

# Cotgrave Connections

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## OVO Tour of Britain came to Cotgrave



Cotgrave was proud and pleased to welcome this fantastic Tour of Britain on Saturday 8th September.

The Town Council, with Parkwood Leisure Centre had organised for old bikes to be painted yellow and placed along the route. Thanks to Chris Allsop Metal Recycling for supplying most of the bikes.



Many people came out to support and encourage the cyclists on Stage 7 of the penultimate leg. It was a fantastic sight to see with all the Police motorcycle outriders, and team cars who were followed closely by ambulances.



The tour passed through at the expected time with two breakaway leaders and every bike had gone through within 7 minutes.



**Congratulations Cotgrave for the fantastic welcome and support you gave the Tour of Britain!**

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## CBOC BBQ Raises £1150



*On 14 July CBOC ran a bbq at the Village Hall in Colston Bassett. The event was very well attended and over 100 people enjoyed the food, drink and company. £1150 was raised for the Royal British Legion.*

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## Get up and go

Rushcliffe Voluntary Transport Scheme (RVTS) is ready for new customers in Cotgrave. The service has provided community transport for 30 years in Rushcliffe using friendly, volunteer drivers.

Carolyn Perry, Chief Executive, explains: "Our customers benefit from getting out and about and this helps prevent loneliness, plus they maintain their independence, dignity and respect. We also help ease pressure on health and social care.



Most customers are elderly, or have disabilities, but some are younger. RVTS helps them get to health appointments, shopping or social activities. Customers benefit from safe and affordable journeys

with DBS-checked local voluntary drivers. Customers who don't drive or have access to a car and they find difficult to use public transport, so the service is a lifeline.

Customers pay an annual registration fee of £30, a booking fee and 45p per mile for journeys. The service operates weekdays. RVTS has a Community Transport Quality Mark - the sign of a top quality service.

Interested? Call 0115 969 9060 or email [transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk](mailto:transport@rushcliffecvs.org.uk) for more information.

**Cotgrave Town Council**  
In partnership with Cotgrave Welfare

**Annual Fireworks Display**  
**Sunday 4th November 2018**

**Family Disco in the main hall of  
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4pm to 6pm**

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**Display Starts @ 6.30pm**

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## Cotgrave Town Centre Improvements

### Business Hub open for Business

The transformation of Cotgrave Town Centre is well underway. There have been extensive improvements to the shop fronts, and a brand new Business Hub above the shops is now open for business.



There are 9 office suites in the Business Hub ranging in size from 48.7m<sup>2</sup> (525ft<sup>2</sup>) to 55.7m<sup>2</sup> (600ft<sup>2</sup>). They benefit from a wide range of features including excellent natural light, air conditioning, carpeting etc. Leases are available on flexible terms.

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Construction is nearly complete on the Multi service centre and will be finished in Autumn 2018. The GP's, Police, Library services and Rushcliffe Borough Council's contact point will move in by the end of the year.



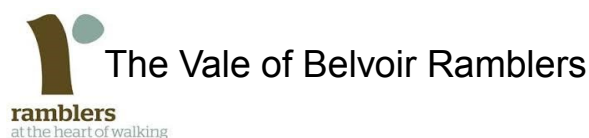
**New Multi-service  
Centre for Cotgrave**

Due for completion Autumn 2018



In the New Year the existing library, health centre and police building will then be demolished, allowing for improvements to the car park, play area and landscaping. Work is expected to be finished by Summer 2019.

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



The Vale of Belvoir Ramblers walk every week, usually on Sunday, in the local area and further afield in the East Midlands. Our selection of walks are chosen to suit all abilities and interests. Walks start at 10am and you usually need to bring a picnic.

### OCTOBER

Sunday 7th	Edwinstowe, Birklands and the Major Oak - 6 miles
Sunday 14th	Osmaston and Shirley - 8 miles
Sunday 21st	Burton Lazars to Burrough Hill 8.5 miles
Wednesday 24th	Bleasby and Southwell - 6 miles
Sunday 28th	Hathersage, Stanage Edge and Higger Tor - 9 miles

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 4th	Hose and Harby - 6 miles
Sunday 11th	Zouch, Sutton Bonnington and Normanton on Soar - 8 miles
Sunday 18th	Ticknall to Ingleby - 9 miles
Wednesday 21st	Woodborough - 6 miles
Sunday 25th	Bothamsall and Conjure Alders - 7.5 miles

### DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd	Sproxtton, Saltby and Stonesby - 9 miles
Sunday 9th	Denton and the Grantham Canal - 6 miles
Sunday 16th	Kirklington, Farnsfield and Bilsthorpe - 10 miles
Sunday 30th	Long Clawson, Nether Broughton and Holwell Mouth - 7 miles

### JANUARY

Sunday 6th	Wysall and Willoughby on Wolds - 5.5
Sunday 13th	Cresswell Craggs and Welbeck - 8 miles
Wednesday 16th	Stathern and Belvoir Castle - 8.5 miles
Sunday 20th	Launde Abbey and Braunston in Rutland - 8.8 miles
Sunday 27th	Barton in Fabis, Thrumpton, Gotham and Clifton





## Forces Friends



Loneliness is a prevalent issue amongst older people, with more than a million older people going more than a month without talking to anyone. It is well known that loneliness is detrimental to both a person's physical and mental health. In light of this, in 2016 Age UK Notts established a service called **Forces Friends**, specifically for veterans aged 60 plus and their dependents.

The **Forces Friends** service aims to provide companionship to lonely and isolated veterans through the provision of a volunteer to visit and befriend them. The volunteer also provides encouragement to the older person to re-engage with the local community where possible.

**Forces Friends** now need more people in this area to come forward and volunteer as a befriender for the service. If you have a background of serving in the forces, or growing up in a forces family then this role would be perfect for you. However if you have an empathetic nature, are a good listener



but also happy to sit and chat for as little as an hour a week then we would love to hear from you too.

**Forces Friends** volunteers do make a real difference to the lives of the lonely and isolated whilst also making friends and utilising the existing skills that they have. If you would like more information on becoming a **Forces Friends** volunteer, contact Judith Keegan at Age UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire on 0115 8599204 or email her at :

[Judith.keegan@ageuknotts.org.uk](mailto:Judith.keegan@ageuknotts.org.uk)

## Cotgrave Library Development

Your Library will close on **Saturday, 13th October** at 1pm and will re-open at the Cotgrave Hub on **5th November 2018**.

During the closure you can:

- Use your membership card at any library across the county
- Renew your books on line at:  
[www.inspireculture.org.uk/renew](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/renew)  
or by calling 01623 677 200

We apologise for any inconvenience the closure may cause. Your nearest libraries during the closure are :

Keyworth, Radcliffe-on-Trent and West Bridgford



## BELVOIR HEALTH GROUP

Bingham, Cotgrave & Cropwell Bishop

### FLU CLINICS 2018

For patients 65+, in a clinical group or pregnant women

At this year's Flu clinic, if you are eligible, you can also have **SHINGLES AND PNEUMONIA** vaccinations at the same time as your annual flu vaccination.

### CLINIC DATES

**Bingham - Saturday 29th September 9am to 2pm**  
**Cotgrave - Thursday 4th October, 2pm to 6pm**  
**Cropwell Bishop - Tuesday 9th October, 2pm to 6pm**

**THESE ARE DROP IN CLINICS YOU DO NOT NEED AN APPOINTMENT**

Please note that supplies are limited due to national restrictions and that whilst we anticipate having sufficient vaccines in place at each of our clinics, there is a small chance that the correct vaccine for you may be unavailable at the time at which you attend. If this is the case, the options will be discussed with you at the time.

Further clinic dates will be announced following the initial clinics.



## Food Glorious Food

We want to launch a new Super Kitchen in Cotgrave on Thursday s 12pm and we need YOUR help!

Super Kitchen offers low cost 3 course meals for only £2.50 per person

If you are keen in the kitchen or fancy rattling those pots and pans we are looking for volunteers to help with the following:-

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## Cotgrave Community Christmas Lights Event 2018

**Friday 30th November 3-5.30pm**  
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Children's Entertainment,  
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The meeting was favoured with an enchanting account of wild life in our own Sherwood Forest. The speaker, Barbara Meyer, who hailed originally from the Black Forest gave a polished performance in impeccable English, while keeping in perfect phase with the professional film showing behind her right shoulder. She had, for many years, been involved in a programme to observe and photograph the habits and idiosyncrasies of the modern-day inhabitants of our local forest, much depleted as it is in comparison with the 'good old days' of Robin Hood and his merry men.

As most of the mammalian activity takes place in the safety of night-time, the recording procedure consisted of setting up high definition night-view cameras and waiting in hope of capturing a few minutes of high-definition night-life. The results were remarkable, the sharply enhanced images of the animals' eyes adding considerably to the dramatic effect.



Badgers figured large in the forest repertoire and we were charmed with close-up views of badger families out for their evening stroll and I, for one, was surprised to learn just how clean these animals are in their domestic behaviour. Yet again, an intriguing aspect of forest life is the totally relaxed interaction between species, foxes and badgers, for example, pursuing their own interests within a few yards of one another. Roe deer, rabbits, grey squirrels, mice and even the occasional hare were picked up on the watching cameras and, again, we were to learn of an important difference between the red and grey squirrel – the latter

are able to digest acorns, which makes them significantly better able to survive in an oak forest such as ours. And, talking about survival, reminds me of the amazing fact that several of the trees, themselves, have reached the remarkable age of over three hundred years. Perhaps the funniest shot of all concerned the mating ritual of the roe deer, the male pursuing his desired female round and round an ancient oak tree. How many circuits were made before matrimonial success was achieved was hard to tell but it was clearly far more than could be counted on the fingers of both hands. Interestingly, the wild animals seemed to do very little damage to their environment, which contrasted sharply with the effect of a few domestic cows who happened to gain access to the forest. While looking for worms, these creatures made more mess in half-an-hour than the regular inhabitants could manage in months. Ms Meyer also made an impassioned plea against the present practice of allowing dogs free roaming rights. As she pointed out, wild creatures can suffer severely from both fright and exhaustion in attempts to escape from the attentions of their domesticated equivalents and she would much prefer to see tighter rein effected – but 'no' the official policy is that the forest is for everyone, humans and their pets included. It constitutes a difficult balancing act. All this, and I realise that I have made no mention of the flourishing bird life. The film showed close-up shots of blue tits, nut hatches, wrens, red wings owls and buzzards. However, one species which appears to be missing from the forest is that of the snake. It seem odd that we, here in Cotgrave have one in our own garden, the whole of Sherwood Forest cannot muster a single sample! It must be added that, during the ensuing discussion, dissenting voices were to be heard – one intrepid dissident even claimed to have seen an adder – much to Ms Meyer's surprise. As the reader will, by now, have gathered, this was a most enjoyable talk and much appreciated by an excellent turn-out of U3A members.





## COLSTON BASSETT, OWTORPE and COTGRAVE REMEMBER - 1914-1918

### KNITTED POPPIES BREAK 4000

The call by Cotgrave Town Council for members of the community to knit poppies to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 has received enormous support. The 4000+ poppies will be on display in various locations around the village and will all come together in All Saints church in time for the Remembrance Concert on the evening of **Saturday 3 November**.

The display will remain in All Saints church until Sunday 11 November. During the period 3rd to 10th November, afternoon tea will be available each day from 2 pm until 4 pm, subject to the church being available.



Val Holmes is the coordinator of the display and teas and she would welcome any volunteers to assist. She can be contacted through 0115 9892318 or 07762 631834 or just turn up at the start of preparations in the church on 9 October at 2 pm.

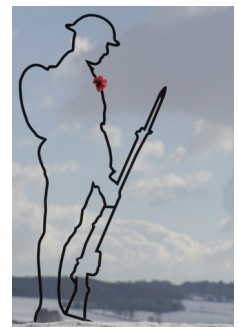
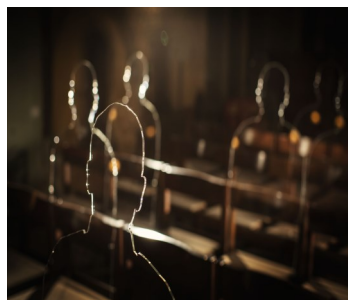
For those knitting poppies the date to hang up your needles is 30 September. Thank You so so much. The poppies will be sold during 2019 and all proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal.



### 'SILENT SOLDIERS'

Silhouettes of soldiers from WW1 will start to appear in and around Cotgrave during the run up to Armistice Day on **11 November**. There are 3 different types of Silent Soldier the most numerous being 5 feet tall.

In Cotgrave there will be 14 of these silhouettes, one for each soldier from the village who died between 1914 and 1919. 15 will appear in Colston Bassett and 2 in Owtorpe. Each will have Number, Rank, Name and Regiment emblazoned on his chest along with the date he died. As with the knitted Poppies the silhouettes in Cotgrave will gather at All Saints church and the War Memorial in the cemetery on 11 November.



### CONCERT at ALL SAINTS CHURCH 3 NOVEMBER

On the evening of **3 November** a concert will be held in All Saints church as part of the Royal British Legion 'Thank You' Campaign.

The Radcliffe Male Voice Choir will entertain us with a variety of songs, both old and new and refreshments will be served. More about the choir can be seen at <http://radcliffeontrentmvc.org/> Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased from John Ludlam (9899094) and Jon Carlton (9893710). All profits will go to the Royal British Legion.





## GREAT PILGRIMAGE 90



A decade after the end of The First World War, eleven thousand veterans and war widows made a great pilgrimage to the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres on 8th August 1928 for a Remembrance service.

Exactly 90 years later on 8 August 2018, more than two thousand Royal British Legion members carried their Standards and wreaths along the same route to the Menin Gate, to commemorate the beginning of the last 100 days of World War One, there by representing an entire generation that served defending their country



Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave Branch were represented at the event by two of their members living in Cotgrave. Tom Bee carried the Branch standard and Sam Mitchell the Branch wreath. The notice attached to the wreath had been selected by community vote at the Cotgrave Festival in June from entries provided by children from both Candleby Lane School. The winning entry was designed by Nathan Randall aged 9 years.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 11 November.** Church services will be held in Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave. There will be a parade of the uniformed organisations from the Welfare to All Saints church setting off at 10 am and returning and about 11.45. Everyone is welcome to attend the services and the parade in this particularly important year which commemorates the ending of WW1.



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This is without doubt the shortest report I have written as chairman as it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain an account of what's been happening since last time because things have been quiet.

Summer is now at an end and the heatwave certainly took its toll on the water levels in the park. Both the canal and Leaky Hollow have suffered dramatically and we now must wait for the winter rains to help them replenish. The parched landscape is now starting to recover such is the cleverness of nature.

By the time you read this the trees in Bluebell Spinney (Mill Lane wood) will have been felled. It has been a frustrating time for both FoCCP and park users with the part closure of the footpath because of the dangerous condition of the Poplar trees there. The work was held up for a few reasons, one was the nesting season and bats roosting there. Also because of the nature of the work to be done heavy plant needed to be moved into place. This was resolved with a temporary entrance being made through the bottom end of the Manvers Industrial Estate. The felling of the trees will be a big loss to the park as the bottom end of that part of the wood will have changed dramatically, just how much, well nobody knows. I understand there will be replacements and an amount of pollarding to give new growth but it will take a long time to recover. Some people will say it is a blot on the landscape but that is how woodland management works.

The multi user pathway from the park to Radcliffe/Holme Pierrepont is also suffering problems and the project is still on hold. This in the hands of NCC and patience will be needed before it is complete.

As I write this report I have heard that there are only eight houses left to sell on the new estate so by the time this reaches you the last one may have been sold. Time is fast approaching that the builders will move on to pastures new and we will be left to get on with things in the park. It will return to the peaceful place it once was and hopefully the landscaping of the estate will enhance the look of the park once more.

Hollygate Lane car park is now becoming increasingly full at weekends. Can I suggest drivers be more considerate and park closer together, that way it will allow us to get more cars into the car park. Because of the of surface material used it is not possible to paint parking bays.

Sadly, and quite quickly, we have lost the services of three valued park volunteers. This was for no other reason than age related issues. However that has left us thin on the ground and we desperately need replacements to bring the team back up to a workable level. So many park users mention the good work of the volunteers and it is to you the users that we look for replacements. If you can spare at least a few hours each month then we would love to hear from you. Volunteers give their time to keep the park in a clean and manageable state and without that the park may suffer. If you enjoy the park and would like to give something back in return, if you like fresh air, a sense of well being and camaraderie then please contact me for details.

**To end with here is a splash of colour from the summer**



**A Comma butterfly taken on the canal bridge**

*Harry Burrows*

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## Summer of Fun for Cotgrave Youngsters – Trent Bridge Community Trust

With summer coming to an end and the start of the new school year, it provides the perfect opportunity to look back and reflect on the events the Trent Bridge Community Trust has put on as part of its Positive Futures Programme.

Young people of Cotgrave and other areas in Rushcliffe have been kept busy during the summer holidays through numerous fun and engaging activities designed to keep young people active as well as learning new skills. Throughout the school summer holidays, Positive Futures ran multi-activity days for young people aged 9-16 in Cotgrave and other areas in the Rushcliffe area. A variety of sports and activities were provided, which included football, kickboxing, dodgeball and tug of war.

The fun didn't stop there with the British Army making a special visit to Cotgrave to provide a football themed activity day to 62 participants. Becky Jones, Positive Futures Activity Coordinator said that it was a pleasure to be involved and the participants.



"Positivity, behaviour, focus skills, and teamwork really shined throughout the whole day". To put the group's football skills to the test, Positive Futures ran a football tournament at Candleby Lane, with prizes for the winning team.

As an end of summer celebration, Positive Futures took a cohort of young people to the Lagoon Wipeout activity at Holme Pierrepont. There was an inflatable obstacle course, with slides, climbing walls, balancing beams, demolition balls, humps, basher walls and much more.

Positive Futures also provided a series of tailored workshops for a cohort of young people on the theme of social media safety and awareness over three days at Trent Bridge. To reward the cohort for their participation in

summer activities, Positive Futures took them on a day trip to Alton Towers.

Finally, Positive Futures took 15 young people to the Peak District to participate in activities which included outdoor rock climbing, abseiling, caving and bushcraft. These activities were designed to challenge young people, pushing them outside their comfort zones to learn new skills and gain self-confidence.

To find out more about the Positive Futures programme please feel free to visit our social media pages:

Facebook: Positive Futures Rushcliffe  
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## ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH, COTGRAVE

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### 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  
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### BELLRINGING PRACTICE

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



### RESIDENTIAL HOME SERVICE

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

### CHOIR PRACTICE

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6.30pm. Come and join us, no  
experience necessary.



### 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

### PARISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sunday 7th October our 10.30am service at All Saints  
will be our Harvest Festival, a joint celebration with the staff  
and students of our Church of England Primary School and  
for all the community of Cotgrave.

Come along to sing those well-known harvest hymns in  
celebration and thanks for the gifts which God gives so  
freely to all. At the service there will be a collection of  
non-perishable foods, which we will distribute to those in  
need so that all share in the gifts of harvest.

### COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

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

Every year at All Saints Church there is a special evening  
Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, and this year it  
will take place on **Sunday 4th November beginning at 6 pm.**

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

During this service the names of all those whose funerals  
the Church of England parish clergy and ministers have  
conducted over the past two years (since 1st October 2015)  
will be included in prayers, and a candle will be lit for each  
person remembered as we recall with thanks the lives of  
these loved ones. However, this very special occasion is  
open to all and at the end there is an opportunity to light a  
candle in remembrance of any loved one as a comfort for  
today together with hope and strength for the days ahead.





## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Church, **Sunday 11th November, 10.30am**



## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**Sunday 2nd December 5pm**

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 15th December**

**Drop in between 10am to 12 noon**

Help us to decorate our Christmas tree by bringing a decoration of our own to hand 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 16th 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.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Monday 24th December**

### Family Nativity Service 3pm

Watch with the shepherds, travel with the wise men and celebrate with the angels as we remember the story of the first Christmas as played out by our children and young people.

### Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Capture the wonder of the season in this celebration of the birth of Christ as we greet him on Christmas morning.



## CHRISTMAS DAY

**Tuesday 25th December**

**8am Eucharist**

**10am Family Eucharist**

Bring yourself and bring a favourite present to show as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Rushcliffe Borough Council is working in partnership with Trent Bridge Community Trust to deliver two European Social Fund (ESF) Projects; 'Move Ahead' and 'Stay Ahead'.

The Move Ahead programme supports Rushcliffe residents into employment within the following 5 sectors:

- Digital
- Health and Social
- Low Carbon
- Construction
- Transport Equipment Manufacturing

If you would like to sign up you can visit one of the Ready 4 Work clubs which take place twice a week, on a Wednesday at Cotgrave Futures 1pm-3pm and on a Thursday at Bingham Library 1pm-3pm, here you can also gain support with job searches and applications with the support of the clubs volunteers. Anyone can come to the Ready 4 Work Clubs and you do not need to book an appointment beforehand.

The Ready 4 Work job club also supports the recruitment process for businesses as we can find suitable candidates and match them to local employers who are currently recruiting.

The Stay Ahead programme provides free support to SME's (small to medium enterprise – 250 employees or less) and access to funding and in-working training solutions for their existing workforce. Training increases skills within the workforce and can help businesses benefit from improved productivity, competitiveness and workforce retention.

The project will support SME's to:

- Undertake a skills based needs assessment
- Identify current skills gaps and opportunities for skills Growth within the workforce
- Identify a suitable training provider that will deliver level 2 and level 3 training for employees (including basic skills where needed).  
Access StayAhead Training Incentives to offset training costs.

StayAhead provides a 40% financial contribution to the cost of training up to the value of £2500 per business.

Eligible employers must be SMEs located within the D2N2 area (Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham), operating within one of the five priority key sectors mentioned above.

TheMoveAhead and StayAhead Projects are part-financed by Rushcliffe Borough Council and the European Union through the European Social Fund (ESF).

If you are interested in any aspect of the project or would like more information please contact Mark Clifford on : 07966 363 498 or [mark.clifford@trentbridge.co.uk](mailto:mark.clifford@trentbridge.co.uk)



# COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

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## Chairman's Report

This is my first newsletter as Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council, having taken on this role following the Council's AGM last May. I have, though, acted as Vice Chairman on two previous occasions.

I think that Cotgrave is an excellent place to live and we are seeing substantial improvements to its infrastructure and its facilities as a result of the building of the new Multi Service Centre and the new modern frontages of the shops on the shopping centre.

Cotgrave is also on the route for the Tour of Britain which will have passed through on the 8th September.

This is a one-off event and I think it is good that Cotgrave was included on the route, another opportunity to put us on the map. The signs advertising this event and the yellow bicycles, particularly that were placed around Cotgrave have raised a few comments.

The Leisure Centre placed some spin bikes on the grass opposite the Manvers Arms, at the point where the cyclists turned right to pass in front of the Post Office and head out towards Colston Gate. The spinning instructors were there to help anyone who wanted to give spinning a try.

We have at least three major events taking place to commemorate the centenary of WW1.

The first event, an exhibition, Cotgrave Remembers, will have taken place during the week 10th-15th September.

On 3rd November there will be a WW1 themed concert in All Saints Church, Cotgrave. Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased from John Ludlam (989 9094) and Jon Carlton (9893710). All profits will go to the Royal British Legion.

The Remembrance Parade will take place as it does every year, and this year the parade and church service will be held on 11th November.

There will also be some "Silent Soldiers" placed at various places in Cotgrave to commemorate those who lost their lives in WW1. These soldiers are not named and they silently honour all those soldiers who did not return.

With these improvements to our infrastructure and the WW1 planned event I believe we have a lot going for us in Cotgrave, and I hope this newsletter reflects some of this and also my enthusiasm for Cotgrave. Its a great place to live!

**Councillor Steve Gardner**  
**Chairman, Cotgrave Town Council**

## TSB Cash Point on Cotgrave Shopping Centre

Due to the demolitions works at the shopping centre, as part of the redevelopment, Council have been informed that the TSB ATM (Cash Point) is due for removal during the month of September.

This is earlier than anticipated because of the lease renewal date and requirements.

The cash point located at the Co-op is unaffected by these work and will remain in situ.

A cash machine is also located on the outside of Sainsbury's on Bingham Road and a cash link is available inside the Post Office also on Bingham Road.

## 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)



From Rushcliffe Borough Council

## Wonderful parish involvement in Tour of Britain



"I just wanted to say a really big thank you for getting behind the Tour of Britain on 8th Saturday as it spread through Rushcliffe. We had staff out in many communities in the Borough and they all reported excellent turnouts, fantastic decorations, lots of cheering and a great community atmosphere—well done for organising such great events. community atmosphere - well done for organising such great events. If you did not catch the TV footage on ITV4 there was a clear difference between Rushcliffe and other areas the Tour went through in terms of decorations and supporters. We have had excellent feedback from the Tour organisers about the positively and vibrancy of the support in the Borough, telling us on Saturday the welcome in Nottinghamshire once again that Rushcliffe is the home of Great Sport.

We are pulling together a 'best of' photo album so if you have any images you would like us to feature please send them through. Likewise, if you have received any feedback from your community that you would be happy to share with us then we'd be delighted to receive it".

**Please forward any photographs that you would like to be considered for the album to :**

**media @rushcliffe.gov.uk**

Charlotte Cavan-Attack  
Service Manager—Finance and Corporate Services  
Rushcliffe Borough Council



## Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

The MUGA , located behind the Cotgrave Futures building, that is available for use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by the young people of Cotgrave, to play a selection of sports on the astro mat surface, has been the victim of several problems since it opened in 2011. The Council has already had to carry out several repairs and adjustments to the facility.

During this summer, this area has been damaged yet again, with the area having to close on Wednesday 8th August following three fires that took place on that morning and the previous evening.

The CCTV footage has now been passed to the Police, which shows evidence of the fires being started.

The cost of repairs to allow for reopening this area is **£1,133.34** for the play surface and for additional safety features, to try to prevent the reoccurrence of any vandalism a further **£4,611.00**. These costs will have to be found from the Council's budget. Works are expected to be completed in October.

The following report has been provided by the  
Community Safety Project Officer from  
Rushcliffe Borough Council

## Deliberate fire setting

Deliberate fires tend to spike around the summer school holidays and are often set by young people. The young don't always think of the effects of deliberately setting a fire, what starts out as a bit of fun can quickly get out of control. Deliberate fires have an impact on the local economy, cause damage to the environment, damage to property, and can, in the worst cases, take someone's life.

Whenever Notts fire and Rescue are called out to a deliberate fire this costs the fire service and local businesses money, but the true cost could potentially be even more significant. If the fire service is tied up in this type of fire it could cause huge delays in them getting to a house fire or road traffic accident where someone's life is at risk.

Imagine how you would feel if the small bin fire you set to impress your friends meant the delay in the attendance of a fire engine to your home where a family member was trapped.

Lighting a fire deliberately is a serious offence and carries severe consequences - you will be arrested and could be remanded in custody – all this will lead to a criminal record which will have detrimental effects for the rest of your life, restricting career choices, lifestyle choices and event travel.

The following information gives advice on how you can help prevent deliberate fires:

- Report any suspicious activity to CRIMESTOPPERS (anonymously) on 0800 55 111, or by calling the Police 101 number, 999 in an emergency, ie life is threatened.
- Report any build-up of rubbish, or fly tipping, to Rushcliffe Borough Council's environmental health department 0115 981 9911.
- Do not store flammable items, such as recycling waste close to your property or business.
- Have skips collected once full
- Wherever possible keep your bin in a safe, secure place and don't leave your bin out for collection longer than necessary.
- Ensure commercial bins are secured when not in use and stored away from buildings. Lock them, where possible, overnight.
- Do not leave lighters, or matches, where children could reach them.
- Ensure you are aware of where your children, or the young people you look after, are and what they are doing.
- Make sure that your children are aware of the risks of playing with fire and the consequences of deliberately setting a fire. This could include injuring or killing themselves or someone else, and/or being left with a criminal record.



## 2018/2019 COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

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13	25	-	5	10	14	5	9	13	13	10	8

### Dates of Meetings 2018-19

#### 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 or by writing to her at the Leisure Centre, Woodview, Cotgrave, Nottingham, NG12 3PJ.

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