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#### Friday 29th April 2016

**Cotgrave Connections** Cotgrave Town Council Cotgrave Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave Nottingham, NG12 3PJ

Tel: 0115 9893876 Fax: 0115 9890439 Email: connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk

### Cotgrave Safari Sale 2016



Safari sales are planned for the following dates:-

Saturday 23rd April

Saturday 23rd July

Saturday 17th September

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. It's that simple.

If you are interested in having a stall, or want more information regarding Safari Sales you can contact Lou Attewell on 07967 386076 or call into Lou's on the shopping centre.

### A Holiday Club for children aged between 5 and 11 will be run by volunteers from All Saints Church at the Church School



Wednesday 6 April to Sunday 10th April Between 10 and 12.25 am

It is Free!!!

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

# 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!!



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#### **Burnside Memorial Hall**



The Burnside Memorial Hall in Plumtree is an excellent venue for meetings, children's and/or family parties, wedding receptions, christening celebrations, clubs, classes and special events.

For full details, visit the Burnside Hall page of the Plumtree Village website at

www.plumtreevillage.org.uk

To hire the Hall, please contact Mike Clark on

0115 989 4443 (daytime) 0115 937 4915 ((evenings) or email mike@ag-chemdry.co.uk



# Cotgrave Neighbourhood Policing Team

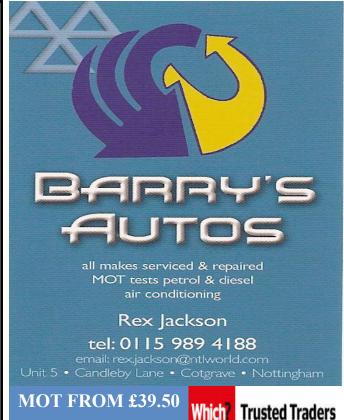
The Cotgrave Neighbourhood Policing Team work from the Candleby Lane contact point. We are there to address local issues and concerns. Partnership working over the last 7 years has seen crime and anti social behaviour reduce by 80% making Cotgrave a much safer place to live and work.

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:

- <u>Crimestoppers</u> 0800 555 111
- Website: www.nottinghamshirepolice.uk
- Phoning 101
- Email me scott.redgate@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.

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

You will meet new people and enjoy speaker subjects.

Please contact 0115 9892528 for a chat and for more details or visit on the third Monday of each month.

7.30pm at the Scout & Guide Hall, Chapel Lane, Cotgrave



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The Birches Owthorpe Road Cotgrave Nottingham NG12 3PA







### LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE. LIVE IT!

#### **1st Cotgrave Scout** Group



We meet every Thursday or Friday in term time at the Scout and Guide Hall on Chapel Lane, Cotgrave.

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

Cubs (8-10  $\frac{1}{2}$  yrs) @ 6.30 till 8 pm on Thursdays

Scouts (10 1/2 yrs- 14 yrs) 7.30-9 pm on Fridays

First week FREE for new comers.

Why not come along and see what we do?

Call the leaders on 0770 8598915 for more information

Every child has a right to an adventure

#### Vale of Belvoir **Ramblers** Join us for a Walk

Do you like walking and would like to walk with a group? We are a friendly group who enjoy the • fresh air and company. We walk in the local area and in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. We have a walk every week, usually on a Sunday. The walks vary in length and are always led by one of our experienced walk leaders.

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/







### THANK YOU and WELL DONE



Dear members of the Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave communities,

I write on behalf of the Committee of the CBOC Branch of the RBL to express my gratitude and thanks for your enormous generosity over the 2015 Remembrance period.

**Firstly** thank you to Mary Myles, Peter McLaughlin, Ray Brown, Suzi McCullouch, and Chris Cockayne for organising the collections. **Secondly** thank you to the businesses, shops, pubs, cafes, schools and churches which allowed us to place collection boxes on their premises. **Thirdly** thank you to the 37 members of CBOC Branch and the Army Cadets who spent many hours distributing and returning boxes, calling house to house and standing with collection boxes in the Coop, Sainsburys and, this year for the first time, Morrisons. **Lastly** to the countless members of our wonderful community who donated more money that ever before.

# The final collection total of £8448 was the most we have ever collected and was quite outstanding.



Yours, Most Sincerely John Ludlam, CBOC Chairman





# Balloons By Log



Mobile: 07967 386 076

Weddings

Gift Ideas

Balloon Release

Christenings



Corporate Events

parties



Unit 5, The Precinct, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3JQ









Thinking of moving?

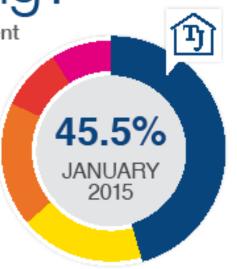
Contact your local market leading Estate Agent

Thomas James, the Estate Agent with more sold signs than any other agent.

Thomas James was the estate agent with the highest number of sold signs in Cotgrave. Based on data independently collected by For Sale Sign Analysis.

#### Visit our team at...

Corner Cottage, 4 Bingham Road, Cotgrave, Nottingham NG12 3JR
Tel: 0115 989 9757 Email: cotgrave@tjea.com Web: www.tjea.com
Offices also located in Nottingham City Centre and Ruddington.



#### 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

We meet in the Methodist Community Hall (behind the Methodist Church) Every Tuesday at 1.30-3pm

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.



Charity
Coffee Morning
Sat 5th March
Sat 2nd April &
Sat 7th May
10.30am till 12noon
Come and join us for
refreshments and a
chat.

All Welcome.

# 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 availability.

<u>Bible studies class</u> @ 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave Tuesday 7.30pm 1st, 15th & 29th March, 12th & 26th April, 10th & 24th May



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 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!

(Breaks for school holidays)

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, 4 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.

For more information about the youth group activities please contact Simon Foulds, Community Youth Evangelist on:-

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

Care Home Service
Friday 18th March, 22nd April &
27th May
@ 2.30pm Eton Park Care Home

Owthope Road, Cotgrave

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

Quiz Night
Saturday 23rd April
7-9 pm

£5 with Buffer Supper Question Master -Phil Wall

> To book your place, please contact Mavis Gibson on 0115 9335301



Teams of 4 people, either come as a team or join others on the night.

# Gift Day Sat 5th March Cake Stall 10am—1pm 768 & Coffee

Come and join the fun at our family open day, we have a Wii challenge, table tennis and pool and much more .....



Raising funds for the Opening Doors Community Engagement Project at Cotgrave Methodist Church.



Bacon Roll

Wii Challenge

#### ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, COTGRAVE



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. Further details please contact us c/o The Rectory. Tel: 0115 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.



#### RESIDENTIAL HOME SERVICE

Every third Tuesday in the month, 2.15pm at Eton Park Care Home.

#### **EVENTS**

#### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

On Tuesday 9th February beginning at 7pm we will be having a Pancake Party in Church. Tickets (only available in advance and not on the door) are £3 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**

10th February 7.30pm—Eucharist & imposition of ashes for the beginning of the Season of Lent.

#### **LENT COURSE**

Our next series of meetings in Lent feature the film "The King's Speech." The purpose of this course could be summed up in the words of the King's speech therapist: "To give them faith in their voice and let them know a friend is listening." The course provides five group sessions using the film as a starting point along with personal weekly reading exploring more fully the issues raised, and Bible readings to root it in Christian values. Through study of this film and related issues we are seeking to answer the personal question of finding our Christian voice.

Our meetings are as follows:

Wednesday Feb 17th Showing of "The King's Speech" at Hickling Village Hall 7pm-9.15pm.

Wednesday 24th at All Saints' Cotgrave 7-8pm
"Overcoming Fear"

Wednesday 2nd March St Luke's Kinoulton 7-8pm
"Finding what our voice is"

Wednesday 9th March All Saints' Cotgrave 7-8pm
"The need for perseverance"

Wednesday 16th March St Luke's Kinoulton 7-8pm
"The gift of encouragement"

Please contact the Rector if you are interested in participating.

#### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**



On Sunday 6th March at our 10.30am service we 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**

#### 20th March Palm Sunday

8.00am - Eucharist 10.00 am - Eucharist with blessing and distribution of

> Palm Crosses 6.00pm - Evening Worship

#### 21st March Monday of Holy Week

9.00am - Eucharist 7.30pm - Compline

#### 22nd March Tuesday of Holy Week

9.00am - Eucharists 7.30pm - Compline

#### 23rd March Wednesday of Holy Week

9.00am - Eucharists 7.30pm - Compline

#### 24th March Maundy Thursday

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

#### 25th March 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

#### 26th March Easter Eve

8.30pm - The Ceremonies of Easter Eve

#### 27th March Easter Day

8.00am - Eucharist 10.00am - Eucharist

#### 28th March Easter Monday

9am-12 noon - Breakfast @ All Saints





#### NEWS FROM SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ACADEMY

#### Year 11 Amber Eadie Success

More exciting news from our fantastic ice skaters. Over the weekend of 16/17th January, top teams from across the UK descended on the National Ice Centre, Nottingham, to compete at the British Synchronised Skating Championships. The annual competition saw over 700 individuals, comprising 58 teams ranging in age from 10 to 50 from all corners of the country, in Nottingham to compete for national glory. With an arena full of supporters and a thrilling atmosphere, the weekend proved to be a success for students from South Nottinghamshire Academy. All 6 teams from Nottingham won their categories with Amber Eadie from year 11 in the **British** 

Championships Mixed Age Category. Ambers's team won Gold during The British Championships and coupled with the fact that she is the team captain and her team are now the British Champions, the academy is very proud of her—I'm sure you all are too.



Mrs McCabe.

#### Ken Clarke

The Right Honourable Ken Clarke MP stopped by this month to deliver an open question and answer session to our sixth form students. Promising to cover the views from across the parties at Westminster and not only the Conservative ideas, Mr Clark spoke about his time in parliament and topical issues from around the world, before taking some questions from the floor. With a range of questions, from Mr Clarke's views on the current migrant crisis, to the role of *Angela Merkel* in Europe, it was a lively session. We look forward to his next visit.



#### Do you have any memorabilia about Cotgrave?

A group of interested members from both Cotgrave Local History Society and Cotgrave district U3A are currently engaged in researching the history of the village. Both groups have previously had presentations on aspects of Cotgrave and have visited sites associated with the village's history.

Readers may be aware of various events/activities that Cotgrave has endured throughout the centuries including the Saxon burial grounds, plague epidemic, changing fortunes/uses of churches, the Marl-pit extraction for Cricket ground use and more recently the rise and then demise of the Colliery in four decades.

The project is currently researching different interests about Cotgrave such as the Saxon connections, history of the churches, old street names, the generations of Cotgrave families, census information etc. In addition we are also attempting to gather the 'social history' of the village via the memories, photographs, stories and articles from/about local families.

This is a mammoth project to undertake and the task of gathering information and documentation requires many skills in order for the acquired material to be catalogued, verified (if possible) and stored (archived) for future reference or use by present and future generations.



The Market Cross

If anyone is interested in assisting in any way with this project be it word processing, transscribing information, copying documents/photographs, up-loading to a dedicated website, researching, censuses or local archives we would be very pleased to meet with you. Alternatively if anyone has material that they would like to donate or loan to the project but not be personally involved in the project that would still be fine.





Once the website is established you will be able to follow the progress and development as will people from around the world and this will hopefully 'open up' additional material from past residents of Cotgrave. Please contact either Paul Childs or Malcolm Baxter at the email address – <a href="CotgraveU3A@hotmail.com">CotgraveU3A@hotmail.com</a> or visit the website- www.cotgraveu3a@weebly.com



\*\*Saturday 9th July 2016\*\*

#### SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE - SAVE THE DATE

The Manvers Arms dedicated Charity for 2016 is Macmillan Cancer Research, with all monies raised going directly to Macmillan Nurses. Our aim is to raise awareness and funds for an allocated and different Charity each year.

At some point Macmillan has touched each and every one of our hearts in one way or another. Their dedication commitment and hard work is outstanding.

On **Saturday July 9th 2016** The Manvers Arms will be holding "Manvers Rocks".... Our very own mini Glastonbury in the heart of Cotgrave!!

This is going to be a great fun filled event for everyone starting at 3pm, full of live music, entertainment, BBQ, quizzes, raffles, children's entertainment and much more. We are in the process of setting this event up on The Manvers Arms Facebook page so keep eye out for further updates, including information on where you can purchase your £2.00 ticket.

This event is registered in accordance with guidelines laid down by Macmillan Cancer Support.



#### You'll always receive a warm welcome at Cotgrave Library!

We are open for:

- ♦ Sitting in a warm space
- ♦ Rattle, Rhyme & Roll Parent/Carer and baby/toddler session. Wednesdays term time between 2.30 and 3.00pm
- ♦ A quiet (ish!) sit down to read the daily local paper
- ♦ Use of a scanner
- Helping out with enquiries on local events and locations of facilities
- ♦ Use of wi fi
- ♦ Displaying posters of local events, concerts and courses
- ♦ Using the computer
- ♦ Basic computer courses
- ♦ Photocopying and printing \*
- ♦ Tea, coffee and hot chocolate \*
- ♦ Hire of DVD's \* (\* small cost applies)

And, of course, we do have something to do with books!

Look out for a Reading Chain that we are launching on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the library staff for further details.

Hope to see you all soon

Michelle, Anne, Carole and the rest of the library team!



# Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme Passengers needed

Do you need support to get from A to B?

Are you unable to use public or any other means of transport to make your journey? If so we are keen to hear from you.

Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme has an excellent, experienced and friendly team of volunteer drivers who live in Cotgrave. They use their own cars to help people get out and about locally, travel to surrounding villages, West Bridgford and Nottingham. Passengers can book to go shopping, to the hairdressers, visit friends and family in addition to bookings trips to the doctor, dentist or optician.

If you would like further information about how to join the transport scheme please contact Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Services on 0115 9699060 option 1.

Email:

transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk Website:







#### **FUND-RAISING CONCERT**

Αt

# All Saints Church Cotgrave In Aid of Ash Lea School

THE BELVOIR WASSAILERS, a male voice choir from the Vale of Belvoir, present a concert with songs from the musicals and movies

Music Director: Caroline Jones Accompanists: Jenny Walker & Emma Jarvis Also featuring Guest Soloist – Heather Walker Music pieces from the Harmonica, Saxophone and more

> Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 7.30 p.m.

(doors open at 6.45 p.m. – to be seated by 7.20 p.m.) Tickets £9 includes refreshments

Ticket Details Jonathan Carlton 07788413590 Ash Lea School 0115 9892744

Raffle: All Proceeds to Ash Lea School

www.ashlea.notts.sch.uk

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# HERE IT COMES AGAIN The COTGRAVE FESTIVAL

### SATURDAY 18 June, 11 am to 4pm

Dako Flying Angels, Mini Zoo, Big Bounce, Morris Men, Health Expo, Youth Zone, Classic cars and Bikes, Wheelbarrows, Cotgrave Cake Off, Bands, Singing, Dancing, Archery, Mini Golf, Antiques, Dog Show, Food and Drink, Stalls and much more.

Enter a Car or Motor bike!

Bake a Cake!

Show your Dog!

Decorate a Wheelbarrow!

Bring a Stall!

For more details keep checking on the Festival FACEBOOK Page and Cotgrave Community.Com



Also from Jane and Julie on 0115 9893876

Stall Name:	
Brief Description of Stall	
Stall Requirements (ie ground space rebring your own.	uired, tables). Please note gazebos will not be provided, but you ma
Contact Name:	Contact Number:

**Cotgrave Festival 2016 Stall Enquiry Form** 

Please return to:

Cotgrave Festival 2016, c/o Cotgrave Town Council, Cotgrave Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ

Telephone: 0115 9893876 Email cotgravefestival@hotmail.co.uk



# Cotgrave Country Park Chairman's Blog

The year has now come to an end in the park and the grounds are in a

dormant period. Much like me at this time of year. There isn't much to report in this edition so I've decided to include my chairman's report for 2015 which was given at the AGM in January.

You will hear mention in there of "Task Days, and Volunteer Wardens". These two items are vital to the basic running and upkeep of the park. If you have interests in the park and feel you can help with one or both of these duties then please don't hesitate to contact me. If there is anything you wish to discuss or any ideas you would like to put forward then you can either attend one of the meetings, held every six weeks, or contact me.

#### FoCCP CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR AGM 2015

Once again it gives me great pleasure in presenting my annual report as Chairman of FoCCP.

Over the past year we have had 9 meetings which have been attended on average by 13 members.

Firstly, thanks to my officers: Ernie Spencer – still adept at keeping minutes as well as his passion for other things in the park. His move and mingle fitness walks are still popular and he is a favourite with the pupils of Candleby Lane school when he takes them to the park on educational visits.

Yvonne Wilson is still keeping control of the funds whilst taking note of other goings on and keeping us on our toes with timely reminders of anything else we need to be aware of.

Lyn Domaine, Wildlife Officer never ceases to amaze me with her knowledge of what she spots in the park. She shows interest in all park wildlife and provides us with in depth information of her findings.

Lee Scudder, NCC Countryside Officer. Once again Lee comes up with new ideas to help refresh and maintain the park. His tasks days are attended by volunteers whom he trusts to carry out his ideas. Unfortunately, volunteering being just that means that some days aren't attended as much as others, With more volunteers we could do a lot more under his guidance. In total there were 20 task days. The main tasks over the past year were the completion of hedge laying and the final fencing off to Leaky Hollow. Hopefully the fenced area will produce the wildlife we are aiming for. An extra volunteer day was arranged by Boots PLC, who provided a team to start work on clearing the multi user route (old railway) of self set trees. Let's hope this is a good sign and that the MUR will now move on to its long awaited completion.

I would like to say a special thank you to Sue MacDonald NCC Community Liaison Officer who has been solely responsible for getting the volunteer warden scheme off

the ground. I believe she has shown a lot of keenness in steering this idea forward and it is now starting to reap rewards.

We now have 6 volunteer wardens who are a very worthy addition to the park. They go about their own duties of keeping the area tidy and enhancing the benefits of the park to those who use it. As volunteers they give up their time freely because of their interest in the park and should be commended for that. I'm sure they will keep up the good work for 2016.

The year started with the onset of the building of the housing estate. The first to be affected by disruption was the fishing club whose hobby was hampered by the civil engineering work that was carried out on Heron Lake by the developers. Although totally necessary, changes to part of the lake did seem to go on longer than promised. As a result the restocking of the lake with fish had to be put on hold.

May saw the departure of ex group chairman, Bryan Tansley who had chosen to spend his retirement by emigrating to Australia to be with his family. The month also saw a charity 10k cross country race. This was organised to raise funds for a local child who has Retts syndrome. The day was a success although weather conditions were appalling. The total sum raised was £8500 approx Thanks again to our country park wardens who gave their support with various duties on the day.

August saw another annual charity event. This time it was the turn of the fishing club who again had their annual fishing match to raise funds for Ash Lea School. The total raised was £ 1478, a truly remarkable effort. We mustn't forget that as well as this annual match some of the fishermen devote their own time to these special needs pupils from the school on outings to the lake where they teach them to fish.



Cotgrave Ladies Walking Club visit the park

In September members of West Bridgford U3A bird watching club spent a day in the park and they were encouraged by the ruggedness of the park and said they would return. Some of them didn't even know the park existed so now we have new visitors. It's surprising where visitors come from. Over the year I have spoken to people from as far away as Melton Mowbray, Loughborough and

even Edwinstowe, home of Sherwood Forest Park. The past year has been problematic in both a personal sense and other park situations. I had quite a lengthy lay off from the park because of an operation which made me feel less involved than I would have liked. The running of the park has not been without issues due to the building of the new housing estate. However, it now looks as though things are taking shape and there is a definite outline to the estate and the first residents moved in just before Christmas. This will no doubt bring bigger footfall to the park which may in itself bring some problems but in the main we need to embrace these new park users and the end of the year saw us looking at fresh ideas to make the park more user friendly. These ideas will be ongoing during the coming year. Use of the park is growing with different groups who visit. Amongst the biggest users are dog walkers and it is nice to see that the dog pool is well used, on one occasion it was used by 21 dogs. Other user groups are the Move and Mingle walking group led by Ernie, as mentioned earlier. Cotgrave Ladies walking club visit twice a week.

Bird watchers, cyclists, joggers, and horse riders all use the park on frequent basis. One of the biggest new groups that have grown in the last year are the R & D dog walking club and I understand that this is attracting dog owners from further afield than Cotgrave. All this should encourage us to move forward with new ideas. These will be discussed and acted on in the coming months.



#### R&D dog walkers visit the park

In November I attended a meeting of the newly formed Parks and Green Space project which is hoping to go nationwide with recruiting like minded groups such as FoCCP. Their aim is to set up an organisation which will bring together similar groups on a national basis. This meeting, hosted by Nottingham City Council, drew a large following of groups from the East Midlands. This is early days but does look encouraging as when established will hopefully provide an outlet for funding projects.

The Cotgrave Colliery Memorial is still ongoing. Two of the last meetings have seen us get involved with the art department of Nottingham Trent University. We are hopefully now at the stage of getting the students to help us design a memorable structure. Nothing has been done yet re funding, we need basic costs first.

December saw the wardens pay a visit to Pleasley Colliery and Country Park. We were shown around the colliery museum which has utilised the old winding houses. Their park is very fortunate to have been left these buildings and so many mining artefacts which with the help of Lottery funding have helped the park develop into a very successful tourist attraction for that area.

This year ended with a thank you from Nottinghamshire County Council in showing their appreciation to the volunteer wardens who all enjoyed Xmas lunch at the Rose & Crown.

And finally I wish to thank the members who attend these meetings and give their ideas and input to our country park and long may that continue.

I look forward to the year ahead and with your support we can continue make the park a place to enjoy.

Harry Burrows Chairman of FoCCP 07884 281188

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#### **Cotgrave Town Centre**

# £10.5m scheme for Town Centre Regeneration and new Employment Units on the colliery

Extra funding has been secured by Rushcliffe Borough Council to move ahead with plans to regenerate the town centre.

Improvements will include:

- A new multiservice centre will be built on Scotland Bank to house GPs, Police, Library, Rushcliffe Borough Council contact point and Cotgrave Town Council.
- Better landscaping so the shops can be seen from Candleby Lane.
- Shop units will be improved to provide a fresh new look and improvements will be made to the appearance of the back of the shops.
- Flats above the shop units will be converted in to a new business centre.
- There will be a new play area and grassed areas.
- 15 new industrial units will be built next to the existing units on Colliers Way.





Planning proposals will be submitted towards the end of summer 2016, and subject to approval, construction is planned to start towards the end of the year.

The plans are still dependent on some key factors including the approval of the GP's business case by NHS England and the Clinical Commissioning Group, formal agreements between partners, and the release of funding secured from the Local Enterprise Partnership. However, watch this space as we continue working on the designs and planning applications.

We will continue to engage with local businesses and residents via:

- Regular updates to your Rushcliffe Borough Councillors
- Town Council working group
- Cotgrave Connections magazine
- A dedicated web page on the Borough Council website to keep the local community informed see more here <u>www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/cotgrave</u>

If you are looking for new business premises please contact <a href="mailto:nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk">nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk</a>

If you would like any further information please contact <a href="mailto:csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk">csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk</a>

# Cotgrave Welfare Club

Serving The Community







# Something for Everyone

#### HERE ARE JUST A FEW REASONS TO COME & VISIT 'COTGRAVE WELFARE CLUB'

\* Free LIVE Entertainment Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 8pm

\* Cash Prize Bingo - Weds, Fri, Sat & Sun

\* Caterers Offering Light Snacks to 3 Course Meals and A Wide Menu to suit Your Party / Occasion Needs

\* Sports Bar with BIG SCREEN Action

\* Snooker & Pool Tables

\* Monday Quiz Nights

\* Kids & Family Room

\* Beer Garden & Kids Outdoor Play Area

\* Ken Batey Function Room & One of The Biggest & Best CONCERT ROOMS

In the Midlands/UK Available for Hire for Weddings, Funerals, Parties,

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\* Over 60's Young at Heart' Club Every Wednesday 9am – 10am

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# INSPECTORS PRAISE ACHIEVEMENTS OF COTGRAVE SCHOOL



Cotgrave Church of England Primary School is delighted with the outcomes from its recent Ofsted Inspection. The inspection took place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, when all outcomes were judged as 'good'. The inspection focused on leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare; outcomes for pupils and early years provision.

