



VILLAGE NEWS



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Killed in Action Sep 16th 1916

Coddington History Group

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Chairman's Report

I hope you are reading this after a glorious August. I am sitting writing this whilst it is raining again!

Rain  not hamper the celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II  birthday. The sports were a success, accompanied by teas at the Church. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and running these events. This is village life, which I hope will continue.

The public meeting on the footpaths was held on Thursday July 27th. Unfortunately it was not as well attended as the first meeting due to the meeting being held in the summer break. The feeling of that meeting was that CPC should go ahead with the application for a public right of way whilst further discussions may still take place. This process will take some considerable time. It is important that if you have walked on this footpath especially over a twenty year period, that you fill in the Public Right of Way evidence form (from the website or from the Parish Clerk.) Any help with archive work would be also appreciated. The Council would like to thank Cllr. Dobson and Mr. Neil Lewis for discussions with the landowners and representing the views of the village.

The County Council is to mark footpath 4  h way finders as there has been some confusion of its route. However this footpath crosses a field of horses and I urge all dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead for the safety of the dogs and horses.

In Old Hall Gardens there was an historic set of trees in an unusual combination of two copper beeches and six limes. We believe they were planted during the early 20th century. These trees were identified as having significance as they were planted in the style of Robert Marnock, an outstanding horticulturist and garden designer of the 19th century.

In early July the beautiful copper beech came down. The canopy was especially heavy as this year there has been extraordinary growth both in trees and grass lawns. It had been a very heavy rainy day with strong gusts of wind in the evening. I am told that it came down about 4-4.30am. The beech had a fungal infection (Ganoderma), which the Council was aware of. We hope to be able to dendro date the tree when it is being removed. Whilst we cannot replicate this unique planting arrangement, it is well documented.

The Village went through to the 2nd round of The Best Kept Village. The winner was East Markham. The judges commented that we had 'made a

good effort'. I know how many of you have cut your lawns outside your houses and picked up litter, making the village look attractive. Thank you.

I would like to remind everyone that tipping grass cuttings in any area is illegal as it is fly tipping. There are 'tipped' grass cuttings on Thorpe Oaks field and Beckingham Road.

It is proposed that building at Fernwood be extended. This Council continues its opposition to vehicles using Hollowdyke Lane as this will exacerbate the problem of Balderton Lane being used as a rat run through the village.

At a public meeting, support was given to the proposal from NSDC that the Parish Council take over ownership of the Community Centre. This should be completed by September. The Community Centre will still be run by the voluntary management committee, but will be leased from the Parish Council.

We were delighted when Mr. Andrew Clifford contacted the Council to explore the use of Page's Wood for a variety of Forest School activities. These activities encourage enjoyment of all aspects of the natural world and independence. There have already been excellent reports of these activities.

There is a new colourful sign for Page's Wood which is especially appropriate for a children's outdoor education area. Our thanks go to the artist Mr. Max Neale.

Linda Cox Chairman

FOOTPATHS AND TRACKS

The Parish Council has been asked to request that users of Footpath 5, which runs northwards from Parklands and through the wood, respect the surrounding properties by adhering to the designated route. There is no entitlement to create shortcuts, or fresh pathways, by crossing adjoining private land. Also, please help keep all our footpaths and tracks free from litter. Dogs must not be allowed to stray from the public footpath and dog excrement must always be bagged and binned. Thank you for your assistance.

Speed Watch

In spite of all the traffic control measures introduced over the past few years, the Parish Council is aware that there is still a problem with speeding vehicles and lorries driving through the village.

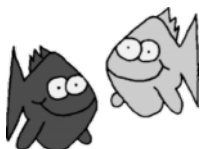
The Parish Council has been offered the loan of a hand-held speed gun which can be used by a group of residents with the help of our local PCSO, to record the registration numbers of offending vehicles.

A few volunteers are needed who would be willing to take part in the traffic watch sessions and attend initial training on health and safety and the use of the gun.

If you can spare a few hours to help, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

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Have you ever felt that there are times when you feel that life is getting you down?

For Sheila and I, the last 12 months has been a time of struggle and anguish. Illness within the family had seemed to come from every direction, and we had two deaths to come to terms with, within the space of a few short weeks.

During times like this, we have little choice but to take one day at a time and cope with whatever life throws at us, as best we can.

Sometimes, when we come to the brink of indecision and don't know which way to turn, very often, it is the best policy to do nothing, and let God guide us out of the storm and back in to calmer waters.

In even the darkest of times, it is nice to know that God is always present, even if we don't realise it at the time. I am reminded of the first few lines of Psalm 130 which says "Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord, Lord hear my voice.."

Pope John Paul II said "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure".

I believe that to be true.

Whatever we do, and wherever we go, we must always remember that God is there to guide us in the best and worst of times. Trust him always and we won't go far wrong. There may be a time when you want to use the church here at Coddington – whether it be for Baptism, a Wedding a Funeral or just somewhere to sit and be quiet.

If you ever find yourself in a situation which you find difficult, and want someone to talk to, we at All Saints' can offer you a listening ear.

At All Saints' we look forward to seeing you all either at our services, or at church events and assure you of a warm welcome in our Church family.

Every blessing

Mike Bache

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Responsibility for All Saints' Church falls to Revd Stephen Morris who is Team Rector of the Newark with Coddington Parish.

Stephen is based at Newark Parish Church (St Mary Magdalene). Working alongside him is Revd Phil Smith who is Associate Priest with the Newark Team.

For day to day issues including the booking of Baptisms and Weddings contact should be made initially through the Church Administrator Mrs Laura Kille. Laura will be based at the Parish Office, 15a Barnby Gate, Newark, NG24 1PX, and will be there on Wednesdays mornings between 9.30 and 1.30 pm.

OUR USUAL PATTERN OF MONTHLY SERVICES

1st Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (Common Worship)
3rd Sunday	4.00 pm	Family Communion (Informal)
4th Sunday	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
5th Sunday	10.00 am	United Communion Service with St Leonard's

This last service alternates between All Saints' and St Leonard's.

The service on 30th October is at 10.00 am at All Saints'.

Please note that service times and styles may vary.

Please check our notice board or the parish website for changes.

