

# CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS

# CCN

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## EDITORIAL

The Editor's plea for more contact with and from the Harvey Avenue end of the village has achieved further responses, as you will read inside CCN No4. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this issue but please keep them coming in!

CCN's policy is worth repeating:-

CCN is for ALL residents of Coddington,  
CCN doesn't recognise 'insiders' or 'outsiders',  
CCN is trying to open up lines of communication,  
to keep people informed and to help people  
keep in touch with our organisations and  
groups in the village.

But remember, CCN cannot function without you, your letters, comments and articles.

## WHITHER CCN?

Questions are being asked at meetings of the Parish Council about CCN and its future. Some Members are worried about its cost and questioning its frequency of publication and these matters will be discussed on the 21st May meeting of the Parish Council. At present the Parish Council has agreed a budget of £140 for this year's CCN.

Do you think CCN appears too frequently?

Is it giving value for the public money being spent?

Should it be published at all?

Tell you Parish Councillors what should happen to CCN or contact CCN's Editor.

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CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parish Council has continued to supply a rubbish skip at Valley View (approximately 3 per year). Nottinghamshire County Council did offer to do this for £10.00 per lift but found they could not continue the service. We therefore put the job out for tender and now use Cleanaway at £18.40 per lift. We have also agreed to supply 4 skips per year for Harvey Avenue with the same firm on the same basis - Friday to Monday.

We have erected a noticeboard at the entrance to Harvey Avenue Estate after requests going back 3 or 4 years. The cost was £84.00

We had a Casual Vacancy By-election, with Mr. J. Molloson being the successful candidate. Our congratulations go to Mr. Molloson.

After continual complaints about litter (mainly on the Newark Road), the Parish Council decided to supply 12 litter bins around the village in the hope that this would solve the problem. These cost £188.83.

We sent £25.00 to the Mayor's Ethiopian Appeal and £10.00 to the Community Rights Project.

We have supplied some play equipment - 5-a-side goalposts for Thorpe Close at a total cost of £350.17, made up of £172.70 grant from Newark District Council and £45.61 VAT, making the final cost to the Parish Council £121.80. A junior slide for Harvey Avenue had a total cost of £664.12, made up of £346.50 grant from Newark District Council and £86.62 VAT, making the final cost to the Parish Council £231.00.

The Gravel Pit project was entered in the Village Venture Competition and was one of the 7 finalists. A grant of £40.00 has been obtained for equipment to maintain the project from the Notts Rural Community Council. A scythe and fork have been purchased for £24.91, the balance being with the Parish Council account for future requirements. Some of the trees died during the drought last year and have been replaced. Thanks must go to Mr. & Mrs Page for their enthusiastic help with this landscaping scheme.

As everyone should know after having received one, we have launched the Coddington Community Newsletter. We would like to thank the Editor, Mr. Jo Molloson, for his tremendous effort and determination. He has given endless time to this project and long may it continue to succeed. We have Mrs. Creed to thank for the typing and all the Councillors for distribution. We have not yet decided on the frequency of the CCN. This is forward for consideration in the near future.

It was pleasing to read letters from residents of the Harvey Avenue Estate in the Coddington Community News, and these contacts we welcome. It would be helpful to have a representative from the Harvey Avenue Estate on the Parish Council.

In January this year, Mrs. Storey was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Welcome Mrs. Storey.

Now the bad news. We have lost our Clerk, Mrs. J. Allen (my daughter-in-law) to whom we owe a great deal of our success. Her skilful letter writing never failed to get a co-operative response. I am sure we all appreciate this and convey our sincere thanks to her. Why did she leave? Time will tell!

We have appointed Mrs. R. Tysoe as our new Clerk who shows great enthusiasm for the job. I am sure, when she gets used to the various contacts, she will be an asset to the Village.

## CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NOTES: 16th April 1985

The modest turnout of Coddington's residents to their Annual Parish Meeting did not prevent the proceedings becoming both lively and informative.

Although we had to manage without County Councillor Mrs Yates, we were very pleased to see District Councillor Calvert at the top table.

