

# Cotgrave CONNECTIONS

Issue 53 Winter 2014



Three young people from Cotgrave's Positive Futures programme, Stuart Smith (Peer Mentor), Kenny Robertson and Aaron Burditt, along with Mark Clifford and Councillor Mick Chewings had a trip out to Cadeby Tree Trust at Nuneaton to choose this year's Christmas Tree, which has now been installed at the Shopping Centre.



Cadeby Tree Trust has been growing, supplying and maintaining Christmas Trees for over 20 years and with over 1 million trees on site, there were plenty to choose from!!



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**Friday 30th January 2015**

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**Saturday  
20th June**

The Editor would like to thank those people and groups that have contributed and supported our community newsletter over the last year and wish everyone a very

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year



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## "A Christmas Journey"

*Funds for the  
Opening Doors  
Community  
Engagement  
Project*

**Christmas Fayre  
Saturday 6th December  
10:30am—2pm**

**Begin your Christmas Journey with us!  
Contemporary visuals, Craft activities,  
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**Light lunches available from 12 noon,  
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Cakes and Tombola and much more .....**

**Or join us for COFFEE  
Saturday 29th November  
& Saturday 13th December**

**10:30am—12 noon.**



**Cotgrave Methodist Church  
Bingham Road**

**Tell us about your  
event!**

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6 times per year

Contact the Administration Manager on:-  
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## Women into Work

Ready4Work Cotgrave Event

Are you thinking about what you can do to find work this New Year?

Come along to this local Cotgrave event and meet employers, trainers and get advice and contacts for all kinds of opportunities.

Date: Wednesday 14th January 2015

Time: 9am - 11am & 1pm - 3pm

Venue: Cotgrave Futures  
Candleby Lane, Cotgrave

For more Information Contact:

Mark Clifford  
Positive Future  
0115 982 3008  
07972 669620

Angela Brookes  
Cotgrave Job Club  
ready4workcotgrave@gmail.com

Jan Overfield Shaw  
YMCA 07983 460981



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each month

7.30pm at the Scout & Guide Hall  
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## ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH



The Rector (The Revd Paul Massey) may be contacted on 0115 9892223. Bookings for Baptism & Weddings can be made on this number, or alternatively visit our website at:- [www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk](http://www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk)

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Eucharist (or on the 1st Sunday of the Month  
10.30 am Family Service)  
6.00 pm Evening Worship (or on 4th Sunday of the  
Month - 4.30 pm 'Sunday Special')

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

1st Wednesday of the month  
7.30 pm Taize Service  
Thursday 7.30 am Eucharist/10 am Eucharist

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

1st Tuesday of the month, 2.00 pm in  
All Saints Church. Speaker, refreshments and fun.

### LITTLE LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

For children aged 3-11. Every week in school term, except for our Family Service (the first Sunday of the month), where the children can participate in the service. Meet in All Saints' for 10 am, we will go over to the Church School during the service and come back for the children to receive communion or a blessing. Further details please contact Simon & Jayne Oliver c/o The Rectory. Tel: 989 2223

### EVENTS

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Sunday 30th November 5pm**

We celebrate the 'light of Christ' in this popular service when the children and adults alike are surrounded by candlelight as we remember and look forward to the coming of Jesus at Christmas

#### CONCERT

**Friday 5th December 7.30pm**

All Saints Church, Cotgrave. 'Well Versed' will be performing 'Bon Viveur'. Tickets £6 each which includes wine & nibbles. Come and enjoy the fun.

#### BRING A BAUBLE!

**Saturday 13th December**

Drop in between 10am and 12 noon.

Help us decorate our Christmas tree by bringing a decoration of your own to hang on it, or help us hang our own decorations, and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a mince pie whilst listening to festive music.

### COTGRAVE'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Sunday 14th December 6pm**

A service of readings and carols for Christmas chosen by the people of Cotgrave in the setting of a church wonderfully illuminated by the soft glow of candlelight. Stay afterwards and enjoy a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie.

