summer Playscheme Group. Many thanks to Mrs White and Mrs Checkley who organise these activities and for taking the trouble to contact CCN. Let's hope a mention here will generate further interest and support to help these Coddington organisations continue to flourish.

CCN and the Parish Council appear to owe an apology to some people in Coddington. The Editor has had complaints from some residents around Harvey Avenue and Parklands Close to say they didn't receive CCN's first edition. Your Parish Councillors decided to deliver CCN personally, in order to keep costs down. It is ironic, though, that in doing so it seems to have frustrated the main aim of CCN. - That is to tell each other what is happening and to help our community come closer together.

Other new appearances in CCN No. 3, include a contribution from Mr. Dorling, Headmaster of Coddington Primary School and one from Coddington's own resident historian, Mr. Rolf Vernon, Author of "Newark Before Victoria" published by Newark District Council in 1984. CCN intends to run a series about Coddington and its past. Any recollections or stories of the life as it was in Coddington from any resident, past or present would be of interest today. Just send them to CCN's Editor or just give him a ring with your ideas.

Now to the items of concern. Two long-established institutions of the village are under threat. The first is All Saints Parish Church and the other is the Village Hall. (see reports inside) Unless residents and friends take more interest and give more support to both these centres of village life, they will disappear for good. CCN hopes you will think and act now, before it's too late.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council meeting of the 26th February 1985 worked through a lengthy but interesting agenda. The main points of note included:-

1. District Councillor Calvert : The Parish Council has written to Mr. Calvert expressing their disappointment that they had not seen him at a Parish Council meeting since the 3rd July 1984. Whilst they realize that he is bound to be busy with District Council matters, they hope he will find time to attend future meetings as they regard him as a vital link between the Parish and District Councils on behalf of all the electors of Coddington.
2. Rubbish Dumping Problem : Newark District Council has agreed to assist the Parish Council in clearing away the rubbish which has been dumped in and around the Harvey Avenue Estate. But there is still a problem of clearing rubbish from the site of Coddington Hall and its approaches which is Government-owned land administered by the Property Services Agency.
3. Play Equipment : Goal posts have been bought and put up on the Morgan's Close green space for £350 and a slide is soon to be erected on the Harvey Avenue green for £664.
4. Bus Services : The Parish Council was pleased to hear of improved Sunday bus services which members hope will be of benefit to the residents of Coddington. The Council has written to Richard Alexander, our MP, to the County Councillor Mrs Yates and to District Councillor Mr. Calvert objecting to the Government's Bill to radically change the law which regulates bus operators and the services they provide. Members are concerned that it will result in Coddington losing its present bus service which would effect the mobility of those who do not have access to a car.
5. Public Footpaths : The Parish Council is aware of problems with some of the public footpaths which cross farm land in the Parish. It will be making a survey soon and reporting what it finds to the County Council to obtain its help and reinstating the public footpaths, their stiles and signs. If anyone has had difficulty using our public footpaths the Parish Council would be pleased to hear about them.
6. Possible Bowling Green : A request from residents around Morgan's Close for a bowling green in Coddington was reported. The Parish Council will look for possible sites in the Village. Members would like to know whether you would support a village bowling green. Tell your Parish Councillors - they are listed in CCN issue No. 2.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Tuesday 16th April at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. The Parish Council wish to draw your attention to this important meeting and they hope you will make a special effort to come along and put your points of view to the Parish Council. It is up to you to tell them what you want your Parish Council to be doing for you and your village.

HARVEY AVENUE ESTATE

I was interested to read in the last edition of CCN (No.2) no contribution was received or was likely to be in the near future from the Harvey Avenue Tenants Association as a newspaper of their own was in the pipeline.

I and many others were not aware of any newspaper being printed exclusively for us.

