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Cotgrave Town Council would like to invite everyone to the official opening of the new play equipment at Ringleas Play Area on

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 Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council has been invited to carry out the official opening, along with Councillor Jim Creamer—Chairman of Environmental & Sustainability Committee, Councillor Richard Butler - Cotgrave's Nottinghamshire County Council representative and members of Cotgrave Town Council.

The event will include:-

- Pony rides
- Free Toy Hunt
- Teddy Bear's Picnic (Bring your own teddy and picnic)
- Fitness Trail competition - free wristband for every competitor, run by Positive Futures
- Music
- Free fruit kebabs supplied by Everyone Health
- Refreshments available

The new equipment was purchased with funding from the Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Community (SLC) Fund and Cotgrave Town Council.



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WINTER - 28th October



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A BUSY COUPLE OF DAYS FOR THE VALE OF BELVOIR ROTARY CLUB.....

On Thursday 26th May the club set aside its usual meeting and headed to Cotgrave to hunt for litter on "Smiths Round Hill" near Flaxendale. The club had first consulted with Streetwise who provided a supply of black bin bags and "picker-uppers" and they agreed to collect the rubbish the following morning. The group headed off with our pick-up sticks, gloves and sturdy shoes to find any offending litter. Delicately we picked up empty crisp bags, discarded drink cans, plastic bottles, burst balls and an old Christmas pudding, but soon the pick-up sticks became redundant. A couple of our group were seen carrying an old fridge/freezer whilst others grappled with bicycle wheels, inner tubes, car parts, paddling pools, flooring panels and dissected settees. After 90 minutes we'd created two large piles of rubbish. Returning to our cars Julie Stephenson, Town Clerk for Cotgrave, thanked us for our efforts. Let's just hope that the area stays clean and tidy in the future!



The following day we held our annual charity Cabaret Night at The Grange in Radcliffe. Well over 100 people joined us to be entertained by Emily Brown (finalist in Vale's Got Talent 2015), Tripliquette (a close harmony trio from Nottingham) and Judith Hibbert (a comedienne and tribute artist to Joyce Grenfell, Julie Andrews, Gracie Field and Victoria Wood). The event was enjoyed by all and I'm sure that the Club made a little profit for our chosen charities.

We've already booked the Grange Hall for our 7th annual 'Vale's Got Talent' competition. Our web site, www.valeofbelvoirrotary.org.uk has all the details and we look forward to receiving applications for audition from comedians, magicians, ventriloquists, choirs, dance troupes, instrumentalists, musicians (soloist and groups). If you feel you can entertain why not "have a go"?

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In November we are singing music by Mendelssohn, Faure and Rutter, and in December a community Handel's Messiah.

Our next meeting is at St Peter's Church, Ruddington NG11 6EL on Monday 5th September. Thereafter we meet at St Peter's Junior School, Ashworth Avenue, NG11 6GB.

Have a look at our website www.spanglefish.com/ruddingtonanddistrictchoralsociety/ or phone 0115 9211451



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Canon Michael Brown being congratulated by Councillor Leo Healy, Cotgrave Town Council.

On Sunday 3rd July, Canon Michael Brown parish priest of both Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave and The Holy Spirit, West Bridgford celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Parishioners from both churches as previous parishes that Canon Michael was appointed to over the years, along with family and friends attended a wonderful celebration in the church hall in West Bridgford.

On Sunday 17th July a special Mass at Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave was followed by a further celebration and presentation by the parishioners.

In 2006, he was appointed as Dean of St. Barnabas Cathedral in the city centre where he spent the next 5 years. Fr John (Assistant Priest) in his tribute to Canon Michael likened this appointment to winning the premier league!

Canon Michael writes: I would like to say thank you to everyone involved in the occasion of my 40th Anniversary. I was over-whelmed by the generosity of the gifts and cards I received and the messages they contained, and by the gifts from Our Lady of Grace and the Holy Spirit parishioners.

Cllr. Leo Healy.



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Cotgrave Safari Sale 2016



Safari sales are planned for the following dates:-

Saturday 1st October

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.

Maps can be collected from the Library, Cotgrave Post Office and The Market Shop two days before the event.



On Sunday 17th July CBOC Branch of the Royal British Legion ran an excellent fund raising event in Colston Bassett Village Hall. As is the tradition at CBOC summer events, a speaker provides an interesting talk which is followed by a fantastic supper. In 2014 the speaker told us about his trip 'In the Wake of the Cockleshell Heroes', in 2015 it was the RAF's turn with the 'Lost Lancaster' and this year the Army told us about 'The Defence Animal' Centre and Service Dogs'. Not only was the talk of great interest but we also had a demonstration by Search Dog 'Ella' shown with her handler in the photograph.



The evening was a great success with 70 members and their friends attending and £750 being raised for Royal British Legion welfare.

Well done CBOC (again). See you all during the Poppy Appeal in October /November.

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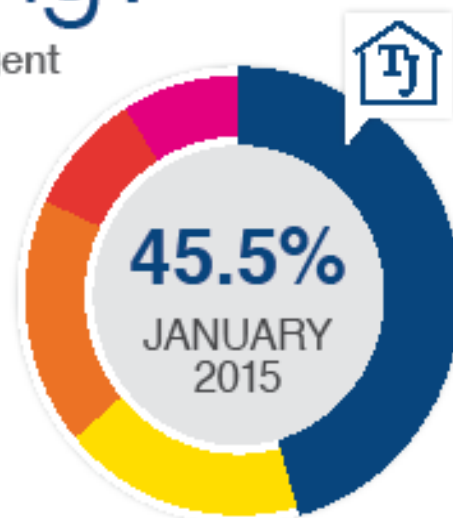
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Cotgrave Methodist Church

Bingham Road, Cotgrave, NG12 3JR

Acting Minister: David Haywood 01530 588752



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



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

Bible studies class @ 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave

Tuesday 7.30pm 13th & 27th September
11th & 25th October and 22nd November.

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



**Charity
Coffee Morning**
3rd September
1st October
5th November

10.30am till 12noon
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Is it a bird? Is it an angel?

Actually, there were both! Flights of fancy thrill the crowds at the Cotgrave Festival 2016.

The 18th June dawned warm and dry, and over a thousand people turned out to enjoy the Cotgrave Festival 2016 - bigger and better than ever before!

The arena programme kicked off with music from 'Take 5' before the Drumming Cadets marched in. Later, the Gospel Choir comprised of local school-children would add to the day's musical repertoire.



There were football skills from Cotgrave FC, and rather more dubious skills from the Wacky Wheelbarrow competitors - if running into each other causing mayhem counts as a skill! It

was certainly a spectacle, and a good crowd gathered to watch the glorious chaos unfold. Cotgrave Methodist Church ran out as eventual victors, narrowly defeating Cotgrave Candleby Lane School and, in the heavy-weight ecclesiastical contest of the century, All Saints Parish Church too. In the slightly more serene category of Best-Dressed Barrow, Cotgrave Brownies took the spoils by a People's Choice vote with their wonderful 'Brownies Got Talent' entry.

The fabulous falconers from Hawks of Steele displayed various birds of prey and caused more than a few gasps - especially when one of the owls landed atop Nottingham Outlaws inflatable cricket wicket, and a Harris Hawk took a liking to perching on unwitting participants' heads.



There was also a recalcitrant Gyr-x-Saker falcon who gave the day its most memorable catchphrase, flying determinedly in the direction of the Trent and ignoring the increasingly desperate plea for it to return. "CASPER!"



Surely the most dramatic acts of the day were the gymnastic escapades of the Dako Flying Angels. Returning for a second year after wowling last year's crowds, the teenage acrobats performed incredible leap, sometimes seeming to defy gravity with their twists and turns.

The rapturous applause after both of their shows demonstrated how well appreciated their return visit had been.

The arena programme finally came to a close with a little light relief as a number of daring souls volunteered to take part in the egg-catching. With laughter ringing around the arena, the gaps between 'chuckers' grew increasingly wide, until even the most skilful were left with extremely free-range egg on, if not their face, then at least their hands. And legs. And anyone else unfortunate enough to be near to the final impacts. Fortunately everyone saw the yolk and it was all white in the end. Shell we do it again next year?