### CAROLS AT THE ROSE & CROWN

**Sunday 21st December 6pm**

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Wednesday 24th December**

### FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE 3pm

Watch with the shepherds, travel with the wise men and celebrate with the angels as we remember the story of the first Christmas as played out by our children and young people.

### MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30pm

Capture the wonder of the season in this celebration of the birth of Christ as we greet him on Christmas morning.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thursday 25th December**

8am EUCHARIST

10am FAMILY EUCHARIST

Bring yourself and bring a favourite present to show as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

## Cotgrave's Carols by Candlelight


This year we are again inviting you to choose the carols we will sing at the Carol Service on Sunday 14th December, 6.00 pm at All Saint's Church. Please write your choice of carol on a piece of paper and drop it in at All Saint's Church or send it via the email address on our website [www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk](http://www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk). If you want to, please add an explanation of why you have chosen a particular carol or why it is special for you along with your name. On the evening we will sing the most popular carols and read out some of the reason why they have been chosen. It would be wonderful if you were prepared to read out the reason of your choice at the service so that the voices of the people of Cotgrave are heard along with their choice of carol. If you would like to do this yourself please add your contact details on the sheet, or indicate this on your email.

There will be a special space in the service reserved for a carol chosen by the children of Cotgrave, so please indicate on the sheet if the carol is the favourite of a child or young person.

May we take this opportunity to wish all the joy of the coming season.

*Paul*

The Revd Paul Massey - Rector of Cotgrave



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Many many thanks to my wonderful friends for their unfailing support and generosity with the MacMillan coffee morning on 25th September.

Thanks also to Hair Design 4U for their generous donation and Village News and Cotgrave Bakery for their support.

This year we raised **£1,050** which is amazing, a great effort for this worthwhile cause.

Thank you again, Eileen Widdicks

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The Wheels to Work project is delivered by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, an independent charitable organisation working to improve life in rural Nottinghamshire.

The Wheels to Work project is funded by Nottinghamshire County Council and the Big Lottery Fund. If you would like to find out more about Wheels to Work, please see our website [www.wheelstowork.org](http://www.wheelstowork.org) or contact Wheels to Work Nottinghamshire on 01623 727620 or e-mail [wheelstowork@rcan.org](mailto:wheelstowork@rcan.org)

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New walkers are always welcome to come on 2 or 3 walks to 'give us a try' before joining. Call 01949 836042 for a free Ramblers programme, or see the online Walks Finder at:-

**[www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)**  
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**Telephone:** 07972 669620  
**email:** [mark.clifford@trentbridge.co.uk](mailto:mark.clifford@trentbridge.co.uk)  
**Where:** Ready4Work Club, Leisure Centre, Youth Room  
**When:** Wednesdays 1-3 pm  
**Anytime:** Office at the end of the Welfare

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First week **FREE** for new comers.

Why not come along and see what we do?

Call the leaders on 0770 8598915 for more information

*Every child has a right to an adventure*

## Cotgrave residents know more about what's going on locally

According to a recent survey, residents said that they know more about what's going on locally and know more about local services than they did before joining Cotgrave Community Website.

The survey, which was open to all website members during the summer, asked residents what they thought about the community website and how it has impacted the local community. 53% of respondents said the community website has enabled residents to be more in touch with local issues and 30% of respondents said that the website has become an important information resource for residents living in Cotgrave. 17% of respondents said that the community website has helped residents have a say on matters of local importance and that the website has become an important aspect of modern community life in Cotgrave.

The website, which is owned and administrated by Cotgrave Town Council, is an private online community for residents living in and around Cotgrave. The website pages are dedicated to news and topics that residents would most like to read about and publish including local volunteer group activities, discussions about local issues, events with a community purpose and information about local services.

Over 700 residents have joined Cotgrave Community Website since its launch in 2011 and the online community attracts around 16 new members per month. Residents who responded to the survey said that the forum areas, local directory, community events calendar and photo gallery were the most useful features. Over 85% of respondents said that Cotgrave Community Website is useful and informative and over 90% of respondents said the website is friendly and helpful.

