

# Cotgrave Connections

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**Monday 30th January**

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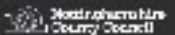
**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
*at Cotgrave Library*

**Saturday 10th December**  
**11.00 – 11.30am**

*Refreshments available afterwards*

*Get yourself in the festive spirit!*

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 Inspire  
 Woodview Leisure Centre



**Saturday  
17th June  
2017**



**LOTTERY FUNDED**



Some of the staff and volunteers at the Dove Cottage shop on Main Street, are pictured showing off examples of the fabulous collection of novelty jumpers which will be on sale leading up to Christmas, together with lots of other seasonal goods.

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Many thanks

Sue Homan



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**COTGRAVE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER  
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**SPRING - 30th January  
SUMMER - 1st May  
AUTUMN - 31st July  
WINTER - 30th October**

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**Cotgrave  
Advice Centre**

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## We are Moving

From Monday 8 November the Advice Centre will be operating out of All Saint's Church in Plumtree Road, Cotgrave.

We will still be offering our free, confidential and impartial drop-in advice sessions on Monday evenings between 5pm and 7pm and Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12 noon. Our telephone number remains the same 0115 9893294, our email will be unchanged at [cotgraveadvicecentre@gmail.com](mailto:cotgraveadvicecentre@gmail.com) and our web site is still [www.cotgraveadvicecentre.org.uk](http://www.cotgraveadvicecentre.org.uk).

We specialise in form filling for those lengthy welfare benefit forms, debt advice, general advice and we have a specialist income tax advisor as well as a visiting Solicitor twice monthly. Our friendly staff always welcome any query which we will deal with in a sensitive confidential manner. Call in during our opening hours or leave a message on our answerphone or email any query.

A member of:



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

'To my wonderful friends - many thanks for your continued support and generosity with the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28th September.

Many thanks to Hair Design 4U for their generous donation, Cotgrave Service Station, YoSushi, Cotgrave Co-Op, Village News and Cotgrave Bakery for all their support.

This year we raised £1070 which is amazing and very much appreciated.

Thank you again.

Eileen Widdocks'

**THANK YOU SO  
MUCH FOR COMING**





# Thinking of moving home this Winter?

Contact Thomas James, comfortably the market leader in Cotgrave!

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## Rushcliffe Befriends goes from strength to strength

Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (RCVS) is delighted to have secured 3 years of additional funding to continue and extend its Rushcliffe Befriends scheme, which supports Rushcliffe residents who are over 50 and experiencing social isolation.

Their volunteer befrienders can help someone to become involved with a local group, or can provide company by visiting at home or by going out, perhaps for a walk or a coffee.

Louise, one of the RCVS befrienders, says: "Everyone enjoys a natter with a friendly person who isn't judgemental or critical and who can offer a listening ear and conversation. In some cases it is a lifeline to those who are the most isolated".

We need more volunteers so we can help more people. To volunteer, all you need is to be aged 50+, live in Rushcliffe, have a few hours a week to spare and want to help local older people. Volunteers receive training, support and expenses. It's a great way to meet interesting people, make a difference and have fun!

To find out more about volunteering for Rushcliffe Befriends, please contact RCVS on 0115 969 9060 or email [befriends@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:befriends@rushcliffecvs.org.uk).

Rushcliffe Befriends is supported by The National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund.

## Cotgrave's Carols by Candlelight

This year we are again inviting you to choose the carols we sing at the Carol Service on Sunday 11th December, 6.00pm at All Saint's Church.

Please write your choice of carol on a piece of paper and drop it in at All Saint's Church or send it via the email address on our website [www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk](http://www.allsaintscotgrave.co.uk). If you want to, please add an explanation of why you have chosen a particular carol or why it is special for you, along with your name. On the evening we will sing the most popular carols and read out some of the reasons why they have been chosen. It would be wonderful if you were prepared to read out the reason of your choice at the service so that the voices of the people of Cotgrave are heard along with their choice of carol. If you would like to do this please add your contact details on the sheet, or indicate this on your email.

There will be a special space in the service reserved for a carol chosen by the children of Cotgrave, so please indicate on the sheet if the carol is the favourite of a child or young person.

May we take this opportunity to wish all the joy of the coming season.

*Paul*

The Revd Paul Massey  
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## 1st Cotgrave Scout Group

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

(6-8 yrs)

@ 6.00 till 7.15 on Fridays

Contact: Badger on 0770 8598915

(8-10 ½ yrs)

@ 6.30 till 8 pm on Thursdays

Contact: Akela on 0115 989 0689

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# Cotgrave Job Club

## Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm, Cotgrave Leisure Centre



**Support with Producing a winning CV - Advice and Guidance**  
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**Apprenticeships - Job Searching**

For more details contact:

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

### Calling All Cotgrave Young People



So you've had your exam results. You've had a Summer break. You may have dropped out of College or not found work since last Summer. Are your parents on your back but you're not sure which direction to go in?

Many of your friends will be entering further education, apprenticeships or new jobs this Autumn so there will be fewer people to hang out with. And just think, many will be earning immediately and enjoying their income whilst you will still be dependent on "the bank of mum and dad"

This time of year we know you may be having a hard time to plan your life ahead so isn't it time to THINK FORWARD?

The Ready4Work club is a group dedicated solely to supporting the Cotgrave Community into apprenticeships and employment with a view to getting your feet on the ladder of a great career.

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.

We work on a drop-in basis every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm at the Leisure Centre and can be contacted at [ready4workrushcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:ready4workrushcliffe@gmail.com) or call Mark Clifford on 07972669620 or Philip Parr on 07738713989.



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other

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speakers

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occupy your  
mind

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for you



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

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016  
10.30 - 12.30pm**

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

For more information, contact  
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## Superfast broadband coverage extended in Cotgrave

High speed fibre broadband is helping homes and businesses get connected in Cotgrave, with a new roadside fibre optic cabinet on Hollygate Lane.

The cabinet is helping around 40 homes and businesses in the village get access to fibre broadband for the first time, thanks to Nottinghamshire County Council's multi-million pound Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire (BBfN) partnership with BT.

Streets and businesses to benefit from the new high speed broadband services provided by the roadside cabinet include:

- Manvers Business Park
- Hollygate Lane
- High Hazles Road
- Hollygate Industrial Park

Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire has already made fibre broadband available to more than 70,000 homes and businesses across the county. A high speed broadband connection makes it easier and faster to do things online like download files, watch catch-up tv, join in online webinars and so much more!

At 50Mbps, a music album will take roughly 16 seconds to download, compared to more than three minutes on a 4Mbps connection, whilst the downloading of a high-quality film can be reduced from 50 minutes down to four minutes.

Fibre broadband is currently available to 96 per cent of homes and businesses in Nottinghamshire. The current BBfN rollout will take coverage in the county to 98 per cent by spring 2018 – maintaining Nottinghamshire's position as one of the best connected counties in the country.

Funding for the programme has been provided by a wide-range of organisations, including the county council, BT, Broadband Delivery UK (the Government's broadband delivery arm), D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and District and Borough councils in Nottinghamshire.

Broadband upgrades are not made automatically and businesses and residents will need to make arrangements with an internet service provider to access the faster fibre service once they are available.

For more information visit :-  
[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/broadband)







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*Presents*

**Cotgrave Community Pensioners' Christmas Party**

**At Cotgrave Welfare on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm**

**Tickets £2.00 per person to include:-**

**Three course meal**

**Carols by Cotgrave Church of England School**

**Professional entertainment**

**Guest speaker – Dr J Lowe**

**Bingo and Raffle**

**Tickets on sale from November 11th. Numbers strictly limited.**

**First come, first served.**

**Last chance to get your tickets – THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**Tickets available from Cotgrave Welfare, EJ Katering,  
Hot Pots and Cotgrave Town Council**



**COTGRAVE WELFARE  
SOCIAL CLUB**

**Tel: 0115 9892409  
office@cotgraveclub.co.uk**

# Cotgrave FC



Its been a busy 3 months for Cotgrave Football Club, with Club management changes, new teams, the 20th Annual pre season Summer Cup and the Clubs 25th anniversary trip to Wembley Stadium.

The Founder member of the Colts, Kevin Cooper, has returned as Club Chair and also a new Club Secretary in Paul Heard and one of the Clubs former players Adam Clark has taken on the role of Pit Ground Chair to try and improve facilities in the short and long term. A very busy summer saw the appointment of a new First Team Adult Management team of Daniel Smith, Luke Allison Gordon and Adam Gray, all 3 of them having played for the Club as young children themselves and they have made an excellent start in the Notts Senior League and reached the Quarter Finals of the Cup.

The season started with the traditional pre season Summer Cup, which has been an annual event since 1997. this year more than 1000 children from 120 teams around Nottinghamshire took part and raised money for the Club and also the purchase of a Defibrillator for the Ground.

Cotgrave Monarch under 8s excelled making the final of a 40 team event and our new Under 7s played for the first time and all the children received medals from members of the Town Council.



As a club we have worked hard so far this season on increasing numbers at the bottom end of the Club, we have a thriving Soccer School for around 40 children aged 4 to 6 every Wednesday at Candleby Lane School and the Coaches are a mixture of youth and experience, with Club stalwarts of 20 years each, John Dale and Ian Goulding assisted by former Colts players and parents, Lee Cyrek and Mark Cope looking after the younger Children. The older section of under 6s are now being prepared for teams by club secretary Paul Heard and the latest addition to the Coaching team, Matt Cropley.

The under 7s have just started playing matches on a Saturday morning with more than 20 children split into 3 teams and our under 8s generally play on a Sunday and we now have 30 children in that section.

The Colts now have more than 200 children involved with the Club this season, which is the highest number since around 2002. We still have gaps in a couple of senior age groups and we are looking at ways in which we can possibly engage with more senior school children and, potentially, young ladies as we strive for FA Community Status.

The Colts section was formed in 1991 and as part of the 25th Anniversary 80 players aged 8 to 14 enjoyed a day out at Wembley Stadium to watch England play Malta. The Club would like to thank the sponsors who supported this event to make it possible for all of the children to go for a very low price. The sponsors were Soal Glass, PBL, Retail Assist, UK Football Tours and a donation from Nottinghamshire County Councillor Richard Butler.

If you would like to keep up to date with the Club then please follow us on Facebook Cotgrave FC or visit our website [www.cotgravefc.co.uk](http://www.cotgravefc.co.uk)







**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.

### Art & Craft Group

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



(NOT IN DECEMBER DUE TO CHRISTMAS JOURNEY)



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.



Call Lynda on 9894670 for further information.

### Charity

Coffee Mornings  
Sat 3rd December,  
7th January & 4th  
February  
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



## Cotgrave Methodist Church Weekly Youth Programme

### Breakfast with GOD

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

Breakfast with God does what it says on the tin. We are a group of young people who meet each week for food, friendship, prayer and Bible study. It is a great way to start the day and a warm welcome awaits anyone wanting to explore what Church is like whilst enjoying a sausage sandwich.



### BU!

### Sundays 6-8pm in Church

Christian youth group for years 10, 11 & Sixth Form.

At 'BU' we engage in discussions about current youth issues and explore the Christian faith together, whilst meeting to socialise and have fun.



### Clay Frog

Cotgrave Youth Fellowship Group  
Monday's 6-8pm in Church

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

### 'TRANSFORM'

Year 6 - Wednesday's 3.30-5pm

in The Community Hall—behind the Church

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

### 'the\_group' years 7, 8, & 9 youth club

Wednesday's 5.30—7pm in

The Community Hall—behind the Church

'the\_group' is a vibrant and fun youth club where we socialise together over the pool table and games console. It is a great place to relax and meet new friends.

### Care Home Services

**Friday 23rd December  
27th January &  
24th February**

**@ Eaton Park Care Home,  
Owthorpe Road, Cograve.**

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

All Welcome.



Funds for the  
Opening Doors  
Community  
Engagement  
Project

### **"A Christmas Journey"**

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December

10:30am - 2pm

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

**Light lunches available from 12 noon,  
mince pies and a cuppa anytime. Gifts,  
Cakes and tombola and much more ....**

**Or join us for COFFEE**

**Saturday 10th December &**

**Saturday 17th December**

**10:30am-12 noon.**



### Art & Craft Fair

For the first time some of the local artists  
have the pleasure of hosting an Art and  
Craft Fair in Cotgrave Futures.

There will be lots of wonderful  
home-made goods to choose from, ideal  
for Christmas gifts. There will be  
paintings in various styles from local  
artists, jewellery, scarfs and delicious  
home-made cakes. Hot drinks will be  
provided. So if you are

looking for a last minute gift or are  
searching for inspiration, this is a great  
place to be. Finally there will be raffle  
tickets with a chance to win an original  
painting.



For more information please contact  
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## **Christmas Nativity 11th December 10:30am**

An All-age retelling of the Christmas Story

Our **Carol service** is a mix  
of traditional carols, short  
video clips and modern  
carols. It's always a lovely  
time for families and friends  
to start the Christmas  
celebrations. So why not  
"come and join the  
celebration"

**Bingham Barbershop Quartet**

Friday 20th January 2017

From 7pm - 9pm

Contact Ian Collinson for further information

On 0115 9892064



**7pm  
Christmas Eve  
Carol Service**  
Led by Lynda Blyth



## 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

#### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Sunday 27th November 4pm**  
(Please note change of timing)

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

#### BRING A BAUBLE!



**Saturday 10th December**

Drop in between 10am and 12 noon  
Help us to decorate our Christmas tree by bringing a decoration of your own to hang on it, or help us hang our own decorations, and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a mince pie whilst listening to festive music.

#### COTGRAVE'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Sunday 11th December 6pm**

A service of readings and carols for Christmas chosen by the people of Cotgrave in the setting of a church wonderfully illuminated by the soft glow of candlelight. Stay afterwards and enjoy a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie.



## Cotgrave & District U3A learns all about a way of (Honey) Beeing

Our June meeting was favoured with a fascinating exposition on the life and times of honey bees by Alison Knox. Not only had Alison stepped in at the eleventh hour as substitute for the last-minute unavailability of the advertised speaker, but she did so on her previous day's return from holiday. Complete with work-a-day bee-keeping dungarees, she not only talked the part but certainly looked it too. We were extremely fortunate to hear her lively presentation. Alison's philosophy is well summed up by the following quotation which she used to introduce herself: "I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. What I can do, I should do. And what I should do, by the grace of God, I will do" (Edward Everett Hale 1822 – 1909). In Alison's case, that 'something' was keeping bees.

Bees have, of course, been around for eons, having only recently become domesticated in purpose-built hives (beespoke accommodation?) but it was sad to learn just how badly they suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous humans. Little did any of us know how badly Californian fruit growers treat their resident bee populations. They are dragged about by 'bee-brokers' on large tractors so as to be available at the right moment and optimum time to pollinate now oranges, then plums, then black currants and now grapefruits. They are denied any free time of their own to establish their natural habitats and social instincts. We are, of course, talking honey bees, a highly social breed and not to be confused with such outsiders as the solitary mason bees which live at the bottom of Scrimshire Lane in what may well be the oldest bit of wall in Cotgrave. As we frequently hear these days, honey bees are indeed suffering from human intervention but even worse are the deprivations of a certain Chinese mite which can infest a hive, live on its rightful inhabitants and reduce them to apian misery. It was estimated that the UK lost almost half of its bees during the last year, a frightening statistic for those of us who live on vegetable matter - and remember that farm animal's too do just that!

Alison described graphically how she interacts with her two colonies of bees, wearing a pair of Marigold gloves, rather than anything more sting-resistant, in order to treat her charges as gently as possible. Another nice touch is her use of a goose feather to sweep the odd stray from her clothing before re-entering the house. Each hive has a single queen who lays as many as two thousand eggs per day, about 5% drones who fertilise queens, not within the confines of the hive but at some stratospheric height and only on days with appropriately warm and humid conditions. The work, of course, is done by the dominant females who may fly as much as three miles from the hive to find suitable supplies of nectar - though Alison once won top prize in a local Nottingham honey contest as a result of her bees' choosing to pollinate lime flowers in her own garden. Such are the vicissitudes of bee-keeping! The depth of feeling she evinces for her bees was made clear by her sad description of the fate of drones at the end of the summer season, when they are evicted from the hive to die a lonely death, once their propagational usefulness has come to an end. I suspect that several of us men felt just a hint of fellow-feeling but bravely managed not to show it! However, the talk ended on a positive note, Alison pointing out that Nature will always out-think us, no matter how clever we may believe ourselves to be – it sounds as though bees will surely be with us for a while yet.

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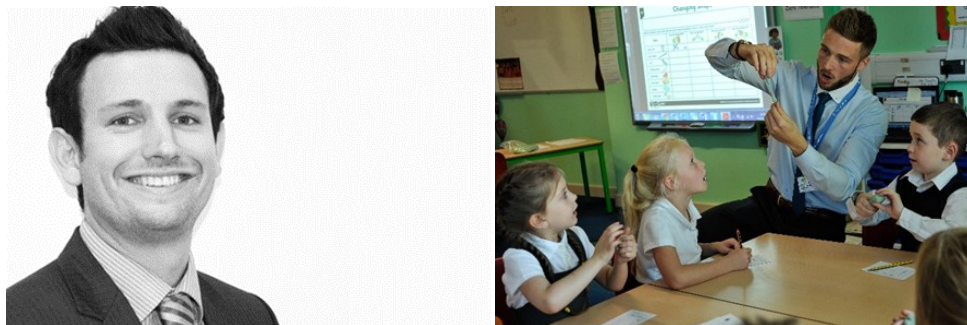
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**Photograph: (left) Paul Goodman of Cotgrave Candleby Lane and Inspiring Leaders and right, a recent success story, Danny Moss, who qualified with Inspiring Leaders and gained immediate employment at a Mansfield school.**

## **Nottinghamshire needs more trainee teachers says Cotgrave educationalist**

**A call goes out for interested parties to attend an open event at Cotgrave Candleby Lane School to fill Nottinghamshire's shortfall in teacher numbers**

People interested in a career in teaching are being urged to attend a Teach Notts open event at the Cotgrave Candleby Lane School on 5:30 pm on 14th December to learn more about a career in teaching from the region's experts.

The reduction in available good quality teachers nationwide has led to a debate highlighting the struggle that schools are facing to recruit, one which experts say is leading to an expensive overuse of supply teachers. But a locally developed teacher training scheme called Inspiring Leaders is set to address that fall in numbers, and with a tailored approach which aims to provide more support to trainees than any previous schemes.

Recruitment may be a headache for Head Teachers says Paul Goodman of Inspiring Leaders, but that means a fluid job market for newly qualified teachers, "Recently we have seen a panic across the system to recruit because nationally we have seen a significant drop in the numbers training to teach, with Nottinghamshire the worst affected in our region. So, the need for new teachers is real and anyone training in the next few years will enter a very buoyant recruitment marketplace."

The open event at the Cotgrave Candleby Lane takes place December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and is says Paul, a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in teaching to come and learn more about the scheme. "This year we are aiming to build up the numbers of high quality teachers available in Nottinghamshire and anyone interested in applying should act sooner rather than later. Attending this event could be the perfect beginning for aspirant teachers to enter a very healthy job market, and because our training scheme offers more support than ever before to trainees, it will smooth their path both during and after their qualification. There has never been a better time to go for that career in Teaching you have always dreamed of, we may be biased at Cotgrave Candleby Lane and at Inspiring Leaders but we think it is the best job in the world!"

The launch event for aspirant teachers takes place 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30 pm at the Cotgrave Candleby Lane School, Cotgrave, NG12 3JG. If you would like to attend, please call Ben Jordan on 0116 318 4066 or visit <http://www.teachnotts.co.uk/#contact> for details.







## Friends of Cotgrave Country Park

By the time you read this the park will almost have shed its autumn coat. The resplendent array of colours will start to make way for the bareness of winter. The summer birds will have left for warmer climes and the park will be in a state of shut down until the cycle starts again next spring.

That is a summary of nature in the park but for some there is no shut down and the Friends of Cotgrave Country Park have an interest in the park all year round. Since the last edition of Connections we have progressed with three items mentioned then. Firstly, the building of our website is going well and we aim to have it up and running soon. Once on stream we also hope to re-introduce our Face book page to run alongside it. If anyone has photos of the park we would love to see them and we can be contacted on the website. This is a new venture for us and no doubt there will be teething troubles so please bear with us.

The way marked footpaths are now complete and are with NCC for the appropriate sign posts to be made. It is then just a matter of installing them.

The mink problem is still ongoing and the use of special types of platform to trace their movements were brought in to help. Some success has been made regarding the recording of mink movement in two places within the park. This could have been more but on a sour note, some of the platforms have been vandalised and even moved. However the finding of mink is a result, albeit not one we want but steps will be taken to try and rid the park of this pest. We would welcome any sightings.

The park has had its winter cut, the grass bailed and removed. I must say it does seem to open up the park once this tall grass is removed. The footpath coming down to the lake from Colliers Way entrance has been resurfaced at long last and will be a welcome sight to those using that way in.

Unfortunately, on a sad note, the fishing club had to close Heron Lake for some weeks after a fish disease was found. The club acted immediately once this came to light and brought in experts from CEFAS a marine science body who have interests in aquatic environment. The disease was diagnosed as one confined to carp. The club put into place measures to rid the lake of the disease. No other fish were affected and there is no other risk involved to anyone. It is solely a disease that affects carp. Unfortunately the closure coincided with the club's annual charity fishing match in aid of Ash Lea School. The lake has now reopened.

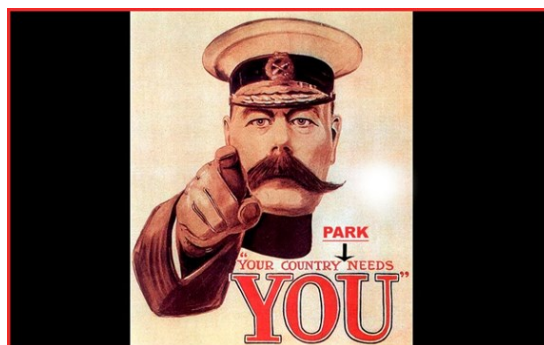
Many of you will no doubt have witnessed the death of fish in the canal near lock 7 over the summer This has been ongoing every summer now for the last three or four years. The canal has nothing to do with our involvement in the country Park but I do get many phone calls reporting the dead fish in the

summer months. Just recently I met with an engineer from the Canals and Rivers Trust to convey our concerns and to try to find a solution. The problem is caused by loss of water in that section of the canal and as a result there is a lack of oxygen resulting in the loss of fish. I was assured there was no leak to the lock and the water problem is caused because there is no reservoir to refill the lock and the water loss is due to natural seepage and evaporation. The only water source is from land runoff water hence during the winter and spring months the canal and lock is always full. It is an unfortunate problem that we will have to expect every year. However, in the case of the distressed and dying fish they (CRT) have asked for people to contact them at their Newark depot. It is their responsibility and they will deal with it.

On a successful note, many of you attended the bat walk in September. This was organised through the Nottingham branch of The Wildfowl Trust. It was a complete success with over 40 people taking part. Hopefully we may be able to use their expertise to organise other events within the park.

If you would like to know more about what's going on in the park or if you have your own ideas you would like to express then you are welcome to join our informal 6 weekly meeting at Cotgrave Futures. Dates will be announced on the Cotgrave Community Web site and on the park notice board in the Hollygate Lane car park. The final meeting of this year is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm.

**Finally:**



We are always looking for volunteers to join our team of park wardens. If you have an interest in the park and can offer a few hours each week then we would like to hear from you. The wardens scheme is a Nottingham County Council venture. For further details on this you can contact me on the number below or

Sue MacDonald, Community Liaison Officer  
Country Parks Service  
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That's it for this edition so take care and enjoy the park.

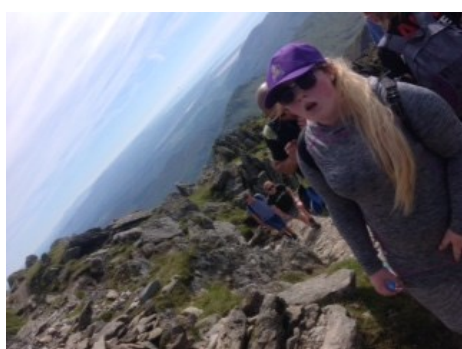
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This will be my last update for this three year Positive Future programme, it has been a successful three years running over 800 sessions and seeing over 400 young people in sessions in Cotgrave. However, now we look to the future to our new project starting in January 2017. We are currently completing lots of training to uplift our skills to deliver a better quality of service in the new project. Some of the training includes:

- Addressing teen risk, raising self-esteem and building teen resilience.
- Mental health first aid
- Child sexual exploitation
- Coaching cricket level 2.

Late in August we took a group of young people to trek to the top of Mount Snowdon, this was a challenge that would stretch the young people. They had to dig deep and show real resilience to get to the top .... And then back down again, this I'm sure will stay with them for the rest of their lives and hopefully will show them that they can achieve anything if they are prepared to stick at it and focus. Sorry for the pic Terri!



Positive Futures also supported the Ring Leas Park opening event. We ran a fitness circuit for all ages using the new equipment to complete exercises that will improve your fitness. Although the weather wasn't great it was good to see the amount of people that got involved in the circuit despite the rain.

Another project we are supporting is the Christmas Lights Event. Once again a group of young people will be leading on decorating Santa's Grotto. I will also be turning the lights on at the event, so I thank the Town Council for this opportunity.

Finally we ran two sessions during October half term. One youth, where young people took part in cake making and a Nurf gun shootout, and a sport session and multi-sport tournament. The young people took part in 3 sports—Dodgeball, Football and Kwik-Cricket. Throughout this week we saw 35 young people take part in our sessions.



**Callum—Assistant Project Worker**

## Update on the Future

It was agreed by Rushcliffe Borough Council that the Positive Futures programme shall continue to deliver support to young people across Rushcliffe. We officially ceased to deliver our project work in Cotgrave in December 2014. However, Cotgrave Town Council have supported through funding, delivery for their young people and over the past two years we have delivered some great pieces of work with these young people.

Our Peer mentoring programme has seen local young people develop their knowledge in areas such as online safety, child sexual exploitation and psychoactive substances. This then allowed them to be able to advise and support other young people who may have issues with any of the topics.

One of the first Peer mentors, Callum, is now a full member of the team completing his apprenticeship this year. He has shown passion and drive to improve opportunities and support for young people in Cotgrave.

Many of you may know that we have our office at the Welfare, despite not officially working in the area we have maintained a base here, our attendances are still the best in the Borough and we continue to support Cotgrave young people in the secondary schools that we work in.

As we embark on a new project that will run from January 2017 to December 2020 we have been commissioned to work in the following areas, Keyworth, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Bingham and East Leake.

After discussions with Cotgrave Town Council it seemed that there was some scope to ensure that whilst we deliver in these other areas that Cotgrave isn't forgotten and the Council has agreed to fund our work to run in line with the main project. This is great for young people now but also the younger ones coming through the ranks and finding their feet in the world. Our core age range is 10-16 working in both primary and secondary schools.

Many thanks to all our partners that have supported us over the past 7 1/2 years, Cotgrave Town Council, Candleby Lane School, (NCC) Young Peoples Support Services, Parkwood Leisure, our parents and young people.

Finally a big thanks to all young people, past, present and future that continue to value the support on offer, allowing us to ensure that young people have opportunities and a brighter future.

If you have any concern about your child or relative and think we may be able to support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

From all at the Trent Bridge Community Trust, we wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

**Mark Clifford—Project Co-ordinator.**

**To keep up to date with what Positive Futures are delivering, please see our Facebook page—Positive Futures Rushcliffe.**

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

Hollygate Park housing development – over 100 completions on site and work has started on the community gardens.

Hollygate Lane employment site – construction of 15 units on the site will start in December 2016 and be completed in July 2017.

Town Centre plans are progressing, starting with demolition works in the new year. Plans are still available to view on our website at <http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/community/cotgravetowncentre/planningapplication/>

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.



Rushcliffe and the Town Council are working to support local businesses, already one workshop has been held and another is planned for the new year. If you are interested please contact [csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk)



To keep up to date with developments see our web page  
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Our centre is used by the following groups :-

Ready4Work (Wednesday 1-3pm), Positive Futures and a group for disabled adults with learning difficulties. I am also hoping for Children's Bereavement Centre to be based at our centre in the not so distant future.

I would like to thank Nottinghamshire County Councillor, Richard Butler for supporting our new and improved entrance. This makes the centre more welcoming for all users. I would also like to thank Cotgrave Town Council for providing a grant to purchase new disco lights and speakers. With the support of all members, parents, staff, volunteers, Parkwood Leisure and Cotgrave Town Council, we are improving access for your children and young people at our centre as well as other users during the day.

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## Chairman's Report

I write this report on 23 October, conscious that we are now in autumn, the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,' as Keats describes it in his famous ode. Yet whatever the season, Cotgrave Town Council remains busy, delivering services for Cotgrave, as this report, I hope, will illustrate.

The Clerk and I went to Worcester to the Expo, where we were able to meet people providing advice and services across the range of issues parish and town councils might have to address. For example, lighting, public toilets, signage, waste bins, markets, and digital support for administration personnel. It was interesting to talk to councillors and administrators from other parts of the country to see how they operate and solve problems.

Councillor Healy and I attended a one-day Conference, at Nottingham Conference Centre, on how villages and towns might use digital technology to boost local retail business. This was the follow-up to the two-day Conference we attended, last year, on the Future High Street, and we learned a lot about recent developments through a series of case studies presented. Again, the dialogue between representatives of similar organisations to us and place managers was useful, and enhanced our understanding of the issues facing local retail businesses.

Councillors Butler and Healy and I attended the presentation, at Langar Hall, of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the Vale Responders, who do so much to assist people requiring emergency medical treatment. The award is the MBE for volunteering organisations, and Cotgrave Town Council is pleased to be able to support them, via grants for defibrillators, to help save lives.

Following an invitation from Kev Cooper, Councillors Mileham, Butler, Healey and Wilson, and I presented medals to many U-7 footballers from all over Nottinghamshire, at the Arthur Ridley Sports Ground, home of Cotgrave FC. It was an amazing feat of organisation by officers of Cotgrave FC, and the torrential rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of anyone playing or watching. Thanks also to Councillor Mileham for presenting medals on the following day.

Preparations are under way for a Senior Citizens' Christmas Party, to be held at the Welfare, sponsored by Cotgrave Town Council. There will be a meal and entertainment, and I hope everyone attending has a great time. Our thanks go to Councillor Wilkie for his hard work on the organisation of this, and, of course, to the Welfare for hosting.

We are not too far away from Bonfire Night, and, as usual, the council will pay for the fireworks display. This year, there will also be a bonfire and additional entertainment at the Welfare.

Our thanks go to Councillor Keir Chewings, whose idea it was to reinstate a traditional bonfire, and who chaired the working group for this.

The Christmas Lights Working Group has met to organise the switching on of the Christmas Lights in the town centre. The event will follow a familiar, tried and tested format, and that, of course, means stalls to browse, stilted giants who juggle, and blow up balloons, and, best of all, Santa, who will be in his grotto to give out presents to the children of Cotgrave. This is a highlight in the council's calendar, and one to which we all look forward.

Council has agreed to fund, over the next few years, Positive Futures to continue their excellent work with some of our young people. Councillors value this work, and wish to communicate this through secure funding, which will facilitate planning future activities.

The first of the meetings to set the budget is imminent. Councillors form a working group with the Clerk to decide how best we can deliver the services we think are important for Cotgrave. The working group then makes a recommendation to all councillors, who either amend or accept it.

On 19<sup>th</sup> October, we held the second meeting of the Cotgrave Business Partnership, and Jenny Kirkwood from Rural Communities Action, Nottinghamshire, promoted free workshops, on the theme of boosting business. These will be a useful support as work begins soon in the town centre.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday, Cotgrave will remember those people who made the ultimate sacrifice that we might enjoy freedom. I know that we are all conscious of our indebtedness to them, and we are grateful to the British Legion, Church, and wider community for organising this important event.

Let us not forget, too, that though the end of the year approaches, preparations for Cotgrave Festival 2017 are being made already, so please come forward to volunteer. The committee needs all the help it can get if Festival is to go ahead as usual.

I would like to thank all employees – the Clerk, the Administration Manager, the groundsmen, and park keepers – of Cotgrave Town Council. They work so hard to ensure that services are delivered efficiently. We are also grateful to those who provide health care, educational opportunities for citizens of all ages, keep our streets safe and clean, and look after our beautiful country park. Let us be proud of our achievements. We are all working hard to make Cotgrave a fantastic place to live. And, finally, may I wish you all a merry Christmas, and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

**Councillor Vance Wood**

## Ringleas playpark gets a civic launch

After what was probably one of the wettest mornings of the year, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September saw the official opening of the newly equipped Ringleas playpark.

The park had been without play equipment for several years, but following the success of the upgrading of Grassmere playpark last year, it was decided by Council that it was time for the Ringleas Park to be refurbished with new play equipment.

We were again successful in accessing a grant from Nottinghamshire County Council, who contributed nearly £20,000, which added to the Town Council's investment. This means that there is a whole set of new play and outdoor gym equipment aimed at all ages.



Councillor Richard Butler liaised with the Chairman of the County Council, Councillor Yvonne Woodhead, and arranged for her to visit and carry out the official ribbon cutting and opening ceremony. She was also joined by the Chairman of the committee at the County Council that approved our application, Councillor Jim Creamer. We were all very relieved that the rain stopped just in time! The councillors also brought along their teddy bears to join in with the planned teddy bears picnic, but unfortunately, the weather was still not really ideal for a picnic. However, ladies from the Cotgrave WI did a sterling job by providing lots of delicious cakes which were far too tempting to resist.



If you haven't visited the park yet, or indeed the Grassmere playpark, do come along and give it all a go!

**Councillor Richard Butler**

## Digital High Street Conference 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Nottingham Conference Centre

For the second time this year, almost 100 delegates from across the country comprising of sales directors, business managers, town centre managers, town councillors etc gathered in Nottingham for a one day summit.

The day centered around "Digital Transformation" and the importance of this to all our businesses, be it retailing or manufacturing/supplying.

It highlighted the importance of all of us being up to speed with our own personal skills and our ability to manage our own businesses successfully and efficiently through digital marketing and communications.

With the imminent regeneration of our shopping centre and the construction of the Multi Service Centre, Councillor Leo Healy and Councillor Vance Wood, Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council attended and returned with some very useful thoughts and ideas.

Leo and Vance are also members of the Town Centre Regeneration Working Group working closely with our business partners and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Cllr. Leo Healy.

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## Vale Responders achieve the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Vale First Responders have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Honours list. The Queen's Award is an MBE for voluntary groups and the highest honour that can be bestowed upon a voluntary group in the UK.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, the crystal and citation, personally signed by HM the Queen, were presented to the group by Sir John Peace, Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire in a ceremony at Langer Hall, attended by the Mayors of Rushcliffe, Bingham and Melton and many others civic dignitaries including Cotgrave Town Council, represented by Councillors Richard Butler, Vance Wood and Leo Healy.



Vale First Responders have been in existence since April 2005 and have attended well over 3000 emergency calls. A spokesman said "Simple interventions save lives. The chain of survival is exactly the reason we draw our team from our local villages and we respond in our local villages. Often arriving within minutes of the 999 call, our team are trained to the nationally recognised "FPOS" standard and are both competent and qualified to deal with a range of medical emergencies. Backed up by ambulance service crews, the team can often make a substantial difference to the outcome for patients before handing over to our service colleagues".

Made up entirely of volunteers, we are fortunate here in Cotgrave that we have two Responders who have been supported and sponsored by your Town Council.

Cllr. Leo Healy.



## Summer Cup

I'm not awfully keen on football, and usually avoid it like the plague! My children were all skaters, football never played a part in their lives, and so, not mine either—the idea of willingly going to watch football filled me with dread - but as a councillor (with others) had been invited to go and give out medals—that appealed!



It was a lovely late summer day, yes, it was raining! I've never seen so many football matches going on at the same time, the logistics were amazing. I was there with Vance Wood, Yvonne Wilson, Richard Butler and Leo Healy, and we shook hands with all the children and gave them their medals, some were wet and cold, others quite warm, both boys and girls—it was lovely!

I must say I really enjoyed myself, I'm not sure that the children were too impressed with the medal givers - but they all looked so proud that they had one! I'm told we gave out around 400 medals in about an hour to all the under 7's five a side teams.



The following day it was the turn of the under 8's - and the sun came out! This time I was alone and had to work hard to get all the handshaking done before all the matches finished and the cups presented, I really enjoyed the whole experience. I have to congratulate the children for competing, and the adults who did all the arranging—I'll be there next year!

**Councillor Judith Mileham**



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B Indicates a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council

N Indicates a member of Nottinghamshire County Council

### 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.
- 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.  
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