As Coddington Parish Council have gone to extreme lengths to UNITE BOTH ends of the village with this newspaper, I and many other residents (not just from this estate) feel it is time this unity was enforced, albeit through a newspaper. All efforts are being made to have another successful Summer Play Scheme this year whereby ALL the children of Coddington will be made very welcome. An application has been made to Notts County Council and Newark District Council for a holiday playscheme grant. This grant will go towards buying new equipment, games, inflatables, outings, puppet shows, a sports day and the hire of the Jubilee Hall in case of bad weather. I would like to reiterate once again that the scheme is for ALL the children of Coddington Village.

More information regarding the playscheme will be published in the next edition of CCN.

Mrs S. Checkley,  
Coddington Playscheme Leader.

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4, Valient Road, Coddington. Newark 72458. 3.2.85

Dear Editor,

I received No.2 issue of CCN today (no No.1) re no report from Harvey Avenue Estate. May we Harvey Avenue Mother and Toddler Group have a small coverage in the next issue of CCN?

The group has only been open a few months but have had a good response with 42 children being registered.

Sessions are run twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1p.m. to 3p.m. Everyone is always most welcome. We are always trying to raise funds for new equipment and outings in the summer.

The next fund raising dates are Friday February 15th 8p.m. to 12, a Valentines Dance. Tickets are now on sale 50p per adult under 16's free with adults. A bar and food will be available.

Saturday 30th March Easter Bonnet Dance, prizes for best bonnets, tickets as above.

For the children that attend the Mother and Toddler group on 26th March, for the girls there is an Easter Bonnet parade, for the boys, a painted egg or a garden in a tin lid. There will be two independent judges, with prizes in the three sections. All above will be held in the Community Centre, Valiant Road.

Thank you for the chance to let people know about events at Harvey Avenue Estate.

Yours faithfully,

Wynne White(Mrs)  
Chairperson Harvey Avenue  
Mother and Toddler Group.

'Dal-Mor'  
4, Dabryn Way,  
St. Stephen  
Nr. St. Austell. CWLL

The Editor,  
Coddington Parish Council.

Dear Editor,

We received, via a relative, a copy of your Coddington Community News, which we found very interesting and stimulating, having regard to the fact that my wife and I are closely connected with our local Over 60s "Sunshine Club". All this has prompted us to submit the following in the nature of a "Quiz" for your readers.

WHO IS THE MYSTERY LADY?

Place of birth - St Michaels Mount, Cornwall

Child: School: Adolescence:- Cornwall

A Wife and caring Mother

A Qualified Warden of Senior Citizens Home at Knights Court, Newark,  
for many years.

Now resident in Coddington.

Visits Cornwall on several occasions each year, and stays with her  
sister and brother-in-law.

Favourite foods: Real cornish pasty, roast duckling and freshly fried  
mackerel from Mevigissey, followed by strawberries and double  
helping of cornish cream, and double cornish cream and ice cream.

Recently elected member of Coddington Parish Council.

Loves the garden and flowers. One day dug over 100 potatoes from one  
stalk in her brother-in-law's garden - a record she still holds.

Hobbies - Horse riding; Bingo: An authority on antiques.

Bright disposition; Happy helping other; Game for a laugh.

Full of ideas for fund-raising etc; Good company and a true friend.

Has a perfect foil in her elegant, good-humoured, quiet and tolerant  
husband.

NAME - CLUE AN YORE JETTS (JANET STOREY)

Needless to say, the lady is unaware of the foregoing.

Trusting you will find it possible to insert in your next issue of the  
Coddington Community News.

Yours faithfully,

K.D. Dalley

CODDINGTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Outing to Springfields, Spelding :

Tuesday 7th May

Coach leaves The Green at 10.30am

Arrives back between 5 and 6pm.

Cost to be announced.

Contact Mr. Spray, 2 The Green

Tel: 77115

ALL SAINTS UNDER THREAT OF CLOSURE

All Saints Church hasn't been able to pay its way since 1980, despite our valiant attempts at fund raising. We don't wish to be a permanent 'black sheep' and risk being closed down so we have decided to put our predicament to you. Letters have been delivered appealing for your regular support, whether it is large or small, it is urgently needed!

