



# Cotgrave Connections

Issue 62 Spring 2017

## Inside This Issue .....

Page 2: Royal British Legion - Thank you, Cotgrave  
Page 3: Cotgrave Rainbows and Brownies  
Page 4: The Women's Institute  
Page 5: Cotgrave Safari Sales 2017  
Page 6: Ready4Work Job Club  
Page 7: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Workshop  
Page 8: Positive Futures  
Page 9: 1st Cotgrave Scout Group  
Page 10: Cotgrave Festival 2017  
Page 11: Cotgrave Welfare Wedding Open Day  
Page 12: CBOC Branch Royal British Legion  
Page 13: Cotgrave Advice Centre  
Page 14: Cotgrave U3A History Group  
Page 15: Cotgrave Methodist Church  
Page 16: Cotgrave & District U3A  
Page 17: All Saints Parish Church  
Page 18: Cotgrave Library / Town Centre Regeneration  
Page 19: News from Nottinghamshire County Council  
Page 20: Friends of Cotgrave Country Park  
Page 21: Friends of Cotgrave Country Park  
Page 22: Cotgrave Town Council Chairman's Report  
Page 23: News from the Council  
Page 24: Councillor Details / Meeting Dates

Support your Community Newsletter by  
sending us your items in time for the next edition  
(Summer 2017) before :-

**Monday 1st May 2017**

Cotgrave Connections, Cotgrave Town Council  
Cotgrave Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave  
Nottingham, NG12 3PJ  
Tel: 0115 9893876 Fax: 0115 9890439  
Email: [connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)



## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

### RUSHCLIFFE LOCAL PLAN

We are now planning the second part of our Local Plan (Local Plan Part 2). It will include further policies and proposals for housing, Green Belt, employment, retail, open spaces and nature conservation.

The consultation is to get your views on whether the Local Plan should identify any sites around Cotgrave for new housing development.

**Date : Tuesday 14 March**

**Venue : Cotgrave Futures, Candleby Lane**

**Time: : 3 to 8pm**

Please come along to the consultation event at Cotgrave Futures, Candleby Lane, any time between 3pm and 8pm to find out more.

For further details of our consultation please go to [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy) or call 0115 981 9911



**Cotgrave Festival**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**11am - 4pm**  
**Cotgrave Welfare Field**  
**Save the Date!**



## LOCAL BUSINESS LOOKING TO ADVERTISE?

**Why not try your local Community Newsletter, delivered to over 3,000 homes and businesses throughout Cotgrave**

### PRICE TARIFF:-

**All Prices are plus VAT.**

For a block booking of 4 or more issues we can offer a discount of 10%.

<u>SIZE</u>		<u>PRICE</u>
FULL PAGE	COLOUR	£140.00
	BLACK/WHITE	£100.00
1/2 PAGE	COLOUR	£105.00
	BLACK/WHITE	£75.00
1/4 PAGE	COLOUR	£77.00
	BLACK/WHITE	£55.00
1/8 PAGE	COLOUR	£63.00
	BLACK/WHITE	£43.00

Leaflet Inserts : £20 per 1000

**CALL NOW 0115 989 3876 or**

**email: [connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)**

**Cotgrave Connections can now be viewed on  
Cotgrave Town Council's Website  
[www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](http://www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)**

**COTGRAVE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE DATES FOR 2017**

**SUMMER - 1st May  
AUTUMN - 31st July  
WINTER - 30th October**

Printed By :-

**Adlard Print**  
Ruddington, Nottingham  
Telephone: 0115 921 4863  
Email: [info@adlardprint.com](mailto:info@adlardprint.com) Web: [www.adlardprint.com](http://www.adlardprint.com)



The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the contributors and may not be those of the Town Council

## THANK YOU, COTGRAVE



The Royal British Legion Poppy appeal for 2016 which ran from October into November, was an outstanding success.

The generosity of Cotgrave residents in giving to the appeal, and to those who contributed to the 345 hours in total spent manning the stands in Morrison's, Sainsbury's and the Co-op, produced a result far in excess of what was expected.

Some £17,750 was collected for the invaluable work done by the Royal British Legion - over twice as much as in previous years. Sincere gratitude is extended to all who took part.

If you would like more information on the Royal British Legion, or would like to consider joining, please contact either John Ludlam on 0115 9899094 or Ian Shaw on 0115 9894484.

Ian Shaw,  
Poppy Appeal Organizer,  
CBOC Branch of the Royal British Legion.



# best foot forward

### Cotgrave Health Walk every Friday

Free, safe and sociable weekly walk round Cotgrave Country Park, with trained leaders, to improve your health and wellbeing

Meet at 2pm outside The Rose & Crown, Main Road, Cotgrave.  
Walks last about 1 hour, walk at your own pace.

No need to book - just turn up on Friday, ready to walk!

Find out more at [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)  
or call Duncan 07969 330846 or Simon 07976 631194





## Want to try something new and rewarding? Plus gain valuable experience while doing it?

Then come help out at Cotgrave Rainbows or Brownies.

You will join a warm and friendly team of likeminded individuals who will offer help and guidance every step of the way making sure you feel comfortable and welcomed in your new role. There will also be the opportunity to undertake official leadership training if you desire.

Both groups are dedicated to providing diverse, creative and fun activities for girls aged 5-10 years, and would appreciate any help you could give in order to keep this going.

If this sounds like something you or someone you know would like to do, or if you require any more information then please get in touch using the email below:

[browniescotgrave@btinternet.com](mailto:browniescotgrave@btinternet.com)

Please note: All volunteers must be between the ages of 18-65 and must undertake a DBS check, as well as providing personal references. Safe from harm training will also be given once this has been completed.

Thanks for reading and we look forward to hearing from you!

## Award Winning Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme



In November 2016 Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme won the Rushcliffe Good Deeds Award in recognition of the excellent service that the Rushcliffe volunteer drivers provide in their local communities.

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

If you would like further information about how to join the transport scheme we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service on 0115 9699060.

Email: [transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk)  
Website: [www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk](http://www.rushcliffecvs.org.uk)

## NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1946 for all interested in astronomy.

Registered Charity No: 1066645

Affiliated to the British Astronomical Association, Member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies  
Member of the Society for Popular Astronomy, Supporter of the Campaign for Dark Skies

A local society of ordinary folk who love to explore the Universe and talk about their hobby.

We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at The British Geological Survey, Keyworth. Visitors are welcome -

your first 2 visits are free!

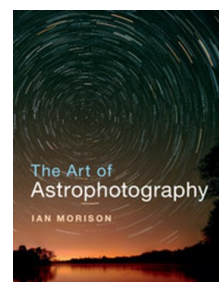
### MARCH 2ND

#### Finding Exoplanets with Small Telescopes by

**Dr Peter Wheatley**

Reader in Astronomy and Astrophysics  
University of Warwick

Peter explains how the search for Exoplanets is now being conducted using networks of small telescopes



### APRIL 6TH

#### The Art of Astrophotography by Professor Ian Morison

Emeritus Gresham Professor of Astronomy, Manchester University



We welcome Ian back to show us how the produce beautiful astronomical images.

for full information on our society see:  
[www.nottinghamastro.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamastro.org.uk)



## 1st Cotgrave Scout Group

Choose us as your Co-op local cause

Your support will benefit your community by providing the Scout group with funds to purchase new camping, craft and games equipment, enabling the young Beavers and Cubs of Cotgrave to grow in confidence.

