

Cotgrave Connections

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Friday 29th January 2016

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Woodview, Cotgrave Nottingham, NG12 3PJ

Tel: 0115 9893876 Fax: 0115 9890439
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Cotgrave's Christmas Tree

Three young people from Cotgrave's Positive Futures programme, Terri Driscoll, Paige Price and Natalie White, along with Mark Clifford and Councillors' Mick Chewings and Steve Gardner 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.



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5th DECEMBER

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The days itself take place on the first shopping Saturday in December each year, but the campaign aims to have a lasting impact on small businesses. In 2015 Small Business Saturday will take place on:

Saturday, December 5th.

**Support your local Cotgrave Businesses on
"Small Business Saturday!"**



Tell us about your event!

If you have an event that you would like publicising then email Cotgrave Connections Newsletter at connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk or telephone 0115 9893876

It's FREE for local community groups!!



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

You will meet new people and enjoy speaker subjects.

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Email eastnotts@homeinstead.co.uk | www.homeinstead.co.uk/EastNottingham



Cotgrave Neighbourhood
Policing Team

The Cotgrave Neighbourhood Policing Team work from the Candleby Lane contact point. We are there to address local issues and concerns. Partnership working over the last 7 years has seen crime and anti social behaviour reduce by 80% making Cotgrave a much safer place to live and work.

The Beat Manager, PC Scott Redgate says "I am aware of a perception of drug related problems and urge residents to report any concerns to us. This is treated in confidence and all reports will be looked into. We have had recent successes with cannabis warrants and the arrest of one person on suspicion of supplying drugs".

We can be contacted via:

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1st Cotgrave Scout Group

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Beavers (6-8 yrs) @ 6.00 till 7.15 on Fridays

Cubs (8-10 ½ yrs) and Scouts (10 ½ - 14 yrs) @ 6.30 till 8 pm on Thursdays

First week **FREE** for new comers.

Why not come along and see what we do?

Call the leaders on 0770 8598915 for more information

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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

We now have a blog. This can be viewed at
<http://vbrambler01.blogspot.co.uk/>



Cotgrave Community Road Safety

Some of you will no doubt have heard or even seen on local TV that Cotgrave now has a Community Road Safety team. The team was recruited from local volunteers from the existing Cotgrave Speedwatch team and we are pleased to announce that we were the first in the country to carry out this new concept of speed control. The team is made up of local residents who are aware of the speed of traffic in Cotgrave and realise there are dangers to all road users but especially small children and the elderly. Our roads and footpaths are narrow which causes many hazards.



The main objective is to educate drivers to control their speed. This is monitored by sensors that detect the speed of approaching vehicles, this is then displayed to the driver from a roadside sign, if over the limit then it is expected that the driver will realise their error and adjust speed to within the limit. Persistent offenders will be notified to the police. We monitor all main roads in the town and recently have had sessions on roads that are made known to us from the public. Unfortunately not all roads are eligible because of blind spots. If you know of any problems then contact the local police who will pass on details. At the time of writing the number of sessions carried out is seven and early indications show the system works. The speed limit in Cotgrave is 30MPH this now includes Hollygate Lane from the new roundabout at the entrance to the new estate.

To help maintain and increase the number of sessions carried out it would benefit the team if we could recruit more volunteers. If you feel this could interest you then please contact Cotgrave Police on 101 ext 811 6711 who will then put you in touch with the team.

Harry Burrows
Cotgrave Community Road Safety Team Co-ordinator

COTGRAVE COMMUNITY WEB SITE THE WAY FORWARD



In 2011 the old Cotgrave web site had become dated and difficult to moderate so Cotgrave Town Council sought the services of a local company, Village Green Networks, to design and build a new web site. In Spring of that year the Cotgrave Community web site was born. It has remained active since then and to date has over 800 members. Since its start date the site has been run and moderated by local people, the members. It was paid for by the town council. Unfortunately, earlier this year Cotgrave Town Council decided not to fund the site any further.

Ownership of the site has reverted back to Village Green Networks and sponsorship has been gained from Barratts and David Wilson Homes who will fund the site for the next 5 years.



The web site moderators at the new launch.
Back row Sally Ward VGN, Harry Burrows and
Russ Hamer site moderators
Front row Barratts and David Wilson Homes Sales and
Marketing team.