Outside the arena there were trade stalls galore - from cakes and candyfloss to custom-made walking sticks - and a host of local organisations and charities took the opportunity to present their services to festival-goers. There was plenty of entertainment to be found here too, including pony rides, archery and a mini-zoo, and this year's Youth Zone was better than ever, with a huge climbing wall alongside the ever popular Zorbs and Sumo Suits.

From one end of the festival to the other were competitive displays - an array of classic cars and bikes at one end, an art display and the W.I. cake competition in the middle, and a full-blown dog show at the other end. Congratulations to all those tinkering and polishing, baking and decorating, or training and pampering netted them an award for their efforts at the end of the show.

Thank you to everyone who came along, took part in one of the highlights of the Cotgrave year, and made it the successful event its grown to be. Extra special thanks must of course be to the small team of volunteers who work throughout the year to plan, organise and pull all the different pieces together, giving us such a fantastic occasion to enjoy.

BY ANDREW MARK



Cotgrave Festival 2017? **To be or not to be?** **It's up to you!**



For the last 5 years the Cotgrave Festival has been run successfully by a team of dedicated volunteers from the local community. Unfortunately 2 members of the team must now stand down and the future of your Festival is in jeopardy. If we cannot fulfil the roles these volunteers took it will not be possible to run the Festival in 2017 in safety.

Please consider whether you could work as part of the committee in one of these important roles:

Promotion Manager - We have a designer but need someone to oversee the production and distribution of posters, banners and signs, to submit articles to local publications and web sites and to liaise with the printers for both posters and programmes.

Attractions and Arena Organiser – We need someone to source the main attractions and encourage local groups to participate. To put these all together into an arena programme and to manage that programme on the day.

Site Manager – We need someone to create and lay out the site incorporating attractions, stalls, arena, control, access and safety. To organise the erection and removal of the infrastructure in liaison with Cotgrave Welfare.

Your Festival needs you!

For further information on any of these roles, or if you think that you may be able to help in any other way, please contact Michelle on 0115 989 2163, michelle@thirteenfour.com or attend our first meeting on Monday 3rd October 7 pm at the Cotgrave Welfare. Thank you.

Whit week 2016

Since my last update Positive Futures had just started their delivery during May half term. Throughout half term we saw 17 different young people taking part in sports like football, dodgeball and kick rounder's.

School support

Positive Futures have continued their delivery in Cotgrave Candleby Lane School delivering 3 lunchtime clubs; Monday- Football, Tuesday- Circuits and Friday- Tag Rugby. We also completed some transition work with a group of year 6's to ensure they know some friendly faces that can help them around their secondary school if they have any issues. Now the academic year is over we hope to continue to see the year 6's over our summer programme to continue to build a relationship with the young people.

Summer programme 2016

During the summer we will be running 3 sessions a week in Cotgrave, a gym session, a youth & sport session and a transition group sport session. These sessions will run on a Monday and a Tuesday and will last throughout the summer holidays. Positive futures also ran three trips in the summer 1 to Mablethorpe, 1 to Alton Towers and a residential which young people from Cotgrave attended. Throughout the summer we saw 65 different young people in our sessions.

Events 2016

Recently Positive Futures supported several events in Cotgrave. The first event we supported was the Cotgrave Festival. Throughout this event we delivered two activities on our inflatable: a speed kick and a target practise. This was competition to try and win two free tickets to watch Nott's Outlaws play at Trent Bridge! The lucky winners of this activity were Lawrence Cooke for the under 12 age group and Jacob Elliott for the 12-16 age group, so a big well done to them.

The other event Positive Futures supported was the Cubs Scouts day on the 17th July. We delivered a range of sporting activities over 2 hours and saw over 40 young people. On Behalf of Positive Futures I would like to thank all of the young people who took part in this activity as they all got involved and behaved brilliantly.

For More information on Positive Futures progress and what we are delivering see our Facebook page, Positive futures Rushcliffe.

Thank you

Callum- Positive Futures Rushcliffe Project Worker.



Lavish production of The Lion King at Cotgrave Candleby Lane School

Year 6 pupils at Cotgrave Candleby Lane School have put on a lavish production of the Lion King for their end of year production. With professional theatre style costumes and 58 children taking part this was quite a task says Headteacher Pete Wilkes. "I am so incredibly proud of these wonderful young people. They have really persevered and worked so hard to put on the most amazing performance. Their team spirit and the fantastic staff team behind them has given them an experience they will never forget!"



