



Cotgrave CONNECTIONS

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COTGRAVE FESTIVAL AWARDED NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT!!

The Cotgrave Festival has been awarded a grant of over £9,000 to purchase equipment for use at future Festivals. Late last year the committee, in consultation with Cotgrave Town Council, put forward a bid to 'Awards for All' in order to purchase some of the items which for past Festivals had to be hired in at considerable expense. 'Awards for All' recognised the splendid work the Festival did towards drawing all elements of the community together and agreed to fund the bid in its entirety.

"We are delighted" said Gordon Marsh the Festival Chairman. "This will be the fourth year we have run a Festival and the number of people attending has increased each year. This equipment will help us keep costs down and the value as high as we can. We are of course most grateful to Rushcliffe Borough Council for providing grants in previous years and for the last time in 2015".

Vance Wood the Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council said "Cotgrave Town Council is delighted that Cotgrave Festival's success in recent years has been recognised with the award of a substantial National Lottery Grant. The Festival Committee works tirelessly to organise an event which becomes more popular and successful, each year. We are immensely proud of the forward-looking committee and their team of helpers, and I ask residents to join the group, to share the workload and sense of satisfaction that follows".

The 2015 Festival will take place on **Saturday 20th June** and will be bigger than ever. Last year's new events, The Classic Car Show and Wheelbarrow racing will be developed and Egg Throwing and Caking Baking will be introduced for the first time. The ever popular Dog Show will allow Cotgrave dog lovers to show off their hounds and there will be a full program of arena events. See you there.

The Committee is looking for 2 more members to assist this year. Interested? Telephone Julie on 0115 9893876.



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Friday 1st May 2015

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Cotgrave Safari Sale



Safari sales are planned for the following dates:-

Saturday 25th April 2015

Saturday 18th July 2015

Saturday 12th September 2015

The idea of a Safari Sale, is that as many people as possible hold a garden sale on the same day.

Anyone who wants to take part, pays a registration fee of £5 so they can be put onto a map which will show where to find each one.
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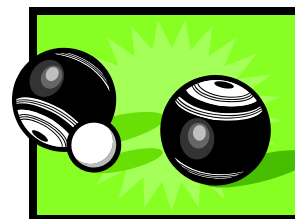
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Cotgrave Bowls Club

OPEN DAY



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Entrance via Cotgrave Welfare Car Park on Woodview, Cotgrave

For further details please contact Mike on 0115 989 2180



PART-TIME CLEANER REQUIRED

Flexible and reliable person required by Cotgrave Futures Building on Candleby Lane, Cotgrave.

The person appointed will be responsible for the cleaning of the building.

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Salary : £6.55 per hour
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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

VISITING GROUP

All Saints' Church has put together a group of people dedicated to visiting people in their homes and, if wanted, offering to distribute Holy Communion to those who cannot get to church. If you know of a friend, neighbour or relative who might like a visit, please contact us on 0115 9892223

EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY

On **Tuesday 17th February** beginning at **7pm** we will be having a **Pancake Party** in Church. Tickets (only available in advance and not on the door) are £2 for pancakes (with a variety of sweet fillings available) and tea/coffee. There will be a fun 'guess who' quiz on the evening with a prize for the winner.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

18th February 7.30pm - Eucharist and imposition of ashes for the beginning of the Season of Lent.

LENT COURSE

This year's Lent course is inspired by the film 'Chocolat' and entitled 'Christ & the Chocolaterie'. It takes the story and characters of the movie to explore what it means to be truly and completely human as God intended. Setting out five group sessions for each week of Lent, 'Christ and the Chocolaterie' takes events from the film and relates them to key Bible messages of Lent. Recognising Lent as a chance to embrace change and renewal, meditations lead into group discussion around the daily challenge of growing, giving and getting real with life.

The Parishes of our new 'Mission Partnership' will be joining together in leading and hosting the sessions. We being on 11th February, 6.30pm at Kinoulton church to view the film and indulge in chocolate! Two weeks later the course will begin. Each session commences at 6.30pm and last about an hour.

25th February, All Saints' Cotgrave, Giving Up - the prelude to change.

4th March Hickling Church, 'Giving Out - the power of a gift'

11th March Kinoulton Church, 'Getting Wise - the possibility of change'

18th March All Saints' Cotgrave, 'Getting Real - the power of acceptance.

25th March Hickling Church, 'Growing Up - the process of change'

Please contact the Rector if you are interested in participating.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

On **Sunday 15th March** at our **10am** service will celebrate **Mothering Sunday**. During the service we will present mothers, and those who care for others in a 'motherly way', with flowers in a token of thanks for all their loving care. All are very much welcome.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

29th March - Palm Sunday

8.00 am Eucharist
10.00 am Eucharist with blessing and distribution of Palm
Crosses
6.00pm Evening Worship

30th March - Monday of Holy Week

9.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Compline

31st March - Tuesday of Holy Week

9.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Compline

1st April - Wednesday of Holy Week

9.00am Eucharist
7.30pm Compline

2nd April - Maundy Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Eucharist followed by Vigil of Prayer

3rd April - Good Friday

9.00am Litany and Ante-Communion
1.00pm Churches Together Walk of Witness starting at
'The Cross'
7.30pm Stations of the Cross in church

4th April - Easter Eve

8.30pm The Ceremonies of Easter Eve

5th April - Easter Day

8.00am Eucharist
10.00am Eucharist

6th April - Easter Monday

Spotted a pothole or noticed a street light not working?