Go online [coop.co.uk/membership](http://coop.co.uk/membership) and make us your cause. Thank you.





Our report begins with an update of our news:

We have 3 new committee members, Bea, Lorraine and Wendy, and Jane Wood became president in November.

Dr MacDonald won the Christmas cake in our 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition at the Christmas lights festival.

The Christmas party, held at Grannies, was a big success. The meal was delicious. Many thanks to Louise and her team. The quiz went down well and everyone went home with a Secret Santa present.

We made presentations to Mary, who stepped down from the committee after over 50 years, and to Cathy who stepped down as president. All members would like to thank them both for their work on behalf of the WI.

At January's meeting we were entertained by Denny from the Green's Mill Trust who told us all about Green's Mill in Sneinton and, in particular, George Green. As well as being the miller, he was also a renowned and brilliant mathematician. We had to take Denny's word for it as our limited knowledge of equations was nowhere near enough to fathom out his calculations! It was a very interesting talk and has inspired us to visit the mill soon.

The competition was for a windmill-related item and was won by Carol with her homemade loaf of bread made with flour straight from the mill. It was actually Tuxford Mill and not Green's Mill but we could overlook that!

There were also a couple of developments. Cotgrave WI has decided to move its meetings from the Scout and Guide Hall to the Cotgrave Futures building. This will probably be from March, more details later.

We are going to plan some extra get togethers too, for example a 'knit and natter'- type afternoon where we could pass on skills (not exclusively knitting) to each other maybe. Or perhaps a cinema group or a 'tea and cake' group who will visit various local tea rooms once a month. The possibilities are endless and we would welcome any suggestions of activities, either for meetings or as social events, particularly from potential new members if there is something they would like to see that might entice them to join.

For more information about Cotgrave WI find us on Facebook, email [cotgravewi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cotgravewi@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07708046312

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



You will meet new people and enjoy  
speaker subjects.

Please contact 07708 046312 for a chat and for  
more details or visit on the third Monday of each  
month.

7.15pm at the Scout & Guide Hall,  
Chapel Lane, Cotgrave



### Local Charity to Launch a New Service in Cotgrave



**The Children's Bereavement Centre offers free support to children** and their families when they have suffered a loss of someone close to them due to death, terminal illness, divorce or separation.

In 2016, the Children's Bereavement Centre started delivery of outreach therapeutic support from locations in West Bridgford, Edwalton and Bingham, bringing their services closer to children and families in the Rushcliffe community. They have now added to the list of outreach centres with support now available in Cotgrave at the Young People's Centre on a Wednesday morning. Helen Kemp, outreach co-ordinator says, "we are delighted to be able to extend our services into further locations in the Rushcliffe Borough and to offer more local support options."

If you would like more information about the charity, the services and locations, please visit :-

[www.childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk](http://www.childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk)

Or contact the office on Tel: 01636 551739

Email: [info@childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk](mailto:info@childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk).

To make a referral, download a referral form from the website under the Services tab: 'How To Make A Referral.'

# Cookson & Son Ltd

Electrical Engineers Est. 1988

## Industrial and Commercial installations, testing and maintenance

Cookson & Son Ltd have many years of experience and our well qualified team works to a high standard. We have a professional approach, complying with the various electrical regulations to ensure that the work we do is completed efficiently, and to the satisfaction of our customers.

Please visit our web site to see the full range of our services

Office: 0115 989 3033 Mobile: 07702 022235

E-mail: [cookson-and-son@btconnect.com](mailto:cookson-and-son@btconnect.com)

Web Site: [www.cookson-electrical.co.uk](http://www.cookson-electrical.co.uk)

The Birches Owthorpe Road Cotgrave Nottingham  
NG12 3PA



## Cotgrave Safari Sale 2017

### DATES FOR 2017

The Cotgrave Safari Sale will commence again this year with sales planned for the following dates:-

**Saturday 22nd April**  
**Saturday 8th July**  
**Saturday 23rd 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 on a map which will show where to find each one. It's that simple.

### To book at stall :-

Call into the Town Council Office located at the Leisure Centre on Woodview  
(Monday - Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 2pm)

Or call into Hotpots Café on the Shopping Centre

Telephone: 0115 9893876 or  
email [connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)

**Deadline Date for April Sale is :-**

**Tuesday 18th April**

all makes serviced & repaired  
MOT tests petrol & diesel  
air conditioning

**Rex Jackson**  
tel: 0115 989 4188  
email: [rex.jackson@ntlworld.com](mailto:rex.jackson@ntlworld.com)  
Unit 5 • Candleby Lane • Cotgrave • Nottingham

**MOT FROM £45.00**

**Which? Trusted Traders**



## Cotgrave Scout & Guide Hall available for Hire



Situated on Chapel Lane, Cotgrave, the Scout & Guide Hall is available for hire at competitive rates.

### Facilities include:

2 x rooms (one being upstairs), kitchen and stage.  
Disabled access (downstairs only).

Suitable for meetings, social and fundraising events, evening and daytime parties.

### For more information:-

Call 0115 9893335, text 07708 598915  
or email [buzzanne2@gmail.com](mailto:buzzanne2@gmail.com)

# Cotgrave Job Club

Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm, Cotgrave Leisure Centre



**Support with Producing a winning CV - Advice and Guidance**  
**Interview Preparation - Access to exclusive Vacancies - Training and**  
**Apprenticeships - Job Searching**

For more details contact:

Mark Clifford: 07966 363498, [Mark.Clifford@nottsgcc.co.uk](mailto:Mark.Clifford@nottsgcc.co.uk);

Philip Parr: 077387 13989, [Philip.parr@metropolitan.org.uk](mailto:Philip.parr@metropolitan.org.uk)

Email: [Ready4workrushcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:Ready4workrushcliffe@gmail.com)



## Where did 2016 go?

We've now spent 5 years working with local people to find work, apprenticeships and training and are proud to have helped over 250 members, the majority of whom have found work. Some are 16 and some are 60 so it proves that you can always aspire to better yourself no matter what age you are or what qualifications you have.

We have recently run a successful "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body" course as part of the Job Club and intend to hold further sessions. The rewards for attending include meeting new contacts, learning more about yourself and a free hour in the gym every week after the session. Please get in touch if you are interested.

We have direct links with a number of local businesses, colleges and expert advisors and are happy to work on a one to one basis in our group environment. We can help with CV writing, filling in application forms and job searching. We have a number of laptops and free internet access too.