We are very grateful to those who have responded to our call for help, but we hope that more people will pledge their financial support by filling in the Deed of Covenant form and returning it to me. Just give me a ring on 704054 and I will be pleased to explain how easy it is to help OUR VILLAGE CHURCH.

We realise there are always so many good causes asking for help, but surely All Saints Church is an integral part of our village. As one lady remarked to me the other day "Coddington wouldn't be a proper village without All Saints Church".

Can you please help so that Coddington Church will not be forced to close its doors for ever.

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If you live in or run a business or service in Coddington, why not advertise yourself in CCN.

CCN is delivered to every household in Coddington (circulation almost 500 copies). There are people out there who may be looking to bring their custom to you.

The fee is £1 per issue - why not give CCN a try?

For private advertisements of sales or wants the fee is 50p.

## CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL - ITS FUTURE

Despite a series of set backs, the Village Hall Committee is determined to keep the Village Hall running if at all possible.

Briefly, some two years ago, the Village Hall Committee decided it should rebuild the green-painted corrugated iron section and plans were drawn up and they were optimistic that the improvements would go ahead. Later plans for a complete rebuild of both the timber and green halls were drawn up and approved, encouraged by a substantial offer of money from a local benefactor. Unfortunately however, the offer was withdrawn because the Committee could not satisfy the conditions which were imposed and it felt unable to find the remaining larger portion of the cost of the project.

Still optimistic, the Committee went back to the original idea of rebuilding only the green building. But, again, there were further disappointments. An application for a grant from the Coddington United Charities Trust was over-ruled by the Charity Commission. An application for funds from the Parish Council was unsuccessful and despite the Committee's efforts in fund raising events, there is too little available capital to start such a project. The Building Fund contains less than £1,000 at present.

The most positive encouragement came from Newark District Council who initially were willing to make a 25% grant towards building costs upto £20,000. This has since been reduced in the light of the unsuccessful bids for help from the other quarters mentioned above.

The crunch point had to come and on 19th February 1985, the Village Hall Committee had to accept that any major rebuilding had to be deferred for the time being.

The Committee formally resolved not to proceed with rebuilding works through lack of funds, but instead to comprehensively refurbish and upgrade the existing hall and facilities starting with:-

1. redecorating the interior of the main hall.
2. improving the toilets, including providing one for disabled people, together with access ramps and rails.
3. refurbishing the kitchen and renewing its equipment and fittings.

Obviously, the Committee is disappointed with its progress so far, but it doesn't want the Village Hall to be closed down. Like the Parish Church, it is an important community facility which many Coddington people and their children use regularly.

The Committee would like to thank all those who have generously contributed their time and money, in supporting the Village Hall and the activities which take place there, especially All Saints congregation, the W.I. and Coddington Football Club.

If Coddington Village Hall ceases to function, we the community, will have to accept that we didn't do enough. It's up to us all. Let's make the Village Hall survive in '85!

Any offers of practical help, money donations - the larger the better, will be gratefully accepted on behalf of the Committee by:-

Mr. Dick Gray,  
Chairman, C.V.H. Trust Committee  
5, Stapleford Lane, Coddington  
Tel 705379

### CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee is to be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

This is a public meeting, open to everyone, villagers and anyone who uses the Hall. It is your opportunity to elect its Management Committee including representatives from your user groups. Come along and demonstrate that there are still people in Coddington who care about their Village Hall staying open.

### CODDINGTON SCHOOL NEWS from Mr Dorling, Headmaster:

#### Soccer

Although the weather has been particularly inclement, the School soccer team have played two exciting matches against Farndon this term. Both games ended in draws, 5 - 5 and 3 - 3. In the School League the team have Played 6, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

#### Netball

The Netball Team have only been able to play one game so far this term, away at Winthorpe School. Although the girls lost by 6 goals to 3, there was a positive result as a group of 'Coddington Mums' have now arranged a match against the 'Winthorpe Mums'.