Photograph left to right : Libby Healing, Kelsey Heap, Millie Jaye-Noble, Abigail Macdonald

Assembled friends and parents at the performance agreed that the show was a smash hit and many left comments saying it was the best school show they had ever seen. Performer Lea Hush said that all of their hard work had paid off. "I loved getting on the stage! We were singing, dancing and acting our hearts out!"

Kelsey Heap said there were some nerves before the show started. "My heart was beating so fast as soon as the music started and I didn't think I could do it. But when I got on stage I smashed it!" The audience clearly agreed and after weeks of rehearsals leading up to the big night, Headteacher Pete Wilkes said the applause lifted the roof. "The show was such a phenomenal success and must rank as the best the school has ever put on, -so far! The pupils put on a stellar performance and are a credit to the school and their families. It was a fantastic way to end the term before our summer holidays start, we've certainly ended on a high!"



Photograph left: Emily Osbourne (front) Izzy French (top) Photograph right: Ben White and Owen Rushin

Cricket Captain Chris Read tells Cotgrave Candleby Lane pupils to get reading!



Photograph left to right: Daikin Wayman, Chris Read, Paul Maylard Mason (Sports Coach), Charlie Banks, Martha Bell and Lea Hush.

Cotgrave Candleby Lane School received a special visitor who came to inspire pupils to engage with reading.

Notts County Cricket Captain Chris Read talked to parents and pupils about his cricketing career and to share his thoughts on how to get young people more engaged with the written word. He said, "It's been a great morning and I enjoyed their assembly and the children have been asking some good questions about reading habits." Chris said from his own experience as a family man that having a variety of reading material is the key to maintaining interest from youngsters. "I enjoy reading mainly automotive books or magazines and we have stressed today that it doesn't matter what you are reading about, fiction or non-fiction, magazines or newspapers, it is all helping their abilities."

Floss Prior, Lead in English at Cotgrave Candleby Lane said that the timing of Chris's visit was perfect to encourage children to read more over the summer holidays. "This day has been just one part of our school improvement plan and Chris has helped us to get the message over to both pupils and parents of the benefits of reading with each other. Even very young children are seen to benefit if their parents read to them regularly." She said that 65 parents turned up to the event that discussed practical ways to improve reading skills. "It has been great having Chris here and his input has really helped us to get our message across to the pupils and their families."

Lea Hush age 11 said the visit has spurred her on. "I really enjoyed the assembly! I already really like reading and my favourite book is an autobiography by Malala (Yousef) who is a girl that stood up for education. I like fiction, non-fiction and reading magazines - if I pick up a book I can be there for hours!" Lea also thinks that reading helps in other subjects. "I think it is a good base for other subjects, not just English, and the more you read, the more inspired you are!"

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, COTGRAVE



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Sheila Astill 0115 9892844**

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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
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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.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Run by the Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club on the last Thursday
of every month in All Saints' Church commencing at 2pm.
"The Café is a structured two hour for people suffering
memory problems and their helpers to enjoy some nostalgic
activities to stimulate conversation and participation."

EVENTS

PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 2nd October our 10.30am service at All Saints'
will be our Harvest Festival. We will be joined by the
Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham—The Rt Revd
Paul Williams - and it will be a joint celebration with the staff
and students of our Church of England Primary School and
for all the community of Cotgrave. Come along to sing
those well-known harvest hymns in celebration and thanks
for the gifts which God give so freely to all. At the
service there will be a collection of non-perishable foods,
which we will distribute to those in need so that all share in
the gifts of harvest.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

In England ,Autumn is a season for remembering, and we
are all familiar with harvest as a time for remembering the
gifts we receive from God and the day of National
Remembrance in November for those who died in war.
Perhaps not so well known is a day at the end of October or
beginning of November which has been kept for centuries
by the Christian Church for the commemoration of loved
one who have died ... All Souls' Day.

Every year at All Saints' Church there is a special evening
Service of Remembrance and Thanks giving, and this year
it will take place on Sunday 30th October beginning at 6pm.

This is an opportunity for those who have experienced
bereavement to come together with others who are sharing
the same experience to draw strength from the presence of
God and from one another.

During this service the names of all those funerals the
Church of England parish clergy and ministers have
conducted over the past two years (since 1st October 2014)
will be included in prayers, and a candle will be lit for each
person remembered as we recall with thanks the lives of
these loved ones. However, this very special occasion is
open to all and at the end there is an opportunity to light a
candle in remembrance of any loved one as a comfort for
today together with hope and strength for the days ahead.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

All Saints' Church Sunday 13th November 10.30am

WINTER FAIR

Saturday 19th November, 10am to 1pm in All Saints'
Church. Seasonal stalls, food and entertainment.



Cotgrave U3A goes to Bruges

Thirteen members of our U3A joined the Riviera Tour to Bruges and Ypres with the Tour Manager being our own U3A member Hannie Woolsey. Travel was from Nottingham to Lille by rail and then onwards to Bruges by coach. This outward journey together with all travel in Belgium and the return to Nottingham was on time, comfortable and impeccably organised.

Arrival in Bruges and check in at Martin's Hotel was achieved by early evening allowing a short evening orientation walk followed by dinner at a very good local restaurant.

Thursday dawned bright and sunny and this weather was to stay with us for the rest of the tour. Hannie led us on a walking tour of the city taking in the main sights and attractions of this charming, compact and historical city, some buildings dating from the 11th century.

Belgium and Flanders in particular is very famous for brewing beer with in excess of 500 varieties brewed throughout the country, so second invitations to visit a working brewery museum were un-necessary, particularly to members of our Real Ale Group! The Halve Maan (Half Moon) brewery is located right in the middle of the city and the tour was very interesting ending with samples of Brugse Zot Blond unfiltered beer. This gave a feeling of wellbeing to our members and set us up for a relaxing boat tour of some of Bruges' canals.



Friday morning was free time so it gave the opportunity to spend time watching life over a coffee and cake, look more in depth at some of the many museums, take a horse and carriage ride around the city, shop or just rest.

We departed after lunch by coach to visit Ypres, the centre of British operations in Belgium during WW1. We made detours to visit Sanctuary Wood (Hill 62) to see one of the few last examples of WW1 trenches and to pay our respects to the fallen at Tyne Cot Cemetery at Passchendaele. After these very sobering visits we continued to the remarkable town of Ypres. Although literally flattened during the war the town has been painstakingly rebuilt to its original state. Time was available to visit the wonderful museum 'In Flanders Fields' at the old Wool Market. This museum is very thought provoking and brings home the futility of war and the suffering of many innocents.

Quote from Peter ... 'For me the heart of the programme was visiting the area of the Ypres WW1 battlefields, made so much more interesting by Hannie's briefings as we travelled to and through it.'

Our visit to Ypres concluded, as so many visits do, with the buglers from Ypres sounding the 'Last Post' ceremony at the Menin Gate. as they have done every evening since 1928 except for the period of WW2.



Quote from Paul and Sue ...' For us the sombre scene at Tyne Cot with all those graves was heart-wrenching and then the extremely moving Last Post at the Menin Gate will stay with us'.

Saturday arrived with a much anticipated visit to a Chocolate Shop and a demonstration of how the best Belgian chocolate is made by their Chocolatier. I believe everyone enjoyed the tour and found the company very satisfying.

Quote from Sue ..."The trip was a great success and gave me the chance to form new friendships in a wonderfully picturesque and thought provoking place. I learnt so much and brought back many happy memories."

From a personal point of view I found the Tour Itinerary, Hotel and Tour Management to be first class. This was complemented by the excellent company from our U3A Group and also from some of the others participating in the Tour. I found Bruges interesting and learned more about the city from Hannie than I had learned on a previous unguided visit. I found the visit to the Flanders Fields town of Ypres both interesting and very moving. Who could reflect on the happenings of 1914-18 and not shed a tear, particularly when standing near all the graves of the young men cut down so brutally. The 'Last Post' was as always very poignant.

A Bullin. 23 May 2016. With thanks to members for use of their quotations.



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Monday 5-7pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9-12 noon

Cotgrave Advice Centre will be moving in November 2016 to All Saints' Church from the Methodist Community Hall.

There will be no change in opening times, service or telephone number.

We will be still available to all who need our confidential service free of charge.

Appointments are only required for our Specialist Advisers, Solicitors and Tax Inspector just call in during our opening hours.

Update on Town Centre Regeneration and Employment Units at Hollygate Park

Planning permission for new industrial units on the Hollygate Lane employment site was approved in July 2016, construction is due to start later this year. A planning application for the multiservice centre and town centre improvements was submitted in August 2016 – you may have seen the display in the library, and all the documents are available to view online at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planning.

Proposals include:

- A new multiservice centre 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.
- Improved play area and grassed areas.

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 interested in letting one of the new industrial units or looking for new business premises please contact nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk

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



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Presents

**The first Cotgrave Community Pensioners' Christmas Party hosted
by your council,
At Cotgrave Welfare on Thursday 15th December at 2.00pm or Friday
16th December at 7.00pm (Two separate sittings)**

**Tickets £2.00 per person to include
Three course meal,
Professional entertainment,
Christmas carols,
Guest speaker,
two free games of bingo and free raffle.**

**Tickets on sale from November 11th. Numbers strictly limited.
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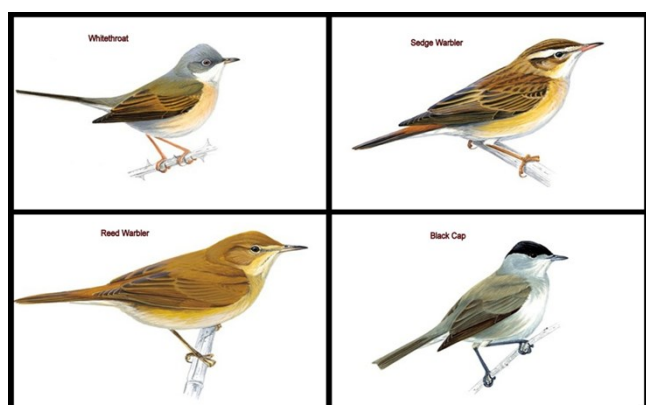
Welcome to the autumn edition of my report and it's a pleasure to see that the summer weather has arrived at last in time for the school holidays.

As I said in the last edition these reports come round quickly and sometimes it's difficult to think of something refreshing to write. I have a slight excuse this time for this short report and it is because over the last 12 weeks I have been out of the country for just over half of that time and for another 2 weeks since my return I've been laid low with a very bad back. This getting old and enjoying retirement sounds good but only if you are trouble free.

There is however, always something happening in the park to report. This month sees a mixture of good and bad.

Since the last edition we have gained the services of two new volunteer wardens. One, Paul Kelly, has already been signed up and is now acquainting himself with the park and its users. As I write this another volunteer has come forward and hopefully will be enrolled shortly. I would like to give praise to all our wardens for the time they allocated to park duties and the tasks they take on. Their keenness should never go unnoticed.

Our resident wildlife expert has given a varied report since the last issue on sightings within the park and below is a small collage of the birds that have been spotted.



On the downside, a sad occurrence was the death of a swan on the canal. Reports we have say it was attacked and killed by another swan. Not a nice sight to witness but apparently these birds are very territorial and no doubt the attacker was probably defending its young. Speaking of which we understand that only one cygnet survived the clutch. The reason we think is that it is known that mink have made their way into the park. These have been spotted along the canal and also on Heron Lake. Obviously this gives cause for concern to all the wildlife in the park and there is also reason to believe that Mallard chicks have

followed the same fate. We are working in co with the Canal & Rivers Trust and a university graduate from Brackenhurst College at Southwell and now there is a plan in place to track and eradicate this pest. Any sightings would be appreciated (Phone number at the end).

Most users are aware of the footpaths around the park but there are also many visitors now from outside the area. To that end we are busy designing way marked routes around the park over various distances including one for wheelchairs. Hopefully these will be installed soon. To enhance the park further we are also in the process of building a park website which will take the park further afield through the internet.