We all moan about potholes and street lights that might have failed. But we can all help to do something about them!

The county council is responsible for the maintenance of most roads and lights, but they can't be around all the time to monitor such faults. Likewise councillors don't always become aware of faults because sometimes holes appear really quickly.

To help get speedy repairs, the county council has an online fault reporting facility where anyone can report road faults. It is very user friendly and work is usually carried out very soon after being reported.

Just visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/doitonline/ and it will prompt you for the details. Or, if you prefer you can telephone details on the council's Freephone number - **0300 500 80 80**.

Don't worry if you think someone else might have already reported a fault - it's better to have it reported more than once than not at all!

Councillor Richard Butler



**A Holiday Club for children aged
between 5 and 11 will be run by
volunteers from All Saints Church
Wednesday 8th to Sunday 12 April
Between 10 and 11.55 am**

More details and registration forms from the
Administration at the Church of England
School and Candleby Lane School

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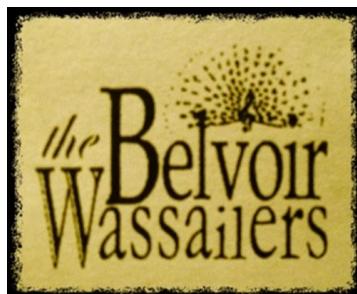
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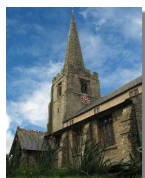
The Belvoir Wassailers, a male voice choir from the Vale of Belvoir, present a Commemoration Concert at All Saints Church with folk songs and songs from the Great War.

Music Director: Elaine Bishop
Accompanist: Jenny Walker
Also featuring Guest Soloist - Caroline Sharpe

Saturday 14th March 2015 at 7.30pm

(doors open at 6.30 - to be seated by 7.20pm)
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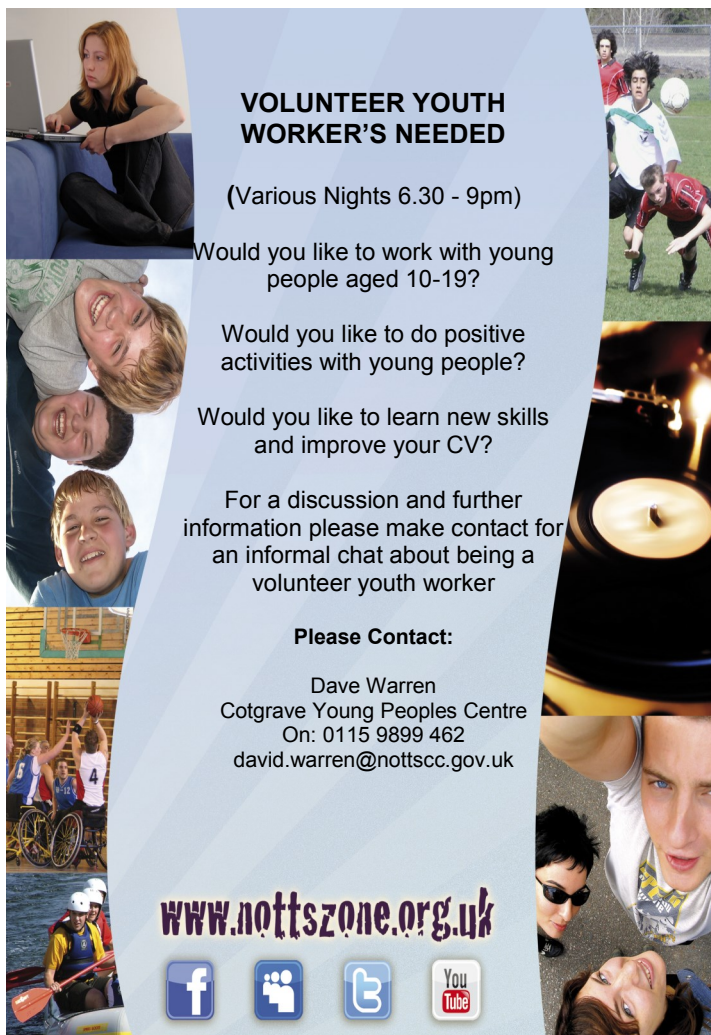
There is also help and advice available along with the opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns that young people may have. And finally there is a good supply of snacks and hot drinks!

Soon, following the awarding of a councillor grant, improvements and tidying up of the outside area will be made to make the environment even more welcoming.