Residents who would like to join this free community service can find out more by visiting **[www.cotgravecommunity.com](http://www.cotgravecommunity.com)** and clicking on the **Sign Up** button. Residents will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about where they live and to agree to the Terms of Service before their membership is approved.





# COTGRAVE

Community Website



"Residents say they know more about whats going on locally and about local services than they did before after joining Cotgrave Community Website." \*

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\*according to a recent members survey



## Friends of Cotgrave Country Park

We are now coming to the year end and getting ready for winter in the park. The park has different appearances over the year according to the seasons but my favourite has to be now. It looks splendid in its autumn colours. The grass has had its end of season cut and this does tend to make some areas look more open.



**Approaching Leaky Hollow**

As I said in an earlier report we can expect some disruption within the park as the new development takes shape. This disruption started with the temporary closure of the Hollygate Lane car park. Barratts, the builders, made a temporary car park down Colliers Lane to get over this problem and I thank them for that. However, at the time of writing, Hollygate Lane has re opened and the new car park is nearly finished and by the time you read this it will be back in use although some further landscaping will be required. It is slightly larger than the old car park and will hold about 35 cars.

Once the car park is open this will then make access to the lower end of the park a lot easier than of late. One of the most frequently asked questions I have had during this closure is, "Can we still get to the dog swimming pool". The answer of course was yes, but now it will be so much easier to get there when leaving the car in the car park.

Another question often asked is concerns people have about the low water level in the canal at lock No7. Although the canal is actually outside the jurisdiction of the country park and the Friends Group I have been in touch with the Canals and Rivers Trust about our concerns and asked them to look into this.

Hopefully when the rainy season comes the water levels will rise again. As I write this report the water level is starting to rise which is encouraging.

I hope by now that many of you will have spotted our volunteer wardens (look for their light blue coats). The wardens are there to help you enjoy the park and in some cases, especially for visitors, help you orientate yourselves. Please say hello, they are always willing to have a chat and also listen. We have re mapped the park and this is nearly finished now. When complete A5 sized maps will be placed at locations around the village for people to use. I know these will be useful and beneficial to people from outside the area. The wardens will also carry a supply.

Over the year I have been particularly encouraged by the number of groups who use the park to enjoy their hobby.

Below are some of the groups and their contact details if you require further details.

Cotgrave Anglers (Heron Lake)

Dave Johnson - [cotgraveanglers@gmail.com](mailto:cotgraveanglers@gmail.com)

R&D Dog Walking Group

Sarah McGinley - 07941 832409

Walking for fitness groups:

Move & Mingle - Fridays, Meet at the Rose & Crown Car Park at 2 pm

Cotgrave Ladies Walking Group—Tuesday & Thursday at Rose & Crown at 10.30am

All the above are regular users who enjoy the park. If you have a group that would like a mention then please contact me on the number below.

Finally, another success story from Cotgrave Anglers. Their annual charity match which is always in aid of Ash Lea school has raised £750 so far and by the end of the year with other pledges still coming in it looks likely that they will reach £1000. A marvellous effort for a worthy local cause.

Please remember the park is there for all. Go out and enjoy it.

*Harry Burrows*

Chairman of FoCCP

Tel 07884281188



The end is nigh.

A little over 5 years has passed since Positive Futures started delivery in Cotgrave, a project costing £390,000 in a partnership with Rushcliffe Borough Council. Since then we have engaged with more than 500 local young people, supported 100 young people in schools achieving an 85% increase in performance at school as a direct result of our work.

When we first came to Cotgrave its fair to say that the perception of Cotgrave from outsiders and many of the community members was not a positive one! We had a precinct that was the victim of ASB and juvenile crime, a leisure centre that called the Police out to young people on a regular basis.