#### School Visits

Recently, Class 1 were able to visit two local farms as part of their work in school. Mr. Kirton of Sunnyside Cottage kindly showed the children round his excellent farm museum - which is well worth a visit - and the children were able to see a vast range of 'old' farm implements. Later in the same week, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt of Bleak House Farm, Barnby invited the children to tour their farm. Many thanks to them on behalf of the school.

Plans are going ahead for visits to the Lincoln Music Festival, Eyam Youth Hostel and London. Further news at a later date.

### CODDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 27th Feb 1985 at 8.00p.m. in the Village Hall.

A sponsored obstacle course will be held on Tuesday 12th March at the Play school and an Easter Fair on Saturday 23rd March at 2.00p.m. in the village Hall. There will be a wide variety of stalls and we hope that you will all come along and pick up a bargain.

We now have a few vacancies for children from 2½ years of age to enter playschool. If you are interested bring your child along to the Village Hall on a Tuesday or Thursday morning during term time from 9.15a.m. We look forward to meeting you. Its 60p a session.

## CODDINGTON BEFORE VICTORIA

When Rolf Vernon, who lives at Moat Edge, Balderton Lane, Coddington, was researching for his book "Newark before Victoria", he came across items about Coddington printed in the Nottingham and Newark Mercury in the period 1827 to 1837. Some of these are printed below, and it is hoped to continue to include further items in subsequent issues of CCN.

8th December 1827

"As four labouring men who were employed in the pit to Mr. Thomas Goss, lime-burner of the Blue Bell or Catch'em Inn, Coddington, were having their dinners in the pit, one of them heard a crackling - - - They scrambled out and about 100 tons of earth, stones etc fell in - -"

The Goss family went back at least to 1677. They were farmers until about 1820 when Thomas Goss became owner of the Blue Bell Inn and five acres of land near it. The Blue Bell Inn was widely known as "Catch'em Inn. It was very near to the Toll Bar where, if people tried to sneak through, it was the duty of the toll keeper to "catch'em". It was approximately where what is now called the "Old Newark Road" joins the A17.

23rd January 1830

The weather was very severe, the newspaper reported that:

"Newark Market Place was nearly blocked with snow; scarcely any business was done except in the butter market - - - - On Monday, Thomas Spraggin Godfrey of Beaconfield House, most humanely distributed flannel and blankets to the necessitous poor of Coddington", It later became known as Coddington Hall which has now been demolished.

8th December 1832

"One Tuesday evening divine service was performed in Coddington Church, and public thanks were offered up to Almighty God for the exemption of that village from the cholera and for the blessings of an abundant harvest. The church was crowded to excess!"

14th May 1836

"On Monday labourers at Mr. Gilbert's farm at Coddington, were burning old tree roots near the plantation when the furze growing on the heath caught fire and blazed away at a terrible rate. The inhabitants of the village were soon alarmed and began beating it out with poles. It was much feared that the beautiful plantation of Garnett Ordayne Esq. would not be saved, but for the laudable exertions of the people, it was prevented, and the fire was beaten out. Seven acres of furze were consumed before the flames could be checked".



CODDINGTON MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

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Electric Organ(has 22 keys) on stand £10.00ono.

Phone 7270; or call at  
The Old Vicarage, Chapel Lane.

Wanted - Ladies Bike - address as above

LETTERS

5, Parklands Close, Coddington

4th February 1985.

Dear Mr Molloson,

My wife and I would like to congratulate you on the second issue of CCN, which we both found most informative and gave us an insight into 'village life' which we were previously unaware of.

Whilst noting the Coddington Play survey, it may be of interest to note that the 1st Coddington Scouts meet in their own Headquarters on Wednesdays between 7.00 and 9.00p.m. and the 1st Brownies meet in the Village Hall between 6.30 and 7.30p.m. also on Wednesdays.

Incidentally nine Scouts and two leaders will be attending the 75 years of Scouting Netherland Jamboree in July/August. Prospective Scouts aged between 11 and 15 years are invited to attend meetings on Wednesdays.