As well as county youth team staff, volunteers also help and assist, and more are always needed and welcomed, so please contact the club for more information.

You can find out more about the club by phoning 0115 989 9462 or 07545 837124

Councillor Richard Butler



VOLUNTEER YOUTH WORKER'S NEEDED

(Various Nights 6.30 - 9pm)

Would you like to work with young people aged 10-19?

Would you like to do positive activities with young people?




Would you like to learn new skills and improve your CV?

For a discussion and further information please make contact for an informal chat about being a volunteer youth worker

Please Contact:

Dave Warren
Cotgrave Young Peoples Centre
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Friday 6.15 - 8.45pm

Junior Club
(School Years 6, 7 and 8 only)
Wednesdays 6 - 8.15pm

YOUTH OFFER

Pool table, table tennis, fuse ball, sports hall, X-box, TV, internet, APC20, Virtual DJ, discussions on relationships, C-Card, Jenga and puzzles/games, various snacks & hot drinks, arts and crafts are but a few examples.

We also have a youth committee that enable you to tell us what you want to do, improvements you want to make and activities and trips you want on your programme.

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Share your experience of using fibre broadband with your community

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You can 'like us' at [facebook.com/nottinghamshirebroadband](https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamshirebroadband) and join our online community talking about the benefits on offer from fibre broadband.

If you have any questions about fibre broadband, please contact us by email at enquiries.broadband@nottscc.gov.uk

Thank you

The Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Team

Hollygate Park Launch Event

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So making your own compost makes perfect sense (after all peat is similar to compost as it comes from the sedge grass broken down and rotting over thousand of years). One way to understand the blend of ingredients in your compost pile is by using the carbon nitrogen ratio (C/N) but quite frankly the chance of the average person measuring and monitoring the carbon and nitrogen quantities of all their organic material is almost nil. It is helpful to understand one or two of the common waste products generally used in making compost.

Grass cuttings for example have a C/N ratio of 12-19 carbon and 2.4 nitrogen, dead leaves have 54 parts of carbon and 0.9 nitrogen. A good C/N ratio for a compost pile is between 20/1 and 35/1. That's 20 parts of carbon to one part of nitrogen. Up to 35 parts of carbon to one part of nitrogen a good average being 30 to 1. So it can be seen that a mixture of dead leaves and grass cuttings would come within that range.

For micro organisms carbon is the basic building block of life, and a source of energy. Nitrogen is also necessary for protein, genetic material and cell structure. Micro organisms that digest compost need about 30 parts of carbon for every part of nitrogen they consume.

An interesting fact is that horse manure after it has been allowed to break down for a few months has the ideal C/N ratio of 25-30 to 1.6 nitrogen.

Joe Rhodes



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Friends of Cotgrave Country Park

It gives me great pleasure in presenting my first annual report as Chairman of FoCCP.

Over the past year I have found the role challenging, interesting and varied. As a person who believes in the community of Cotgrave it has been an honour to hold this position throughout the year. Over 2014 we have held 8 meetings with an average attendance of 14.

Firstly, I give thanks to my officers. Secretary Ernie Spencer who is by now the longest serving committee member of the group and also maintains his dedicated involvement within the park with Candleby Lane School and the Move and Mingle fitness group. Treasurer Yvonne Wilson who is responsible for keeping control of the finances. Lynne Domaine, Wildlife Officer, has kept us informed with her many interesting sightings throughout the year. Our County Council Countryside Officer, Lee Scudder, has once again led various teams of volunteers on working parties. The main tasks I will mention later but for now I would like to commend Lee for his never ceasing contribution of enthusiasm and dedication within the group and the park. Thanks to you all.

2014 started with the felling of many trees near the car park. This was the first phase of building for the new development. We must expect some inconvenience during the building work but hopefully this will be kept to a minimum. We lost the use of our car park during the re-alignment of Hollygate Lane but the result is a new, slightly larger, car park with much improved exit onto the main road. The plans show the estate bordering the park perimeter in what appears to be a very well planned piece of landscaping. Overall, when finished, I'm confident the result will be very pleasing and will allay the fears of some park users. As the development grows I would hope we will be able to welcome new residents to our group.

Throughout the year we have had 22 task days led by Lee and my thanks go to all those who volunteer their own time to be involved in these necessary jobs within the park. We have seen the addition of two new seats at the Western view point, an area popular with park users. At the Northern highpoint the arduous task of hedge layering has resulted in yet another view point. A new route for horses was made, from the canal bridge into the

Western side of the park, thus preserving the condition of the tow path. An ongoing program by the County Council to improve Leaky Hollow will encourage reeds and plant cover thereby enticing much needed waterfowl onto the water. Two very enjoyable task days involved parents and children from the village. A sensory and wildlife garden was planted with donated plants plus fruit trees, from local businesses. These same groups along with the local army cadets carried out another task of forming the figures 1914–18 using land scrapes sown with poppy seed as a reminder of WW1. Group members, Sue and Steve Smith, keen Geocachers, have introduced a new course to the park. This could result in more people visiting the park as I met two people from Ashby de la Zouch solving the clues. An extra addition was a commemorative seat presented by the family of the late Cllr Eric Woolsey. Eric did so much for Cotgrave and appropriately the seat is sighted on Colliers Mount looking back across Cotgrave, the place he loved.

