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Village Hall Charity Trust

The Annual General Meeting was held Tuesday 24th March, where it was reported that the Village Hall made a small operating profit again in 1991 even though new legislation on safety caused some added expenditure. It was decided, however, that due to a sound financial position, no increases are anticipated in hiring charges in the immediate future.

The Committee seeks to remind readers of the CCN that the Village Hall relies on hirings for its main source of income. The Hall has a Public Entertainment Licence and is available for private parties, disco's, weddings, etc.

"Easter Bingo", with seasonal prizes, will be held on Thursday 23rd of April with profits to Village Hall Funds. There will also be a Bingo night in aid of Hall Funds on April 2nd.

A full programme of events will be advertised in the CCN and in the Village Hall noticeboard.

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The Village Quiz Final was held on Monday, March 23rd. After a very close finish, which involved a tie break round, the victors for this year were the Women's Institute, with Friends of Coddington School coming second and the Parish Council third.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE W.I.

The quiz continues to attract a large entry and the four nights were well supported by the community. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Karen Marsh for organising the event and her team for refreshments, etc. A special thanks must be given to Stuart Arkell and his family for their continuing efforts to keep the questions coming and the competition so enjoyable. (Ed.'s note: Well done and keep up the good work!!)

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School News

The school Band, Choir and Recorder groups performed recently at the Lincoln Music Festival, on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

The Band and recorder groups gained first place in their sections, and although the Choir were unplaced they performed well, and were a credit to the school.

The success the group achieved reflects the hard work undertaken by staff and pupils.

It is pleasing to report that the event organisers enjoy the participation of Coddington school and comment favourably on their behaviour - their parents should be proud!

Nature

The school Nature area continues to develop. On a cold and frosty Saturday in January a group of parent volunteers braved the elements and erected a post and rail fence. The area is now completely enclosed. The weather station (bought with funds donated by the Parish Council) is in position and is being used by pupils. The School appreciates the Councils' interest and offers a sincere thank you.

We continue to add wild life to the area and are looking forward to the next few weeks when new grasses and wild flowers start to grow.



Coddington Womens Institute

The 58th Birthday Party was held on Tuesday 9th of March. Our guest of honour this year was Mrs Jean Varnham, the past National Chairman of the Women's Institute. Other guests from our W.I. Group were Barnby, North and South Clifton, Collingham, Winthorpe and Besthorpe. Members from our Link Institute - Spilsby, were unable to attend due to ill health.

Date for your diary

May 12th: Resolutions and Annual Meeting followed by Cheese and Wine refreshments.

June 9th: Talk by a member of Marks and Spencer on "Health, Welfare and Catering".

July 14th: Proposed guided tour of Southwell Minster

August 11th: Social evening at the home of Mrs. Jan Phillips.

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Meetings held at the Coronation Hall, Coddington on 2nd Tuesday of the month.

New Members always most Welcome

## Neighbourhood Watch



### BE AWARE

The Annual General Meeting of Newark Sub Divisional Neighbourhood Watch was held on Monday, 24th of February 1992 in Newark Town Hall. In his opening Address Supt. Knight asked for everyone in villages and local communities to be aware of strangers and strange vehicles as "You can never be sure who is in our midst."

In view of the recent burglaries and attempted break-ins in Coddington could we all take written note of vehicle registration numbers, the date and time seen, together with a description of any strangers in the area; or even anything that doesn't seem quite right. These can be passed on to your coordinator and should anything criminal happen then these details could be helpful to the Police.

Quite a few invisible marker pens have been circulated throughout the village for post coding belongings such as televisions, videos, etc.; should any of you have missed these then they can be purchased from W H. Smith for about £1.80. The post code followed by your house number or first three letters of a house name could mean the return of your belongings and also help the police to catch a thief.

Colin Belding, landlord of the Inn on the Green, has kindly taken on the job of N.W. coordinator for Drove Lane, part of Main St. and Beckingham Rd.