SUMMER FETE

Thank you to all those who came and supported our Summer Fete, we hope you all had a fun afternoon. You will be pleased to hear that through your support we raised £965 which will go to church funds.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10th September COFFEE MORNING/AFTERNOON TEA

10 am to 4 pm Local produce available in church There will be Afternoon Teas from 1.30 pm, and Bell Ringing and displays by the Coddington History Group as part of their annual Open Day. This also coincides with the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches 'Ride and Stride'.

Friday 23rd September CHEESE AND WINE QUIZ NIGHT

7.00 pm start Coddington Village Hall. Tickets are £5 each (which includes cheese platter and one glass of wine) Extra wine – bring your own. Maximum Teams of 6. Tickets available from Barbara Horton or Joyce and Bernard Allen.

October HOG ROAST

Watch the notice boards for details

Saturday 19th November CHRISTMAS FAIR

2 – 4 pm In the Church and Village Hall Come and enjoy and have some family fun on games and quizzes. Lots of prizes to be won. See separate poster

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Can you spare an hour every now and again to help clean the church or help with the altar guild which involves cleaning brasses and providing flowers? Can you help man the church for open days? All done on a rota basis. If you can help in any way please contact Mrs Sandra Cotton on 07790632132.

ROOF REPAIR DONATIONS BOOK

The church wishes to record and say a big thank you to all those who generously helped raise funds for the roof repair. A book has been produced which records the names of Trust Grants and Local Companies, together with all those who made personal donations and bought a tile in the "Buy-a-Tile" scheme.

The book will be on display in the church from 1st September 2016 for anyone to view.

FUTURE AND ONGOING PROJECTS

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to secure a new grant of £25,500 towards the cost of repair to the North Aisle Roof, which was not included in the previous roof repair project. Coddington successfully applied for the grant through the Government-funded Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund.

ALL SAINTS' POST CARDS



Coddington History Group has donated a number of postcards for sale by the church. These are available from the church or through the History Group at 40p each or 3 for £1 – a bargain!! Sales of these postcards will help raise funds for the ever on-going church repairs. We would like to express our grateful thanks to the History Group for their generosity.



All Saints' Church
Coddington

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY
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Litter

Thank you to all those who have been helping to pick up litter; it is an on-going problem, particularly on the main road through the village.

The annual Best Kept Village Competition has been and gone, and the extra help for that was very much appreciated, but we also want the village to look its best all year round for the benefit of the people who live here.

Everyone can do their bit, by making sure that no litter is dropped. Please take your rubbish home or deposit it in one of the litter bins.

Nothing to do on a Friday? Why not come and play short mat bowls...

**You'll find us at Coddington Community Centre
Day time from 2.00pm – 4.00pm**

£2.50 per session

Bowls provided

**For further information please call Angela 678 990 or Reg
674748**

Interested in Jigsaws?



On September 17th 2016 the only jigsaw club in the UK is holding one of its quarterly meetings at Coddington Community Centre, where people will be putting together lots of interesting vintage wooden jigsaws.

For more details contact: dajavous@gmail.com, or just turn up on the day.

Times: 10am to 5pm

Theme: 'Beautiful Places and Fascinating Cuts' – puzzles can be one, the other or both! Places can be real or of the imagination - scenic photographs, artwork depicting real places or fantastical places.

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If you would like to know more please contact Sarah Webb on 640492 or email sarahweb1@netscape.net.

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Village Hall News

Fundraising/Entertainment: At the time of writing Village Ventures have given us two dates - for 21st January 2017 (Music - Ashley Hutchings) and 9th March 2017 (Theatre – The Odyssey). We are hoping to get an additional date in the autumn – there may be a “Stop Press” announcement elsewhere!

Independently from VV, we have managed to book a return visit from the **Churchfitters** with their Christmas Show for Monday 19th December. As this is not subsidised the ticket price will be slightly higher than usual. They entertained to sell-out audiences here in 2011 and 2013 so book early if you want a seat! Incidentally we saw their Christmas Show in another packed village hall last year and it was really excellent.

The **AGM** took place on 6th May followed by the usual trustees meeting. The elected trustees of 2015 were returned as were the nominee trustees of the user groups leaving the committee unchanged. At the follow up trustees meeting the Chairman and Vice Chairman were returned to office. The Treasurer was able to report a successful year with a surplus of over £3,000. The attendance was slightly higher than usual with several members of Coddington WI present to discuss the phase 2 redevelopment proposals. Concerns over the impact of the improvements on storage and working space were allayed and everyone went away positive about the changes.

Maintenance mornings have been continuing on the second Tuesday of the month. At last a dry morning meant we could dig over the grass on the Chapel Lane side and this has now been planted to a great extent – some is “temporary” awaiting a better time of year for planting. Sadly within days of planting several plants were broken and at least one uprooted. Polite words fail us. Last time we were there we were “entertained” by the sight of the earth moving for us – yes, a mole was busy making tunnels!

Do come and join us – tea and bikkies provided! Phone Dave on 708781 to check the date.

The Village Hall Committee.
Chairman Bernard Allen, phone 703360

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This new venture has now started at The Coddington Community Centre and the organizers have transformed the Function Room into a stylish café where people can meet friends, chat and enjoy a drink and a cake. There is a wide range of drinks and the organizers are open to further suggestions as to what customers would prefer.

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Coddington History Group

Speakers' Programme 2016

All the events are in the Village Hall, Main Street starting at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome, Members FREE, non- members £2 - includes refreshments

Saturday 10th September 2016. Open Afternoon in the village hall. See displays and our archives 1-4pm. There will be Cream Teas and bell-ringing demonstrations in the church.

Thursday 15th September 2016. Members' talks. Jane Hedge – “Coddington's WI during WWII”. Fred Reed – Coddington in WWII”.

Thursday 20th October 2016 - Andy Pollock – “Cromford and High Peak Railway”. We glimpsed the start of this interesting railway with its inclines when we visited Cromford, it has a fascinating history.

Thursday 17th November 2016 Bob Wilcox, “Medicine in Victorian Times”.

Coddington History Group

Saturday 10th September 1-4pm

Open Afternoon in the village hall. Our archives will be available and there will be displays about various village topics.

*As this year is the 170th anniversary of the **National School** (now the Scout Hall) we hope to get as many ex-school “children” along for a reunion – please spread the word around.*

Harvest Festival Hog Roast

with bread rolls, stuffing, apple sauce, potatoes, vegetables,
& choice of desserts. Tea / coffee or bring your own drinks & glasses.