Our wish for a colliery memorial in the park has made some progress but funding through the section 106 agreement appears to have stalled with monies being given elsewhere. Funding from other sources will have to be sought, the main one being the Heritage Lottery Fund. The public survey questionnaire has continued throughout the last two months and early replies are showing encouraging signs of support.

The multi user footpath planned for the park to replace the old mineral line from the colliery to the River Trent has come to a halt. Money for this has fallen foul of the economic climate but perhaps other methods of funding could be sought to progress this.

Unfortunately an act of vandalism resulted in the "Pagoda" being destroyed in an arson attack. This has left such a scar that as a group we need to look at putting something else in its place.

The summer months saw various events take place. Three to note were, a very successful charity run where over 300 runners took part and raised £10,000 for the charity 'Rett'. This was such a success that it may now become a very welcome yearly event.

Secondly, at the Cotgrave Festival, we entered a wheelbarrow competition based on the personal theme of the many groups/organisations in Cotgrave. Many thanks to members Bill and Elizabeth Handbury for organising and decorating our group entry.

Lastly to Cotgrave Diamonds Angling Club who have done so much for the benefit of Heron Lake.



The installation of the new fishing platforms is now complete and I thank their members for the way the lake and its surrounding areas are looked after. Their annual charity match in aid of Ash Lea School is now a firmly established event and the time they devote to the pupils of the school on fishing days is worthy of note.

Earlier in the year the idea of establishing a local volunteer warden scheme was launched. This has now gathered momentum and we have 5 wardens patrolling and interacting with the public to enhance the benefits of the park. Hopefully this may lead to bigger and better things for the park.

For the coming year I feel as a group we should look for further ideas so as to increase the interest in the park. This should ensure our group retains a high level of involvement within the community. And last but not least thank you to the group members for your continued support.

The park is there for all users to enjoy. Please go out and enjoy it.

Harry Burrows
Chairman of FoCCP



**The Cotgrave Group meets
each month and you are most
welcome to join us.**

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speaker subjects.**

**Please contact 0115 989 2528 for a chat and for
more details or visit us on the third Monday of
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**7.30pm at the Scout & Guide
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**SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
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NEW SCHOOL BUILD UPDATE

Following a meeting on the 10th December, I can confirm that the build process has been delayed until March 2015 - this will mean a completion date of summer 2016. As we are part of the Priority Schools Building Programme, this is not within our control but on reflection it actually suits the school more in terms of a move in date, organisation and logistics.

Of course, this is tinged with sadness as the school / community swimming pool has now been closed. This has been a great facility for many years and enjoyed by young and old over many generations. I would like to go on record to thank all of the ROTSPA volunteers for their tireless efforts and the Governing Bodies of both Dayncourt and SNA for funding the ongoing costs - without either group, the pool would not have been such a success.

JORDAN CLARKE GAINS PLACE AT TOP US UNIVERSITY



Jordan from South Nottinghamshire Academy has won a place and a financial aid package to study at Northwestern University after participating in the Sutton Trust's US Programme run in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission. Last summer, Jordan was one of 175 students selected for a summer school in the US at either Yale or Harvard University, or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), spending a week living on campus and visiting a number of other American campuses. Jordan benefited from residential activities and received an intensive programme of support, delivered by the US-UK Fulbright Commission over a number of months before and after their US visit, which covered admission tests, college choices and the application process.

Jordan competed with 2,200 applicants to win one of 175 places on the programme. The aim of the US Programme is to encourage academically talented, low and middle income British students to consider studying at American universities. The 2014-15 programme cohort comes from across the UK and 70% of the students will be the first in their family to go to university.

PUPIL NUMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Once again, the continuing success of the Academy has led to an increase in prospective 2015 students from our feeder schools. However, we won't become too large but we do anticipate that we will reach our targeted capacity of 120 students per year group from Years 7-11 and 150 students in our sixth form very soon (750 students in total).

COTGRAVE COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



As we are now at the year end with the Cotgrave speed watch the group thought it may be of interest to you to publish a brief analysis of results taken throughout 2014.

Of the 30 watches that took place over the year a total of 375 vehicles were recorded over the speed limit. A breakdown of those figures can be seen below.

30-39 mph	40-49mph	50mph +
292	82	1

Our sessions last for 1 hr so that is equivalent to a total of 12.5 vehicles recorded per hour. This would equate to 125 over a 10 hour working day. Frightening when you think of how narrow Cotgrave's roads are and even more frightening when you realise that three of the roads we monitor are approaching schools.

None of the sites we monitor is more than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the edge of the village so in relation to time taken to travel that distance by doing 30MPH and 40MPH is about 12 seconds longer at the correct speed. The difference between hitting a child at those speeds is that at 30MPH they will have a chance of survival at 40 MPH you will almost certainly kill them.

IS A LIFE WORTH 12 SECONDS.

As a driver you need to realise that the control of the vehicle is your responsibility. It's no good blaming anyone else if you have an accident. Driving too fast gives you less time to identify the hazard so reaction time is less. It also lengthens your overall stopping distance. You need to be aware of your surroundings, think ahead and drive appropriately. Believe me it doesn't take you that much longer to get to your destination and you will have done it safely. By driving at 10MPH over the limit doesn't mean you get there any earlier. You have no idea what you will meet ahead of you. Many a time I've been overtaken on Plumtree Road within the 40MPH section. When I reach the traffic lights at the Plumtree crossroads they are just turning to green and the same vehicle is just starting to move off. What does that tell you?

The community speed watch team will continue a similar pattern of watches in 2015 and pass on the findings to the police. Please remember that we are not out to persecute motorists, our objective is to make people aware of the speed limit within Cotgrave. We do get the odd aggressive driver who deems us a waste of time but believe me that is far outweighed by the many compliments we get from others. The most frequent comment we get is, THANK YOU

Also please remember that the speed limit, whether 30 – 40 or 60mph, **is not** a must do, it is nothing more than a safe maximum limit and in Cotgrave that limit is 30 mph which in itself may be too fast. Cotgrave's roads weren't designed for modern day traffic so please drive appropriately.

If after reading this you would like to help out with the team then you would be most welcome. About 2 to 3 hrs per month of your time is all that is needed. The more volunteers we have the more locations we can cover.

Interested, then for further details please contact Harry Burrows 07884281188

Support Community Speed Watch in keeping Cotgrave's roads safe.

Harry Burrows

On behalf of Cotgrave Community Speed Watch

Cotgrave Welfare Club

Serving The Community



Something for Everyone

HERE ARE JUST A FEW REASON TO COME & VISIT 'COTGRAVE WELFARE CLUB' :-

- * Free **LIVE** Entertainment Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 8pm
- * Cash Prize Bingo - Weds, Fri, Sat & Sun
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- * Sports Bar with **BIG SCREEN** Action
- * Theme Nights (Curry Nights, Race Nights, Ladies Nights, Poker Nights etc)
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Cotgrave Colts FC

Junior team warmed up for kick off thanks to local law firm

A Nottingham junior football team has been kitted out ready for the worst the British weather has in store thanks to one of the region's legal specialists.

Cotgrave FC Under Sevens have been given winter jackets sponsored by Nottingham Family Law, which is based on Canal Street in the city centre.



Ian Goulding who runs the soccer school from Cotgrave Welfare football field welcomed the new kit for his soccer school, which is currently recruiting both girls and boys regardless of their ability or previous experience.



"The jackets are very important to the children as they obviously keep them warm in this cold weather we are having and it also gives the children a sense of belonging to the football club," he said, "we thank those at Nottingham Family law for their help."

He added that any parents wishing to know more about the club should contact Ian on 07751 114989



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- ✓ We support the parent or carer too.

Contact Us

Contact Shaun Hallam:
shaun.hallam@schoolforparents.org
0115 958 6641

School for Parents
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310 Sneinton Dale
Nottingham NG3 7DN

Please contact us to find out if we can help you or your child.

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Transforming Cotgrave - a happening place!

Town centre

Rushcliffe Borough Council has secured Government Growth Deal funding to support major employment and housing sites alongside the A46.

The funding will be used for improved infrastructure to land north of Bingham, and at RAF Newton, and some of the funding will be allocated to help regenerate Cotgrave town centre.

However, there are no clear timescales at present for when this work will start. It will take between 1 and 2 years to start developing the town centre. This is because we have to propose the improvements, gain planning permission and then tender for building contracts.

When there is more news to share, we'll share it straightaway via Facebook and Twitter, Cotgrave websites, and the Borough Council website.

In the meantime, Cotgrave precinct and the shop units are open as usual – so please continue to support your local traders.

Health Centre

The Cotgrave GPs are committed to supporting the town centre regeneration and are busy looking to secure funding from the NHS for a new and improved surgery. These things always take time, and currently funding is tight, but our aspiration is that the GPs secure new and improved premises for the future.

Heron Lake

Work is still ongoing to the drainage infrastructure systems on and around Heron Lake in the country park. This will continue until spring time and will mean restricted access for vehicles only, however pedestrian access will not be affected. The work is due to be completed before the new fishing season starts.

Footpath widening

There will be some improvements to the footpath between Hollygate Lane and Colston Gate in the Spring.

Employment and training opportunities

There will be further pre-apprentice courses in construction run by Central College later this year. Please contact the Ready 4 Work club for more information.

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm in Cotgrave young peoples centre or call Mark Clifford on 07972 669620.

Say YES to an apprentice with a £1500 grant

Local businesses and young people are being offered a grant of up to "1,500 to help get more apprentices learning and earning. The offer is open to firms who haven't previously had an apprentice and employ less than 250 people. The grant is in addition to the existing Government funding available for firms and young people.

The business and the young person should both be based in Nottinghamshire, and the apprentice can either be employed directly or through an apprenticeship agency.

For more details and a no obligation chat, contact Futures Advice, Skills and Employment on 0845 850 8899 email apprenticeships@futuresadvice.co.uk or see the website www.futuresadvice.co.uk/say-yes

Any questions...

If you have any comments or concerns about anything to do with developing Cotgrave for the future contact Sam Pearson, Transformation Project Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council on 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.

Wednesday'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.

Wednesday'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

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

Are you on it?

Your vote matters - but can you vote? Only if you're on the register. You must get on the electoral register by Monday 20 April. Three elections take place on Thursday 7th May - General, Borough and parish. The 2015 elections are the biggest since 1979.

The way you register changed in 2014 under Individual Electoral Registration (IER) - individuals now have to register themselves, rather than under the old system where a household was registered. Register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Don't leave it to the deadline to register, as we may need more information to prove your identity, before we register you.

All the information you need - deadlines, what to do, how to do it, whether you are on the register, postal and proxy voting and more can be found online or by calling us. You can also find who is standing for election, your nearest polling station and a FAQ which should answer most common questions.

Find out at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections or call us on 0115 981 9911



New Year, New Career



Over the past few months people from the Cotgrave area have been attending the Cotgrave Job Club delivered by a group of volunteers from Cotgrave and surrounding areas, and supported by organisations to address high levels of unemployment in Cotgrave.

We recently held a 'women into work event' at the Cotgrave Futures. We are very pleased to say it was a fantastic day. We received lots of positive outcomes. Employment progression of those who attended and continue to attend the job club is on a rise and we're delighted to have helped more than 70 people into work or training.

On offer at the club right now is free Fork Lift Training for both men and women. Very quick and easy application and great for getting into warehouse work.

When asked "what did you get out of the job club?" a Cotgrave resident and a job club attendee said:-

"After three years of unemployment I not only found work I have also rebuilt my self-confidence with the help of the club."

You have a bright future ahead of you and we can help you find it.

Find us at:

Cotgrave Leisure Centre, Woodview,
Cotgrave, Nottingham NG12 3PJ

Email: ready4workcotgrave@gmail.com



The co-operative



Think how you park



Some residents and pedestrians, especially those using wheelchairs, mobility scooters or pushchairs, are finding it hard to get along some of our pavements due to them being partially or sometimes completely blocked by parked cars and vans.

It is a growing problem everywhere as more and more vehicles compete for space that was not really designed for so many vehicles.

Of course, people need to be able to park near their homes but please also consider the needs of other road users and pedestrians.

Thank you.

Belvoir Health Group Cotgrave Surgery



We thought it was time that our patients had an update about the health centre now that building has commenced on the colliery site.

Just under 500 houses are going to be built there over the next few years and this will have an impact on Cotgrave Health Centre. We currently look after approximately 7200 patients at the surgery and this could rise to 9000 patients when the houses are completed.

The surgery has always been a central part of Cotgrave and we wish to remain in the proposed shopping precinct. To do this we wish to build a new purpose built centre that will allow us to accommodate more patients and more doctors, nurses, administrative staff and allied health professionals to look after them. The limitations of the current surgery prevent us from expanding our services.

We are currently in negotiations with NHS England who are responsible for providing GP services to secure funding for a new surgery. We will be working very closely with Cotgrave Town Council in submitting a business case to convince NHS England to provide the funding for the new surgery in Cotgrave, this will allow us to provide enough doctors, nurses and other staff to provide a high quality service to the increased population of Cotgrave.

The Doctors at Cotgrave Health Centre

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Cotgrave Country Park, Hollygate Lane, Cotgrave, NG12 3HE

Nottinghamshire Children and Families Partnership



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 Rushcliffe East Children's Centre
 (Covering Bingham, Cotgrave, Radcliffe & surrounding villages)
 Eaton Place
 Bingham
 Nottingham
 NG13 8BE
 email: Not-tr.RushcliffeCC@nhs.net

family action
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Behaviour Solution Workshops



These workshops are for parents and carers of children aged 2 - 12 years old. The sessions will cover the importance of one to one, distracting & redirecting, boundaries & expectations, giving you the tools to manage behaviours and have a positive impact on your relationships.



Wednesday evenings
at
Rushcliffe East Children's Centre
(Bingham Library building)

5 week programme

11th March 2015
18th March 2015
25th March 2015
1st April 2015
8th April 2015

6.00 - 7.30pm



To book a place, or for more information, please contact Helen or Geraldine on: 01949 863 840

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The Chairman's Report

When this Council was elected, I was not a councillor. During its life, seven councillors have resigned for a variety of reasons, and other people have replaced them. I am the third Chairman. Yet though there have been changes to the faces around the table, Council, supported by its staff, has worked tirelessly with its many partners to address the needs of the community. Councillors give up their time to attend the meetings of The Finance and General Purposes Committee, The Recreation and Parks Committee, and full Town Council meetings. Until this last year, they have also attended Cotgrave Community Forum meetings, and councillors' surgeries. Some councilors serve on local schools' governing bodies. We are indeed, fortunate to have such dedicated people.

There are always operational challenges, but they have been squarely met. We have listened to residents, and have responded quickly and appropriately. We now have a Cotgrave Community Warden who works daily to keep our streets free of dog fouling, and to quickly tackle litter hotspots. Do please let us know of any location you feel needs attention. The budget reflects closely, we feel, our priorities to maintain our assets, to provide worthwhile opportunities for young people, and to improve facilities and the environment.

We believe strongly in effective communication, and have just launched our new website, which we hope to fine-tune in the coming weeks. Do feel free to contact the Council Office to make suggestions. Cotgrave Community website continues to be a resource for information-sharing, and, of course, Cotgrave Connections is our periodic newsletter which reaches the letterbox of all houses. There are also, of course, the noticeboards which display the agenda for meetings and news of community activities.

We always look forward to events such as the Safari Sale, and especially the Christmas Lights Event,

which in 2014 was well attended and had a particularly good atmosphere. Thank you to all those who complimented the choice, made by some young people in Cotgrave, of last year's Christmas tree. We are pleased you liked it! We all remember, too, our informative and solemn commemoration, spanning several days, of the start of World War One, culminating in a candlelit vigil by the war memorial. The words spoken and the poem read were a fitting expression of our gratitude and intention never to forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Similarly successful was the Cotgrave Festival, now well established in our calendar, and soon to be enhanced by the award of a substantial lottery grant. The festival provides a variety of activities and experiences for all the community. The Committee, a group of dedicated residents, works tirelessly to ensure that there is always something for everyone, and if you have not yet been to the festival, please come. You will not regret it! However, there is always a need for more helpers to share the load.

Much of my and the Clerk's time has been spent working with our partners to develop the former colliery site, and to plan for the redevelopment of the Town Centre. The regeneration of these areas is no straightforward matter, but progress is now visible on Hollygate Lane, and plans are advancing well for the Town Centre. The complexity of funding and legal arrangements dictates the timeline, but we hope that you took the opportunity to contribute to the workshops and presentations organised by Rushcliffe Borough Council and the developers. We all felt it was important for you to have your ideas considered. Updates can be found in each edition of Cotgrave Connections.

If it is true that any place is an accurate reflection of the strength of its partnerships, then Cotgrave is, indeed, a great place to live. Rushcliffe Borough Council, Notts County Council, Metropolitan Housing, Barratt Homes -Wilson Bowden, the Homes and Community Agency, and Cotgrave Town Council meet regularly, at Strategic Board Meetings,

to discuss the two big projects, and Cotgrave Town Council is always updated at its full Town Council meetings. Let us also remember those partners, too, who keep us well and safe: staff at the Health Centre, the police, Cotgrave Neighbourhood Watch and Cotgrave Speedwatch.

I would like to pay tribute to all those groups who provide worthwhile activities for people of all ages and abilities. We recognise the role the three highly successful schools play in supporting our young people, and, of course, parents, carers, and other community groups.

On 29 January 2015, I was delighted to receive confirmation from Rushcliffe Borough Council that the bid to bring funds to Cotgrave, as part of the expansion of the Growth Deal, has been successful. This means that we have money to invest in the redevelopment of the Town Centre. At the time of writing, the exact sum has not yet been confirmed, but this is clearly excellent news for us all. We are grateful to those who wrote the bid, and look forward to more detailed planning and delivery of that improvement to the Town Centre.

Finally, it is a privilege and honour to be on the Town Council. Such an experience gives one an unrivalled chance to serve the community. The future for Cotgrave is very bright, indeed. But only by working together can we grasp the opportunities we and others create. We are *all* responsible for maintaining morale. Let us all look forward to that bright futures.

Vance Wood
Chairman
Cotgrave Town Council



Citizenship Awards 2015

The Town Council's Citizenship Award is an award that is made annually to residents of Cotgrave who have given freely their valuable leisure time over a long period, by providing voluntary services for the benefit of other people in our community.

Nominations, by local residents or members of organisations/groups will be chosen by Council members and the award will be presented later in the year.



During this Council, Citizenship Awards have been presented to the following people:-

Mr James Reeves (Retired Vet)
Mrs Libby Cotton (Playdays Scheme)
Mr Ian Goulding (Cotgrave Colts FC)
Mrs Karen Knight (Cotgrave Brownies)
Mr Russ Hamer (Cotgrave Festival)
Mr Colin Booth (Salvation Army)
Lynda & Martin Blyth (Methodist Church)
John Ludlam OBE (Royal British Legion)

All nominations should be forwarded to the Clerk to the Council by **30th June 2015.**

Email: clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk

Tel: 0115 9894876

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**Rise in precept to help
our fight against crime in
the midst of yet more
funding cuts**

**Nottinghamshire Police Commissioner
Paddy Tipping sets his budget for 2015/2016**

Another challenging year of funding cuts has prompted my call for a 1.98% rise in the policing portion of the council tax for 2015-16. This amounts to an annual increase of £3.42 for the average Band D household.

The new average annual precept of £176.40 will raise an estimated £52.4m to be used in the fight against crime. I will ensure it is spent wisely and well in protecting all our communities from crime, with a firm focus on rural crime and the needs of rural areas alongside additional resources to prevent crime.

All in all, my revenue budget for this year is £188.2m – smaller than last year by £5.6m, or £10m less if you take into account inflation and a £6.8m cut in the Government's funding grant. So, with no let-up of cutbacks in sight, we must make ends meet, fill our £11m funding gap *and* continue to reduce crime and improve performance despite falling numbers of police officers and staff.

A tall order then, but tackling crime and reducing victims of crime remains at the very heart of our plans. These include provision in my budget for new and different ways of achieving safer communities, and changing the way the Force operates to make us more efficient. I am also protecting spending on community safety for schemes delivered with our partners, which will benefit all communities.

Adapting to our shrinking purse means continuing with our cost-saving and efficiency plans. But with less money in the pot, we have reluctantly had to accept that our recruitment plans need to be put on 'hold' for this year – though we will review the position after the General Election and the next Comprehensive Spending Review due to be held in the Autumn.

Be assured that I will continue to pursue all possible financial and performance benefits, and do my very best to protect front line services wherever possible.



**Paddy Tipping
Police and Crime Commissioner for
Nottinghamshire**

**Farewell, Bryan,
and thank you!**



Cotgrave bids a fond farewell to Bryan Tansley, who will soon emigrate with his wife, Carole, to join their family in Australia.

Bryan has served on Cotgrave Town Council for twenty-four years, and has given his time generously. A former Chairman, Bryan has always believed that the interests of the community are paramount, and his contributions to debates in the Council Chamber have always reflected that belief. His insistence that things be done properly and fairly has been his hallmark.

He has also served on Rushcliffe Borough Council, and is a former Mayor of Rushcliffe. To ensure that Cotgrave's voice is heard has been his aim, and he has been a familiar face around the town, where people stop him to seek information, advice or help.

He has taken an active interest in life beyond the Town Council, and has been one of Cotgrave Futures' trustees, from 2005-2015, and a governor at the former Manvers Primary School and Candleby Lane School for a total of fifteen years.

He has been Chairman of the Friends of Cotgrave Country Park for eleven years, and branch secretary of The Royal British Legion for twenty-two years. Twenty of those years have been spent helping to organise the Poppy Appeal.

Many residents will also know him to be an active member of Cotgrave Methodist Church.

Always present at events organised by the Town Council, Bryan has epitomised the true spirit of public service. He will be sadly missed by all have come to know him as a friend, political colleague, or adversary. Above all, he has always made Cotgrave a priority. May he and Carole enjoy a well deserved new life in Australia. I am sure that he will stay in touch with us, and will be keen to learn how we fare on our new, exciting trajectory.



Do you care about where you live?

**Cotgrave is changing. Be part of the changes.
Consider becoming a parish councillor!**

If you love where you live and want to make it better, you're just what's needed.

To qualify as a candidate to become a Parish or Town Councillor you must be 18 or older on the date of nomination, and you must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Be registered, and continue to be, as a local government elector for the Parish from the day of your nomination onwards, or
- Having occupied (as owner or tenant) any land or other premises in the Parish during the whole 12 months before the day of election, or
- Your main or only place of work during the last 12 months, prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election, has been in the Parish, or
- You have lived in or within 3 miles of the parish during the whole 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Therefore if you qualify under any of the categories above, then you would be eligible to stand for Cotgrave Town Council.

If you are interested in standing for election, more information on becoming a councillor is available on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website : www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections/standforelection.



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Craig Chewings	3 East Acres	JP	989 3805	V	
Mick Chewings	251 Ring Leas	PS	989 3914	*	
Pete Cousins	3 Flaxendale	NR	989 9432	*	
Matt Gable	4 Ritchie Close	RQ	0787 5545480		*
Steve Gardner	11b Flagholme	JB	989 0512		*
William Handbury	45 Daleside	QN	989 2176		*
Joseph Rhodes	6 Gripps Common	TF	989 9811		V
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Yvonne Wilson	5 Burhill	NP	989 3715		*
Vance Wood	3 Hales Close	HW	07557 868284	*	*

Please Note: * all Cotgrave Postcodes beginning with NG12 3

C Indicates a Committee Chairman, V a Committee Vice Chairman

B Indicates a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council

N Indicates a member of Nottinghamshire County Council

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 (What's on in Cotgrave), email clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk