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**COTGRAVE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER
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Cotgrave Church School News!

Over the past few months Cotgrave C of E Primary School has seen many significant events take place. The children have had fantastic opportunities to meet some important visitors and celebrate various events.



February ended with the opening of our new playground apparatus, which upgraded equipment that had served the school for many years on the school field. We were lucky enough to have Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke officially open the equipment (cut the ribbon and unveil the plaque) as the Member of Parliament for the area. Children enjoyed having the opportunity to meet Mr Clarke as well as local councillors, Richard Butler and Christine Jeffreys to celebrate the arrival of the equipment.



This term, three new governors have been appointed to our school Governing Body. Ceri Skinner and Emma Neil-Dwyer have joined the Governing Body as Foundation Governors (Church-appointed) and Miss Burpee has been brought onto the Governing Body as an Associate Member, reflecting her position as Senior Teacher.

Alongside the new appointments, the governing body received some sad news this term as Mr Peter Barclay announced his decision to step down from the position of Chair of Governors and from the Governing Body. Mr Barclay had served this school faithfully as a Governor since 1989, as Vice Chair from 1995 and as Chair of Governors from 1999. Mr Barclay had worked alongside four Head Teachers; five Deputy Head Teachers; served numerous roles and had overseen the appointment process for many members of staff. We will mark Mr Barclay's long and profound involvement with the school appropriately later in the year as grateful thanks are due. The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham will also be presenting Mr Barclay with a long service award.



In light of this development, the Governing Body has appointed Col. John Ludlam as the new Chair of Governors and Mrs Sue Hodgkinson as the Vice Chair. Both Col. John Ludlam and Sue Hodgkinson have had strong links with All Saints Church and our school for several years and we welcome them into their new posts in the governing body.



One of the first jobs of the new Chair of Governors and the Governing Body will be to oversee the conversion of the roof space above one of our current classrooms into a new classroom. This will provide much needed classroom accommodation and ensure that the high quality education recently identified by Ofsted continues as school roll grows. A grant for the work of £80,000 has been secured through Government funding for Voluntary Aided schools and school now has to find £8,000 to complete the work. £2,600 has already been pledged towards this target and fundraising events are planned for the coming terms to achieve the overall figure. Former pupils and friends of the school who wish to make their own donations to this cause can send cheques to the school (payable to **NCC Cotgrave C of E Pri SF**), make donations directly to the school office or support one of the fundraising events.

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First week **FREE** for new comers.

Why not come along and see what we do?

Call the leaders on 0770 8598915 for more information

Every child has a right to an adventure

Cotgrave Local History Project

Research into the past of Cotgrave is currently being undertaken by a number of interested individuals from the village exploring the names of streets, census information, the changing demographics, the occupations of village folk and their village houses over the decades/centuries.

A major part of the recent past is of course the Colliery from its initial geological investigation through the land development, to its full operational working and finally to its decline and eventual closure in 1993 along with numerous other collieries.

The Colliery at its peak had around 1200 employees but with less than 500 when it closed resulting in many many employees becoming redundant or taking early retirement. Most of these employees were miners relocated from collieries in the north of the UK starting a new life in what was once a small village in middle England.

The history of the Colliery and the social changes involving the miners and their families is an important part of our village history and needs to be recorded whether it be photographic, articles in local/national papers, mementoes of working life or just memories from former miners recalling their incidents of life at the pit.

We want to hear from you if you have anything to offer in this regard with the assurance that all information received will be respected and that any materials loaned will be returned.

Your involvement and recollections are vital in capturing this part of Cotgrave history and we would your participation.



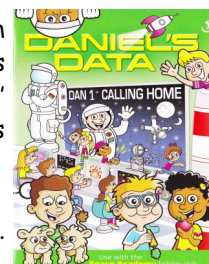
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SPACE ACADEMY MOVES TO COTGRAVE and TIM PEAKE 'LIKES' IT

This year All Saints Church Holiday Club was held in the C of E Primary school from Wednesday 6 April to Sunday 10 April. The Club was run by volunteers from all 3 Cotgrave churches and was attended by 30 primary school children. The Club was based on the Scripture Union course 'Space Academy' and followed the theme of the challenges met by Daniel: Forbidden Food (Healthy Eating), Mysterious Dream (Nightmare), Hand on the Wall (God's Graffiti) and In the Lions' Den (RSPCDaniel).



Each day there were games, songs, video stories about Daniel and lots of fun, biscuits and squash. children became Astro Os inventing telescopes, flying saucers, robots and lot of other spacey things. The major construction projects were the 3 space ships which started small and then grew and grew throughout the week. The Astro Os used more cardboard boxes, silver paper and sticky tale than Amazon. By the time they were ready to move from school to church on Saturday night the biggest space ship was 8 feet tall. Consequently the club decided to Tweet Tim Peake and warn him to watch out!



On Sunday the Space Academy took over the morning service at All Saints and everyone was treated to songs, readings, prayers, displays and presentations. The congregation joined in with the singing of the Space Academy theme song and did remarkably well. The 3 space ships had travelled from the school not by road but through the hole in the church roof will need repairing! They were on display with the 3 Asros Os who had piloted them so well and were now greeted by a tweet from Tim Peake 'Liking' the project.



Cotgrave Safari Sale 2016



Safari sales are planned for the following dates:-

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.

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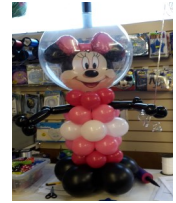
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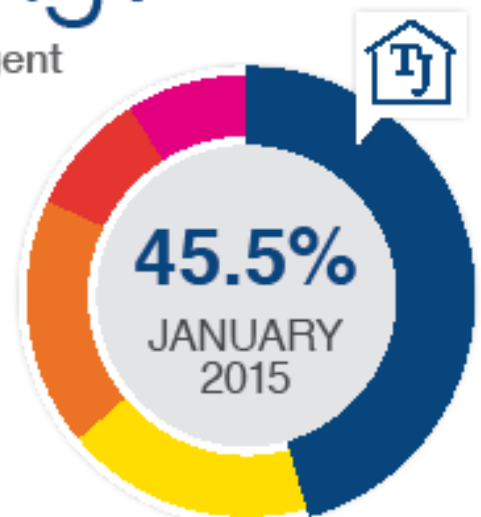
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Minister: Revd. Janet Tanner 01949 836259

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

We meet in the Methodist Community Hall (behind the Methodist Church)
Every Tuesday at 1.30pm
(No Group in August)

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? Then why not give this group a go, all abilities welcome!



Call Lynda on 9894670 for further information.



Charity

Coffee Morning
Sat 4th June
Sat 2nd July &
Sat 6th August
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.



Bible studies class @ 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave
Tuesday 7.30pm 7th & 21st June, 5th & 19th July and 2nd, 16th & 30th August.



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.



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, & 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 24th June, 22nd July & 26th August @
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

Safari Sale

Cotgrave Methodist Church will be open from 10:30
till 1pm on 23rd July

All money raised is for our refurbishment project.
Information about our opening doors
project will be available to look at during the
Safari Sale.



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Holiday Club

For children school year 1 to year 6 (5-11 year olds)

We will be enjoying crafts, silly songs, stories and lots and lots
of fun. Registration essential as "First come first served" as we
only have 30 places. Registration forms have been sent out
from both schools in the village but don't worry if you haven't
seen one, there are more forms in Grannies tea room, where
you could fill it in and register.

COTGRAVE CHAMPION'S CHALLENGE

Holiday Club dates

Tuesday 26th July
Wednesday 27th July
Thursday 28th July

1.30 pm - 3pm

A taste of Sri Lanka



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Friday June 10th 6.30 - 8.30

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Activity wise, in the past year we have had 196 visitors and 45 new members. We have produced or updated 61 CV's and assisted with over 90 online job applications. More importantly, we have helped more than 30 people into employment and apprenticeship programmes.

We are especially proud of the continuing success of former members, Glen Coggins and Mark Symms who have taken over the Healthy Living fruit and vegetable shop in the precinct. They have made a good start and the business is constantly improving. Let's ensure their growth with local support.

The Job Club has evolved into a positive, fun place to be with an age range of 16 to 64. As a team we all help each other with job searching, interview training and confidence building. We are also positively engaging with local businesses to prioritise opportunities for our area.

We work on a drop-in basis every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm at the Leisure Centre and can be contacted at Ready4workrushcliffe@gmail.com

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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
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CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday evenings in Church beginning at 7pm. Come and
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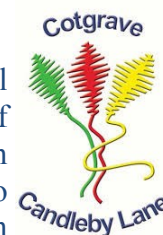
BELLRINGING PRACTICE

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.

North meets South



Cotgrave Candleby Lane School Gospel Choir, under the leadership of Mr D. Elliott, have been planning with Oakington Manor School, London, to bring schools together from the north and south to celebrate their achievement in music and to develop friendships outside of their counties. With financial support from Councillors' Richard Butler and Hayley Chewings on 26th April we travelled to Oakington Manor School, Wembley where we were able to see another wonderful school and some friendships.



Supported by teaching staff volunteers we travelled with 29 choir members aged 7-11.

Along with Furness School Choir and Oakington Manor School Choir, Cotgrave Candleby Lane Gospel Choir sang in front of an audience of 600 parents, pupils teaching staff and dignitaries. The children stole the show with their amazing renditions of 'It Doesn't get better than this, Love is all we need and Never give up'. Head of Oakington Manor School, Ms Simrita Singh said Candleby Lane Gospel Choir had done Cotgrave proud. It was a magical moment to see Candleby Lane School Choir sing with such passion, they warmed the hearts of all those who heard them sing. Mr Elliott said "This for me is definitely a look back with pride and forward with confidence moment." Oakington Manor has expressed thanks to all those who made this event happen, in particular the choir and cannot wait to for a return visit in 2017.

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COTGRAVE FESTIVAL

Cotgrave Festival

Lee wins an Unsung Football Hero award thanks to The Nottingham

Lee Cyrek, Manager of Cotgrave Colts Football Club, has won an award in the Unsung Football Hero competition run by the Nottingham Building Society (known as The Nottingham) for his devotion to the club.

The Nottingham's campaign ran throughout the 2015-16 football season and has found ten 'unsung heroes' who have shown extraordinary dedication and commitment to grassroots football.

Lee (35) of Cotgrave, was nominated by Danielle McGee, Treasurer for the team, who said: "Since he has become a manager he has encouraged the best from his 13 little lads and one lady. He has two teams, the Clarets and the Blues; they don't win very often but Lee believes at this young age he is there to guide and encourage them, to get the best out of them and not just be all about the win. "He is dedicated, every Thursday is training and every Saturday is match day and he does not get paid for what he does."

Danielle goes on to say that Lee also maintains the pitches, acts as a referee for other games if they need him and also raises funds for the club. She adds: "that is why I nominate him as my unsung football hero."

Lee has been playing for Cotgrave Colts since he was ten years old when the club first formed in 1991. As well as playing for the club for 25 years, he has been coaching an U8s team for the last two seasons and helping out with the soccer schools for U6s.



Speaking about his ethos at the club, he said: "The teams have fun. They look forward to the oranges and bananas at half time and come running off for them. It's normally a challenge getting them to eat fruit. We do get the odd wobbly but generally they just have fun."

Lee said his proudest moment was when the team went to Filey last year and gained the 'fair play' award.

As part of his prize Lee, who is an avid Nottingham Forest fan, is able to take three people with him to enjoy a game at the City Ground from the comfort of the executive box.

He will be accompanied by his dad, his brother and his coaching partner.

Buggyfit comes to Cotgrave Country Park!

...it's not just a walk in the park

Buggyfit classes have launched at Cotgrave Country Park, taking place on Fridays 10:30am from 22nd April 2016.

Buggyfit is an outdoor exercise class completely designed with the needs of new mums in mind, allowing them to bring their babies in the pram or buggy. After having a baby, life appears to absorb all your time with 'baby activities', and clinic visits; but studies show that taking time out for yourself, especially to exercise, is fantastic not only for your fitness levels but mental state too, relieving stress, improving stamina and making for a happier mum. Buggyfit comes with the added bonus of exercising with like-minded women enabling you to make new friends and benefit from the social fun these classes bring.

The social and mental benefits are of course not the only focus at a Buggyfit class. Each Mum gets an appropriate workout to suit her fitness level, be it back to fitness from a fit pre pregnancy or starting from scratch.



Buggyfit classes incorporate cardiovascular and fat-burning exercises with strength training and toning, concentrating on the specific areas that need work after childbirth. The great thing is that this mix produces maximum results for each class member as it not only tones those problem areas but helps to raise the metabolic rate and aid in weight loss too.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Buggyfit trainer Sarah Woodhouse:
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Year 6 Open Evening

South Nottinghamshire Academy will hold its year 6 Open Evening on **Thursday 7th July 5-7 pm in the lower school**. Please come along and see that the exciting future is for all year 6's as we prepare to move to our new school.

Farewell to the old and make way for the new

SNA are hosting an evening in June that will be a last chance for people to come and look round the school before it is demolished in the summer. It's on **June 14th between 6 and 8 pm** in the evening. Please visit our website for more details or our face book page.

Heads Message

The new school building is nearing completion and it was lovely for some of our role model students to experience the building for the first time. They were suitably impressed with how much space there was and how light and airy the building felt. On this theme, parents and carers will have now received information about the additional school closure dates. As the programme is being managed by the Education Funding Agency and the contractor, we had no choice but to agree to the arrangements to ensure that the programme is completed properly and safely. However, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our school community and we are all looking forward to the next step in our exciting journey.

Update on Town Centre Regeneration and Employment Units at Hollygate Park

Progress is being made on both projects: The planning proposals for the employment site were submitted in April 2016, and we are still on track to submit planning proposals for the multiservice centre and town centre improvements towards the end of summer 2016. When planning permission has been submitted, the proposals will be available for residents to view.

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 existing units on Colliers Way.



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

- Regular updates to your Rushcliffe Borough Councillor
- 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 www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/cotgrave

If you are looking for new business premises please contact nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk

If you would like any further information please contact csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk

COMMEMORATING THOSE WHO FELL IN 1916 DURING THE BATTLES OF:

JUTLAND—31 MAY

The Battle of Jutland took place between the British Grand Fleet and the German High Seas Fleet in the North Sea, off the mainland of Denmark.

During this short battle the British Fleet lost 14 ships, over 6000 British sailors were killed and over 500 were wounded. The German Fleet's losses were fewer than those of the British; although they lost 11 ships the number of sailors killed was less than half the British number. This was put down to the relative weakness of the defensive armour on the British ships. Despite the difference in losses the German Fleet retreated to German ports and never engaged with the British Fleet again during the war.

Commemoration of the centenary of the Battle of Jutland included all those lost at sea during the whole of World War 1. The service in All Saints Church on Sunday 29 May included a commemoration of the Battle of Jutland.

THE SOMME - 1 JULY to 18 NOVEMBER

The Battle of the Somme was fought during four and a half months of World War 1 on the Western Front between the towns of Albert and Bapaume.

The first day of the Battle was the Army's bloodiest of the whole war and the total casualties of the battle: 415,000 British, 200,000 French and 600,000 German made it the deadliest battle in world history.

Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave lost 10 men during the battle: *Albert Berkin, Ernest Parnham, Thomas Parnham, Amos Shaw, Edwin Westman, John Hayse, Sydney Henson, Herbert Marshall, Arthur Simpson and Ernest Reeve*. Their background and stories can be seen on the Great War Project website: www.CBOCGWP.com

Commemoration of the Battle will take place in Cotgrave at **a special service starting in All Saints Church on Thursday 30 June at 7.30 pm and finishing later at the War Memorial.**



Cotgrave Country Park Chairman's Blog

When you think of a quarterly report for a magazine you think that three months is long enough to write something. With not a lot going on time goes by and before you realise it you are one week away from the magazine deadline (4 days actually) and you have nothing on your notepad to write about.

That's where I find myself, sitting here thinking what to write.

So my report for this edition may be lacking in content but there is always something that will interest someone so I hope this proves that.

Going on from the spring edition and heading towards summer nature changes things around you. We have lost the bareness of the woodland, the Autumn colours have long gone and suddenly the trees are starting to unfurl their summer display. Lots of new buds have burst into life and the late spring flowers are bowing out for another year. In Bluebell Spinney at the moment there is a good display of bluebells at the top end of the wood.

Bird life is very evident as the mating season is in full swing. Just this week (late April) I have seen Buzzards, Reed Buntings, Greater Spotted Woodpeckers and even a Tree Creeper and Blackcap (the first one I've ever seen) and all giving us a chorus of their own shrill songs. I often wonder why such a large bird of prey, like the Buzzard, has such a very quiet and somewhat feeble call and yet the tiny Chiff Chaff has a very loud melodious call. Apart from the crows I find the Green Woodpecker has one of the loudest calls in the park with its unmistakable 'laughing' type sound. No evidence of the cuckoo yet but it is a little early. Nothing much of note on the ground as yet but there is always the resident cheeky fox to look out for.

No doubt you will have noticed the newly surfaced canal tow path. This area of the park belongs to the Canals and Rivers Trust and it is they that have paid for this work. I'm sure you agree it really is a marked improvement from the very wet and muddy towpath we have all been used to over the winter. Hopefully this improvement will rub off onto Nottm County Council and they will see how much more pleasant that footpath is compared to the one leading into the park from the car park. The butterfly bunds adjacent to Heron Lake came in for lots of criticism because of their appearance. These have now been levelled and will be reseeded to bring these areas back to their original state.

Our volunteer wardens are to thank for their work in trying to keep the park tidy with litter picking days. Certain areas seem to attract more litter than others but in the main I hope you agree the park is kept to a mainly litter free standard. It's a great pity the same can't be said for our canine friends. Time and time again the wardens and public report problems with dog poo. How do you prevent this? I wish I knew, along with the rest of the UK. I visit large parks and woodland in many parts during my travels and this is not just a Cotgrave problem. There are 8 dog bins around the park. Can I plead with all dog owners to please carry plastic bags and clean up and dispose of them correctly in one of the bins?

I hear that the much awaited multi user footpath utilising the old railway track is finally reaching the stage of being carried out. This will leave the park following the old colliery rail line and ending near to the lane that runs from Holme Pierrepont Hall to Radcliffe on Trent. It will make a traffic free link between the park and the river Trent all the way to Trent Bridge. Keeping my fingers crossed for this to be completed at last.

As I mentioned earlier the volunteer wardens do a splendid job around the park and along with NCC task days we do try and maintain the park in an acceptable condition. However we do need more help and this is where you can come in. If you have an interest in the park and can spare a few hours of your time to either volunteer as a park warden or join one of our maintenance days then please contact me on the number below. It has been nice to meet some of the new residents of the adjoining estate. Their comments have all been in a similar vein, "we feel lucky to live next to such a beautiful park". No doubt as the building work progresses I will get to meet more of you. I'm sure as time goes on you will come up with fresh ideas. To that end you are most welcome to come to our meetings. These are held every six weeks at Cotgrave Futures Building on Candleby Lane. We would love to see you. For anyone interested in joining us at a meeting then these are the dates. **June 7th, July 12th, August 23rd, October 4th and November 15th.**

All meetings start at 7pm till 9pm and are totally informal.

Task day will be notified on Cotgrave Community Website and are generally 2 per month. These are organised by NCC and last for as long as the time people can give on the day.

If you have ideas for the park or wish to make comments then please feel free to contact me.

Harry Burrows

FoCCP Chairman

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**3RD TUESDAY OF EACH
MONTH, COMMENCING:**

**Tuesday, 21st June 2016
10.30 - 12.30pm**

**Cotgrave Futures
Candleby Lane, Cotgrave,
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For more information, contact
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Cotgrave Community Road Safety

30 MPH

It is now 9 months since this scheme was set up in the town. It does prove effective when in use. It is used solely as an educational tool i.e. highlighting the speed limit in the area. This acts as a reminder to those who tend to forget and vehicles do slow down. However this education is meant to be a permanent reminder to all drivers and we would like to think that you will remember that.

We do get complaints from residents and also suggestions which we follow up. The team of six volunteers needs to expand. If you have a complaint about speeding then why not join us. With more volunteers we can operate of a wider and more frequent basis. Without further numbers we can only monitor sites as and when we can.

By complaining about excessive speed you are showing you worry and also care about your community. So please give us a call, it only takes a few hours each month.

Finally can we just remind you that all roads in the vicinity of our schools now have an advisory speed limit of **20 MPH**. Surely you don't need to be told why. Please stick to it.

**Interested then please contact
Scheme Co-ordinator
Harry Burrows on 07884 281188**

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

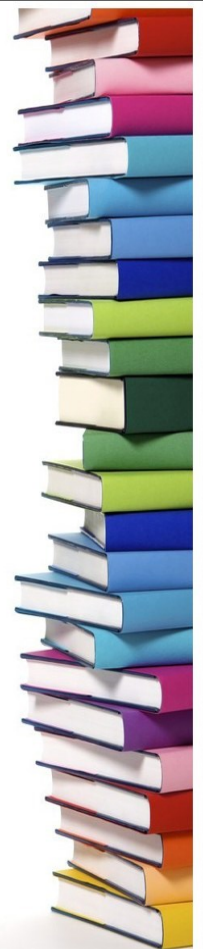
It's an Olympic year! The Summer Games begin on 5th August 2016 in the exotic Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro - and there's still time to join our 'just-for-fun' challenge and 'Read your way to Rio!' Or maybe you'd prefer a more leisurely pace and just 'read your way to Rome' instead! Pop into the library and we'll give you all the details.

We'd also love to see you for this year's *Summer Reading Challenge*. It's free, and your kids will receive little incentives for getting into some great books.

We'll be having '*Fun Tuesdays*' during the summer holidays where, between 10.30am and 12noon (excluding 30th Aug) you can come into the library and join in some fun, crafts and games - all based around the *Summer Reading Challenge* theme.

Have a great summer - we look forward to seeing you!

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



positivefutures >>

Since my last update Positive Futures had just finished their October half term programme, now we are in the middle of our school delivery, delivering lunch time clubs, afterschool activities, 1-2-1 sessions and year 6 PE around Rushcliffe.

Our delivery has been widened to more primary schools around Rushcliffe, thanks to our three new apprentices, Dwayne, Natalie and Max through the Royal Foundation, a charity supported by Prince Harry. These apprentices will be supporting mainly in our primary schools and for Natalie in particular with me in Cotgrave. Cotgrave's sessions have been very successful over the last few weeks as we now deliver 3 lunch time clubs at Cotgrave Candleby Lane school and two after school sessions (gym and table tennis). We are currently seeing about 45 young people a week in our lunch time sessions and 10 a week in our after school sessions.



Positive Futures staged activities during the February half term and the Easter holiday. During February half term we had 63 different young people attend our 3 sessions (1 Youth and

sport, 1 sport and 1 gym) getting a total of 78 attendances throughout the half term. During the Easter holiday positive futures had 41 different young people attend our 5 sessions (2 Youth and sport, 2 gym, and 1 sport) getting a total of 66 attendances throughout the Easter holiday.

Another project Positive Futures delivered in the Easter holiday was the football accreditation camp. This was a project that was run over two weeks where 10 young people came to improve their football skills and complete the accreditation is reward for completing this we took the young people for a stadium tour of Wembley.

On behalf of Positive Futures I would like to thank Cotgrave Candleby Lane School for providing us with the facilities to deliver this project.




A big project Positive Futures also supported was the Christmas grotto at the precinct on the day of the Christmas Lights Event. This was a very successful project as me and a group of volunteers helped transform the room into the Christmas Grotto, it was over 2 days. We did this by wrapping many boxes and adding Christmas themed wallpaper to the walls. This personally was one of my highlights in 2015.

As for me my apprenticeship is now coming to an end. I completed my 6 week course and I am now a level 2 fitness instructor. I also completed my level 2 circuit training and level 1 football coaching. For the final parts of my apprenticeship I will look to complete my NVQ in activity leadership and National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification (NPLQ). I also am now riding a moped provided by Wheels to Work which allows me to deliver a lot more sessions in a wider range of areas giving me more experience in a variety of fields, so a big thanks to Wheel to Work.

I must continue to thank Positive Futures for giving me this opportunity and now thank Cotgrave Town Council for funding additional activities for young people in Cotgrave for me to continue to deliver in Cotgrave until December 2016.

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

Thank you
Callum - Positive Futures Rushcliffe Apprentice.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

“Cotgrave & District U3A’s very own Speakers’ Corner”

Every month at our Open general Meeting we are entertained by a local speaker enlightening us on various topics of either general interest to us “Brits” or specifically to us Notts or Cotgravian citizens.

Here are two recent examples of what we learned.

History of Tea

The January meeting of our U3A was treated to a mouth-watering account of the history of tea by Linda Davey. Linda had experienced tea drinking in many parts of the world, including Japan, where the tea ceremony forms an essential component of Japanese culture, and was thus able to provide us with chapter and verse on the various subtleties involved. We learned (at least many of us learned!) just how wide is the range of tea types and how various are the techniques used in brewing it. I, for one, was under the impression that tea should always be made with freshly boiled water in order to extract the maximum flavour but, apparently, this is a gross over-simplification. Green tea, in particular, demands water at a temperature of ninety degrees Celsius, one hundred degrees resulting in an over-emphasis



of the bitterness which is an inevitable component of any brew. Balance is all important, it seems, not only when learning to ride a cycle! Linda then took us through the history of tea in an academically precise study, emphasising the importance of the ancient Silk Road connecting China to the Mediterranean and, in particular, to India. She explained the process of planting, growing, picking and blending tea, an account which left us all feeling an enhanced degree of awe at its complexity Indeed, for many of us, the afternoon ‘cuppa’ will never be quite the same again.