The new housing estate is taking shape on a daily basis and no doubt the majority of residents will acquaint themselves with the park on their doorstep. To date I have met some of these residents and without exception they all agree that the park is a massive asset to the community. We hope to meet more as the development progresses and we would welcome new input into the park's future. To that end new residents are cordially invited to join us at one of our informal meeting along with any other resident who wishes to share ideas or express an interest in the park. The following are dates for future meetings. Tuesday 23/8, Tuesday 4/10, Tuesday 13/12. All meetings take place at Cotgrave Futures, Candleby Lane at 7.00pm. I am pleased to announce that there is now a bus stop near to the car park. This will help those from the other side of the village to get to the park.

The park became victim to travelling gypsies in June. They illegally gained entry by cutting the lock on the fishing club entry gate on Colliers Way. About 11 caravans parked up but luckily they moved on after a short time. Unfortunately the park bore the hallmarks of the mess these people leave and this had to be cleaned up by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Finally, again I make an announcement to dog walkers to pick up after their dogs. The worst area appears to be entering the park from the Hollygate Lane car park along to the dog pool. Most people let their dogs run free in this area, especially the horse gallop, after getting out of the car. It is here many of the dogs relieve themselves. Can I ask you to keep a close eye on your dog along this stretch and dispose of any bags in the bin near the dog pool? New signage is being erected to remind you, please take note.

Don't forget to say hello to our wardens, they really are a friendly lot. Enjoy the park

Harry Burrows
Chairman FoCCP
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Cotgrave Town Council

In partnership with Cotgrave Welfare

Annual Fireworks Display
Sunday 6th November 2016

on Cotgrave Welfare Field

Entertainment provided by Cotgrave Welfare from 3 - 6 pm

Fair Rides Refreshment by EJ's Catering

Bonfire Lit at 5.00pm Guy Fawkes Competition 5.30pm
Fireworks Display 6.30

LOCAL EVENT RAISES £50,000 FOR CHARITY

LOCAL event Reverse Festival has raised an astonishing £50,000 over five years for charity with an annual mini music festival.

The event took place in July at Whitelands Farm in Cotgrave, Nottingham to raise money, primarily for girls with Rett Syndrome but also other local organisations supporting children with complex learning difficulties for example School for Parents and, this year, Ash Lea school.

Run completely by volunteers who meet for months to make the event a success, the festival is also supported by local people and businesses who donate auction prizes, help with set up, make cakes and most importantly come together on the night to have fun and support the event.

Dave Mack from Cotgrave is one of the volunteers who make the festival happen each year. Dave said: "We have raised an incredible amount over the past five festivals and it is amazing to be able to donate such a significant amount to our charities. It is also a wonderful community event that really brings everyone together and we cannot thank enough all of those people who participate and the wider community for their ongoing support in raising this incredible sum of money for great causes".



(Photograph Courtesy of Ian White)

Every year we look at ways to improve the event so if you would like to get involved or have any suggestions contact the team on info@reversefestival.co.uk or for more information see www.reversefestival.co.uk

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Chairman's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank fellow councillors for electing me as Chairman in May. It is an honour to serve on Cotgrave Town Council, and I shall do all that I can to ensure that we focus positively on what is beneficial for the community.

It was a pleasure to welcome back Councillor Yvonne Wilson, who was elected, in April, at a by-election in Ash Lea Ward. I know that Councillor Wilson will bring her considerable experience to the table, and will continue to be active in the life of the community.

I write this report on 18 July 2016, the day after what felt like the hottest day of the year, and, as I was walking through Cotgrave, I could not help noticing how lovely the hanging baskets looked. They add colour to our streets, and I thank our grounds maintenance team for keeping them well watered and so attractive.

In June, we all had a great day at our now famous Cotgrave Festival. There was a great variety of events, and I believe we had more stalls and entertainment than ever before. It is important to recognise the enormous amount of time the Festival Committee spent on organising the day. Meeting regularly throughout the year, the members worked tirelessly to ensure the day went smoothly. They even ordered the fine weather, and the rain, which had, at one stage, threatened the event, stayed away. Our thanks go to the Welfare, too, for providing the venue and a first-class surface. However, it is now important that people come forward to help in any way they can. The future depends very much on additional volunteers!