Administration is by the members. This is where you come in. Are you a member? If so then your views are needed to shape the site for the future. All new ideas will be discussed to take the site forward. The traders section of the site was well used by local businesses but unfortunately lapsed because of the applications providers who ceased trading. It is planned to start this section again as soon as possible. This will benefit local people who are looking for a local service. Remember this site is run by the people (members) for the people.

Have a look at the web site and join here.
www.cotgravecommunity.com for further details contact

Harry Burrows
Web Site Moderator
harryburrows1951@gmail.com

Breakfast with Santa at
Serendipity's Day Nursery, in Cotgrave (NG12 3JG)
Sunday 13th December 2015, 9am - 12 Noon
 £10 per child (includes a gift from Santa) and £5 per adult.
Must book early to avoid disappointment, limited spaces
available
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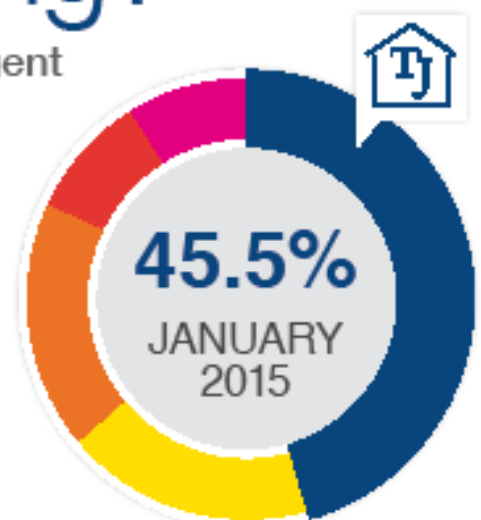
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Minister: Revd. Janet Tanner 01949 836259

Cotgrave Methodist Church



We meet at 10.30am every Sunday with a good mix of contemporary worship and traditional Hymns. On the 2nd Sunday of every month we have an All age service where the children stay in for all of the service and take part in different activities, songs and fun together as a family.

On the other Sundays the children stay in for a time of worship and then Junior Church go into the hall for bible fun and craft activities. This is for all children aged 3 upwards to about year 7.



Art & Craft Group

Every Tuesday at 1.30-3pm

(NOT over Christmas weeks 22nd or 29th)

Have you always wanted to have a go at painting, drawing, or sewing, or other crafts. This group is a relaxed way to give it a go just for fun whilst having a chat and cuppa.

Do you spend a lot of time on your own in the house? Then why not give this group a go, all abilities welcome!

Call Lynda on 9894670 for further info.



This group is for anyone interested in arts or crafts, beginners or experts!



Charity

Coffee Morning

Sat 5th December,

Sat 2nd January &

Sat 6th February

10.30am till 12noon
Come and join us for refreshments and a chat.

All Welcome.



Men's Breakfast

Please join us at 9.45 am on the third Saturday of the month in the Community Hall. All men welcome.

Enjoy a chat and a cooked breakfast, all for £1

Bible studies class @ 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave

Tuesday 7.30pm 8th, 22nd December, 5th & 19th January & 2nd & 16th February



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

Cotgrave Methodist Church Weekly Youth Programme



Breakfast with GOD

Christian breakfast fellowship group
Sunday's 9-10am at Grannies Tea Shop
(every week)

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 whilst enjoying a sausage sandwich.



Clay Frog

Cotgrave Youth Fellowship Group

Monday's 6-8pm in Church

(Breaks for school Christmas Holidays)

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

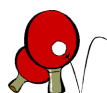
BU!

(Contact Simon Foulds for info)

Sundays 6-8pm in Church

Christian youth group for years 10, 11 & 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.



TRANSFORM - year 6 youth club

(Breaks for school holidays)

Wednesday's 3.30-5pm in The Community Hall—behind the Church

At **TRANSFORM** we have lots of fun playing games; being creative with art and Crafts; and socialise with friends old and new.

the group' years 7, 8, & 9 youth club
 (breaks for school holidays)
 Wednesday's 5.30—7pm in
 The Community Hall—behind the Church

'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.

Friday 18th December, 15th January & 19th
 February @ 2.30pm Eaton Park Care Home,
 Owthorpe Road, Cotgrave

We meet at the care Home on the 4th Friday in
 the month. Service led by Revd. Janet Tanner.
 All Welcome.