We worked with Partners to identify young people that would benefit from additional activities in their locality and mentoring to support them in their lives, often supporting families too! Our delivery style quickly led to us getting hard to engage young people on board and working with us.

Our diverse delivery style helped keep young people interested in what we had on offer and they knew that we would listen and be a voice for them in getting things like the youth club re opened, and opened at times when they wanted it!

We have had many successful projects which include a canapés and Jewellery small enterprise business with 10 local young people taking part and learning vital life skills and experiencing the world of business.

We delivered in partnership with the County Council a intergenerational project, helping young people to understand how their behaviours affect other members of their community, even when they are just hanging around and doing nothing wrong.

We have delivered 4 Community Pride events where young people have volunteered to make improvements to their locality, these projects have included the rainbow painting in the park on The Green, Santa's grotto at the Christmas lights turn on and a nature trail for a local elderly residential home.

The perception of Positive Futures was that we worked with "naughty Kids" this couldn't have been further from the truth, we worked with young people, regardless of their social setting or behaviour. We do a lot of targeted work but the strength of the programme has been that we have made it accessible to all young people.

We have trained 5 local young people to be peer mentors and they support the projects delivery both on school and in the community. The benefit to both the mentors and having positive role models for young people has been invaluable to the community. They have also taken the first aid at work and food hygiene qualifications. The mentors undertook almost 100 hours of training and collectively volunteered almost 1000 hours of their time back to their community.

We have delivered over 100 accreditations in the last 12 months alone to over 80 Young people, some taking more than one accreditation.

As we come to the end of delivery for Cotgrave its important that we look back on the journey that the community has taken, recognise the excellence shown by the partners and young people taking part and ensure that we support our young people in arguably the most difficult times to be a young person.

The perception of Cotgrave has now changed for the better, the 71% reduction of ASB and juvenile crime has made Cotgrave a better place to be for all of its residents and local businesses.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to all that have supported our work, from parents to Councillors, without you we would not have achieved half the success that we have.

Thanks Again

Mark and the Positive Futures team.

## **You're Our Next Slinky Award Winner... You Just Don't Know It Yet!**

With Christmas just around the corner, are you – like many people – starting to get that niggling worry about starting the new year with yet another few extra pounds stuck on you?

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## **Cotgrave - a happening place!**

### **Heron Lake**

You may have noticed that work has started on the drainage infrastructure systems around Heron Lake in Cotgrave Country Park. Work will continue until spring and means restricted access for vehicles, however people can still walk round.

### **Hollygate Lane**

Work has been completed on Hollygate Lane. There will also be some improvements to the footpath between Hollygate Lane and Colston Gate in spring next year. Colston Gate will be closed for resurfacing for about a week in February.

### **Cotgrave Country Park car park**

The car park reopened in November, and there will be further work to landscape the car park area and paths into the park.

### **Show homes**

Show homes will be built by spring 2015. The first plots are likely to be released for sale in early 2015 as well. There will be a mix of different house types and these homes will be available to view at [www.dwh.co.uk](http://www.dwh.co.uk) and [www.barratthomes.co.uk](http://www.barratthomes.co.uk) If you want to know more, or register your interest, call Barratts on 0844 5566166 or David Wilson Homes on 0844 8115544.

### **Street names**

Rushcliffe Borough Council and Barratt David Wilson homes have worked with local schools to get some ideas for street names which are all themed about nature. The street names have now been decided and several of the suggestions from Cotgrave schools were used including Blossom Gardens, Lavender Grove and Poppy Close.

### **Town centre**

Work on the town centre proposals is progressing. Rushcliffe Borough Council has applied for Government funding to progress employment sites and will know soon if they have been successful. The extra Government funding will help to get the project underway sooner. In the meantime, don't forget to support your local shops and services, particularly in the run-up to Christmas.

### **Employment and training opportunities**

Two pre-apprentice training courses have been run by Central College. The courses prepare young people by developing their skills and enabling them to learn about construction. The majority of students now hold the mandatory CSCS card which is needed to work on construction sites, and they can be considered for any opportunities for apprenticeships which may arise over the next few months as the building works progress.

### **Say YES to an apprentice**

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### **Any questions...**

If you have any comments about plans for developing Cotgrave, contact Sam Pearson, Transformation Project Officer, at Rushcliffe Borough Council on [spearson@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:spearson@rushcliffe.gov.uk) 0115 914 8412.





**Minister - Janet Tanner**

**Tel: 01949 836259**

**Church Bookings - Eileen Taylor**

**Tel: 0115 9893784**

**Sunday Services start at 10.30 am unless  
otherwise stated**

## **Church Diary**

### **Saturdays**

#### **Open Door—Cotgrave Methodist Church**

Come and join us for coffee and chat. The first Saturday of every month. 10.30 am - 12.00

### **Sundays**

#### **Junior Church - Cotgrave Methodist Church**

Our Junior Church meets every Sunday morning (except for the second week of the month when we all worship together). All children under 11 are welcome to join. (Over 11s come to Breakfast with God and then join the whole church for worship).

### **Tuesdays**

#### **Bible Studies Class - 7.30 pm**

Led by Phil Wall - meets every fortnight at 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave. All welcome, for further information, contact Jean Rutherford on 9890355

### **Wednesdays**

#### **Christian Fellowship House Group 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave - 2pm**

Meets for fellowship, discussion and prayer with a variety of speakers - meets every fortnight. There is always a welcome for new members. For further information, please contact Jean Rutherford 0115 9890355.

### **Thursdays**

#### **Care Home Service**

**Eton Park Care Home, Owthorpe Road, Cotgrave**  
Meet at the Care Home on the 4th Friday of the month.  
Service led by Rev. Janet Tanner, all welcome. 2.30 pm

## **Cotgrave Methodist Church Weekly Youth Programme**

### **Monday's 6-8 pm at Cotgrave Methodist Church**

#### **ClayFroG - Cotgrave Youth Fellowship Group**

ClayFroG is a great place to share together, learn about and grow in the Christian faith, in a good fun and caring environment.

### **Tuesday's 3.30-5pm at The Community Hall - Cotgrave Methodist Church**

#### **Transform - Year 6 Junior Youth Club.**

At TRANSFORM we have lots of fun playing games; being creative with arts and crafts; socialising with friends old and new.

### **Tuesday's 5.30-7pm at The Community Hall, Cotgrave Methodist Church**

#### **'the\_group' youth club for years 7, 8 & 9**

'the\_group' is a vibrant and fun youth club where we socialise together over the pool table and games console. It is a great place to relax and meet new friends

### **Sunday's 9-10am at Grannies Tea Shop**

**Breakfast with GOD** - Christian breakfast fellowship group  
Breakfast with God does what it says on the tin. We are a group of young people who meet each week for food, friendship, prayer and Bible study. It is a great way to start the day and a warm welcome awaits anyone wanting to explore what Church is like.

### **Sunday 6-8 pm at Cotgrave Methodist Church**

**B U!** - Christian Youth Group for years 10, 11 and Sixth Form. At "BU" we engage in discussions about current youth issues and explore the Christian faith together, whilst meeting to socialise and have fun.

For further information about any of the above youth groups please contact Simon Foulds -Community Youth Evangelist on :  
Mobile: 07941 955 985 or Email: [simon.foulds@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simon.foulds@yahoo.co.uk)

**Alternatively, please feel free to come and talk  
with us during the times we meet**



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## COLSTON BASSETT, OWTHORPE AND COTGRAVE COMMUNITIES 'REMEMBER'



This year Remembrance Sunday fell on 9 November when the 3 communities making up the local Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave (CBOC) Branch of Royal British Legion remembered those who have given their lives to preserve our freedom. In each of the communities a service of Remembrance was held with a splendid turnout. In Cotgrave the uniformed organisations marched with CBOC Royal British Legion members to All Saints church behind the Corps of Drums of the Robin Hood Rifles, part of Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force. After a splendid and moving service at All Saints church wreaths were laid at the Cotgrave War Memorial. Doctor Jaswant Bilkhu DL, one of the County Deputy Lord Lieutenants, laid the first wreath on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen. The march back to the Welfare was ably led by the Royal Standard bearer who this year was Stephen Ogden a member of the Army Cadet Force. Later over sixty members of CBOC Branch and their friends enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club.



Processing to the War Memorial

Photos courtesy of  
Russ Hamer



Uniformed organisations standards line the church path

# COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

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## The Chairman's Report

As I write, the warm weather seems to be coming to an end, though I am sure we all have fond memories of the good times such a long spell has given us. 'Summer's lease hath all too short a date,' the bard says in one of his sonnets, a view with which most of us would agree!

There is always at least one event which takes place between the writing of my report and the publication of Cotgrave Connections, and our annual switching on of the Christmas Lights is one of them. Planning meetings have taken place, Mark Clifford, who works tirelessly to support young people in Cotgrave, has very kindly agreed to switch on the lights, and I hope lots of people will come and enjoy themselves. The event promises stalls selling goods, songs performed by students from our local schools, refreshments, entertainment, and a visit from a very special person, indeed: Santa Claus. It just would not be the same without him! This year he will be in his new grotto, so keep an eye out for it.

As you will recall, Cotgrave commemorated the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War in early August, and there was a programme of excellent events. Wherever we look, on the screen or in civic places, there are reminders that the nation's commemoration of the sacrifices of so many is ongoing.

Once again, it was a great pleasure to give several of our residents, nominated by members of the public and councillors, a Citizenship Award at our full Town Council Meeting. It is always good to hear about the unstinting work, often undertaken quietly, that is done to help other people. I am sure there are many unsung heroes in Cotgrave, so if you would like to nominate anyone, please contact the Town Council Office with their name and the reason for your nomination.

The tireless Festival Committee has already met several times to plan next year's event, as well as to evaluate how things went in summer. Their contribution to the life of Cotgrave is massive, and we are all grateful for the work they undertake to ensure that the event is enjoyable and one of which we can be proud.

Councillors have been invited to attend the presentation reception of the Rushcliffe Community Awards 2014, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, and we are all delighted that some community groups in Cotgrave have been nominated in a number of categories. The awards are for people who have voluntarily helped to make Rushcliffe's towns and villages safer and better places to live, by going the extra mile. We wish our groups good luck; they are all worthy nominees.

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, representatives from all the organisations working together to develop the former colliery site met to witness the symbolic lifting of a spadeful of soil, and to be photographed together. Representatives from local news media organisations were present to film and interview people. The event was followed by a scheduled Strategic Board meeting in Cotgrave Futures, where we were updated on matters related to the Town Centre, employment opportunities, and employment land.

On 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Clerk and I attended a Local Area Group Meeting with the police and representatives from nearby villages, and were pleased to hear that crime in Cotgrave has reduced further. The police know our priorities, and are working effectively with others to ensure that progress continues. We are, of course, indebted to our Speed Watch and Neighbourhood Watch Teams for the contribution they make to the collective effort to keep us safe.

Following the re-opening of Hollygate Lane, I was amazed to see the difference a few weeks can make to the landscape. That gateway, with its new island, pavements, lights, and clear vista, is now impressive, a sign of real progress. Our thanks go to all our partners for all they are doing to provide new homes for people.

Finally, my report would not be complete without an expression of the Town Council's gratitude for your positive attitude to change, and an invitation, to those who can, to become involved in the many activities available in Cotgrave. There is so much of which we can be proud: the beautiful country park under the stewardship of its Friends, the many groups that offer sporting and other opportunities to our young people, the schools which strive to provide a range of learning opportunities to their students, our health care providers, and the organisations offering training and employment. Cotgrave is stronger for all your efforts.

Finally, I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and, when it comes, a happy New Year.

Vance Wood  
(Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council)



## Citizenship Awards 2014



Cotgrave Town Council's Citizenship Awards acknowledge the significant and sustained contribution people in Cotgrave make to the community. Residents themselves nominate individuals, and Council considers and approves the awards. The recipients are our unsung heroes, people who voluntarily and selflessly help others, and it is always a pleasure for councillors to meet them, and to present them with their plaque. Please do continue to make us aware of the good work being done, and we look forward to your nominations in the future.

The most recent award ceremony, the best part of our full Town Council meeting, was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014. All the spare seats for the public were occupied, and there was, indeed, a very pleasant atmosphere.

Firstly, Councillor Bryan Tansley spoke about Martin and Lynda Blyth for their ongoing work with families and children in the Methodist Church, and then presented them with their award.

Councillor Mick Chewings introduced Colin Booth, whom he had himself nominated. Councillor Chewings spoke warmly about Colin's time spent helping with fund-raising for the homeless, food banks with the Salvation Army, and volunteering for Cancer Research.

Councillor Yvonne Wilson then spoke eloquently about Russ Hamer, with whom she has worked on the highly successful Cotgrave Festival, detailing the massive contribution he has made to life in Cotgrave. He also gives up his time at the Pablos Horse Sanctuary. Though he has left Cotgrave, I believe he is returning to help out at the switching on of our Christmas Lights. We look forward to welcoming him back!

The final award went to John Ludlam OBE, who was unable to attend. However, he came to the Town Council Office, a few days later, to receive his award from Chairman Councillor Vance Wood. John received his award for many years of volunteering for the Royal British Legion, and for his work on the organising committee for the Cotgrave Festival.

In our busy lives, it often seems that we have little time for those little acts of kindness, which mean so much to other people. Yet Cotgrave is lucky to have so many who make a difference to all our lives. To date, we have marked the contribution made by others to young people, animals, and more vulnerable groups.

Please look out for the details of the 2015 Citizenship Awards in our future editions of Cotgrave Connections, and if you know anyone who deserves an award, do get in touch. We would be delighted to learn about their work, and, of course, to meet them.

## Rushcliffe Community Awards 2014

**Honouring people who make a difference in Rushcliffe**

The Rushcliffe Community Awards was held on Wednesday 12th November at the Beckett School.

Cotgrave had received several nominations in various categories:-



Cotgrave Neighbourhood Watch  
(Making Communities Safer)

The WW1 Project  
(Building Strong Communities.)



Jordon Clarke, Winner  
(Young Person of the Year)



Mark Clifford  
(Supporting Children & Young People)



Cotgrave Festival (Building Strong Communities)

Chloe Chantrey,  
Stuart Smith and Callum Pharaoh, Peer Mentors at Positive Futures  
(Young Person of the Year)



Margaret Walker, Scout Leader West Bridgford  
(Supporting Children & Young People) - Highly Commended



**Volunteering is Alive!!**

## 2014/2015 COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman: Councillor V Wood

Vice Chairman: Councillor L Attewell

### Committees

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Chairman: Councillor R Butler

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### Dates of Meetings 2014-15

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May AGM/ ATM
Town Council		9		24			3		4	25		13
Recreation & Parks	4	16			8		10		11		15	
Finance & General Purposes	11	23		3		19		14		11	29	

**Notes:** 1. Meetings of the Council, of Recreation & Parks and Finance & General Purposes Committees take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.00 pm and are held in Studio 4 of the Leisure Centre.

2. Agendas are published on the Council's notice boards and in the Library prior to meetings which will also advise the venue. Members of the public and the press are welcome to observe proceedings, and time is allowed for brief participation. Electors are, of course, free to lobby their elected representatives directly at any time other than when they are in meetings to acquaint them with their views and concerns.

3. The Town Clerk can be reached by telephone on 989 3876, by fax 989 0439 or by writing to her at The Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ. Website: [www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](http://www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk) (What's on in Cotgrave), email [clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)