Finally, we are also running a Ready4Work club at the Bingham Methodist Church on Thursday mornings and you are welcome to visit us there if you can't make the Wednesday sessions.



Have you ever wanted to work at an OUTSTANDING nursery?

If you have; You are in luck!

We are looking for 2 qualified Nursery Nurses to join our OUTSTANDING team.

Positions are available now, Full Serendipitys training given.

Do not delay, call 0115 989 9780 or reply to [cotgrave@serendipitys.co.uk](mailto:cotgrave@serendipitys.co.uk)

Serendipitys  
Cotgrave Futures Building  
Candleby Lane  
Cotgrave  
Nottingham NG12 3JG

Workshop On

# Healthy Body Healthy Mind



Cotgrave Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ  
(1.00pm-3:00pm)

**Taster Session:** Ring for details

## Course Content:

- Self-Analysis & Goals
- Nutrition & Diet
- Exercise & Sleep
- Supervised Gym Sessions

- Mind, Body & Being
- Mindfulness & Connecting
- Action Planning - Simple Steps
- Advice and Support

This workshop is a basic introduction to the key aspects of a healthy lifestyle and each week will include a **free 1 hour gym session**.

Opportunities for support into Apprenticeships & Employment.  
Special offers for Gym & Facilities membership

To Reserve a Place, Please Call:

Philip - 07738 713 989 (Employment Off. Metropolitan)

Mark - 07966 363498 (Trent Bridge Community Trust)

Conducted in Collaboration with



Metropolitan  
Improving life together



Learning

[inspireculture.org.uk](http://inspireculture.org.uk)



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

delivered by



**Inspire**  
Culture | Learning | Libraries

It is a new year and new programme for the Positive Future's team due to a recent 4 year contract extension funded by Rushcliffe Borough Council. We will be delivering lunchtime clubs, gym sessions, after school sport sessions and supporting events like Scout's weekend and Cotgrave Festival.

As part of the continued support and funding by Cotgrave Town Council, Max Murphy (last year's coach core apprentice) has become our level 3 apprentice to support me with the delivery of sessions in Cotgrave. As part of Max's apprenticeship he will be completing a level 3 in supporting the delivery of primary school PE and sport. Max would like to thank the Cotgrave Town Council for the opportunity and looks forward to supporting Cotgrave.



Our holiday sessions will be our next challenge and we have taken a slightly different approach to the way our sessions will work. We will be delivering a football and cricket skill camp in which young people aged 10-15 years old can take place in fun and developmental sessions delivered by FA and ECB qualified coaches.

As far as my progress is concerned I am continuing to develop by getting as much training and qualification's as possible. I am also working on my level 1 swimming instructor qualification.

I am also completing a plan (get Active) for a project I hope to deliver in Cotgrave and other areas. The objective of this programme is to improve and provide support for the mental health of young people, we do this by keeping the young people fit and healthy through early morning fitness sessions, providing them with new skills like swimming, football, cricket etc. and finally by providing a support network during 1-2-1 sessions.

Finally Positive Futures will be delivering sessions throughout the Easter holiday so to keep up to date on information on sessions and holiday programmes, please contact:-

[callum.pharoah@trentbridge.co.uk](mailto:callum.pharoah@trentbridge.co.uk)  
or 07956771390, alternatively contact us on our Facebook page- Positive Futures Rushcliffe.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to support myself and the Positive Futures team.

**Callum Pharoah**  
**Assistant Project Officer.**

### **Your Cotgrave Conservative Councillors - working for all in Cotgrave**



**Richard Butler**  
Nottinghamshire County, Rushcliffe Borough and  
Cotgrave Town Council  
Tel: 0115 9892504 Email: [cllr.richard.butler@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.richard.butler@nottsc.gov.uk)

**Christine Jeffreys**  
Rushcliffe Borough Council and Cotgrave Town Council  
Tel: 0115 9892829 Email: [cllr.cjeffreys@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.cjeffreys@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

**Leo Healy**  
Cotgrave Town Council  
Tel: 07769 159041 Email: [leo.healy@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:leo.healy@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)

**Vance Wood**  
Cotgrave Town Council  
Tel: 07557 868284 Email: [vance.wood@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:vance.wood@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)

[www.cotgraveconservatives.co.uk](http://www.cotgraveconservatives.co.uk)



# THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ANOTHER...

Beavers - Friday 6 - 7.15pm  
Cubs - Thursday 6.30 - 8pm

**1st Cotgrave Scout Group**  
Scout & Guide Hall  
Chapel Lane  
Cotgrave, NG12 3JU

Beavers: Tel: 07708 598915  
Cubs: Tel: 0115 9890689

Coming soon ..... return of the  
Scout Troop for young people aged  
10 1/2 to 14 years. Look out for  
further details in the next edition  
of Cotgrave Connections  
Newsletter!



© Copyright 2012 The Scout Association Registered Charity number 306101 (England and Wales) and SC038437 (Scotland)





# Cotgrave Festival

## 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 11am - 4pm

Cotgrave Welfare Field



### Cotgrave Festival 2017 Stall Enquiry Form

Please complete the details below if you are interested in having a stall at the Festival.

Stall Name:

Brief Description of Stall:

**Staff Information :** One table is supplied **free of charge**, additional tables are supplied at a cost. Pitch areas are 5m x 5m. If you require additional space please let us know. Please note gazebos will not be provided, but you may bring your own. Risk assessment required. Please enquire for pitch cost.

Contact Name:

Contact Number:

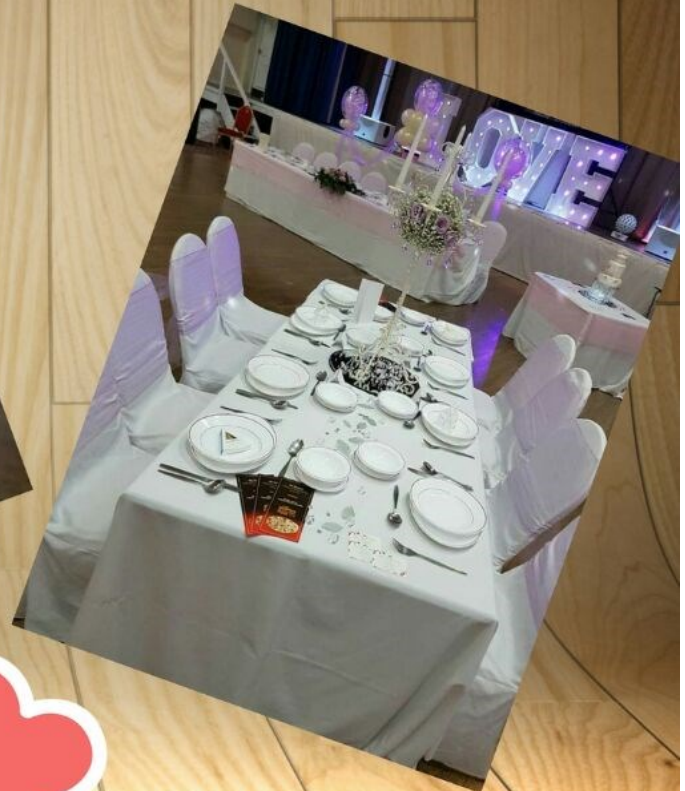
Email:

Please return to:  
Cotgrave Festival 2017, c/o Cotgrave Town Council, Cotgrave Leisure Centre, Woodview,  
Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ  
Telephone: 0115 9893876 Email : [cotgravefestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cotgravefestival@hotmail.co.uk)

# **COTGRAVE WELFARE WEDDING OPEN DAY SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 11.00AM TO 3.00PM**

**Are you getting married in 2017 or 2018?**

**Why not come along to our open day. It will be a great opportunity for you to see the venue set up and meet some of our local wedding experts who will be on hand to offer advice to plan your perfect wedding day.**



**Why not pop along with your friends and family to be inspired with a glass of something sparkling and a range of delicious canapes.**

**This is a free event, there is no need to book. Come along for an informal chat and to meet the team. For further information please call 0115 989 2409 or email [office@cotgraveclub.co.uk](mailto:office@cotgraveclub.co.uk)**



## COLSTON BASSETT, OWTORPE AND COTGRAVE BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### 2016

The 125 members of CBOC Branch of the RBL have had a very successful 2016. They conducted a full program of events ranging from Easter Egg rolling at the Martins Arms to a Christmas Party at the Rose and Crown. Amongst all the fun, members and other supporters raised an incredible £17,757 during the Poppy Appeal, thus more than doubling last year's record collection. From other events they raised a further £1945 some of which will be going to Alderson House, an RBL Break Centre in Bridlington and Galanos House, an RBL Care Home in Warwickshire. As a reward for all their hard work the Branch received 2 merit awards from the County RBL. Well done everyone and thank you.

### 2017

In 2017 Branch activities start with a dinner at Blotts Country Club on 18 February and a visit to the Civil War Centre in March. There is to be a Fish and Chip supper in April, and June will see us at the Cotgrave Festival as well as having supper on the Trent. Our main fundraising event will be on 15 July in Colston Bassett when we will have a talk on Prisoners of War of WW1. We are hoping once again to arrange an autumn concert by the RAF Band. The Poppy collection will start on 21 October when we hope to match last year's fantastic total.

**Why not come and join us, it only costs £18 per year and you don't need to have been in the Services.**

**Contact either :**

**John Ludlam 9899094  
CBOCChairman@aol.com**

**or**

**Peter McLaughlin 9894610  
Peter.mclaughlin@live.co.uk**

**LIVE ON**   
The Royal British Legion  
Helpline  
0808 802 8080



### **A Welcome addition to our Shopping Precinct opened its doors for business on Tuesday 17th January.**

Owned and managed by Nickola Hilton, it offers a vast range of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit as well as flowers available in the shop, or select from her Facebook page.

Nickola and her family have lived in Cotgrave for the past 16 years, and over the past year she has developed a very successful flower business from home, and now feels it is time to take it to the High Street.

She can supply flowers for Birthdays, Weddings, Funerals, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, and in fact any and all special occasions.

Her full range of bouquets etc. can be seen on her Facebook page: **Stems-flowers by Nickola**

Nickola is also happy to make up fruit baskets to your specific requirements from a wide range of fruits.

All of the above are also available for free home delivery both locally and to outlying villages in the Vale.

### **Trading hours.**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. 8am-5pm.  
Saturday 8am-2pm.

Contact.

Mobile: **07944 688755.**

Email: **info@stemsnottingham.co.uk**

Facebook: **Stems-flowers by Nickola**

Please support Nickola and our local traders/  
shopkeepers and shop local!

**Cllr Leo Healy.**

# Thinking of moving home this Spring?



**Contact Thomas James,  
comfortably the market  
leader in Cotgrave!**

**Visit our team at...**

Corner Cottage, 4 Bingham Road, Cotgrave NG12 3JR

Tel: 0115 989 9757 Email: [cotgrave@tjea.com](mailto:cotgrave@tjea.com)

Web: [www.tjea.com](http://www.tjea.com)

Offices located in: Cotgrave | Nottingham | Clifton | Ruddington

Selected as the best independent agent  
by the Relocation Agent Network



**Cotgrave  
Advice Centre**  
Over 30 Years of Caring

The Advice Centre has completed a successful move to the All Saints' Church of England Church in Plumtree Road opposite Brumpton. Our clients are able to enjoy a warmer and more comfortable environment.

We are delighted to welcome new and existing clients and will deal with any query at no cost. We specialise in form filling, benefit queries, debt, income tax, complaints and all general queries. We have a Solicitor visiting twice a month who will give free advice on a half hour appointment basis.

Just call in to the Church during our opening hours between 9 and 12 noon on Tuesday and Thursday mornings or Monday evening between 5 and 7 pm. We endeavour to see everyone without having to make an appointment. Our team of volunteers are extremely welcoming and skilled in most areas and if we can't give immediate help we will ensure we refer people to another agency who can help with their problems.

Our website has a great deal of information so we can provide help 24/7 at [www.cotgraveadvicecentre.org.uk](http://www.cotgraveadvicecentre.org.uk) and our telephone has an answer phone. We will always respond to messages left on 0115 9893294.

We look forward to another year supporting the people of Cotgrave and surrounding areas.

Jacky Shaw

Member of  
**advice** UK

 **Rushcliffe  
Advice Network**  
Strengthen | Support | Coordinate

## Cotgrave U3A History Group

The history group have planned their 2017 programme of talks, visits and research activities which offer a rich mixture of local and general history.

The local history sessions will be about researching the past with results being published on a website which is due to be launched in March this year. This format will allow the community access to a wealth of information about the village past, along with photographs and Census information going back to 1841, also personal memories from residents.

Anyone interested in helping with this large project should contact Paul Childs on 0115 9892145.



### History group programme for the first 6 months

Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Talk by Carole Pimblett – Tracing your family history - (where to start)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cotgrave local history project website
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am at Nottinghamshire CC Archives talk & tour
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Visit – National Holocaust centre, Laxton
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cotgrave local history project research subject(s)
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Visit – Newark Civil war Museum

Meetings at Manvers public house at **2.00pm** unless a planned visit. (times TBC).

## Cotgrave Library Exhibition

Cotgrave Library in conjunction with the U3A History Group, held an exhibition in the Library on Saturday 11th February between 10.00am and 12 noon. On display were a number of old photographs of adult and children groups, photographs of Cotgrave Colliery, various OS maps of the locality, newspaper clippings about people and events in the village and the opportunity to view Census information from 1841 onwards.