The two sad points of note however were the reluctance of the Harvey Avenue Tenants Association to see themselves as part of Coddington and its Community even though we are as one when it comes to primary education.

The second point was, whatever happened to issue No. 1? We certainly did not receive it.

All good wishes for issue No. 3 and succeeding editions.

Yours sincerely,

Alan M. Waddington.

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Stapleford Lane,  
Coddington

Dear Editor,

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed reading the CCN especially the interesting letters of Mrs Page, and the helpful hints of Mrs Hine, but it was Mrs Storey's letter that prompted me to write about my six year old Granddaughter. (Letter enclosed)

I am looking forward to the next issue of the CCN.

Yours faithfully,

Dorothy Gray

THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

My six year old Granddaughter came running in during the heavy fall of snow in January, I said to Louise "Look at the trees, they look just like a picture on a Christmas card". "Oh ye" she cried excitedly, "and all the Molehills look like Christmas Puddings!"

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 1985

Tuesday 16th April - Annual Parish Meeting  
" 21st May - Annual General Meeting  
" 2nd July  
" 3rd September  
" 15th October  
" 26th November

All these meetings will be in the Village Hall, Main Street at 7.30pm. They are all open to the public and you as ratepayers are cordially invited to attend. Come and see whether the Parish Council is working properly for you and your village.

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Coddington Sunday School

Saturday 9 February the Village Hall took on a Western atmosphere, for it was the day of the Sunday School party.

The children were dressed in cowboy and indian costume, and a local farmer kindly lent us bales of straw to add to the authenticity of the occasion. (We hope he didn't notice they were a little lighter when they left the Village Hall, than when they arrived). Slogans on the wall, Indian tents and western fayre all added to the flavour.

Judging the best dressed cowboy and indian was kindly done by Mrs Jennifer Smith, who presented prizes to the two winners, Edward Burton and Lynda Longstaff.

Natalie Golland and James Masding presented gifts to Sunday School teachers, Jayne Evans and Esme Wilbourne, with a very big thank you for sharing the Lord Jesus with the boys and girls. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to them due to domestic reasons.

Sunday School meets during term time each Sunday morning 10.30 - 12.00. All children are welcome.

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CODDINGTON AND BARNBY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION BRANCH

The two Villages are now united to form one branch of the Association, and the following events have been arranged:-

The A.G.M. will be on Monday, 18th March at 7.30p.m. in Coddington Village Hall.

Come and enjoy Bingo and Supper in Coddington Village Hall on Monday, 25th March at 7.30p.m. Entrance 75p.

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Thursday 7th Football Club Bingo Night 7.30p.m. village Hall.  
 Proceeds towards the Village Hall Building Fund.

Tuesday 12th W.I. Meeting 7.30p.m. Village Hall.

Monday 18th Coddington and Barnby Conservative Association AGM.  
 7.30p.m. Village Hall.

Wednesday 20th W.I. Bingo Evening 7.30p.m. Village Hall.  
 Proceeds towards Village Hall Building Fund.

Saturday 23rd Coddington Playgroup Easter Fair  
 2.00p.m. Village Hall

Monday 25th Coddington and Barnby Conservative Association  
 Bingo Evening 7.30p.m. Village Hall.

Saturday 30th Harvey Avenue Mother & Toddler Group  
 Easter Bonnet Dance 7.30p.m. Valiant Road  
 Community Centre.

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd Coddington Village Hall AGM  
 7.30p.m. Village Hall.

Tuesday 9th W.I. Meeting 7.30p.m. Village Hall.

Tuesday 16th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30p.m. village Hall

Thursday 18th Coddington village Hall Bingo Night 7.30p.m.  
 Proceeds towards the Village Hall Building Fund.

Thursday 25th Coddington Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Morning  
 Tombola and Cake Stall with Mr & Mrs Tysoe  
 "Little Surprise", Main Street/Chapel Lane,  
 Coddington . 9.30am - 12 noon.

EASTER THEME WORD PUZZLE

by Joan L. Gray, 15 Morgan's Close.

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