First the routine business of the meeting was done. This included:

1. A report upon the healthy financial state of the Coddington United Charities Trust was received, whose duty it is to assist the poor and needy of the Parish. The Trust owns three bungalows for senior citizens and derives most of its income from rents from its agricultural land owned in the Parish.
2. Parish Council Chairman's report (see in this issue)
3. Accounts for the year ending 31st March 1985.
4. Future expenditure: similar to the past year, but the purchase of a bus shelter for Balderton Lane and the possibility of being involved in establishing a bowling green are to be considered.
5. A report of the Village Hall Charity Trust (see report in this issue).
6. A short report from Cllr Mrs. Smith about the satisfactory performance of Coddington Primary School.
7. District Councillor Calvert explained how local Government finance was even more tightly controlled at present and how the District Council was having to respond to reducing resources by increasing their rates, despite careful economies at Kelham Hall.
8. The slowdown of the Council house modernisation programme at Harvey Avenue brought a lengthy discussion, stimulated by searching questions from the floor. Cllr Calvert promised to support residents and press for the modernisation to be speeded up.
9. The Parish Council agreed to look into:-
  - The problem of dogs fouling public footpaths and open spaces.
  - The widening of Valley View.
  - A possible footbridge near the school over the A17 Sleaford Rd.

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### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES: 16th April and 22nd April 1985

Two sessions followed the Annual Parish Meeting and the main points were:-

1. RUBBISH DUMPING The District Council is to be pressed further to secure the clearance of rubbish from the government-owned land between Old Hall Gardens and Harvey Avenue.
2. HEAVY LORRIES An early site meeting is being arranged with the Highway Authority (Notts County Council) to show them the problems caused by heavy lorries using Old Newark Road and Main Street instead of staying on the A17 Sleaford Road.

3. PROPOSED NEWARK BYPASS The County Council has told the Parish Council that providing all the legal processes are successfully completed and the Government authorizes finance, the long A46 - A1 loop could commence construction late 1986 and the 'Coddington Bypass' between the northern A1/A46 junction and the A17 could be started mid-1987. The whole scheme could be completed by March 1988, so Coddington will have to put up with the present A17's volume of traffic for at least another three years. (How many more deaths and injuries will have mounted up by then? Ed.)
4. PLAY ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE Cllr Mrs Witham reported on the disappointing response to the Parish Council's play survey (see this issue).
5. NEW CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL Mrs. Tysoe's contract of employment was agreed by the Parish Council. She can be contacted at 'Little Surprise' Main Street, Coddington. Tel 79665.
6. CODDINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS CCN's frequency, cost and future will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 21st May.
7. POSSIBLE BOWLING GREEN In response to interest shown, the Parish Council is gathering further information as to costs and general viability.
8. CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to make a £50 donation towards the running costs of the Village Hall. It was noted that no P.C. financial assistance had been given towards the Village Hall during the past two years.
9. PUBLIC FOOTPATH WALKS The Parish Council will be walking the village footpaths on Sunday 19th May and 2nd June to inspect their condition, the styles and the waymarks. Any problems will be reported to the County Council Footpaths Officer. Land owners are asked to check beforehand that the footpaths are passable.

Residents and friends are cordially invited to join your Parish Councillors on these easy walks around some of the familiar and lesser known parts of the Parish. Meet outside the Village Hall at 2.30p.m.

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WANTED

Do you have an electric cooker you can donate to the Village Hall's refurbished kitchen?  
The one we have has given good service but old age has finally caught it up. Can you help?

Offers please to: Mr. Dick Gray  
Chairman, CVH Trust Committee  
5 Stapleford Lane, Coddington.  
Tel Newark 705379

We recently held the 2nd A.G.M. of the Harvey Avenue Estate Mother and Toddler group.

Although only 17 people attended the meeting, we elected a new Committee. Officers elected were myself as chairperson, Sharron Berry as Treasurer and Debbie Johnson as Secretary together with another nine Committee Members.

The Treasurer's report for last year was very encouraging. Our income was £1054.99 and outgoings were £737.48. This money was spent on equipment, rent, children's Christmas party and disco, including presents and Easter Bonnet parade. This leaves us with a very good balance of £317.51. Through CCN may we thank Geoff Witham and John Roberts for Auditing our books. Also thanks to everyone else who has helped us over the last year.

Hopefully in the summer this year we will be able to take the children on outings to Pets Corner and a day at the sea-side.

New heaters have now been installed in the Community Centre making it much warmer. I am sure we will all feel the benefit of these next winter.

Everyone is most welcome at Mother & Toddler sessions. At the moment these are only run on a Tuesday afternoon 1 - 3p.m. But now with more Committee Members we will be able to go back to twice-weekly sessions.