As a result of the event, it is hoped that many individuals will come forward with their personal memorabilia and allow it to be uploaded onto the website for future reference and use. If you did not visit the exhibition but feel that you have material, photographs or stories to tell please contact Paul Childs on 0115 9892145



**Bingham Road, Cotgrave, NG12 3JR**

**Minister: David Haywood 01530 588752**

# 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 6.

## Care Home Services

**Friday 24th March, 28th April & 26th May**

**@ 2.30pm  
Eaton Park Care Home,  
Owthorpe Road, Cotgrave.**

We meet at the Care Home on the 4th Friday in the month. Service led by Andrew Barker.

All Welcome.

## Charity Coffee Mornings

**Sat 4th March, 1st April & 6th May  
10.30am till 12noon**

Come and join us for refreshments.

## Have you a birthday party coming up?

Why not book the Church/Community Hall

**Call Eileen Taylor on  
0115 9893784**

to check for church hall availability.



## Bible studies class

@ 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave



Tuesdays 7.30pm

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

Jean Rutherford on 9890355

## Youth Groups @ Cotgrave Methodist Church

We have various groups for young people from year 6 through to year 12 here at Cotgrave Methodist Church. We have a real heart and passion to reach out and support the young people of Cotgrave:

### **"BfG" (Breakfast with God) Sunday 9am—9.45am**

All young people are invited to join us at Grannies on a Sunday morning for breakfast, we eat and then explore the Bible before joining the rest of the church for worship at 10.30am.

### **"Transform" Wednesday 3.30pm—5pm**

A group for yr 6, we meet at 3.30pm every Wednesday straight after school during term time, the young people are given a drink and a snack and then they can play on the Xbox, the Wii, Pool table, Table tennis, board games and crafts. For the last 15 minutes we calm down and sit together and chat through topics that affect them.

### **"The\_group" Wednesday 5.30pm—7pm**

Just the same as Transform, but for years 7-10, and a bit later so they can get there, so its 4.30-7pm again every Wednesday afternoon during term time.

### **ClaYFroG" (Cotgrave Youth Fellowship Group) Monday 6.30-8pm**

A group open to yr 6 and above. We meet on a Monday evening 6.30-8pm during term time. We start with food, fellowship & worship. Then we usually explore a topic in small groups and see what God has to say about how we respond to it through looking at the Bible. The evening finishes with a game.

### **"BU" (be Yourself) Sunday 6pm-8pm**

Open to all, we meet every Sunday evening 6pm-8pm, The first hour varies from week-to-week (see monthly programme for details). Then from about 7pm either stay in the Chapel for refreshment and a chat or join in the games in the Community Hall.

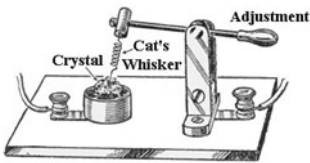
If you are interested in any of the above groups, please just come along, we need your parents/carers permission for you to be there, so just fill in one of our consent forms and bring it with you—simple as that!

**Martin Blyth, Church Youth Worker  
Email: youthworkercmc@gmail.com  
Tel: 0115 989 4670**



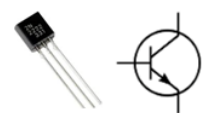
## The Information Revolution; how it all started

A recent meeting of the U3A featured a somewhat 'different' talk, given by one of our own members, John Orton. John explained that he had almost taken up history as a career but had been seduced into science by the appointment of new science teachers at his school when he was in the fifth form. Having worked in scientific research for some thirty-five years, on retirement he had become interested in the history of science and it was such a topic that he proposed to describe, namely the origins of the 'Information Revolution'.



The key discovery was generally taken to be the invention of the transistor at Bell Telephone Laboratories just before Christmas 1947 but its origins dated back to two earlier discoveries, those of the so-called 'cat's whisker' rectifier in 1874 and the telephone in 1876. The need to extend telephone communications between far-flung US cities demanded a series of repeater stations each incorporating an amplifier—though such a device did not, at the time, exist. This had to wait until 1908, when Lee de Forrest invented the triode valve and, being in financial difficulties, was happy to sell the patent right to Bell. However, problems with reliability meant that Bells' engineers nursed a hope that, one day, it would be possible to develop an amplifier device made from a piece of semiconductor material, such as silicon or germanium. There were, however, serious difficulties in controlling the behaviour of semiconductors which were only resolved during the Second World War as a result of efforts to develop microwave RADAR systems. Research into microwave detectors based on silicon or germanium led to American scientists realising that it was essential to purify these materials to a much higher degree than had previously been thought possible and this led to better understanding of semiconductor physics to successful application of semiconductor to practical problems.

After the war, a team of scientists at Bell Telephone Laboratories was given the task of developing a 'solid state' amplifier and, after a number of false starts, succeeded brilliantly in making a so-called 'point-contact' transistor. There were, however, certain personality problems within the Group which led to an unfortunate split whereby the two scientists who were principally responsible for the original development, John Bardeen and Walter Brattain, became side-lined, whilst their Group leader, William Shockley took most of the credit while inventing an alternative device, known as a 'junction transistor' which proved both more reliable and easier to manufacture. The fact that all three shared the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1956 partially melted the ice between them but, nevertheless, their relationship remained, to say the least a trifle cool. As our speaker pointed out, even scientists are human and subject of personal foibles, rather like the rest of human kind!



**To learn more about Cotgrave & District U3A activities**

**Visit our website : [www.cotgraveu3a.weebly.com](http://www.cotgraveu3a.weebly.com) or  
email: [CotgraveU3A@hotmail.com](mailto:CotgraveU3A@hotmail.com)**

## ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, COTGRAVE



The Rector (The Revd Paul Massey) may be contacted on 0115 9892223.

Bookings for Baptism & Weddings can be made on this number, or alternatively visit our website at: [www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk](http://www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk)

**Church Wardens:**  
**Gordon Marsh 0115 9899930**  
**Sheila Astill 0115 9892844**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am Eucharist  
10.00 am Eucharist (or on the 1st Sunday of the Month  
10.30 am Family Service)  
6.00 pm Evening Worship (or on 4th Sunday of the  
Month - 4.30 pm 'Sunday Special')

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

1st Tuesday of the month, 2.00 pm in  
All Saints Church. Speaker, refreshments and fun.

### LITTLE LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

For children aged 3-11. Every week in school term,  
except for our Family Service (the first  
Sunday of the month), where the children can  
participate in the service. Meet in All Saints' for  
10 am. Further details please contact us c/o  
The Rectory. Tel: 0115 989 2223

### VISITING GROUP

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

### CHOIR PRACTICE

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



### BELLRINGING PRACTICE

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

### RESIDENTIAL HOME SERVICE

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

### MEMORY CAFÉ

Last Thursday of every month, 2.00-4.00pm in Church

### COTGRAVE ADVICE CENTRE

In Church—Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9am - 12pm  
Monday evenings: 5pm - 7pm

### EVENTS

#### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

On **Tuesday 28th February** beginning at **7pm** we will be  
having a **Pancake Party** in Church. Tickets (only available  
in advance and not on the door) are £3 for pancakes (with a  
variety of sweet fillings available) and tea/coffee. There will  
be a fun 'guess who' quiz on the evening with a prize for the  
winner.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**1st March 7.30pm**—Eucharist and imposition of ashes for  
the beginning of the Season of Lent.

#### MOTHERING SUNDAY

On **Sunday 26th March** at our 10am service  
we will celebrate Mothering Sunday. During  
the service we will present mothers, and  
those who care for others in a 'motherly  
way', with flowers in a token of thanks for all  
their loving care.

All are very much welcome.



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

### We are open for:

- Rattle, Rhyme & Roll – Parent/carer and baby/ toddler session on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time between 2.30 and 3.00pm
- Toys for the children
- Accessible WC with baby changing facilities
- Free use of wi fi
- Using the computer (we have a scanner)
- Photocopying and printing\*
- A quiet space to read the local paper
- Help with your enquiries
- Information on local events, courses & facilities
- Comfortable seating in a warm, safe environment
- Basic computer courses
- Café area\*  
(\*small cost applies)

### Look out for our forthcoming events:

- Reading Chain
- Plant Swap
- Kids' Crazy Crafts

### Did you know that with your library card you can:

- Borrow up to 24 books
- Use any Nottinghamshire County Libraries or City Libraries
- Download free newspapers and magazines
- Borrow books in different formats: hardback, paperback, large print, e-books (download PC or reader), audio books (CD or cassette)



*Hope to see you soon!*  
*Michelle, Anne*  
*& the rest of the library team*



Visit our new website at [www.inspireculture.org.uk](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk)  
and check us out at [www.facebook.com/nottslibraries](https://www.facebook.com/nottslibraries)

*You can join online too!*

## Update on Town Centre Regeneration and Employment Units at Hollygate Park

Work is now progressing on both projects to regenerate the Town Centre and build Employment Units at Hollygate Park.

### Hollygate Lane employment site:

- ◆ Construction of 15 units on the site started in January 2017 and will be completed in July 2017. If you are interested in leasing one of the new industrial units or looking for new business premises please contact [nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

### The Plan for the new Town Centre:

- ◆ January – February 2017: Construction of new access road for Rivermead
- ◆ February – April 2017: Demolition of Scotland Bank
- ◆ May 2017 – May 2018: Construction of the new multiservice centre to house GPs, police, library, Rushcliffe Borough Council contact point and Cotgrave Town Council
- ◆ September 2017 – May 2018: 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.
- ◆ Summer / Autumn 2018: Demolition of existing library and police buildings, improvements to the car park, and landscaping of the area.



Rushcliffe Borough Council and Cotgrave Town Council encourage residents to support their local shops during the improvements and will be working with local businesses during this time. Please shop locally and support your local businesses!

To keep up to date with developments see our web page [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/cotgrave](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/cotgrave)

If you would like any further information please contact [csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk)

## Nottinghamshire County Council News



Following the Town Council's successful bid and joint funding with Nottinghamshire County Council last year for the improvements at Grassmere and Ringleas play parks (have you tried them yet?!) further opportunity has arisen for us to submit applications to the County Council for further community support grants.

These were from their "Supporting Local Communities" fund (previously known as Local Improvement Scheme) where areas from across the whole of Nottinghamshire can apply for such funding. As you might imagine, there are always far more applications than there is funding available, so it is something of a competitive situation.

Applications were invited for the 2017-18 scheme and again we have made an application for Cotgrave. This time it's to improve the car parking area/surface at the Arthur Ridley sportsground on Colliers Way. This is where the ever popular Cotgrave FC hold their matches and training. You might remember our report about the event held there last September which turned out to be one of the wettest days of the year.

It highlighted how the car park needs a more appropriate and safer surfacing. The Town Council discussed this and agreed that it should put some funding aside to help and this will hopefully bring a positive result from the County Council too. The car park is so poor that many people park on Colliers Way, which is potentially dangerous for youngsters in particular.

The final decision as to whether the bid has been successful or not, will be known later this Spring.

Another project that has been approved for support is the repair to the bronze sword, the improvements to the surrounding area and reinstatement of the disabled footpath at Cotgrave's war memorial. This will hopefully be completed during the Spring.

### New interactive speed sign planned

Many people are worried about perceived and actual speeding on the roads. Sometimes people don't realise that they are going too quickly or over the limit. One of the most effective and popular ways of trying to manage this are the interactive speed signs that flash you speed as you approach. We have three already in Cotgrave on Plumtree Road, Main Road and Owthorpe Road.

After a long time of discussions (well over a year) the County Council has agreed to provide another one on Plumtree Road, facing the other direction, between the Scrimshire Lane and Rectory Road junctions, which should also help to slow traffic as it approaches Mensing Avenue - which has been a worry for a long time.

If all goes to plan, the sign should be installed in the next month or two.

## Vale of Belvoir Ramblers

Our groups help local people enjoy walking and protect the places we all love to walk. Most groups organise regular walks led by local experts—a great way to get outside, make new friends and discover how walking boosts your health and happiness. You're very welcome to try walking with us so do get in touch and come along to one of our walks.



Vale of Belvoir Ramblers is a small and friendly group based in south east Nottinghamshire. Our varied programme offers weekly, Sunday and monthly Wednesday walks. In addition, in June and July we offer leisurely evening strolls, often ending with a sociable drink at a pub.

Many of our walks are in and around the Vale of Belvoir but we walk further afield in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire with regular trips to the Peak District.

More details can be found on our website : [www.vbramblers.co.uk](http://www.vbramblers.co.uk) and photographs taken on our walks can be found on our blog at <http://vbramblers.blogspot.co.uk/> as well as routes of most of our walks or telephone : **01949 8836042**



## Friends of Cotgrave Country Park

Instead of my normal quarterly report I thought it beneficial to offer my chairman's report given at the groups AGM on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. We are always looking at ways to bring in new members to our group and hopefully this report will give a view of our activities. I am constantly meeting new residents of Hollygate Park and I would encourage anyone with any ideas for the park to come along to our meetings. As I'm not sure when the magazine goes out it is difficult for me to give dates but all future dates can be viewed on the notice board in the car park or view them on the events section at [www.cotgravecommunity.com](http://www.cotgravecommunity.com) or facebook at Friends of Cotgrave Country Park. Hope to see you soon.

### AGM 2017 Chairman's Report

Once again it gives me great pleasure to have chaired the group for my third year.

2016 has seen a total of 9 meetings attended by a total 124 members. The number of task days have totalled 18.

Thanks to Ernie our Secretary – Never ceasing with his passion for the park and everything that goes with it. His educational days with local school children are always well received. Being one of the original founders of FoCCP some fourteen years ago his knowledge is vast and has certainly been of help to me.

Yvonne – as treasurer has had a quiet year in her position but is always ever willing to stand in for others.

Llyn Demaine who keeps us up to date with park wildlife has reported in the past year on the unfortunate demise of waterfowl both on the canal and Heron lake. This has been put down to the sighting of mink in the park. It is now known of two areas they frequent.

Leo Healy, our Town Council representative has kindly acted as our go between and his input is appreciated.