The inspection report particularly praised the good progress made by children throughout the school, the standards achieved in phonics, the quality of teaching, the children's behaviour, the caring nature of the school, the input of the school governors and the strong early years provision.





The school's commitment to swimming (pupils generally leave the school achieving a distance award of at least 1000 metres), their commitment to ensuring that the children gain an understanding of different religions and cultures (each child has the opportunity to visit a Mosque, a Mandir and a Synagogue, alongside visits to Christian places of worship) and their commitment to provide the children with three different residential experiences were all praised in the report: "The school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development well and is particularly committed to offering all of the

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils a week-long residential to one of three different locations each year. This impacts on their personal development, resilience, confidence and social skills and forms a platform for future topic work back in school. Pupils learn about living in modern Britain through assemblies, trips and visits to different places of worship. Their knowledge and sensitivity towards other cultures is well developed.

Three quotes stand out particularly from the report: "Teachers and supporting adults know precisely what pupils need to help them learn.", "Adults know every pupil and positive relationships encourage a harmonious and productive environment in every classroom." and "Pupils in all areas of the school show their impeccable manners and treat each other and staff with great courtesy and consideration."

These outcomes fully reflect the school's 'Outstanding' Section 48 inspection in 2014 when the inspector wrote: "Children love school; attendance is excellent and behaviour exemplary."



A full copy of the report can be found at www.cotgrave-pri.notts.sch.uk

### **COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL**

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#### **NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL**

# Election of a Town Councillor for the Ash Lea Ward - Election Result



The election was held on Thursday 21 January 2016.

Judith Ann Mileham has been duly elected as Councillor for the Ash Lea Ward.

With an electorate of 4112 residents, in Ash Lea, 547 ballot papers were returned, a turnout of 13.3%

#### **BROADMEER PLAY AREA**

Works have been carried out at Broadmeer Play Area to replace the old wooden perimeter around the bark pit containing the multi use equipment, that had become too damaged to repair.

The old wooden bording has now been replaced with a recycled plastic lumber, which is rot proof, impact resistant, and algae and moss resistant. This has an ultra low carbon footprint as it is made from recycled and recyclable waste. This will reduce maintenance costs.



### Cotgrave Town Centre Regeneration Working Group



A working group of Cotgrave Town Councillors has been formed to support Rushcliffe Borough Council and other partners in delivering major improvements to Cotgrave Town Centre.

Now that Rushcliffe Borough Council has decided on its preferred scheme, a decision which Cotgrave Town Council accepts without reservation, outline planning can now commence, with formal planning by July.

Be assured that as we go forward, consultation will take place, ensuring that all concerned will be given the opportunity to have some input into this major investment in our Town Centre.

The working group consists of Councillors: Helena Brumpton, Richard Butler, Pete Cousins, Callum Denham, Steve Gardner, Bill Handbury, Leo Healy, Christine Jeffreys, Ian Shaw and Vance Wood.

### THE COUNCIL OFFICE IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:-

Monday & Wednesday - 9.30am to 12.30pm Tuesday & Thursday - 1.30pm to 4.00pm Friday - by appointment only

Lunch: 12.30 pm - 1.00 pm

Appointments are available upon request by contacting the Administration Team at any other time (answer phone service available)

Tel: 0115 9893876 or email clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk

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#### Dates of Meetings 2015-16

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APR	MAY
10	8	-	9	14	11	9	13	10	9	13	11

#### Notes:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. The Town Clerk, can be reached by telephone on 0115 9893876, by fax on 0115 9890439 or by writing to her at the Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ.

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