St Anne’s Allotments

At our February meeting we heard a fascinating talk by Mo Cooper concerning the history of St Anne’s Allotments, an area of 75 acres, situated about a mile north of Nottingham City centre at Hungerhill. Gardens began to blossom there in the mid-nineteenth century when the better-off citizens of Nottingham felt the need to escape the ever-increasing



pressure on the City’s space. Doubtless they owned splendid city houses but the influx of workers due to the expanding lace industry left very little room for gardens, a problem solved by the acquisition of land outside the City centre. Small houses were built to provide facilities for entertainment, large glasshouses were established and the resulting blooms led to an annual rose festival held in the unlikely month of March. It still exists. At the end of the century, when Nottingham itself was able to expand, the ‘bosses’ left the gardens to their workers, who took the opportunity to grow both flowers and vegetables and, in



some cases, even to live there, a somewhat primitive existence devoid of gas, electricity or mains water! More recently, the ‘allotments’ have been turned into a community exercise, offering opportunities for deprived children to experience the delights of the countryside, whilst providing valuable supplies of vegetables to local people who till the land still available. There is currently a waiting list. The area is listed by English Heritage with a grade 2*. Open days are held regularly and there is plenty of opportunity for the public to visit. Sounds like a wonderful chance for the U3A Local History Group to arrange a day out.

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Councils Report

I have had the pleasure in chairing recent meetings of the town council.

The town council continues to be very busy, looking after many aspects of Cotgrave life and I would like to record my appreciation of the hard work put in by the council's administration and clerical staff as well as the groundsmen and park keepers.

Forefront in many people's minds is the regeneration of the shopping precinct. This, along with the creation of brand new commercial and industrial units at Hollygate Park, means that Cotgrave is going to receive over £10 million investment.

Projects such as this are bound to be complex and sometimes time seems to go by without seemingly much happening. But it cannot be underestimated the amount of work that is going on behind the scenes by organisations such as the Town Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, the Government's Homes & Communities Agency, and the Hollygate Park developers.

It has also been very encouraging to see and read about the support and enthusiasm being received from local shops and businesses as we all look towards Cotgrave's future.

It is expected that detailed plans and planning application for the precinct will be prepared for this summer, with the aim of planning permission being given towards the end of this year, and works to start early next year.

The new houses at Hollygate Park are progressing very well and residents are starting to move in. So a big welcome to Cotgrave! (Although I understand that quite a lot of the new houses are being bought by people and families who already live in Cotgrave).

Don't forget the Cotgrave Festival!

I am looking forward to this year's Cotgrave Festival which takes place on Saturday 18th June. This is now an established favourite in Cotgrave's calendar and I hope that you are all able to get along at some point. A small group of volunteers are working very hard planning the day and there will be a large variety of attractions and stalls. Of course, we can't guarantee the weather, but whatever, it should still be a super day for all.

More play equipment for Cotgrave - for all ages!

Last year, the town council received a grant of £9,750 from Nottinghamshire County Council, to improve the Grassmere play park. This was from their "Supporting Local Communities Fund" (SLC), which is for projects chosen and endorsed by the local county councillor to improve their areas.

The main changes were the purchase and installing of outdoor gym equipment. These are very popular and are suitable for people of all ages 7 to 70 - or even older!

If you haven't already seen or tried these, then do go along and check them out.

But soon there will be even more opportunities for outdoor recreation and fitness in Cotgrave.

This time at the Ringleas playpark.

The SLC Fund will be providing funding of £19,950 for new play equipment at Ringleas playpark. This again follows a bid submitted to the county council and together with match funding of £46,588 from the town council means that after some years of being closed and unused, Ringleas play park will soon be open again for all.

Councillor Richard Butler
Vice Chairman
Cotgrave Town Council 2015/2016

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

Cotgrave Town Centre Regeneration Working Group

A group of Cotgrave Town Councillors has been meeting regularly to see how it can support Rushcliffe Borough Council and other partners in delivering major improvements to our town centre. Councillors have been visiting local businesses to gauge interest in establishing a Business Partnership. So far, expressions of interest have been very positive, and we hope, in the near future, to hold a first informal meeting of business owners. At the time of writing, we plan to hold this meeting at 6.45pm on Tuesday 24 May 2016. As work begins on the improvements to the town centre, there may well be a need to share views about its impact within the partnership. It is hoped that the partnership will prove useful in securing a long-term future for all businesses in Cotgrave.

If you are a business owner and we have inadvertently missed you off our list, please contact a member of the working group or the Town Council Office, and we will add you to it.

The councillors in the working group are Vance Wood, Richard Butler, Steve Gardner, Bill Handbury, Judith Mileham, Leo Healy, Ian Shaw, Christine Jeffreys, Helena Brumpton, and Callum Denham.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Election of a Town Councillor for the Ash Lea Ward

The election was held on Thursday 21 April 2016.

Yvonne Jeanette Wilson was duly elected.

With an electorate of 4115 residents, in Ash Lea, 656 ballot papers were returned, a turnout of 15.9%

Councillor Profile



Yvonne Wilson has lived in Cotgrave for thirty-eight years, and married to a former miner. For a number of years she has been a governor at Ash Lea School, has worked with the young people at the youth club and is an active member of the Cotgrave Festival as well as a member of the Friends of Cotgrave Country Park.

"I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in the election that I was duly elected. I want to see a bright future for Cotgrave, to make people smile, and to ensure that their voice is heard".

Cotgrave Neighbourhood Policing Team



A Cotgrave drug dealer caught red-handed by Police Officers, has been jailed for two years.

Ben Bond, 25, was found in possession of cocaine and cannabis in July 2015.

He appeared at Nottingham Crown Court on 17 February and pleaded guilty to possession of a class B drug with intent to supply. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

Bond, formally of Chennel Nook, Cotgrave, Nottingham, was stopped while traveling in a car with a woman who could not prove whether she was insured for the vehicle. A PC followed the pair to her home so she could check her documents. But while the PC was inside the property, a passing PCSO saw Bond take a bag out of the boot of the car and run off with it. The PCSO followed in his car and saw Bond run to the end of a cul-de-sac with the bag. When he emerged he no longer had the bag. A search of the area was carried out by officers and the bag was recovered. It contained cocaine, cannabis, a razor blade, deal bags and money. Further investigations revealed that Bond had been offering drugs he had for sale to at least 100 people in his phone book.

Sgt Steve Robinson said: *"This sentencing is very welcome news for the community of Cotgrave. Bond's activities have been a concern for some time and they have no doubt had a negative impact on the local community. Thanks to the tenacity of the neighbourhood Police Team we have obtained the evidence needed to put a strong case together which has resulted in his conviction and imprisonment. We will continue to disrupt the activity of anyone who chooses to deal drugs in this area and we would urge the residents of Cotgrave to play their part by calling us on 101 with any information they have."*

New Play Equipment for Ringleas Play Area

At Council's Meeting held on Wednesday 13th April, it was unanimously agreed to support the purchase of new play equipment for Ring Leas Play Area.

Council's Play Areas working group considered several options that had been put forward from various play equipment suppliers, and decided to put forward the design from Proludic Limited.



Inclusive Play Wheelspin

The new equipment will include junior and infant swings and multi play units, sports equipment, play net and an inclusive play wheelspin.

We are hoping that the park equipment will be installed and fully functional for the summer holidays.



Summit 4m Play Net

Council will receive a grant from Nottinghamshire County Council's "Supporting Local Communities Fund" (SLC) of £19,950 and Cotgrave Town Council will also fund the project with £46,588 (Total project cost £66,538).

Funding received for repair works to Cotgrave War Memorial

Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Communities Fund (SLC) has awarded Cotgrave Town Council £3,000 for repair works to Cotgrave's War Memorial.

The metal sword on the memorial was vandalised a couple of years ago, and after a failed attempt to repair the damaged, which was paid for by a grant from the War Memorials Trust, Council has gained this additional funding to carry out a further repair and a clean, in preparation for the up and coming commemorations of the end of WW1.



Citizenship Awards 2016

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.

All nominations should be forwarded to the Clerk to the Council by **Friday 1st July 2016.**

Email: clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk

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Future High Street Summit 30th & 31st March 2016

Over 120 individuals from across the country comprising of sales directors, business managers, town centre managers, town councillors, town clerks etc. gathered in Nottingham for a 2 day summit.

It included engaging and informative presentations from a selection of High Street experts, as well as case studies from the towns and cities that are at the leading edge of innovation plus a very interesting presentation on "How to Kick Start your High Street".

In view of the imminent regeneration of the Shopping Centre, it was deemed prudent that Cotgrave Town Council was represented, and Councillor Leo Healy and Councillor Vance Wood volunteered to attend.

Leo and Vance are also members of the Town Centre Regeneration Working Group and both returned with a wealth of useful thoughts, ideas and information, which will be discussed and agreed by all members of the Town Council, and where relevant will be applied and implemented as the Shopping Centre is redeveloped.

Cllr. Leo Healy.

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Dates of Meetings 2016-17

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APR	MAY
8	27	-	7	12	9	7	11	8	8	12	10

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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