Yours faithfully,  
Wynne White  
Chairperson

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

The present Tenants Association of Harvey Avenue Estate was first formed on the 13th February 1984. It was formerly known as the Tenants Action Group.

The Committee was elected at the AGM on the 1st May 1984. The members are:- Chairman, Keith Shepherd, Vice-Chairman Jim Getahty, Secretary Trevor Black, Treasurer John Workman, and Mrs Christine Shepherd, Malcolm Trout, Dave McGrath, Mrs Diane McGrath, Eric Rogers.

The main aim of the Committee is to try to enforce the District Council's responsibilities to improve housing conditions by putting continuous pressure for outstanding repairs, which we believe to have been successful, to a great extent.

The Association is also involved in discussions with the District Council, concerning re-modernisation of the estate.

T.A. Harvey Avenue.

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#### HATA AGM

The 1985 Annual General Meeting of the Harvey Avenue Tenants Association will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30p.m. in the Community Centre, Valiant Road.

Newark District Councillors and Officials will be present to answer your questions. We hope to see you there.

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#### A LETTER TO DOG OWNERS

Trevor J. Black  
13 Valiant Road,  
Coddington

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Harvey Avenue Tenants Association. Just recently I wrote to the Parish Council about people letting dogs run loose on the estate and on the playing field. Also people just driving up letting the dogs run about, mess all over and then drive off again,-these people don't live on the estate!

Being a football referee I know its not very pleasant when you get this mess on you and its not very pleasant when you have to wash it off.

Many children play on the field, and since the new slide was put up even more little children are using it as well. The older children, too, under Mrs Checkley's supervision, play organised games on the field. Not only is this mess very unpleasant, it is also dangerous and can cause blindness. I know not all dog owners let their dogs go anywhere - they use their own yards.

All we are asking is for dog owners, please try to think of other people who have to use the play area.

Yours faithfully,  
Trevor John Black  
Secretary Harvey Avenue  
Tenants Association

WELLGREEN NEWS AND EVENTS

Wellgreen House, Coddington (Newark 703647)

Hello there! As some of you know, we hold an Arts and Crafts class on Thursday afternoons run by the Technical College and the teacher is Mrs. Thelma Howard.

Well, this year the college held an Arts and Crafts exhibition for the work done by the classes around Newark. Our ladies and a few village friends, entered with a tapestry of "The flowers of the months" to which they all contributed.

I am very delighted to tell you that they became joint winners with the William Ghent House. The prize being a Silver Salver, which we will each have for 6 months. The presentation is being held on Thursday 25th April at 3.0p.m., as we are going to be the holders for the first 6 months.

Well done everyone in the class. It is a beautiful tapestry and a lot of hard work went into it and was well worthy of 1st prize.

Mr. Spray has organised a trip to 'Springfields' on Tuesday 7th May and we now have a full bus.

We are still holding our bingo nights every month, the next one in May will be on the 23rd. Eyes down at 7.30p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs Brenda Riley

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FOR SALE

Home grown 'Pentland Crown' potatoes 55 lbs bags £1.40 28 lbs bags 75p  
Contact B.A. Allen & Sons, Drove Lane, Coddington Tel Newark 703360.

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CODDINGTON PLAYGROUP

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone concerned who made our Easter Fair a success, particularly the people who generously donated raffle prizes and others who supported us on the day, despite the rain. Mrs. Phillips of Old Hall Gardens was the winner of a watch which was the 1st prize in our raffle. All profits are to be spent on further educational equipment for the children.

We still have several vacancies for children from 2½ years of age to attend playschool. If you would like any further information, please contact our Playgroup Supervisor - Mrs Bertha Bakin Tel 700415.

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Judy Allwood  
Playgroup Secretary

## CODDINGTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### Football

On 12th May the first team play in the final of the Notts Intermediate Cup at Calverton, kick off at 11.0a.m. Two coaches have been booked, leaving the Plough at 9.00a.m.

This is the first time ever a team from Newark and District have reached the final of this particular cup, and we wish our team the very best of luck on the "big day".

If you would like to travel with us, there is a list at the Plough, we should be back around 3.00p.m.

### Bowls

Having played bowls myself for five or six years now, I noted with interest, item six in the Parish Council notes in the last issue of the CCN.