Mobile: 07941 955 985 or Email: simon.foulds@yahoo.co.uk

Also for information about any of the groups please feel free to contact the Minister Rev Janet Tanner on
 01949 836259 or email on revjantan@aol.com www.cotgravemethodist.wix.com/cotgrave-methodist



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5th December

10:30am-2pm



"A Christmas Journey"



Coffee Mornings

Saturday 12th December
 & Saturday 19th December

10:30am-12 noon

Begin your Christmas Journey with us!
 Contemporary visuals, Craft
 activities, Nativity displays and lots of
 trees!

Lights lunches available from 12 noon,
 mince pies and a cuppa anytime. Gifts,
 Cakes and Tombola and much more ...

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve 7pm

Carol Service



Christmas Day

9.30am

Raising Funds for the Opening Doors
 Community Engagement Project



Have you a birthday party coming up?

Why not book the community Hall (behind the Methodist Church)
 Call Eileen Taylor on 0115 9893784 to check for church hall
 availability

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

Church Wardens:
Gordon Marsh 0115 9899930
Sheila Astill 0115 9892844

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

Thursday 7.30 am Eucharist/10 am Eucharist
9.15am Cotgrave Church of England Primary School
Service in Church (term time)

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 us 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

CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday evenings in Church beginning at 7pm. Come and join us, no experience necessary.



BELLRINGING PRACTICE

Friday evenings in Church beginning at 7.45pm. Open to all, with a warm welcome to those who wish to try ringing for the first time.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 29th November 5pm

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



Christingle

BRING A BAUBLE!

Saturday 12th December

Drop in between 10am to 12 noon.

Help us to 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 13th 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday 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

Friday 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 Country Park

The final part of the year sees the onset of winter within the park. The first three seasons have been challenging in view of the fact that we have had to put up with disruption from the building development. A lot of water from the site had to be got rid of which meant the running of noisy pumps which were necessary to send the water through the park and onwards towards the river. Noise has been difficult to accept by park users who are used to quiet and solitude when walking there. However, this type of work has now come to an end and also the construction of the filter bed in Heron Lake has been completed. I hope you can now return to enjoy the park as you know it.

Work has continued throughout the year by our trusty team of volunteers and although the biggest part of the work was cosmetic in dealing with overgrown areas without this mundane type of work things would soon get out of hand. Many thanks to them for their help. Wildlife within the park seems to continue unaffected although the fishing club are having an endless fight with Cormorants. There have been more Mallards seen on the lake than ever. Leaky Hollow saw the construction of a fenced off section of water. This was to preserve an area to attract waterfowl and other wildlife. It had some success in the first year by attracting Mallards and a pair of Coots who hopefully managed to breed there. The Hollygate Lane car park surface is now complete but the landscaping is under a planned landscaping scheme by Barratts and David Wilson Homes so will take a little longer to complete.



At the beginning of the year we, under the banner of Nottingham County Council, introduced a volunteer warden scheme to the park. The wardens came forward to help within the park and work to provide an enjoyable experience to park users. They are clearly visible in their FoCCP tabards. Please just say hello or ask any questions you may have. One of their roles is to keep the park clear of litter. Can I please ask that you take all litter home and that dog owners dispose of poo bags in the bins provided. Talking of dogs it's pleasing to see the number of dogs using the dog pool and in talking to owners the comments are very favourable. For those who were concerned about water quality, I'm pleased to say that the water is checked on a regular basis by the Environment Agency and has a clean bill of health.

By the time you read this we will be into winter. The autumn colours of reds and golds will be over and the park will take on a new look, especially after snow. It would be nice to see your photos of the park during this season. If you are members of the community web site you can upload them under the photographic section on there. You can join the community web site here. www.cotgravecommunity.com Have you any thoughts or ideas you would like to discuss or put forward about the park. You are welcome to attend our friendly, informal meetings held every 6 weeks at Cotgrave Futures. Dates and times are announced on the Community Web site or details from the number below.



**That just leaves me to add a collage of
autumn colours**

Wrap up warm and continue to enjoy the park.
Harry Burrows, FoCCP Chairman, 0788421188

TWO NEW BUS ROUTES

Nearly three years ago Cotgrave had a daily bus service to Bingham. This was a subsidised service by NCC and it was one of a small number of rural routes that were scrapped because of council cutbacks. After the route closed the only way you could then get to Bingham was by getting the Cotgrave Connection to West Bridgford and changing to the Bingham Express because Trent/Barton wouldn't allow the Express to stop at Holme House. Not an ideal option.