The new play equipment on Ring Leas Park has now been installed, and I am sure that our young people are already enjoying making good use of it. The Parks Working Group did a good job researching and recommending suitable equipment, and councillors agreed to match the funding awarded by Notts County Council. This continues the process of upgrading play equipment, begun at the end of the last council. Over the coming years, we will be looking to ensure that Cotgrave has parks which are exciting and inclusive.

On 24 May 2016, Cotgrave Town Council facilitated the inaugural meeting of a Business Partnership with local traders and business proprietors. Held in Cotgrave Futures building, the meeting was well attended, and gave people the chance to raise issues concerning the regeneration of the town centre. We hope to hold a second meeting, in the near future, when we will be able to provide more details about the changes to the town centre. Councillor Leo Healey and I attended a two-day conference on the Future High Street, and will attend soon a follow-up conference on the Digital High Street, to increase our understanding of the challenges facing the high street, and to consider some possible ways forward. We hope that our attendance at that event will be of practical use.

Cotgrave Town Council is always pleased to consider applications for grants from community groups, and is currently considering how best to spend, for the benefit of the community, grant funding received from the company which has installed the solar panels in the fields on the outskirts of Cotgrave. We have quite a few ideas, and will decide shortly how we are going to spend the money.

A working group has just met to consider adding a traditional community bonfire to the fireworks display, and, at the time of writing, will make a recommendation to the full council on 20 July.

The Town Clerk and I attend the Cotgrave Strategic Board meetings at Rushcliffe Borough Council. This is the group which manages the Cotgrave project on the Hollygate Lane residential site, the employment land, and the town centre. It monitors progress and budgets, and the board is comprised of representatives of Rushcliffe Borough Council, the Homes and Communities Agency, Notts County Council, Metropolitan, Barratt Homes, and Cotgrave Town Council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council will fund, in association with the Local Enterprise Partnership funding, the development of fifteen small business units. This is excellent news, and work should start on site later this year.

Design workshops have been taking place with the stakeholders in the multi-service centre, which will be built in the town centre. The main planning applications for this will be submitted in the autumn, and a public exhibition will be held prior to this.

As you can see, these are exciting times, and Cotgrave Town Council is committed to working with our partners in securing major improvements. The new houses on Hollygate Lane have provided a fresh start for some people, the new units on the employment land should bring employment opportunities, and the multi-service centre will bring together all the major service providers under one roof. Projects of this magnitude are complex, but they can only be realized by working together with people who want to help us, and Cotgrave Town Council is determined to be an important partner in this venture.

Finally, may I thank all of you for the part you play in making Cotgrave such a great place to live. You keep us safe on our streets, educate our children, provide sporting and other activities for people of all ages, provide first-class health care, and look after our beautiful Country Park, as well as our built environment. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can flourish.

Vance Wood
Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council

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 Christmas Lights Event 2016

To be held on

Friday 25th November 3 - 5.30 pm
on Cotgrave Shopping Centre

- Stalls
- Food
- Children's Entertainment
- Competition
- Christmas Lights Switch On
- Christmas Music
- and Santa's Grotto!



Council Grants

The aim of Cotgrave Town Council's Grant Scheme is to support voluntary and community groups in carrying out activities that enhance the quality of life for local residents and increase their involvement within the community.

Cotgrave Town Council's budget for Grants in 2016-17 is £ 7,000

Grants already given this year are:-

Spring Meadow Sheltered Housing - £235.45 (Sports Activity)
Positive Futures - £1250 (Apprentices providing activities)
The Rock Church - £425 (Play Days)

If you think your community group or charity has a project that could benefit from a grant, forms are available from Cotgrave Town Council, 0115 9893876 or email clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk.



Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER

7th - Council Meeting
10th - Ringleas Play Park
Official Opening Event
17th - Safari Sale

OCTOBER

3rd - Cotgrave Festival 2017
Meeting
12th - Council Meeting

NOVEMBER

6th - Fireworks Event
9th - Council Meeting
13th - Remembrance Sunday
25th - Christmas Lights Event

DECEMBER

7th - Council Meeting
15/16th - Pensioners Christmas
Party

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Dates of Meetings 2016-17

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APR	MAY
8	20	-	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.
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