Now that we have at last obtained a Sports Field, perhaps the Parish Council would consider this venue in their search for a "possible site in the village". We discussed the possibility of a bowling green ourselves when we first obtained the field. But obviously in our case 'first things first'. We are at present engaged in the erection of a pavillion, which is soaking up our funds, but we would welcome a meeting with any interested party.

Please don't write this venue off as being too far out the village etc. as is the usual comment we hear. I can assure you, it is not a "geriatric only" sport these days, many young men and women play this game. A mile down the road is no problem to anyone who is fit enough to play the game.

Maurice Britten  
Secretary to Coddington Sports Association

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### Harvey Avenue Playscheme

We are holding a Whitsun Playscheme in the Community Centre on Harvey Avenue Estate. There will be a representative from the Newark Play Support Group together with helpers from our own scheme. The theme of the scheme is SPACE CITY and we are hoping that by the end of the week i.e. Friday 31st May, that parents or the children who attended, would like to come and see for themselves the outcome of their work.

We are also having a small DISCO on Tuesday afternoon 28th May from 5p.m. to 1p.m. all children welcome from ages 7 - 15 admission 10p

There will be soft drinks and crisps on sale. The proceeds from the disco will be going to help the funds for the 6 weeks Summer Playscheme.

Mrs. S. Checkley  
Playscheme Leader



HALL REFURBISHMENT

Those who attended the A.G.M. were pleased to inspect the substantial progress made on refurbishing the Village Hall and its facilities. What a transformation!

The ceilings have been lowered in the kitchen and toilets and new but smaller windows have been fitted to economise on expensive heating costs.

The kitchen has been refitted with beautiful white units and work tops and enlarged to incorporate a new bar top. A replacement electric cooker is needed (see separate notice) and more china is required for serving refreshments.

Toilets New WC's and wash basins have been fitted and an extra large disabled person's toilet has been created in the ladies.

Lots of rewiring has been done to improve safety standards.

A ramp has been made for easy access between these upgraded facilities and the Main Hall.

Redecorating of the interior has made the place look like new. Thanks go to the artistic efforts of Joan, Ruth and Sue. Newark's MSC Community Taskforce has promised to make an early start on redecorating the Main Hall.

Floor Covering will have to wait until the Committee has raised some more cash, but it is hoped that this will complete the first phase very soon.

Piano Many thanks to friends of the Farndon Community for finding us our replacement piano.

Cost The total cost of this first phase will be approximately £2,800. Estimates for improving the Main Hall interior and for exterior improvements are being drawn up, so more fund raising events and donations are still required.

Main Contractor: Robert Gray, whose firm has carried out the work with efficiency and enthusiasm.

The Building Fund Friends and user groups have steadily added money to the building fund from a whole range of events and generous donations have been gratefully received from well-wishers. (Details will be published in CCN No.5-Ed.) There is almost enough cash in the Building fund to cover the cost of the first phase of improvements, listed above. A grant of £1,000 from Newark District Council has been the largest injection of money into the scheme so far. Our thanks go to N.D.C. and to Mr. Greenfield of the Recreation Department for his encouragement and advice.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1985/6

The following were elected to serve on the Village Hall Management Committee:-

Mr. Dick Gray (Chairman)  
Mrs. Wellum (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. Allen  
Mr. Hammond  
Mr. Lloyd  
Mr. Molloson  
Rev. Wright

together with Representative Members of the user groups:-

Mrs. Creed - Coddington Parish Council  
Mr. Draycott - All Saints Parochial Church Council  
Mrs. Parrott - Coddington Brownie Pack  
Mrs. Rees - Coddington Playgroup  
Mr. Clarke - Coddington Scout Group  
Mrs. Wellum - Coddington W.I.  
Mr. Gray - Coddington Dance Club  
Mr. Spray - Coddington Senior Citizens Club  
Mr. Longstaff - Coddington Sunday School  
Mrs. Nicholson - Mother and Toddlers Group  
(Rep to be appointed) - Coddington Football Club

Mrs. Lloyd is again our Clerk and we express our appreciation to her for her untiring efforts to keep our Committee administration in order.

NOTES OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 23rd April 1985

The main points discussed at the first meeting of the new Management Committee were:-

Fund Raising (since the A.G.M.)  
Donations received with thanks from  
Coddington Football Club - £25.  
Coddington Cricket Club - £25.  
Raffle proceeds in "The Plough" - £17.

Prize Bingo Evening Thursday 23rd May at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Summer Fete The Management Committee intend to organise a Village Fete in late August/early September. A Fete Sub-Committee has been formed and its first meeting is on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30p.m. at "News Cottage", Main Street, Coddington. Offers of help and ideas to Mrs Wellum please.

Village Hall Charges The Management Committee made a loss of £88 on its running costs during the 1984/5 financial year. Items, such as gas, electricity and water charges have all increased with and above inflation, but charges for the hire of the Village Hall have been held since 1961.

However, to reflect the improved facilities being offered and to put the current account back into the 'black', the Committee formally decided to raise the hire charges by between 25 and 50%.

Notices will be going out soon to regular users but if groups find they are having difficulty meeting increased charges, please tell the Committee.

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Playgroup Because the Playgroup is having problems with storing their equipment, the Committee agreed to them putting up a storage shed of their own, at the rear of the Hall.

Conclusion Our improvements to the Village Hall are taking shape nicely, but we still need MORE donations, money raising ideas and offers of practical help to complete our task of making our Village Hall a real asset to the Community. Please contact me, Mr. Dick Gray, Chairman CVH Trust Committee, 5 Stapleford Lane, Coddington Tel 705379.

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### 1st CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

Beaver News! Beavers will start for boys aged between 6 years old and seven and a half years old on Wednesday 15th May at 6.0p.m. at Coddington Scout Hall. There will initially be a limit of twelve boys, on a first come basis. Further details from Jean Gardner, 5 Beacon Heights, Tel 77309 or Liz Gresko, 14 Gilstrap Close, Tel 74149.

### Cub News!

Congratulations to Michael Anderson, 1st overall in the Mini Marathon at Farndon. Also to Ainsley Patter 6th overall and to his younger brother Andrew, who was 5th in the under 9½ year old class.

Well done Darren Hardy - the 1st Cub at Coddington for many years to achieve Gold Arrow standard.

Collector's Badges have been awarded to Chris Smith, Adrian Mickey, Alastair Conan and Richard Whitaker, and Swimmers Stage Three awards to Darren Hardy and Jonathan Smith.

Future events include a trip to Manchester Airport in May and a Fun Weekend and Camp for June.

### Scout News

Welcome to Brian Orton, who has taken over from Martin & Carol Owens as Scout Leader and to John Blomfield as Scout Instructor.

Congratulations to Glen Butler for your investitive and to Glen and David Coddington for their cyclists award.

The Scout Group Leader would like to thank all members for their smart appearance and good behaviour during the St. Georges Day Parade.

Bob-a-job week has been exceptionally successful, further details in the next edition.

Anyone interested in Scouts or Cubs, or perhaps some-one older who wishes to help, please contact Michael Clark, Group Scout Leader, Tel 706155 or call at Chapel House, Coddington.

DIARY DATES

MAY

- Thursday 2nd County Council Elections  
Polling Station: The Village Hall, Main Street.  
7.30a.m. to 9.15p.m.
- Sunday 12th Coddington Football Club play in the Notts. Inter  
Cup Final at Calverton. Coach leaves The Plough  
9.00a.m. Support your Village Team.
- Tuesday 14th W.I. 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall
- Tuesday 14th Harvey Avenue Tenants Association A.G.M.  
7.30p.m. in the Community Centre, Valiant Road.
- Sunday 19th Village Footpath Walk. Meet at the Village Hall  
at 2.30p.m. Everyone welcome - come and enjoy  
a stroll around your village.
- Tuesday 21st Coddington Parish Council A.G.M.  
7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.
- Thursday 23rd Prize Bingo Night in the village Hall at 7.30p.m.  
Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall Building Fund.
- Tuesday 26th 5 - 15 Disco, Harvey Avenue Community Centre  
5 - 7p.m. 10p Admission. Eats and drinks on sale  
Proceeds towards Harvey Avenue Playscheme Fund.

JUNE

- Sunday 2nd Village Footpaths Walk No. 2. Meet at the Village  
Hall at 2.30p.m.
- Tuesday 14th W.I. 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

JULY

- Tuesday 16th Coffee Evening at the home of Miss Branston,  
Old Newark Road, Proceeds in aid of the Village  
Hall Building Fund.

Late Aug/early Sept:

Coddington Village Fete  
(more details later)

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CCN Issue No.5 will be published in early July. The Deadline for articles,  
letters and news is the 21st June. Send them to:-

J. Molloson

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