Sunday 9 October 2016 12:30pm
Coddington Community Centre

Tickets: £10, Child £8 — Doors open 12 o'clock

Tickets from Bernard Allen (703360), David Armstrong (704566),
Barbara Arkley (674151) or centrechair@coddington.org.uk

*Proceeds to Coddington Community Association
(Reg. Charity No: 1116780) and Coddington All Saints*

Coddington History Group

In May members visited Lincoln Castle and saw all the expensive improvements that have taken place over recent years; we were also able to witness the WWI “Poppies Wave” display being delivered in a large articulated lorry and beining to take shape – it’s on till 4th September so you’ll need to hurry if you haven’t seen it. What a shame it didn’t come to Newark Castle.

On **Saturday 10th September** we will have an **Open Afternoon** at the village hall with displays and our archives available for viewing.

We’ll have a “slide show” of some of our photo archive, a village timeline and displays on various subjects including “aerial” photos, Coddington in the news, and James Thorpe - as it 100 years since he was killed on the Somme and this resulted in significant changes for the village.

Since the **National School** was built in 1846 it is 170 years old this year we will be displaying class photos, reunion photos and information about the school. We’d like to welcome as many former pupils from the school as possible for a reunion – so please tell anyone you know who attended and ask them to come along.

The church will also be open and there are plans for Cream Teas (we have been promised extra supplies – they ran out last year!) and bell ringing demonstrations.

Thankfully we are now in the final stages of getting a permanent display board in the churchyard which will have a “map” of the graves and an alphabetical list of those buried there so that visitors can more easily locate graves. This will be situated on the rear of the notice board at the south (Main Street) entrance.

Lastly we are pleased to say that we had 1000 postcards printed for the church to sell as a fundraising venture. They feature a photo of the church and also of Constance Penswick Smith along with information about her efforts to revive Mothering Sunday – do go along and buy some, spread the word about Coddington and the correct term for the occasion!

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Coddington Community Association

The Annual General Meeting of Coddington Community Association will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 27th September 2016 at Coddington Community Centre. This Association is responsible for the day-to-day running of Coddington Community Centre. Free membership of the Association is open to all people over eighteen who live in the Parish of Coddington and the neighbourhood.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Chairman's report**
- 3. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Accounts**
- 4. Any other business.**

Should you wish to be nominated as Trustee or stand for the post of an Officer, or to view our Constitution please contact the Acting Clerk, David Armstrong, Manor Dairy Farmhouse, The Green, Coddington, NG24 2PS.

There will also be short meeting of Trustees immediately after the AGM, to elect Officers.



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Saturday 1st October 2016, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

Saturday 29th October 2016, from 8.30 am – 12.30 pm

These are appointment only clinics. Appointments will be available to book from mid August. Please contact the number below, ask at Reception or book using Systmonline if you are registered for this service.

For Appointments telephone: 01636 893956 8.15am – 5.30pm

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk

E-Mail: collingham.medicalcentre@nhs.net

Coddington WI

Coddington WI meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Coronation Hall at 7:30. We welcome new members, so look out for posters around the village giving details of our next meeting and, if you think you may be interested in our speaker, just come along and try us out.

In June we held a cream tea party to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Members came dressed in their best clothes, and the hall was decorated with bunting, balloons and a life size cut out model of the Queen. Several members read poems or gave short talks on a variety of topics. Strawberry cream scones were served as refreshments, while members pondered over a quiz about the Queen. The monthly competition for the best lady's hat was won by Marilyn Harrison.

A bus load of members and friends went to visit the Black Country Museum in June. Fortunately the weather was good, so members enjoyed a voyage back in time seeing how life was like in the 18 and 19 hundreds. Members could experience working down a mine and many could not resist the smell of fish and chips and had to check if they tasted as good as they used to be. A visit to the Robin Hood Theatre to see 'Brief Encounter' was also enjoyed in June. We have become regular supporters of this theatre and are looking forward to the autumn productions.

We were treated to a fascinating talk at our July meeting. Wildlife photographer Barbara Meyer showed slides and videos on her survey of Wildlife in Sherwood Forest. Barbara described the photos and told how she had discovered many interesting aspects of the behaviour of the wildlife in the forest. Barbara is hoping that the results of her survey will enable the forest to be better managed and to protect the wildlife habitats especially the badger sets.

We do not meet in the village hall in August but have a visit out, funded by the WI. This year our outing is to the Museum of Lincolnshire Life, but we will be back in the village for September.

We have supported a variety of County events over the summer. Several members attended a lunch, which was run to raise funds for the WI College at Denman. The literary lunch was also supported where, in addition to a meal, we had a talk by the author Margaret Dickenson. Signed copies of Margaret's books were also on sale.

So why not come along and have a taste of our meetings. You do not have to join immediately, so it will only cost you 50p for the refreshments, usually home-made, for the evening.

Coddington Community Spirit.

Saturday 11th June 2016 a Celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday

Despite heavy rain the night before it was decided that the event would go ahead and it proved a great success. The sports on the school field organised by Kerry Hamilton and Julie Reid were well attended and enjoyed by all those taking part and the spectators.

The bouncy castle was moved into the Community Centre, due to the damp conditions but again was well used. The children's entertainer, dressed as Alice in Wonderland, held a number of children enthralled and the skittles on the car park were also enjoyed by a number of people.

The picnic was also held inside and the room was decorated with bunting to fit with the Royal Birthday theme. A birthday cake was provided by the group, overseen by a life size cardboard model of the Queen. Tea, coffee and soft drinks were provided and an eskimoo van in the car park also sold refreshments.

The Group's Future

Unfortunately, as our treasurer Karen Town is leaving the village and we are now without a chair person or a secretary, the group has unanimously decided to close down. We have donated money to the Parish Council to help fund Carols Round the Tree for the next two years and given a donation to Wellgreen as a thank you for their contribution to our fundraising. We would like to thank all those who have supported our efforts over the past few years. The remaining members will help at other village events as and when needed.

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Box Tale Soup

Coddington Community Centre
Saturday 17 December 2016 4:00pm

The Community Centre hosts its first event for children from Village Ventures, the rural and community touring scheme for Nottinghamshire featuring high quality professional dance, drama and music from the best in national and international touring companies and performers

"I was completely mesmerised by Box Tale Soup's enchanting production" Joanna Lumley

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The story of Alice is quite surreal in places but all the well known bits are done in a fun way with some really terrific puppets in starring roles along the way an argumentative caterpillar, ukelele twanging Tweedledum and Tweedledee and of course the madness of the Mad Hatter's tea party.

You will definitely not have seen anything like this before and will take away the feeling that you've opened a box of delights!

**Read reviews and see amazing clips from the Company at:
www.boxtalesoup.co.uk**

Audience: Adults/Family (5+ yrs)
Running Time: 50 mins (no interval)

Doors open at 3:30pm.

Tickets: Adults £8-50, Children £6-50, Family (2 adults + 2 children) £27 each.

Available from David Armstrong (704566) and Angela Hardwick (07985 386638), or via email to centre@coddington.org.uk or from any Trustee.

Book early to avoid disappointment, as Box Tale Soup are popular and very entertaining

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What is going on in Coddington

SCOUT HALL

Group and Joining info - Malcolm Baker

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Lettings Amanda Baker

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Mon	16:00 - 19:15	Danielle's School of Dance	Danielle	01522 696100
Mon	19:30 - 21:00	Lone Wolves Dog Training	Gill	07876 141233
Tues	19:00 - 20:30	Yoga Class	Sue	01636 702092
Wed	18:00 - 19:00	Beavers	Kerry	07971 064049
Wed	19:15 - 21:00	Scouts & Explorers	Alan	07884 223630
Thur	11:00 - 15:00	Private Hire		
Thur	18:30 - 20:00	Cubs	Adrian	07919 015394

Available for bookings during the day and weekend activities.

VILLAGE HALL

Contact Booking Clerk

01636 673663

Mon	10:00 - 11:00	Moving 2 Music	Niki	07803 710640
(1 st Mon in month)				
Mon	15.30 - 18.00	Danielle's School of Dance	Danielle	01522 696100
Mon	19:30 - 21:00	Line Dancing	Jane Williams	01636 686982
Tue	14.00 - 15.00	Pilates	Helen	01636 636175
Tue	14.00 - 16.00	Women's Institute Discussion Group		
(4 th Tue in Month)				
Tue	19:30 - 21:00	Women's Institute	Jan Phillips	01636 674574
(2 nd Tue in Month)				
Tue	19:30 - 21:00	Private Hiring		
(1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Tue in Month)				
Wed	10:15 - 11:15	Tai Chi for Health / Beginners	Wendy	01522 778843
(From 13 th Jan)				
Wed	14:00 - 16:00	Library access point	Mike Cox	01636 672387
(2 nd Wed in month - From 13 th Jan)				
Wed	18:00 - 19:30	Brownies	Laura Bunkle	01636 708572
Thur	09:30 - 10:30	The Activity Group		07779 956467
(3 rd Thur in Month)				
Thur	18.00 - 19.00	Private Hiring		
(1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Thur in Month)				
Thur	19:30 - 21:00	Coddington History Group	Isobel Turner	01636 708781
(2 nd & 3 rd Thur in Month)				
Fri	10:00 - 12:00	Weekly Art Class (Adults)	Lynn Norris	01636 613172
Sat	10:00 - 12:00	Library access point		
(4 th Sat in month)				

Saturdays & Sundays

Bookings taken for Children's Parties

01636 673663

CODDINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact Angela Hardwick

07985 386638

Mon	08:45 - 09:15	Badminton	Private	
Mon	09:15 - 10:45	Little Fishes	Church	
Mon	10:00 - 11:00	Moving 2 Music	Niki	07803 710640
(not 1 st Mon)				
Mon	14:00 - 15:00	Badminton	Private	
Mon	18:30 - 21:00	Newark & Dist. Com. Singers	Margaret	01636 703685
Mon	18:15 - 19:15	Kettlecise	Lee	07863 539489
Mon	19:30 - 20:30	Badminton	Private	
Tues	18:30 - 19:30	Pilates	Sharon	07810 171864
Tues	19:00 - 20:00	Zumba	Shelby	07435 571312
Tues	20:00 - 23:00	Newark Badminton Club	Andrew	07846 336944
Wed	10:30 - 12:00	Badminton	Private	
Wed	13:00 - 15:30	Newark Fam. History	Dave	01636 681515
(3 rd Wed in month)				
Wed	14:00 - 16:00	U3A Geology	Niki	07803 710640
(4 th Wed in month)				
Wed	14:15 - 15:15	School		
Wed	17:00 - 18:00	Rainbows	Wendy	
Wed	18:00 - 19:00	Brownies	Natalie	01636 918408
Wed	19:30 - 21:00	Guides	Jodie	07855 872720
Thur	09:00 - 11:15	Toddlers	Joanne	07501 578695
Thur	09:30 - 10:30	Tag	David	01636 700571
Thur	13:30 - 15:00	U3A Circles Dance	Private	
(3 rd Thur in month)				
Thur	18:15 - 19:15	Pilates	Sharon	07810 171864
Thur	18:30 - 19:30	Badminton	Private	
Thur	19:30 - 20:30	Badminton	Private	
Thur	20:30 - 21:30	Badminton	Private	
Thur	19:30 - 21:30	Parish Council		
(1 st Thurs in month)				
Thur	20:00 - 21:00	Kung Fu	Private	
(not 1 st Thur in month)				
Thur	20:00 - 21:00	Badminton	Private	
Fri	09:30 - 11:00	Truffles Playgroup	Nadia	07852 770544
Fri	09:15 - 11:00	DJ's Coffee Morning	Joanne	07501 578695
Fri	14:00 - 16:00	Cod' - Short Mat Bowls/Boccia	Angela	01636 678990
Fri	15:30 - 17:30	Messy Church	Church	
(1 st Fri in month)				
Fri	19:00 - 21:00	Badminton	Private	
Fri	19:00 - 21:00	SNU Special	Tony	07711 764455
(last Fri in month)				
Sun	17:00 - 20:30	SNU Church	Tony	07711 764455

Correct as at 1st Aug 2016

Coddington History Group

By the time you read this we will have been on a visit to Lincoln Castle, this replaced our May speaker event. Recent talks were Southwell Workhouse which most of us had already visited, then St Anne's Allotments in Nottingham which most of us hadn't and had no idea how large they are and of their history as "pleasure gardens" for the dwellers of the overcrowded city. Lastly in April a good crowd came to enjoy Stephen Gay's marvellous slides of the Hope Valley line; he really goes to extremes to get such excellent photographs sometimes staying out all night in order to get the early morning shots – he does not drive so is reliant on public transport. Our next speaker event will not be until **Thursday 15th September** when we will have two more short talks by members: Jane Hedge with "Coddington's WI during WWII" and Fred Reed with a more general talk on Coddington in WWII.

Some members have done a marvellous job in transcribing the marriage register so now we will be able to accurately date the wedding photos (and name a few anonymous spouses) that we sometimes display in the church. The graveyard survey is complete and when the church notice board at the south gate has been refurbished we can put an information board on the reverse of it to help folk find their ancestors' graves.

Another project that is ongoing is to find and record the benchmarks in the village – the old maps show many more than now exist. Benchmarks used to be used by the Ordnance Survey and others for surveying purposes – they show the height above sea level. Have you seen any? There's one at the church and one at the Plough for instance. This information will go onto the website in due course.

On the Newark Advertiser website they have a photographic archive which you can search and browse; I found there are quite a number of Coddington related ones and they kindly let us have digital copies. Some are black & white and quite old, others are colour and much newer and include a lot of group photos principally football, school and Brownies. There's a lot of names need putting to faces!

On **Saturday 10th September** we will have an **Open Afternoon** at the village hall with display stands, a show of some of our photographs and our archives will be on show. Paul Hatherley is adding to our information on village sports, these included cricket, tennis, football and darts - he would be grateful for any help or information.

Isobel Turner, Tel. 708781

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Every year, in addition to clubs and societies, the village is treated to an excellent range of entertainments and events by All Saints' Church, the Village Hall, Community Centre and Scout Group. The attendance levels, unfortunately, have varied but all our hard-working groups do need more support, from across Coddington, to sustain the core elements of our community. They cannot continue indefinitely without fresh faces. Some new helpers do come forward but more are required. If you can spare some time to assist please look at group/society reports in this issue, or at the list of contributors on Page 2, and make your choice.

Would you like a Garden Waste Bin?

Newark and Sherwood District Council are expanding their chargeable garden waste service so that every property in the district can have the service.

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- Additional bins are available at £30 each
- The service runs from 1 April to 31 March.

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Next dates: 2nd Sept, 30th Sept, 28th Oct, 25th Nov and 23rd Dec.

For information about requested titles or particular items of stock, please contact Southwell Library on 01636 812148

Email: southwell.library@nottsccl.gov.uk

CODDINGTON HISTORY GROUP

Open Afternoon

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School photo shoot.

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1st Coddington Scout Group

Group Update



Thanks to all who came to the Quiz Night and helped us raise over £1000 towards the rewiring of the hall. We are hoping to rewire the Scout Hall before the end of the year.

BEAVERS* We have a full colony of Beavers with 25 young people enjoying a full program of activities run by our leader Kerry Watson assisted by Nicola Zadora and Richard Simcock.

Before the summer our Beavers were busy with a water activity canoeing experience, pond dipping and cycling at Sherwood Pines. We are looking forward to the nights away at Walesby in September.

cubs* The Cubs had a great weekend at the Walesby camp and all came back tired.

The Cubs also had a water activity experience and visited the Air Museum.

SCOUTS* The Scouts spent several weeks doing a canoeing course finishing with the recognised Paddle Power Passport.

In June they had a Gliding experience where they went up in a Glider with a pilot and even had a go at flying.

Fund Raising

Having depleted our funds with the rewiring of the hall we need to continue our fund raising efforts to prepare for the next project.

Our next fund raising event will be a bag pack and the Xmas raffle.

Malcolm Baker
Group Scout Leader
01636647119

www.coddingtonscoutgroup.org.uk

On the Beat with PCSO 8128 Munro

Advice for dog owners

Your Local Rural Policing Team is asking all dog owners to follow some simple advice.

When walking dogs in rural areas, dog owners are advised about the following:

Always ensure your dog is under control in an area where there are livestock or wild animals.

Be particularly vigilant during lambing season and always keep dogs on a lead during this time.

If your dog is not good with other animals or people, avoid letting them off their lead when others are around.

Don't allow people who may not be confident in doing so or have full control over the animal to walk your dog.

Remember where there may be no livestock in a field one day, the same location could be full of animals the next.

Report dogs worrying sheep and livestock:

Nottinghamshire Police would like to remind everyone of the importance of making sure they are in full control of their dog at all times - and especially when they are around sheep, livestock and other wild animals. We are thankful that there are many responsible dog owners in our county – but can you rely on your dog's obedience, especially when they're around sheep or other animals?

What is sheep worrying?

Sheep represent a farmer's income and are often worth a substantial sum. If they are attacked or killed, the loss farmers' face can leave them substantially out of pocket.

Sheep worrying can include dogs attacking animals physically, running after them or chasing the sheep around, especially when they are carrying lambs or there are young lambs within the flock. Dog faeces left on grazing land may also carry disease that can kill sheep and affect unborn lambs.

What action will be taken?

Offences relating to dogs are taken very seriously by Nottinghamshire Police. Sheep worrying is a criminal offence and owners who allow their dog(s) to carry out this activity could face a large fine or imprisonment.

How to report sheep worrying:

Anyone who witnesses an incident of sheep worrying livestock or who has information relating to dogs being dangerously out of control is urged

to contact Nottinghamshire Police immediately or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Ultimately a Landowner /Farmer by law and as a last resort for protecting their livestock is able to shoot a dog which they believe is worrying sheep.

Police MUST be notified by the Landowner/Farmer within 48 hours if this course of action is taken.

Report concerns about a dangerous dog:

Every dog owner has a legal responsibility to control their dog. It is a criminal offence for the person in charge of a dog to allow it to be dangerously out of control in a **public place** or on **private property**.

By law, a dog is out of control if it injures a person or behaves in a way that makes someone worried or scared that it might injure them.

When to contact Nottinghamshire Police:

If the dog has bitten a person or animal or is likely to bite.

If the dog is suspected to be one of four banned breeds – Pit Bull Terrier-type, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro or Dogo Argentino.

If a person is breeding, selling, giving away or advertising for sale a banned breed of dog.

If a dog has been worrying livestock.

When to contact your local council:

In these circumstances, your local council will be best-placed to work with dog owners to prevent an attack before they occur:

If a dog is regularly escaping from a property. For example, because of a broken fence or insecure premises.

The dog is barking persistently.

If you have concerns about children living at the same address as a dog that you believe to be dangerous. In this case, contact Nottinghamshire County Council's Children's Services department.

Micro chipping

From 6th April 2016 it was compulsory for owners to ensure their dog is micro chipped.

Owners of dogs found by the police or local authorities not to have a microchip will have the benefits explained to them and be given a short period to comply with the micro chipping law. If they do not, they could face a fine of up to £500.

You will be breaking the law. If you are stopped by a council or police officer and they discover your dog is not chipped you will be given an enforcement notice, giving you 21 days to comply with the law.

Village News Update

Your local Rural Policing Team will be looking to conduct a number of patrols around the area whereby we will be speaking with dog owners highlighting the issues of having your dog under control at all times and on a lead, we will also be checking to see that all dogs have been micro chipped in accordance with the new laws.

Also your local Beat Team along with the Nottinghamshire Police Off Road Team have made further Off Road Motorbike seizures under Operation Jericho.

Colleagues also working with the Environmental Agency are still patrolling the Rivers and the local Ponds and to date Officers have reported a number of fishermen for illegally fishing. As well as seizing a number of items of fishing gear.

You can contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Officer on the following numbers:

PC 2860 Martin Stannard

101 ext 809 7616

Work Mobile is 07910 336903

E-mail: martin.stannard@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 8128 Mike Munro.

101 ext 809 7616.

Work mobile is 07595 074234.

E-mail: michael.munro@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Please do not use Officer Mobile numbers to report incidents where a crime/incident is in progress

If a Crime is in progress dial 999.

If you wish to contact your local Police Station then dial

101 (Non Emergency)

Remember you can also call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

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Remember BE SAFE, BE SECURE.

M 2 M (Moving to Music)

I discovered M 2 M by chance, just turning up one day to see what a seated exercise class entailed, there weren't too many people there and none of them were wearing lycra so I stayed and have been going to classes ever since.

As a seventy year old, who was never interested in gym at school and has never participated in sports I wondered how I'd fit in, but as the weeks have gone on our class has grown to between ten and fourteen people a week, all trying to stay as fit as we can. Roy, our Newark & Sherwood trainer is about the same age as the class and the majority of our exercises are chair based, but it's amazing how good a workout you get sitting down. If you find the exercise too tiring you just stop until you're ready to start again. Nobody is competing, we're just a group of people enjoying exercising together. But one of the positive outcomes of the class, apart from being fitter, is I now know a lot more people and we've become a group of friends having fun together. All in all it's a 'win-win' situation. **Why not give us a try?**

Classes Monday 10am – 11 am – first Monday of the month at the Village Hall, other Mondays in the Community Centre - £3 a session.

For more info contact:-

Maggie (07884-492847); Niki (07803-710640); Lin 01636-921448

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Coddington Trust Fund

Money and land has been left in the past to be used for the benefit of Coddington residents in need. Local trustees administer this fund and are always pleased to consider requests, in strictest confidence, for financial help from Coddington residents of any age group.

Help can be given with expenses due to illness or lack of mobility or with household repairs or replacements. Parents can apply for help with the cost of school uniforms or outings. Students can apply for a grant towards the cost of textbooks and/or field trips.

Applications should be made in writing to the Clerk, Mr Alasdair Morrison, 26 Kirkgate, Newark, NG24 1AB or to any Trustee.

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Alternatively you may telephone Mrs Pat Bartley, Chairman of Coddington Trust Fund on 703512

Coddington Men and the Battle of the Somme

The Battle of the Somme – in reality a campaign consisting of a series of battles between July 1st to 18th November 1916 – saw the mass mobilisation of the British nation with the first major engagement of the New ‘Kitchener’ Armies. The offensive was a joint operation of Britain and France, arising from discussions in Dec 1915 intended to hasten an Allied victory. The German offensive at Verdun 21st Feb – 18th Dec 1916, designed to bleed and demoralise the French nation, changed the balance between the British and French Allies and revised expectations of the Somme Offensive. The Russian Brusilov Offensive of 4th June - 20th Sept 1916 tied up German forces on the Eastern front, frustrating local German ambitions of a spoiling attack on the Somme.

The Somme has become infamous in Britain – a great turning point in British history where the youthful hopes of a generation were crushed and traditional attitudes to authority were destroyed forever. In Coddington the death of Captain John Somerled Thorpe of Coddington Hall led to the breakup of his 1450 acre estate in 1918, accelerating social change and economic developments.

Coddington Men

We do not know how many local soldiers or support staff served in or behind the lines in the area of the Somme offensive. Unfortunately, research for the book distributed in Aug 2014, didn’t allow us to place many of the 86 men in specific locations in time and space. However, two Coddington men were killed during the Somme offensive and are buried in Somme military cemeteries:

- **Charles W Cant** – Company Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion Yorkshire (2nd Green Howards) killed 1st July 1916
- **Captain John S Thorpe MC**, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards – killed 15/16 Sept 1916

A third local man was known to have been wounded in the period:
Albert Bryan, Northumberland Fusiliers - wounded in France

15 Sept 1916. We cannot be sure but it is possible that this was on the Somme, as most of the Northumberland Fusilier Battalions served in the Battle of Fler-Courcelette (15th - 22nd Sept).

Many local regiments also took part in 1916 Somme offensives. **Robert Ward of the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire** served in France 5th Nov 1914- 27th Sep 1917. In 1916 his Battalion was part of the Fourth Army III Corps, 8th Division, 25th Brigade, which took part in the First Day attack on German trenches near Ovillers (July 1st during the Battle of Albert).

Later in the article we follow the stories of three of these men in more detail.

Fred Walster, 9th Battalion Notts & Derby Regiment (Sherwood Foresters) served in Gallipoli, was moved to Egypt and returned to France in July 1916. His Battalion took part in the Somme offensive from 27th July, within the 11th Division's 33rd Brigade, including the capture of Wundt-Werk, the Battles of Flers-Courcelette and Thiepval.

Raymond Reynolds was in the **5th Battalion North Staffordshire**. This battalion took part in the disastrous July 1st diversionary attack at Gommecourt, as part of the 46th (North Midlands) Division's 137th Brigade. **Thomas William Catton** joined the **8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters** in May 1915, rose to Company Sergeant Major and was commissioned into the 3rd Lincolnshire Regiment in May 1917. The 1/8th Sherwood Foresters were in reserve in the 46th Division diversionary assault at Gommecourt.

Other Coddington soldiers also served in Notts and Derby Regiment battalions, but we have no specific details: George Lancelot and Walter Ernest Reynolds, three of five Henton soldier brothers, Arthur, David and Harry. In addition to the 1/5 – 1/8 Sherwood Foresters at Gommecourt mentioned above, the Sherwood Forester Battalions also played a part in many other actions on the Somme in 1916.

Aims of Somme Offensive

By June 1916 the offensive's objectives were largely to relieve pressure on the French at Verdun, to inflict German losses (and to test the greatly expanded British Army). After a five-day artillery bombardment, the British Fourth Army was to capture 27,000 yards of the German front line, from Montauban to Serre whilst the Third Army mounted a diversion at Gommecourt. In a second phase, the Fourth Army was to take the German second position, from Pozières to the River Ancre, then the second position south of the Albert–Bapaume road, ready for an attack on the German third position south of the road towards Flers. The Reserve Army (which included three cavalry divisions) would exploit the infantry breakthrough to advance east and then north towards Arras. A subsidiary attack of French Sixth Army (with three corps from from Maricourt to Foucaucourt, south of the Somme) would guard the British right flank.

German Defences

The German Somme defence-upgrade plan, including most of the third line, was virtually complete (especially in the north). Barbed wire obstacles had been enlarged using tougher wire. The front line had been increased from one trench line to three – occupied respectively with sentry groups, the bulk of the front-trench garrison and the local reserves – with an intermediate line of strong points behind the front line. The trenches were traversed, with sentry-posts in concrete recesses, whilst dugouts had been enlarged and deepened from 6–9 feet to 20–30 feet to protect troops against artillery bombardment. The second line was beyond the range of Allied field artillery, to frustrate a rapid advance.

The final BEF military intelligence estimate before 1 July was of 32 German battalions opposite the Fourth Army and 65 battalions in reserve or accessible within a week. Although divisions had gone to the Eastern Front and many remaining reserve divisions had been engaged at Verdun, Allied HQ underestimated the resilience of the German defensive structures and evolving tactics.

British Army Preliminaries

The Somme chalk soil was ideal for tunnelling (to shorten attack distances, provide shelter in no man's land and destroy the German defences). The British prepared 8 large, 11 small mines and

Russian Saps for the first day of the battle. Although shell production had been increased since 1915 its quality was variable with many duds.

The Allied preparatory artillery bombardment (1.5 million shells, with a further 250,000 shells fired on 1 July) started on 24 June. It was supposed to cut the barbed wire and neutralise German artillery with counter-battery fire. British plans were compromised and a 4th Army message in the late evening of 30th June alerted the enemy line that the Big Push would start next day. That night the bombardment fell on rear defences and communication trenches, at dawn British aircraft "filled the sky", captive balloons rose up at 6:30 a.m. and an unprecedented barrage began all along the German front. At 7:30 a.m. the bombardment stopped abruptly and German survivors emerged quickly from their dugouts to activate machine-gun defences. The Allied air corps considerably outnumbered that of their German opponents. As planned, the Anglo-French infantry attacked on 1 July, on the south bank from Foucaucourt to the Somme and from the Somme north to Gommecourt.

Provisions made for transporting and caring for the wounded (3 ambulance trains, Casualty Clearing Station capacity of 9,500 cases) were much lower than required. First day casualty estimates rose from 16,000 at 7.30pm on 1st to 60,000 by 6th July.

Local Soldiers on the First Day, 1st July:

Charles W Cant – Company Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion Yorkshire (2nd Green Howards) killed 1st July 1916, presumably near Montauban, buried Dantzig Alley Cemetery, Mametz, Somme. Charles's Battalion, within the 21st Brigade, was part of XIII Corps' 30th Division which on July 1st was committed to attack Montauban with 18th Division. 30th Division, was at the southern junction between the British 4th and the French army. The 2nd Green Howards were NW of Maricourt near the bend in the British line, tucked behind the 20th King's (2nd Liverpool Pals), in front of the 2nd Wiltshires and 17th Manchesters (90th Brigade).

This had hitherto been a quiet part of the line and German defences were substandard with deep dugouts only in the first trench. The Allied artillery bombardment was heavier at Montauban than anywhere else so by 27th June the village was a ruin, the weakest German shelters had been shattered and much of the German artillery in the area was out of action. At 6.25am – 7.30am on the 1st July the barrage accelerated to the greatest concentration of shellfire of the day anywhere.

Two brigades of the 30th Division were to advance behind a creeping barrage to the first objective, a line from Dublin Trench to Glatz Redoubt, and to attack the redoubt. The third brigade was then to advance up Railway Valley and pass through the leading brigades, to capture Montauban. The 30th Division (21st, 89th and 90th Brigades) took its objectives by 1:00 p.m and the 18th Division completed its advance by 3:00 p.m. The leading battalions of 21st brigade reached the front line before the German troops emerged from their shelters. Advancing under a creeping barrage they took Alt trench, but later caught enfilade machine gun fire from Railway Alley. A supporting battalion was also caught by machine-gun fire as it crossed no man's land and only a few men got across. After mopping up actions 21st Brigade reached Glatz Redoubt at 8.35am and met 89th Brigade. When the first British reached the trench around Montauban it was empty and the village deserted – the Germans were seen retreating along the road to Bazentin-le-Grand. After 1:45 p.m. German artillery-fire on the village from the north and east caused many casualties. The 30th Division had 3,011 casualties, the 18th Division lost 3,115 men – 10%. Walking wounded made for the advanced dressing station at Minden Post, serious 'but judged possible to save' cases were laid out in Carnoy village square, where many died.

Robert Ward of the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire served in France 5th Nov 1914- 27th Sep 1917. In 1916 his Battalion was part of the Fourth Army, III Corp, 8th Division, 25th Brigade, which took part in the Battle of Albert, attacking German trenches near Ovillers on July 1st.

The 2nd Lincolnshire were in the line on the north side of Orvillers, between the 8th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry on the left (8th

Division, 70th Brigade) and the 2nd Royal Berkshires (where the German front line was much closer than further south towards La Boisselle). At Orvillers the German machine guns began raking the British parapets 15 minutes before zero hour as the 2nd Lincs, 2nd Berks and 2nd Devons tried to decrease their attack distance under the barrage. 70 Lincolnshire men made it briefly to the German Second Line and held it for an hour, whilst their commander Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald Bastard went back across no man's land to rally reinforcements, before they were forced to withdraw. The action was an unmitigated disaster with 8th Division taking 5,121 casualties that day in the Ovillers sector. The 8th Division was relieved on the night of the 1st/2nd July by the 12th Division and taken out of the line. Robert Ward survived the Somme Offensive but was severely wounded in both legs on 3rd Sep 1917, presumably in the Ypres area as his Battalion saw action in Pilkem and Langemarck (16-18th August 1917), and he was discharged in 1919 with a 100% disability pension.

Coddington Soldiers in September & October 1916

Captain John S Thorpe MC, 2nd Battalion Scots Guards – killed 15/16 Sept 1916, sniper bullet in battle, (presumably around Ginchy, in the battle of Flers – Courcelette), and was buried at Carnoy Cemetery, Albert.

John Somerled Thorpe, of Coddington Hall and graduate of Sandhurst, was a career soldier in the Scots Guards before he inherited the Coddington Estate and family business. He transferred from the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry in Dec 1914 to rejoin the Scots Guards as a Captain and was posted to France where he was twice injured. In 1915 the 2nd Battalion took part in the battles of Neuve Chapelle, Aubers, and Festubert, then in August they were incorporated into the 3rd Guards Brigade of the Guards Division.

In heavy fighting of Sept-Oct 1915 at Loos the Scots Guards battalions had over 500 casualties. On 27 Sept 1915 the 3rd Guards Brigade were caught by an artillery barrage on moving in preparation to attack Hill 70. The next day, the 2nd Guards Brigade

suffered very heavy casualties in an attack on the position Puits 14 bis. In January 1916 JS Thorpe was Mentioned in Despatches, and awarded the MC for conspicuous bravery at Loos, having gathered isolated troops and held a position for three days until relieved. Invalided home with wounds, he returned to France in July 1916.

For the third phase of the Somme the Guards Division were part of the Fourth Army's XIV Corps, with the 5th, 6th, 20th and 56th Divisions. In August and September 1916 the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards were in-line in a number of Somme sectors, including Auchonvillers, Ginchy (Bernafay Wood and east of Trones Wood) and the attack in front of Lesbœufs on 15th September.

We don't know exactly when Captain JS Thorpe was killed. A letter to his widow could be interpreted as the 15th or 16th; the Battalion Roll of Honour gives 15th and his rank as Major, but his initial interment cross preserved at Ardbrecknish Church says 16th Sept. The eye witness letter states he was instantaneously killed by a bullet at close range in the middle of the fight whilst looking after his men, who carried his body back from the line to bury it.

15th September saw the first use of tanks in the battle of Flers-Courcelette with mixed success. The three Guards Divisions were in action (between 6th and 14th Divisions) to the north of Ginchy in a very cramped formation, squeezed into a narrow corridor by the Ginchy-Lesbœufs Rd and the Triangle (one of the targets for the tanks). The 2nd Scots and 4th Grenadiers Guards Battalions were going up in support in the centre. On the right 2nd Guards Brigade were forced into the centre by massed machine-gun fire from the Quadrilateral and Straight Trench but pressed on to reaching their first objective. 1st Guards Brigade on the left also met machine gun fire but captured 4 guns. Amidst the confusion and mixing of battalions and following troops, Germans were left in control of Sepentine Trench near Calf Alley (who later fired on following battalions). 2nd Guards Brigade temporarily captured the Triangle, they couldn't advance without 6th Division who were obstructed by the Quadrilateral. Only about 100 men ultimately reached close to the third objective just below the Ginchy-Lesbœufs road. Early signals sent to HQ overestimated 1st Guards

Brigade's progress, but they realised and later reached part of their second objective. In the late afternoon all attacks that day except 6th Division's were called off by HQ. It took 3rd Guards Brigade all morning of the 16th to reform, then it attacked from 1.20pm without artillery support through machine-gun fire, eventually reaching Punch Trench. The Guards Division was relieved that night by the 20th Division.

Further Research

We hope to include more information about local serviceman in the Somme campaign in this year's History Group Exhibition, Saturday 10th Sept 2016, 1-4pm at the Village Hall. Coddington History Group would welcome any further information about the servicemen identified in 'The Great War – Coddington Remembers' (or about others with a village connection).

Jackie Armstrong, Coddington History Group



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The police website can also be used for crime information 'www.police.uk'. From the Police website it can be seen that in March there were 5 burglaries in Coddington. Let's keep our eyes open and report anything out of the ordinary.

In addition there is an application for smart phone users to interact with the police. Information about the application can be found at the website 'www.witnessconfident.org'. The application is called **Self Evident**.

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Just a reminder, if you are new to the village, all Coddington residents are part of the Coddington Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Wendy Parrett

PAGE'S WOOD

Thank you to local artist Mr Max Neale of Collingham who has created a beautiful new sign for Page's Wood on Balderton Lane. Skilfully carved and painted, the new sign depicts a squirrel, a barn owl, a fox and a woodpecker in vivid colourful detail for the entrance to our communal nature reserve.

This small triangular piece of woodland was formerly known as the Gravel Pit and used by locals as a land-fill site for dumping rubbish. In the 1980s, following a Land Registry search, the Parish Council became the registered owners of the site, and the pit which had been an eyesore, was filled in using ash from Staythorpe Power Station and soil from Bernard Allen's farm, then planted with trees provided by Nottinghamshire County Council. The wood was named after local

residents Mr and Mrs Page who first approached the Parish Council with the idea of reclaiming the site, and who, together with Cllr Allen, Cllr David Hedge and other volunteers, helped to create the mature community wooded area we have today.

The Parish Council is pleased that Page's Wood has recently become a base for 'Naturally Outdoors', a Forest School activity and education centre for young children run by Mr Andrew Clifford, which is helping to ensure continued maintenance and enjoyment of the wood for visitors.

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Thursday 3 rd November	19:30	Coddington Community Centre

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