The police will endeavour to let coordinators receive the quarterly "Neighbourly News" earlier so that these are not out of date by the time we all read them.

Neighbourhood Watch can only succeed if we all participate

Margaret Jones

Beaconsfield Community Centre

I have great pleasure in announcing that the village of Coddington has added a new amenity.

The Beaconsfield Community Centre on Harvey Avenue Estate has been handed over officially to its Management Committee.

The aim of the centre is to increase the facilities that can be provided by the village for the benefit of all the villagers. The centre will be run independently of the Village Hall but not in competition with it. To that end, the committee has been made up of representatives from the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, the District Council and the present "user groups", which include the Tenants Association, Mother and Toddlers and the Youth Club.

Activities at the Centre will be organised with the views of the community in mind and the result of an independent survey carried out recently in three areas: Coddington Old Village, Harvey Avenue Estate and Beacon Heights. The returns will help us to plan activities for the future.

At the moment there is the Youth Club, Mother and Toddler and Swing into Shape.

There will be regular Bingo evenings and on the 9th of May we are holding a Race Night, for fun and to raise funds.

Already suggestions such as Whist Drives and daytime classes for Art, Carpentry and Furniture Restoration have been proposed. We hope that these ideas will be supported and other activities will get off the ground.

The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their generous donation which will help equip the kitchen and a special thank you to Mrs Rene Elliot for the Hall Clock and Mrs Brenda Riley and the Wellgreen Centre for much needed crockery.

Lastly, we would once again emphasise that this building was erected for the use of the people in the whole of the Coddington and Beacon Heights area.

We hope to see the building being used by all. Everyone will be made Welcome.

Dave Hedge - Chairman

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

9th May 1992

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COME AND HAVE FUN AT THE RACES

WIN A BIT

LOSE A LITTLE

DOORS OPEN

7.30 p.m.

FIRST RACE

8.00 p.m.

BETS START AT 20p

Entry Fee: £1.00 per family, 50p per person

"OUTSIDE" BAR AND SNACKS

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Stapleford Woods:

A Public Meeting is to be held at the Village Hall, Main Street, Coddington, on 31st March 92 at 7.30 pm. This is to discuss the future of Stapleford Woods, with special regards to the proposed lease by the Forestry Commission to George Wimpey PLC, for the quarrying of sand and gravel.

Representatives from surrounding Parish Councils, the District Councils and Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire County Councils, have been invited to attend.

Annual Parish Meeting to be held at the Village Hall on 7th April 92 at 7.30 pm.

ALL VILLAGERS WELCOME

Annual General Meeting to be held at the Village Hall on 5th May at 7.30 pm.

Subsequent to the Public Meeting held on 24th July, 1991 at the Village Hall, regarding traffic problems in Coddington, the following response was made by the County Council:

### Laybys on the A17:

As part of major detrunking works which took place during the winter months, these two laybys have been removed and resurfaced.

### School Crossing :

An enlarged central reservation, with a barrier, has been provided at the bottom of Brownlow's Hill, for the safer crossing of the children

A footpath has been provided for pedestrians round Drove Lane Corner.

N.B. All the above improvements show that, with popular public support and positive canvassing, changes can be forced through and our environment and quality of life can be protected and improved.

The Parish Council is still working on the weight restrictions issue and the notion of traffic calming measures throughout the village.

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Litter bins have been placed in "strategic" places around the village.

Coddington had entered the "Best Kept Village" Competition for 1991 but unfortunately we were not successful. However, it is intended to try again in July, so keep your garden tidy! (I hope that is not a subtle dig?!!)

A Conservation area has been designated for the village.

As the street cleaning is being taken over by the District Council in April, the position of Litter Warden will end on 31st March 1992.





## The Grove Comprehensive School: Some News for Spring

The Grove School, Balderton, received some good news this week; the North Notts Training and Enterprise Council has agreed to sponsor the school enabling pupils to continue the development of environmental work at school and within the local community.