Lee and Sue our NCC representatives work hard to enhance and maintain the park, unfortunately with ever decreasing funds, but their input and enthusiasm never wanes. Lee is responsible for planning and maintenance which he puts into place during the task days throughout the year. However, little mention is made of his own band of volunteers who he brings with him. I would like Lee to convey my thanks to this group of volunteers.

Over the year Lee has carried out 18 task days where the main jobs have been to remove the earth bunds alongside Heron Lake after park users made comment that they looked shabby. These have been levelled and surrounded by posts to define what we hope will be an area used for families to picnic once again. One task day involved members of the Co-op management joining us. They used the event as a team building & bonding exercise. They were tasked with removing the many large stones which hampered the levelling of the bunds. I am reliably informed that they considered the day a success even though the weather conditions were horrendous. Hopefully we can use this type of help in the coming year.

Wardens – The volunteer warden scheme has been in operation now for two years and supported by NCC has steadily picked up in numbers to the present total of 8. It is my wish that we can recruit even more so we may become big enough to have our own task days to carry out even more landscaping and maintenance projects. Wardens have gone about their duties with a lot of eagerness and they have now become a valued part of the FoCCP community. I have had many favourable remarks from park users about their presence. I would like to mention the foot work carried out by warden Alan Peckover for walking and formulating 5 way marked routes within the park and hopefully these will be in place early in 2017. His task covered a total of 17.5 kilometres.

Ray Brown's passion for the park shows through in his very time consuming work to try and raise funding. He knows what he wants and sets about it eagerly. He has been rebuffed on occasions but nevertheless he picks himself up starts again. This is a very hectic job he has taken on and I'm sure Ray would be delighted to have some help from other members.

The park is becoming increasingly popular with various types of user and in early summer the Canal and Rivers Trust resurfaced the tow path much to our advantage and this has seen more cyclists coming to the park. Another new venture in the park was Buggy Fit, a club for young mothers who wish to meet to walk, talk and keep fit whilst still being able to have their children with them. A very successful event in autumn was the bat walk held by the WFT and this took the organisers by surprise when over 40 people turned up. Hopefully that can take place again in 2017. Dog walkers enjoy the park and make use of our dog swimming pool and other open spaces to exercise their canine friends. The local fishing club still have a very healthy membership and have had a number of successful competitions this year. Their charitable side still has a place in the park. The children from Ash Lea school attend the lake and are given fishing lessons under their supervision.

Unfortunately this year the lake fell foul to a fishing disease and the club took the decision to close Heron Lake. They contacted CFAS a division of DEFRA to investigate the disease. They identified the problem as KVA a fish disease that only affects the carp family. They were given help and advice from CFAS to rid the lake of the disease and things have now returned to normal and been given a clean bill of health. The situation will be monitored periodically by CFAS. I would like to add that there was no danger to humans or other wildlife. Unfortunately because of the closure it meant the club could not hold its annual charity match which would have benefitted Ash Lea School. I have no doubt this will return next year.

The housing development has moved forward at a rapid rate without too much disruption to the park and Barratts have planted many small trees surrounding the car park. The first part of landscaping to the park boundary from Hollygate housing perimeter has just taken place.

The top road and fishermans entrance has now been totally re-laid and at long last it has been announced that the Multi User Footpath is to go ahead utilising the old railway track from the park towards the river Trent. This will be of great benefit to the park by bringing users from the Radcliffe and Holme Pierpoint area.

To keep up with modern media and more importantly, to promote the park, we have decided to build our own web site and also to resurrect the old Facebook page and link them both together. Thanks to Polly Jones and ex member Russ Hamer for taking on the roll of heading these two projects.

More fruit trees were planted near the old Pagoda site and although some didn't take there are a good many that did and hopefully these will bear fruit eventually.

In November, me and some of the wardens paid a visit to Rushcliffe Country Park on a fact finding mission to look at the sensory garden that had been made there. This is basically for children to get involved with sound and vision in nature. Although some of the items looked rather expensive it was decided that others could be home made and this will be progressed in 2017. A location has yet to be decided but it will involve a lot of ground work. The wardens along with NCC will meet to discuss this at future date.

It has always been my aim to progress the park. Over the last three years I have tried to do this. I have also become frustrated at the lack of progress. However, towards the end of last year there were signs from NCC that there may be room for progress with the mention of a cabin for the wardens and group use. Lee also has ideas for two nature projects.

There are some things that have been mentioned over the last year that have never transpired and I will be trying to resurrect these small but useful things for the benefit of the park... Of late I have looked at ways of trying to bring in new blood to the group to look for fresh input now we have the new housing to tap into. Just last week I looked at the Cotgrave U3A web site and looked at their walking section which meets twice monthly. I found that many local parks have had a visit, however, the country park, on their own doorstep was not mentioned. I will try to address the situation in the weeks ahead. We should all be looking at fresh ideas, nothing major just small things that may enhance the park to the budget available. I notice many children at a weekend with their parents in the park and this is one of the groups we need to encourage. There is more to being a child than television, computers and games machines.

Finally can I end by giving a big thank you to you the members for your continued support. Each and every one of you involved with the park is appreciated. It's not always possible to mention everybody by name but your help and support is greatly valued.

*Harry Burrows*

Nottinghamshire Carers hub

**Do you care for a loved one, friend or family member?**

... come and take a break with our

**COTGRAVE CARERS SUPPORT GROUP**

Don't feel isolated, support each other

Support workers here for you

Activities to occupy your mind

Information and advice from specialist speakers

NHS Nottinghamshire County Council

3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, COMMENCING:  
**Tuesday, 21st June 2016**  
**10.30 - 12.30pm**

**Cotgrave Futures**  
 Candleby Lane, Cotgrave,  
 Nottingham, NG12 3JG

For more information, contact  
**Sally Charles**  
**07860 957587**  
 E: sallycharles@carerstrustem.org

# COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

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



Tel: 0115 9893876  
Fax: 0115 9890439  
Website: [www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](http://www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)

Email: [clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk) or [connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)

## Chairman's Report

I write this report towards the end of January 2017, when the fog and frost are 'spectre-grey', to borrow a description from Thomas Hardy, and I am pleased to report that Cotgrave Town Council has been as active as ever since the last edition of Cotgrave Connections.

The weeks leading up to Christmas are very busy for the Clerk and the Administration Manager, and they always keep their fingers crossed that the weather will be fine for the switching on of the Christmas lights, in the town centre. I am delighted to say that the event went very well, indeed, and the queue to see Santa seemed longer than ever! The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, held at Cotgrave Welfare, went very well, too, and the feedback from guests and others was extremely positive. I am sure that councillors will look favourably on any proposal to hold a similar event, later this year. Councillors were also pleased to grant £600 to Cotgrave Social Welfare Scheme towards the cost of putting on their annual Christmas pantomime for local schools.