Now a new hourly bus route is available which has replaced the old No. 22 bus. It is being run by Trent/Barton and is under the name of Rushcliffe Greens and the route No. is V2. Rather a long route via some of the villages in The Vale. However the route does open up options other than Bingham. Running hourly it comes into Cotgrave along Plumtree Rd at 13 mins past the hour at the Mensing Ave stop. Goes via Owthorpe Rd, Ringleas, Colston Gate and out along Hollygate Lane. Hopefully it will be of benefit to Cotgrave. To ensure the future of the route it needs to be used. Remember, Bingham market day is Thursday.

Another new bus route No 853 is being run by Nottm County Council. This is Cotgrave to Radcliffe on Trent. It leaves from Candleby Lane to Owthorpe. Colston Bassett, Cropwell Bishop and Butler, Upper Saxondale then on to Radcliffe. A long route to Radcliffe of some 44 mins but it will be handy for the other villages mentioned. Unfortunately at this moment in time it is limited to 3 buses daily. Starting from Candleby Lane opposite the school at 9.55 - 11.25 and 13.25

COLSTON BASSETT, OWTHORPE AND COTGRAVE COMMUNITIES 'REMEMBER'



In 2015 Remembrance Sunday fell on 8 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 excellent turnout. In Cotgrave over 100 members of the uniformed organisations marched with CBOC Royal British Legion 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. Mrs Christine Goldstraw OBE 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 Union Flag bearer, who this year was Rebecca Pick, a senior member of the Cotgrave Scouts.

Later 70 members of CBOC Branch and their friends enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club.



The Cotgrave War Memorial with Wreaths.
Picture by Don Gregory.



COTGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch is pleased to report the crime levels in Cotgrave remain low. Unfortunately of late there has been an increase. Given that figures have been so low for many months an increase was perhaps expected at some point.

Earlier in the year the PCC, Paddy Tipping, announced that to save money there would have to be a 25% reduction in the amount of local PCSO's across the county. CNHW have voiced our concerns over this and what effect it could have on our local crime rates. Unfortunately, we believe the decision stands and only time will tell what effect this will have. It is for this reason that we will all have to be more vigilant and we will have to start looking out for one and other. We need to support the police and use our eyes and hear to help them out.

It is for these reasons that CNHW is looking to expand its coverage. We do have 30% coverage of the town but that leaves 70% not covered. It is this figure that we wish to address.

So what is NHW?

NHW is a partnership where people come together to make their communities safer. It utilises the Police, Community Safety departments of local authorities, other voluntary organisations **and, above all, individuals and families who want to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.** It aims to help people protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the fear of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the police and by fostering a community spirit.

NHW is a proven system and is shown nationwide to be an effective deterrent to control crime on a local basis. Neighbours in the scheme are the best people to know what goes on in their street. They are the eyes and ears of what happens and can see if something is not right. This information can then be fed through to their local street co-ordinator who will then inform the police. However if a crime is in progress then 999 should be called.

Neighbourhood Watch has a group listing on the Community web site and anything to note is loaded onto there. This does mean however that you need to be a member to use the site. Go to www.cotgravecommunity.com for details.

So how do you go about starting a scheme or if you are new to the area, joining an existing one. All streets in CNHW will have a plaque attached to a lamppost at the entrance to the street you may also see stickers in front windows.



This will tell you a site exists; it's then just a matter of finding the street rep. If you have no sign then you are not in the scheme. It is then time to start one up. The scheme co-ordinators will give you all the help you need to start up. That's basically all there is to it. There is very little work after the initial set up. With residents providing you with email details they will be able to receive any news or police alerts by this method. For those not on email you will receive quarterly newsletter. To those who are in a scheme we have lost street reps that have moved away. If you haven't heard or seen your street rep or have not received newsletters then please get in touch and steps will be taken to put this right.

Like everywhere Cotgrave will be affected by these cuts to police budgets. It makes sense to look after ourselves as much as possible. Join NHW now.

For more details of the scheme and how to join please contact the number below.

Harry Burrows
CNHW Scheme Co-ordinator
Tel 07884281188

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Marmite; you either love it or you hate it. You could say that The Rock Church services are a bit like Marmite. With its vibrant, edgy and energetic style, it usually has the same response from people who try them.

November 2015 sees The Rock extend its influence from its existing location in West Bridgford to its additional venue at Candleby Lane School. Along with an expected serving of worship and preaching, it delivers in its own way, something lively, fun and a bit loud, all in a welcoming and warm environment.

The Rock Church has a desire not just to be a Sunday morning gathering but to serve the community. And not just on their own, but

alongside the other three churches as well. It's a heart thing. They just love Jesus and love to show it. The Rock Church believe Christians should be enthusiastic in all areas of life, both in the church and outside too, so they are looking forward to getting stuck in to Cotgrave life wherever they can.

The leaders of The Rock aren't under any illusion that they are better than any other church and they know that 'charismatic' is not the only way. "We're just another type of fruit in God's fruit bowl" explains Alistair Kent, Senior Minister alongside his wife Kate, "adding a different expression of worship for the local people to experience". The Rock hopes to add something extra for the people of Cotgrave, especially those with no or little connection with Christianity.

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Some of the staff and volunteers from the Dove Cottage Shop on Main Street got together one evening to show off some of the lovely items for sale there.

All the outfits, shoes, jewellery and handbags can be purchased from the shop. New stock is put out daily so its well worth a visit - especially with Christmas fast approaching.

Help support the Dove Cottage Day Hospice while enjoying some retail therapy!



Cotgrave Playdays

Approximately fifteen years ago a group of women came into the welfare where I worked at the time and asked if the club had a room free of charge for a group to meet, primarily women, to provide holiday activities for children. Thus Cotgrave Playdays was born.

The organisation has suffered mixed fortunes but has by and large survived through the dedication of a small number of dedicated volunteers. I won't name names because anyone who gets missed out feels it but let's just say "You know who you are."

Sadly Playdays has reached another one of those times when the small band of dedicated volunteers have to move on. Playdays had its final session on Thursday 29th October. Or has it? Hopefully we can find enough people to carry it forward. Anyone interested in becoming part of this brilliant organisation should contact me through Cotgrave Town Council.

Finally thank you to all of the volunteers through the years but especially the parents, guardians and carers and last but certainly not least, the children whose behaviour has been a credit to themselves, Cotgrave and their families.

Drew Wilkie



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Bingham Library**



Cotgrave Town Centre Communication Event

Thank you to all those who took the time to come and see the proposed plans for the Town Centre at our event on 23 and 24 September at Cotgrave Futures. Around 260 local residents and business owners attended over the 2 days and around half of those provided feedback on what they currently use the precinct for, what they would like to see in the town centre and any general comments they have on the plans.

The majority of people that responded said they use the precinct at the moment for the health centre and pharmacy.



Residents said that they would like to see a supermarket or frozen food shop in the town centre. They also wanted a town centre that was open, attractive, felt safe and with some green space.

There are still a number of elements that need to come together for progress to be made. One of the main ones of these is a decision on whether to refurbish the existing units or to rebuild them. There are implications for each and the community event provided the opportunity for the partners to outline those to the community.

The Cotgrave Strategic Board and Rushcliffe Borough Council Cabinet in December will consider both options, the feedback and business cases and a decision regarding which option should be progressed we hope will be made in December.

If you did not get chance to attend the event you can see the displays on Rushcliffe Borough Council's website:

<http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business/whycometorushcliffe/cotgravetowncentre/>

Pre-apprenticeship training course and local success

Central College Nottingham is running a pre-apprenticeship training course in early 2016. This is for anyone who is interested in an apprenticeship or a career/employment in construction and wants to find out a little more about what is involved. This is a six-week course based at Central College's Beeston Centre.

In the last edition of Connections we wrote about two local young people who had secured apprenticeships with Barratts, they both completed the pre-apprenticeship course which we ran last year with the college. Shaun Cowell, a Cotgrave resident and one of the students, has since been 'Commended' in the Youthbuild UK 2015 Young Builder of the Year Awards, after Central nominated him earlier in the year. The UK-wide awards, now in their sixteenth year, celebrate the achievements of young people who have overcome personal barriers to train and work for the construction industry.

If you would be interested in putting your name down for the course please visit the Cotgrave Ready4Work Club, which takes place every Wednesday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm at Cotgrave Leisure Centre. Alternatively please call Caroline Saxton on 0115 9148 572 or email her csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk



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(Ofsted, May 2013)



New School takes shape

The rebuilding of South Nottinghamshire Academy in Radcliffe-on-Trent has begun to take shape with the structure of the new building now in place. Our new facility is planned to open in September 2016.

The building is a three-storey finger block design which meets the educational needs of the current students and future generations. General and practical teaching spaces have been organised in suites with a sense of identity, but allowing some variation in the range of spaces.

The new build is efficient and provides a dining space which is a central focus to the school and this, in conjunction with the hall and drama space, for after-school events.

The only existing facilities that will remain are the artificial floodlit pitch, tennis courts and the sports hall, with the latter receiving a significant refurbishment. All of which are still available to hire for events. Once complete, the new building will provide the school with a long-lasting, modern-day facility that will enhance students' educational experience and be an asset to the local community.

Mr Philpotts added "We look forward to being able to get inside the new facility and begin to build on the success of the South Nottinghamshire Academy, in what is a very exciting future that lies ahead."

The academy is delighted with our year 13 results which are our best ever at A2. We had a number of students received excellent collections of results such as A*AA and we are very pleased that students secured the pathways of their choice. A student gained a full scholarship for Northwestern University USA and students gained top Russell Group Universities places at Durham, Leeds and Birmingham. We are extremely proud of all our Sixth Form students for their hard work and dedication. Their results are well deserved and for their hard work and dedication. Their results are well deserved and we wish them all the luck in their future.



Cotgrave Candleby Lane School



We have had a very busy half term and have been working hard on inspiring our children and making the learning fun and exciting. We are always thinking about how we can involve the school community in learning and we have hosted a number of Learning Showcases where the parents and carers are invited to come into school for the afternoon to find out what has been happening. The format varies but we have had art galleries, presentations, performances and a film afternoon – popcorn included! A further element of community involvement has been our Cake and a Smile afternoon. The children felt they wanted to say thank you to their grandparents so they put together some songs and performances to entertain them whilst they drank tea and ate cake! It was a wonderful afternoon where they entertained over 100 people! There were some opportunities to share some stories of school and we met the old caretaker of the school who is 91 and was amazed how much the school has changed. The children have also been thinking about the community beyond the school and through our harvest collection were able to make a huge contribution of food to the Friary Drop in centre in West Bridgford. Before Christmas the children are working on filling shoe boxes to send as Christmas gifts to children and poorly adults in Eastern Europe as part of the Love in a Box appeal. We have had some very thoughtful and generous donations so far and if you have anything you would be willing to donate please contact the school office.

If you are interested in finding out what is happening at school then please give us a call or pop in to the office.

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 13th 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. 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



Retirement of long serving employee at Cotgrave Welfare

Ken Batey started working at Cotgrave Welfare in 1972, and has recently had to retire due to ill health and in his honour they have renamed to Belvoir Suite as the "The Ken Batey Suite". Ken is well known for his many duties, including tidying up the Welfare grounds and setting up the concert hall for various events.



He also enjoyed spending most of his free time exploring England by train, in spite of his special needs. Ken is now living in sheltered accommodation in Mansfield.

Cotgrave Welfare members presented Ken with a 40" television for his long service to the Cotgrave Welfare Scheme.

To celebrate another year of Positive Futures we held our 5th and penultimate celebration event at Trent Bridge.

It was great to see the support from Councillors, parents and young people from Cotgrave.

The photos show the amazing turn out we had, the interaction between all our partners and young people and shows our young people and Callum speaking to the audience about their experiences and how Positive Futures has supported them.

For more pictures please see our Facebook page @ Positive futures Cotgrave.

Among the guests were, Lisa Pursehouse Chief Executive Officer Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, Mick Newel Director of Cricket Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, Professional Cricketers Jake Libby / Brett Hutton, Mayor and Mayoress of Rushcliffe, Volunteers Daniel & Natalie White, Ready 4 Work Volunteer Angela Brookes and Councillors from across the Rushcliffe Borough.



Report from Callam Pharoah, Positive Futures Apprentice

Throughout the summer Positive Futures has staged many activities for young people. We have put on sport sessions, youth sessions, trips and even a residential. In cotgrave there have been 61 young people attending our 9 sessions giving a total of 106 attendances.

These sessions consisted of sport and youth activities. We also took 8 young people from Cotgrave on a residential, 4 from Cotgrave to Mablethorpe, 5 from Cotgrave to ice skating and finally 5 from cotgrave to our mega mash up. All in all it was a very successful summer for Positive Futures and for the young people of cotgrave.

During half term our October programme in Cotgrave delivered two sport sessions and a gym session with 30 young people attending, this was a partnership with the Cotgrave Young People's Youth Team.

I now deliver sessions in Cotgrave, including a gym session on a Friday and supporting CCLS by providing 3 additional lunchtime sessions a week in which I will be delivering a range of sports including rowing and table tennis. I will also be supporting Candleby Lane School by assisting with their after school boxing club for the year 5's and 6's.



As for me, I have now completed my 6 week level 2 Gym Instructor course and am awaiting my results. I also delivered a speech at our celebration event to over 100 people, which after the nerves inside me calmed, went very well. It was great to meet the local Councillors that supported us on the night. Finally, I have also recently applied for a moped loan from Wheels to Work to help me get to all of the sessions I attend easier and should hopefully be getting this next month.

I thank everyone in Cotgrave for the opportunity you have given me and I will continue giving back to the community as much as I can.

For more information on myself and Positive Futures progress, and to keep up to date on our Facebook page, Positive futures Rushcliffe.

Thank you

Callum

Positive Futures Rushcliffe Apprentice.

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The Chairman's Report Winter 2015

The months have passed and a lot has happened in Cotgrave. I was pleased to see Rushcliffe unveil possible options for Cotgrave Precinct and to listen to the views of the community. It is important that we recognise that no decision to date has been made as to how the precinct will be shaped, but both myself and my fellow Town Councillors have made our views known, we wish for a full redevelopment of the precinct in a managed phased approach to ensure business continuity. We wish for the outdated precinct to be brought into the 21st Century to attract growth, business, jobs and prosperity to Cotgrave but at the same time this needs to be in a phased approach to ensure that the existing businesses have the opportunity to continue their trade.

I was pleased to attend the Positive Futures award ceremony on the 30th September, and see the hard work and dedication Mark Clifford and his team have undertaken to assist in the development of the young people of Cotgrave and surrounding communities. It was good to see that Callum Pharoah was growing into his role as an apprentice within Positive Futures and gave a passionate speech about how he had developed into this role.

I was inspired to hear how Angela Brookes and fellow volunteers had made a vital difference to Cotgrave with the Job Club, they have assisted hundreds of residents in applying for jobs, training, completing CVs etc. All valuable work which has resulted in many residents employment. The benefits have been clearly seen and resulting in the volunteer scheme being expanded to Bingham.

On Sunday 8th November I attended the Remembrance Service at All Saint's Church in Cotgrave, the turnout was tremendous with residents young and old marking their respect to those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The uniformed services in Cotgrave were a true credit to their march and guard of honour.

The Town Council has been busy undertaking a review of all park facilities within Cotgrave to formulate a strategic plan for the future of Cotgrave's outdoor recreational facilities. Consultation will take place shortly and I encourage as many residents as possible to get involved and help shape the future of Cotgrave's facilities.

As ever, I and my fellow Councillors are always available to speak to residents, to hear your suggestions and concerns, and I encourage you to make contact.

Councillor Keir Chewings
Chairman, Cotgrave Town Council

Citizenships Awards 2015

Cotgrave Town Council had received a nomination on behalf of Mrs Mary Gadd of Cotgrave's Women's Institute, for a Citizenship Award for her long and committed service to the WI and to the community of Cotgrave.



Mary has been a member of Cotgrave's WI for over 60 years and has helped to maintain the viability of the group. The WI have said *"Mary has given unstinting service to the community and has helped in providing the women of Cotgrave with invaluable social and educational opportunities"*.

In honour of Mary Gadd's achievement, Cotgrave Town Council also asked if she would do the honour of switching on the Christmas Tree lights at the event held on Friday 27th November.

Council had also decided to present a further Citizenship Award to the Women's Institute as a group, for providing a group for a long service and their contributions to Cotgrave.



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10	8	-	9	14	11	9	13	10	9	13	11

Notes:

- Meetings of the Council take place on the second Wednesday evening of every month (except for the month of August) at 7.00pm and are held in the Meeting Room of Cotgrave Futures Building, Candleby Lane, Cotgrave.
- Agendas are published on the Council's notice boards and in the Library prior to meetings. Members of the public and 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.
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