The initiative has received support from a number of local and regional business and commercial concerns so that a programme of activities and awareness raising sessions has been implemented. The culmination of the activities for this year will be the "grand opening" of a conservation area in the school grounds, but in the mean time pupils have been involved in a tree planting day (over 100 native deciduous trees), an Environment and Science evening, the establishment of a "Watch" Group, boundary hedging and fencing, plus the regular work recycling cans (over 45,000 so far).

Such is the interest shown that the school has submitted details of its environmental work to the Royal Anniversary Trust in the hope of being considered for a prestigious national environmental award. The Trust has been established to organise a programme of celebration for the 40th Anniversary of the Queen's accession. The Trust Awards was set up as a way of involving young people and local communities in a mutually beneficial way. The Grove has an exceptional reputation already, so we are optimistic of more good news to follow.....

### LET'S DANCE AGAIN

Coddington pupils, including Jane Challend and Tracey Dymyd - to name but two (!), are busily preparing for the Grove School's dance extravaganza "Let's Dance Again".

The Show promises to be as successful as the 1990 production "Let's Dance" and the 1991 Palace Theatre production of "Grease", both of which played to packed houses.

Over 100 dancers are involved plus support from staff and pupils backstage and behind the scenes. The music will range from classical to contemporary plus music specially composed for the performance by ex-pupil Andrew Lord. The choreography and direction will be by Heather Harden. She and her team are currently devising some rather spectacular and special sets to accompany original items highlighting the dancing talent within school.

Guests include Councillor Hector Whelan, Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council and Mr. Jo. Molloson, Chairman, of Coddington Parish Council. Everybody attending is certain of a memorable and entertaining evening.

### STOP PRESS

Tickets are now at a premium - the four scheduled performances are sold out so late applicants are being allowed a preview at the Dress Rehearsal.





## 1st Coddington Brownies

Since Christmas the Brownies have had a busy time. We have had two girls (Helen Bache and Helen Rawlin) leave to go on to Guides at Balderton. Six new Brownies have started:

Abigail Norris  
Kate Bennett  
Natalie Randall  
Donna Furness  
Alex Wells  
Siobhan Noon

All are enjoying their new venture

After the girls have been enrolled in Brownies they receive a Birthday badge each year on the anniversary of their enrollment. Kirsty Yeomans received her first birthday badge and Trudy Arnold and Toni Ferguson their second birthday badges.

Footpath badges were awarded to Lucy Allan and Amanda Ferguson on completing an eight point programme of work.

Lucy Allan and Olivia Handbury were promoted to be a "sixer" and Trudy Arnold and Emma Dodd to "Seconders".

(A "sixer" is a group leader and a "seconder" helps the "sixer")

Congratulations to all promotions and badge winners.

Each year the Brownies enter a competition for the Morley Trophy. This year they had to design a Birthday card and a Thank you card. The entries were judged by the teachers at Coddington Primary School and the winners of our competition were Amanda Ferguson and Natalie Randal. Their cards are now entered into the District heat and we wish them luck.

February 22nd was "Thinking Day" which celebrates the birthday of Lady and Lord Baden-Powell, who organised and furthered the Girl Guide and Boy Scout movements. The pack celebrated "Thinking Day" by writing and presenting to the rest of the pack information they had found out about Brownies in other countries, played a world badge game and great fun was had by all.

Preparations are well under way to celebrate Mothering Sunday on 29th March, at 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Church. I'm sure the Brownies would love to see you there.

## 1st Coddington Scout Troop

The scout troop has had a change in leaders.

Brian Horton has left Coddington to help elsewhere in the District and John Collier has taken over as Scout Leader with Adrian Parrett as his assistant.

The scout troop is currently running with 25 scouts.

Sadly we have discovered that the Scout Hall (the Old National School) is in urgent need of repair. The Scouts are raising money but could use any material or physical assistance that villagers can offer. The troop is community based and we are always prepared and willing to help community schemes and village activities. If YOU need help please call in at the Scout Hall, Main Street, on a Friday evening.

John Collier Scout Leader

## A BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY

Newark and Sherwood District Council Museums Service have produced some leaflets on local villages, including Coddington.

Here is a brief extract (and more will follow!):

"Coddington lies two and half miles to the east of Newark on the old turnpike from Newark to Leadenham.

The settlement may be Saxon in origin taking its name from a settler named Cotta. Before the Norman Conquest two manors in Coddington were held by the Bishop of Lincoln but after the Conquest four manors in the village were given to Norman owners, including the Bishop of Bayeux.

In the Medieval period stone was quarried for the castles at both Newark and Sleaford.

By the 17th Century Coddington had its own racecourse. Races were organised by the Newark Corporation and the prize was a silver cup worth in excess of £3000. Strangely, if a jockey fell during the race, the other riders were to stop and wait until he had regained the saddle. Races were discontinued at the onset of the Civil War and only resumed in 1846. However, failure to comply with Jockey Club rules resulted in their complete abandonment in 1877.

During the Civil War Coddington was held by Parliament as part of the encirclement of Newark. In February 1646 the Roundheads moved in to fortify the village and by March 1646 the village headquarters were occupied. Early in February earthwork defences were begun to be built but the banks and ditches have today eroded and are no longer visible. (Not strictly true. Ed.)

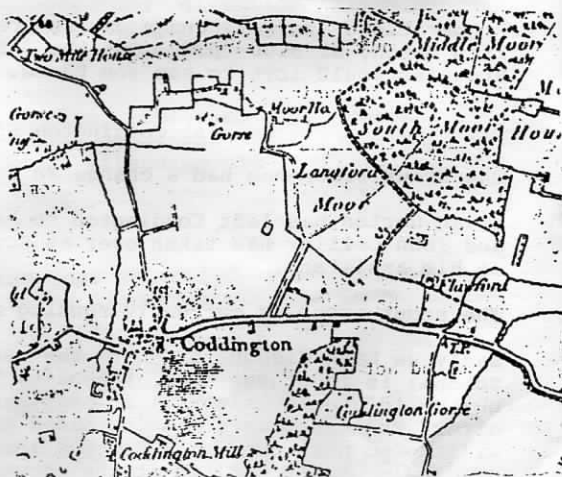
In 1661 the village petitioned for the freedom from tolls although it would be another 16 years before tolls were removed. In 1673 Coddington came under the jurisdiction of the Mayor and Aldermen of Newark....."

Any comments or questions about this information? The Editor would love to hear from readers and will pass on the questions to the Museum Curator.

"? Freedom of tolls from what? .....? Jurisdiction over what? ... What happened to the Cup?"

### STAPLEFORD WOODS :

This is the controversial bit - but where were they in 1880?





THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CODDINGTON

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday      17th April

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?"

7.30 p.m.    Evening Service of Devotion

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Easter Day

"CHRIST IS RISEN"

9.00 a.m.    Family Communion

6.00 p.m.    Evening Service and Sermon

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You are invited most sincerely to come and share with us the sorrow of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Day

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The Churchyard

Very many thanks to all those who came along last year and helped to mow the grass and to keep our Churchyard tidy. They all did a wonderful job.

Can we increase the numbers involved this year? Have you got an hour or two to spare during the coming months? If so we would appreciate your help.

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A Prayer For Easter

NOW THE GOD OF HOPE FILL US WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING,  
THAT WE MAY ABOUND IN HOPE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THROUGH HIM WHO DIED AND ROSE AGAIN FOR US, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

(based on Romans 15. verse 13)

**FRAGMENTS OF PLACES**

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**CHRYS ALLEN**

at

**THE MEZZANINE GALLERY**

Millgate Museum

48 Millgate

Newark

Notts

**PRIVATE VIEW**

Friday April 3rd 6 – 8pm.

Exhibition dates:

March 31st – April 25th