As an expression of their commitment to supporting the development of young people in Cotgrave, councillors agreed to grant £100 to 1<sup>st</sup> Cotgrave Scout Group, so that they can plant bulbs in a location of their choice in Cotgrave. This will encourage teamwork and a sense of civic pride, and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours. We were also unanimous in agreeing to fund Positive Futures until 2020, so that they can plan their provision with certainty, and without the need to submit an annual request for a grant. We did not hesitate to move to funding in this way because we recognise that the work they do with young people has a positive impact on their personal development. Council has also submitted a bid to Notts County Council for funds to help to pay for an additional car park at the Arthur Ridley Sports Ground, home of Cotgrave FC. If successful, Council will have to match their funding, and we hope that the outcome will be an improved area where currently the drainage is not good.

In response to a request by a resident, a working party has been formed to look at the bus services in Cotgrave. There will be an opportunity to discuss matters with bus company representatives in February's Town Council meeting, and the outcomes, will, no doubt, be reported in the minutes of that, and in the next publication of Cotgrave Connections.

Councillors have appointed a solicitor to scrutinise the draft lease by which we shall be bound when we move into the Multi-Service Centre, when it is built. They have had the opportunity to read the draft lease, and to ask the solicitor for clarity on a number of clauses. When the solicitor and councillors are satisfied that their concerns have been satisfactorily addressed, they will take a final vote to join the Police, the Library, Rushcliffe Borough Council's Contact Point, and the GPs in the Multi-Service Centre. They have already voted, in principle, to relocate to the Multi-Service Centre.

There have been two meetings of the working group that prepares the budget so that it can be presented to Council for approval. The preparation of the budget is an important decision-making process that ensures that we meet the requirements of the law, and that we address Council's spending priorities. As you know, we, as well as Notts County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council, provide local services and some support to local organisations. We also organise and support events that promote social cohesion. We employ a Clerk, an Administration Manager, park keepers, and grounds maintenance staff. In order to pay for our spending commitments, Council receives a small portion, calculated on a tax base provided for us by Rushcliffe Borough Council, of the Council Tax residents pay. I would like to assure everyone that Cotgrave Town Council takes seriously its responsibility for providing services that are good value for money. I would like to thank Councillors Gardner, Shaw, Healy, Jeffreys, and Wilson for joining the Clerk and I in the two budget preparation meetings.

Finally, on behalf of Cotgrave Town Council, I would like to thank all those who contribute to making Cotgrave a fantastic place to live. You keep our streets safe, educate our young people, provide opportunities for people of all ages, keep us healthy, and look after our beautiful Country Park, as well as the built environment. The work will soon commence in the town centre, and eventually make a difference to all our lives. Let us embrace the changes positively in the knowledge that we are all responsible for morale. Together, we can ensure a bright future for Cotgrave.

**Vance Wood**  
**Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council**

## **Cotgrave Community Pensioner's Christmas Party**

Over 180 of our Senior Citizens enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of eating, drinking and merriment on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Following a sherry reception, all guests were entertained by The Church of England School Choir singing traditional Christmas carols.

The guest speaker was Dr Lowe, who gave a very interesting talk on his time as a doctor in Cotgrave, looking at lots of faces that have come through his surgery. The entertainment was provided by Paul Stuart (Dukeries Entertainment) with his repertoire of songs and jokes.

EJs Catering provided the meal as well as Christmas crackers.

South Nottinghamshire Academy provided eight of their pupils to help with the serving of meals in the afternoon amongst the many other community volunteers.

The afternoon ended with bingo, and a raffle with numerous prizes available.



Town Councillors were actively involved in setting up the room in the morning, and in the afternoon manning reception, registering guests and acting as master of ceremonies.

Numerous volunteers willingly gave their time on the day to help with many tasks and making the event a success.

Overall, the event was well received and enjoyed by all, with some very useful feedback.

On behalf of the Town Council, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to everybody involved for their time and effort that went into making this event such a success.

## **DOG FOULING ISSUE IN COTGRAVE**



Cotgrave Town Council continues to hear of complaints of dog fouling within our community.

**Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard.**

**Streetwise Operatives have used 250 bags clearing dog foul from the streets of Cotgrave within an 8 day period.**

If your dog fouls in a public area it is your responsibility to ensure the mess is picked up and properly disposed of.

You can use any street litter bin to dispose of the poo bags.

If you see a dog owner allowing their dog to foul and not pick it up, please gather as much information as possible, such as :-

- The exact location
- The offenders type of dog
- Description of the person in charge of the dog
- If possible, their vehicle registration and details of address of the person committing the offence.

You can report this to Rushcliffe Borough Council, telephone 0115 9189911 or report it on line at [www.rushcliffe.gov.uk](http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk) or Cotgrave Town Council, telephone 0115 9893876 or email [clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk).

### **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](mailto:clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)

## 2016/2017 COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

**Chairman: Councillor Vance Wood**

**Vice Chairman: Councillor Steve Gardner**

### MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

NAME	ADDRESS	POST CODE	TELEPHONE NO	EMAIL ADDRESS
Helena Brumpton	7 Prioridge	TB	07905 503252	hbs_tigra@gmx.co.uk
Richard Butler (B) (N)	1 Church Court	QW	0115 9892504	cllr.richard.butler@nottscscc.gov.uk
Keir Chewings	163 Ringleas	PS	07557 528255	keir.chewings@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk
Mick Chewings	251 Ringleas	PS	0115 9893914	N/A
Callum Denham	5 Bluebell Avenue	SS	07522 220781	callumrobertdenham@hotmail.com
Steve Gardner (V)	11b Flagholme	PE	0115 9890512	gardener2007@btinternet.com
Bill Handbury	45 Daleside	QN	0115 9892176	elizabeth.handbury@live.co.uk
Leo Healy	22 Bakers Close	RG	07769 159041	leo.healy@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk
Christine Jeffreys (B)	12 The Old Park	TN	0115 9892829	christine.jeffreys@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk
Judith Mileham	1 Eastwold	NQ	0115 9893437	judge37@talktalk.net
Ian Shaw	13 The Dial	QP	0115 9894484	ian.shaw909@gmail.com
Drew Wilkie	175 Ringleas	PQ	07814 552801	drewcotgrave@gmail.com
Yvonne Wilson	5 Burhill	NP	0115 9893715	wilsonalanyvonne15@gmail.com
Vance Wood (C)	3 Hales Close	HW	07557 868284	vance_wood2002@yahoo.co.uk

Please Note: \* all Cotgrave Postcodes beginning with NG12 3

C Indicates a Committee Chairman, V a Committee Vice Chairman

B Indicates a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council

N Indicates a member of Nottinghamshire County Council

### Dates of Meetings 2016-17

#### Notes:

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APR	MAY
8	20	-	7	12	9	7	11	8	8	12	10

- 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.
- The Town Clerk, can be reached by telephone on 0115 9893876, by fax on 0115 9890439 or by writing to her at the Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ.  
Web Site: [www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](http://www.cotgrave-tc.gov.uk), Email: [clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk)