



Cotgrave Connections

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Monday 29th January 2018

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Nottingham, NG12 3PJ

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED !

We are looking for volunteers to help with the pensioners
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Vale of Belvoir Ramblers



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.

December 2017 Walks

Sunday 3rd

Queniborough, Gaddesby, Barsby and South Croxton
(8 miles)

Sunday 10th

Kinoulton, Colston Bassett and Owthorpe
(6 miles)

Sunday 17th

Branston, Eastwell, Eaton and the Jubilee Way
(10 miles)

Sunday 31st

Caythorpe and the Trent Valley (8 Miles)

January 2018 Walks

Sunday 7th

West Leake Hills (6 miles)

Sunday 14th

Bottesford to Allington (7.5 miles)

Wednesday 17th

Ab Kettleby, Saxelbye, Grimston and Wartnaby
(7 miles)

Sunday 21st January

Wirksworth and Alport Height (8.5 miles)

Sunday 28th January

Newstead and the Byron Walk (8 miles)

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The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club's

'The Vale's Got Talent' is coming to Cotgrave

Previously the annual Vale's Got Talent competition run by the Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club has been held in Radcliffe-on-Trent but in its 8th year it is moving venue to Cotgrave. The competition attracts artists, young and old, from the Vale and surrounding areas who enjoy performing to large audiences while helping to raise funds for local charities, clubs and individuals.

Every year funds from the event have helped provide personal illustrated dictionaries to all Year 6 students at Candleby Lane School and we have also provided funding to Ash Lea School. The Rotary Life Education Caravan has visited Candleby Lane School to educate students on the negative impact on personal health of smoking, alcohol and drugs.

The event is always supported by a number of local Cotgrave traders. This year we have support from Jervis Auto Services Ltd, Buttercross Veterinary Centre, Barry's Autos and Modern Pilates.

The two semi-finals were held at Candleby Lane Junior School and showcased a wonderful array of talent to go forward to the Grand Final, which will be held at:-

The Welfare on Friday 8th December.

The show starts at 7pm. Tickets and further information can be obtained via the Rotary web site.

www.valeofbelvoirrotary.org.uk

0115 933 4004.

Grand Final tickets are £6 for adults and £5 for those aged 11 and under.



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Ann Adkin **0115 9372453**



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Contact: Badger on 0770 8598915

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SCOUTING—MAKE EVERY DAY AN ADVENTURE!

Update on Town Centre Regeneration and Employment Units at Hollygate Park

Work is progressing well in the Town Centre. The improvements to the shop units and the new business centre on the first floor will be complete in Spring 2018. The shopping centre is still open for business during the construction works so Rushcliffe Borough Council and Cotgrave Town Council are encouraging residents to support their local shops during this time.



Construction has also started on the Multi Service Centre on Scotland Bank which will house the GP's, Police, Library services and Rushcliffe Borough Council's contact point. Work on this will be complete in Autumn 2018.

Once the Multi Service Centre is complete, the final phase of the project will be the demolition of the existing library and police building, improvements to the car park, and landscaping of the area.

Construction of 15 new industrial units on Hollygate Lane site was completed in August and already businesses have started moving in. There are still a few units remaining, so if you are looking for new business premises please contact: nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk

To keep up to date with developments see our web page :
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Philip Parr: 077387 13989,
Philip.parr@metropolitan.org.uk

Email: Ready4workrushcliffe@gmail.com

Ready4Work We're here to help!

Our team of employed and voluntary staff offers a friendly, approachable and knowledgeable service to all local people wishing to find work and improve their situation.

Activity wise, in the past year, we have helped over a hundred new members. We have produced or updated numerous CV's and online job applications. More importantly, we have helped, on average, 2 people into employment or apprenticeships programmes every week.

We understand that a well worded CV, covering letter or application form will get you noticed by prospective employers and getting your personality across is a vital ingredient to get to the interview stage and we can help with interview training 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 or call Mark Clifford on 07966 363498. Or if you can't make it, we also operate at the library in Bingham on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm.



John Ludlam OBE – our Community Champion

On 11th October, The Nottingham Post held its 2017 Local Heroes awards at the Crown Plaza hotel and John Ludlam was one of the three finalists in the Community Champion category.

John, a retired Colonel, has been a prominent part of the community life in Cotgrave since moving here in 2006. For the last five years he has been one of the leading lights in organising The Cotgrave Festival and for even longer leading the organisation and running of our Remembrance Day proceedings, he is also an active member of All Saints' Church.

He is an enthusiastic and committed chairman of governors at Cotgrave C of E School and a fundraiser for a raft of good causes. In addition, he is chairman of the Cotgrave, Colston Bassett and Owthorpe branch of the Royal British Legion and has been responsible for drastically increasing the membership and overseeing the dramatic rise in fund raising since he took over the branch in 2006.



John has found time to instigate a major programme, along with the U3A, researching and recording the biographies of people from Cotgrave and Owthorpe who fell in the Great War 1914 – 1918 and visiting all the known graves in Flanders. These now form part of the Remembrance Day service at All Saints' Church.

'To my wonderful friends - many thanks for your continued support and generosity with the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 27th September.

Many thanks to Hair Design 4U for their generous donation, Cotgrave Service Station, Sainsbury's Local, Cotgrave Chemist, Cotgrave Co-op, Village News and Cotgrave Bakery for all their support.

This year we raised £965 which is amazing and very much appreciated.

Thank you again.

Eileen Widdocks'

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Cotgrave & District U3A hear about the Salt Mountains in Iran

Those of us fortunate enough (or dutiful enough?) to attend the September General Meeting were literally transported to the wonders of the East by a superb and supremely enthusiastic presentation by a local geologist, Tom Whatton. Prior to Tom's excellent talk, I doubt that many of us were aware of the existence of Salt Mountains anywhere in the world, never mind Iran but now we most certainly are – not only as a result of an admirable, throw-away lecturing style but by a series of superb photographs. This was an experience not to be missed, as well illustrated by the almost equally enthusiastic audience response. If you did miss it, I can offer little consolation – but just remember to book your holiday at a different time next year!



It was in 2008 that Tom, his wife and two friends flew to Iran with a view to explore the salt mountains near the southern tip of the country. It was obviously an adventure with a view, made all the more exciting by the magnificence of the views they encountered. It was also a delightful encounter with friendly people – “welcome to our country” was a constantly recurring theme. His photographic record of people, mosques, bazars and markets brought home the pleasure to be had from an exchange of different cultures. One fascinating contrast was that

between the law which obliges even foreign women to cover their heads at all times and the totally relaxed attitude towards their visit to a Shiite mosque. As he pointed out, the sheer beauty of the external tiling and the exuberance of the six towering minarets also contrasted with the utter plainness of the inner décor – the inside was for prayer, not for artistic extravagance. Yet another contrast which may bring tears to our western eyes was that between our respective petrol prices – they, poor souls, were obliged to pay 8p per litre! (except on the black market, when the price was double; but, as my Yorkshire upbringing tells me, “twice nowt's nowt” so what of it?). And, dwelling briefly on another motoring analogy, it was clear that the Iranian women were not only totally shrouded but that they could choose any colour at all, so long as it was black – Henry Ford would have been in his element. Why black, one wonders – black is quite the wrong colour to choose in a hot, sunny climate.

Enough of cultural matters – it was the salt of the Iranian earth, rather than the colour of Iranian ladies' attire which was the subject of our talk. Salt, we were told, was deposited some five hundred million years ago when seawater evaporated. It was then covered by heavier rock which squeezed it upwards into vertical fissures in the rock (salt, it appears, is a highly squeezable commodity), eventually pressing it into the light of an Iranian day, whence it flowed gently downwards, forming salt summits and salt streams which played an important role in determining the local geology. There are even salt glaciers, would you believe, as much as four miles in length! One consequence of



some concern to intrepid walkers (such as Tom and his friend obviously were) the crumbly nature of the terrain, liable at any moment to open up and swallow anyone unfortunate to tread unwisely. But, far more appealing to our U3A audience was the breath-taking beauty of the resulting scenery – I do not exaggerate – several gasps of amazement could be heard (even by those of us with ageing hearing). The dramatic markings in rock faces and the even more remarkable salt stalactites they encountered in various caves not only amazed the listeners but obviously made worthwhile the numerous cuts and bruises picked up by the speaker and his companions en route to their discovery. This, as Tom himself declared, was “geology in action”! How very true and how very, very exciting for us to be privileged to share in it. Our thanks should go to June for laying it on at short notice – our programmed speaker having died, rather than face the challenge of addressing the Cotgrave U3A, red in tooth and claw.

To learn more about Cotgrave & District U3A activities visit our website
www.cotgraveu3a.weebly.com or email to CotgraveU3A@hotmail.com

Cotgrave Young People's Centre—The CRIB

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Cotgrave YPC is open to young people from school ages (plus). The current opening pattern is:

Tuesdays	6-8.30pm	Year 7/8/9
Wednesday	6-8pm	Year 6 only
Thursday	6-8.15pm	Year 8/9/10
Friday	6.15-8.15pm	13+



We offer a membership card scheme on joining the centre. I have 4 basic rules which are all about learning Respect.

What is Youth Work - Each Youth Session offers young people *somewhere to go, things to do and youth workers to talk to*. Through the delivery of positive activities we aim to build professional working relationships and social development outside of the home and school. We challenge oppressive behaviour and praise good behaviour.



EARLY HELP - We are able to offer yp additional support as and when identified. If you are a parents whose child/ren are struggling with specific issues or additional needs please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss.

SUMMER PROGRAMME - We have done 4 trips this year. Alton Towers, Bowling, Ice Skating and Laser tagging. All trips were fully booked and enjoyed by all participants.

We also ran two residentials at the Mill Adventure base. YP taking part had to do various tasks such as cleaning, cooking, taking part in adventurous activities.

ATTENDANCE - Cotgrave YPC attendances have improved significantly. Previous 16/17 year 1 had a total of 3636. For the Centre's size this is very good. Currently this 17/18 year there has been a total attendance of 2349 (April-July). This has placed Cotgrave YPC as one of the highest attended Young People's Centre in the County.

DEVELOPMENTS - I have been looking at acquiring additional financial support to replace the rear of the centre to make it more useable as a space for activities on our programme. I am pleased to inform you that the target for this project has nearly been reached and works will be completed by mid-December.

SPONSORED FREEZE Child vs parent or child v's child or challenge yourself. YP and parents will be raising money for a small short fall in funding for the outside area and new resources and equipment for their Club.

YP and Parents will be challenging each other to stand on their own 18" square board for up to 2.5 hours. Tea and coffee will be available to participants that's 150 minutes maximum. YP can be sponsored per minute they complete.

Sponsorship forms will be out shortly (available from the Centre or our office) and the Sponsored Freeze (will be indoors) is on **Wednesday 6th December , 4pm to 8pm.**

PLEASE DO NOT PAY ANY MONIES UP FRONT – YP need to evidence to you what they have done. Their sponsorship form will be signed by me only. Its all about learning and developing new skills. Receipt of income will be given to each participant as proof of their efforts.

CONCLUSION - I would like to thank all the parents and young people, the Leisure Centre, Cotgrave Town Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council for all their support.

www.facebook.com/cotgrave.youngpeoplescentre
or contact me on david.warren@nottsccl.gov.uk or 0115 9899462



Cotgrave Advice Centre, founded to help local residents during the mining dispute over 30 years ago, has been located in various parts of the village over the years. Last year we moved into All Saints' Church, opposite Brumptions butchers, because the Methodist Church Hall is going to be renovated.

The move took a lot of work at both ends but was an opportunity for us to rationalise our files and improve some of our office facilities. We are happy in our new location and hope that our clients like the new location too.

Your advice centre is, and always has been entirely staffed and managed by volunteers and currently gets a small annual grant from Nottinghamshire County Council which meets the costs of the telephone, internet, postage and office facilities. Services are offered freely to people that need them and we see about sixty people a month with a wide range of problems. We manage to sort out most of our clients problems ourselves but if we can't, we know where to send people for the help they need or can pass on the work to local experts we have contacts with.

If you ever need help we are here for you. Our best advice is never put off problems (especially debt issues) until tomorrow, we are here and we will help. You will feel better getting the problem sorted.

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COTGRAVE FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2017

The Annual Cotgrave Summer Football Festival took place again over the weekends of Saturday 2nd and Saturday 9th September at The Arthur Ridley Sports Ground. This has been an annual event since its inception back in 1997.

Over 120 teams from across Nottinghamshire, Newark and the Derby/Leicester borders took part, with the under 8s, 9s and 10s playing their matches on the first weekend (Saturday 2nd). The following weekend saw over 300 under 7s take part in what was their first official tournament and whilst competitive, they all entered into the spirit of the game as outlined in the Players Charter. Every member of every team was presented with a medal – the first of many, I'm sure! It was also an opportunity for 12 new referees, who had just completed their course, to officiate in their first official football match and aided by their mentor, ensured that all matches were played in a fair and friendly manner, not forgetting that children play football for fun!



The weather was kind to us, dry and sunny and the event was once again very well supported with family and friends turning out in their hundreds, spending their money, which resulted in an amount of cash ending up in the club kitty. This will help Kev Cooper and his support team to continue to improve the facilities here.

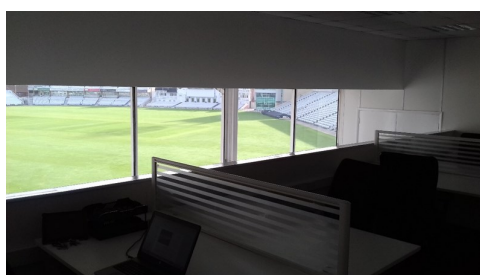
Councillor Leo Healy

Photo Left: Paul Heard (Vice Chairman) Cllr Leo Healy (CTC), Ian Lynn (Former Chairman), Kev Cooper (Chairman)

It is with great sadness that we are moving office, this is mainly due to the growth in the team and us having a small space to work in. For those that don't know we are based in the small office at the end of the Cotgrave Welfare.



Whilst it has been great to look over the road at the Leisure Centre every day our new office comes with its own meeting room and this view!



We moved to Cotgrave in April 2009 at the time there was just myself and Ed. The office had plenty of space for the two of us, but with the success came more staff and the team has been as many as 8 and potentially 10 in 2018.

I would like to thank the community of Cotgrave, there are too many names to mention that have been so supportive of our work, I know from the Clerks I have worked with to all the Chairmen and Councillors of the County, Borough and Parish's that they work hard to ensure that the community is supported in so many ways.

To all the parents we have worked with and have helped promote our service, a massive thank you. To the young people we have worked with, we still see some of the faces from back in 2009 and its great to see how they have developed, we hope that you have as many great memories as we have had.

Our work in Cotgrave isn't over, we still offer junior gym sessions on a Friday evening, we will still offer school holiday activities and trips, this will continue until December 2020 thanks to the funding from Cotgrave Town Council. To ensure that you keep up to date with what we are offering please ensure that you follow on the Rushcliffe Positive Futures Facebook page.



Thanks for the memories.
Mark Clifford
Mark.clifford@trentbridge.co.uk

Hi I'm Max, the Positive Futures level 3 apprentice. I am coming to the end of my level 3 apprenticeship and will be leaving in January 2018. I have been with Positive Futures for 2 years and I have met some great people, gained lots of new skills and improved as a person throughout my time at Positive Futures.

The apprenticeship has been funded by Cotgrave Town Council, I would like to thank them for the opportunity and support for Positive Futures. I hope the young people will keep showing amazing enthusiasm and motivation to get involved with sports and different sessions with Positive Futures.

Throughout Summer we delivered 3 sport and youth sessions for the young people of Cotgrave. Throughout these sessions: we cooked them food, played different sports, had Xbox, table tennis, pool and much more for the young people to enjoy; in which we got 30+ young people to each session. We also have been delivering a multitude of different sports and activities, as well as trips. These trips included: Alton Towers and a Residential to Walesby.

We had a sport and youth session for Cotgrave throughout October Half-term, where we had a football tournament which saw 6 young people win a £10 voucher each. We also got 45 young people to this session of which 30 got involved in the football tournament. Everyone can get involved with all the different sports and activities and also enjoy trying new or different sports.

As far as my progress is concerned I am about to complete my level 3 Diploma in Supporting the Delivery of Physical Education and School Sport. I have achieved this by planning and delivering a range of sports throughout Cotgrave during school holidays and during gym session with young people.

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

Mark.clifford@trentbridge.co.uk
or 07966363498 alternatively
contact us on Facebook
page- Positive Futures Rushcliffe.

I would like to thank everyone who supported myself throughout my apprenticeship and also a thanks to the Positive Futures team.

Max – Level 3 Apprentice.





On 19th–20th May, Cotgrave will have its first ever open gardens, with all profits going to the local Ash Lea school. Though we are in the early stages of organisation, we already have over 15 gardens signed up, as well as a number of local business and churches to provide parking and refreshments on the day. We are also looking for an overall sponsor for the event to help cover the cost of getting promotion material printed.

We are keen to get as many local gardens as possible involved. If you enjoy your garden, whatever its size or stage of development, and would be happy to show it to the public, and people can access it without going through your home, then please get in touch.

On the day there will be games and activities across the gardens for children to enjoy, so it should be a fun day (or two) out and show off how nice Cotgrave is.

You can visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CotgraveOpenGardens to keep up to date, or if you're interested in exhibiting your garden you can get in touch at Stefanie.wonders@gmail.com

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club Memory Café

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club Café has been in action now for nearly three years and goes from strength to strength providing a range of interesting and fun filled activities for those who are suffering from memory loss or early stages of dementia. Recently, we have welcomed a number of new attendees and are particularly pleased to see our regular visitors returning to us each month.

The café offers an enjoyable structured two hours of nostalgic activities aimed at stimulating conversation and participation. Topics covered this year have included Songs from the shows, TV, Spring, Wash Day, Royalty and Games. Each meeting has a variety of activities relating to the theme chosen: video clips, pictures and memorabilia, sometimes kindly loaned to us by Flintham Museum or provided by members of our club.

We have also enjoyed visits from Singing Groups and The U3A Ukulele Band who provided song sheets which gave everyone the opportunity to join in the singing of well-known songs.

We also provide a delicious tea of sandwiches and homemade cakes, all provided by Club members or their partners. No donations are required.

Our venue is the lovely All Saints Church in Plumtree Road Cotgrave, which provides a large open space with plenty of room and full facilities.

Although our café is in Cotgrave, we welcome visitors from Bingham, Radcliffe and all the villages in the surrounding area, together with their carers or support workers.

The meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month, and last about 2 hours.

All age groups encouraged to attend.

For full details, please contact:-

Gerry on 01949 838173 or Thompson54@virginmedia.com



Christmas Acts @ Cotgrave Club

FESTIVE BONANZA

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DECEMBER



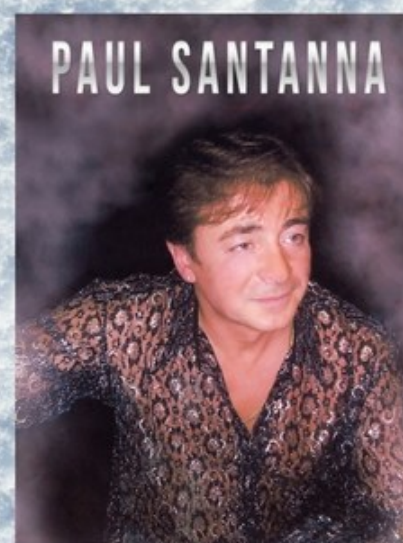
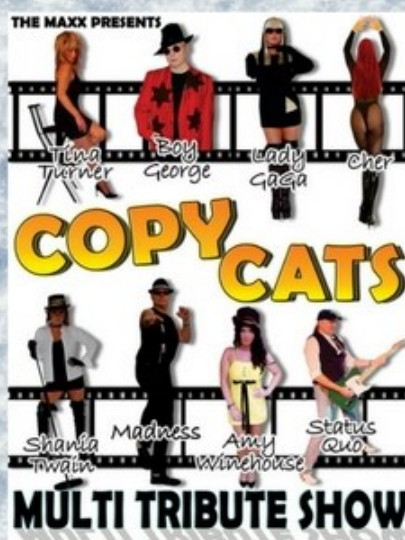
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Bingham Road, Cotgrave, NG12 3JR

Minister: Revd. Mark Roberts

Tel: 0115 9332509



Cotgrave Methodist Church

We meet at 10.30am every Sunday with a good mix of contemporary worship and traditional Hymns. On the 2nd Sunday of every month we have an all age service where the children stay in for all of the service and take part in different activities, songs and fun together as a family.

On the other Sundays the children stay in for a time of worship and then Junior Church go into the hall for bible fun and craft activities. This is for all children aged 3 upwards to about year 6.

Care Home Services

Friday 22nd December, 26th Jan & 23rd February @ 2.30pm
Eaton Park Care Home, Owthorpe Road, Cotgrave.

We meet at the Care Home on the 4th Friday in the month.
All Welcome.

Charity Coffee Mornings

Sat 6th January & 3rd February 2018
10.30am till 12noon

Come and join us for refreshments.



Have you a birthday party coming up?

Why not book the Church/Community Hall

Call Eileen Taylor on 0115 9893784 to check for church hall availability.



Bible studies class @ 30 Mill Lane, Cotgrave
Tuesdays @ 7.30pm

Led by Phil Wall - meets every fortnight.

All welcome, for further

information contact Jean Rutherford on 9890355



Youth Groups @ Cotgrave Methodist Church

We have various groups for young people from year 6 through to year 12 here at Cotgrave Methodist Church.

We have a real heart and passion to reach out and support the young people of Cotgrave:

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

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

"Transform" Wednesday 3.30pm—5pm

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

"The_group" Wednesday 5.30pm—7pm

Just the same as Transform, but for years 7-10, and a bit later so they can get there, so its 5.30-7pm again every Wednesday afternoon during term time.

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

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

"BU" (Be Yourself) Sunday 6pm-8pm

For those in yr 5 and above, we meet every Sunday evening 6pm-8pm, The first hour varies from week-to-week (see monthly programme for details). Then from about 7pm either stay in the Chapel for refreshments and a chat or join in the games in the Community Hall.

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

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



"A Christmas Journey"

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 2nd December

Funds for the
Opening Doors
Community
Engagement

**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 9th December &
Saturday 16th December
10:30am-12 noon.**

Nativity Service

**Sunday 10th December
10.30am**

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"



**7pm
Christmas Eve
Carol Service**



CBOC BRANCH RBL

Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave (CBOC) Branch of the Royal British Legion held its Annual General Meeting on 12 October in the main theatre of Cotgrave Welfare. The Branch is now too large to fit into most locations and it was a great pleasure to be invited to hold the AGM in the Welfare. 60 people attending the meeting and finished up with excellent meal prepared by EJ's Catering.



Pictures by
Russ Hamer

At the AGM the Chairman and Secretary reported on the Branch activity for the last 12 months. Some of the highlights were:

The Branch has 120 members and tries to meet together once each month at different locations.

There had been 5 new recruits during the year including three Ex servicemen.

The Branch held 3 specific fundraising events through the year. The Spring Supper which this year was held at Blotts Country Club and was a great success. The evening included a brilliant speaker on the Balkans. The second was a Summer Ploughmans supper held in Colston Bassett Village Hall with a fascinating talk on the history of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. And finally on 12 November 70 members and their friends sat down to an excellent lunch at the Cotgrave Golf and Country Club after the Remembrance Day parade.

Over £3000 was raised for the Legion at these events and others. Donations were made to two RBL homes; Alderson holiday break centre in Bridlington and Galanos House in Warwickshire as well as the Nottinghamshire Welfare fund for use in our locality.

During Remembrance tide 2017 all the stops were pulled out and CBOC members along with numerous other organisations managed almost 200 hours of collecting at Morrison, Sainsbury's, the Coop and elsewhere. The final amount collected from our generous communities will not be known for some weeks but if it is anything like the £17,000 collected last year it will be splendid.



Finally this year the parade on Remembrance Sunday went ahead, but sadly with less young people than before. It was well run by the Town Council and supported by volunteers from Cotgrave and the 'Nottingham 4X4' who undertook the Traffic Management to keep the marchers safe.

After a moving service at All Saints Church Christine Goldstraw OBE JP DL, laid the first wreath on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen at the Cotgrave War Memorial.

John Ludlam.



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

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.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Friday evenings in Church beginning at 7pm. 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

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Church, Sunday 12th November, 10.20 am

WINTER FAIR

Saturday 18th November, 10am to 1pm in All Saints
Church. Seasonal stalls, food and entertainment.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 3rd 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 9th December

Drop in between 10am to 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 10TH 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 afterward
and enjoy a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday 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 11.30 pm

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th December

8am Eucharist

10 am Family Eucharist

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



COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

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Cotgrave,
Nottingham, NG12 3PJ



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Email: clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk or connections@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk

Chairman's Report

I became Chairman of Cotgrave Town Council on 12th July, following the resignation of Councillor Vance Wood.

Councillor Wood was elected to Council in 2011 and during his six years was Chairman from December 13 to May 15 and again from May 16 to June 17.

He played a leading role in the planning of the re-generation programme for Cotgrave; attending many meetings on residents' behalf. He was particularly supportive of the Colts football teams and other activities for young people.

We thank him and wish him well.

I hope you all enjoyed the Bonfire event organised by the Council and the afternoon disco provided by the Cotgrave Club. At the time of writing this report, I anticipate the Remembrance Day Parade and Service at All Saints Church when I shall lay a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of Cotgrave residents.

The Public Consultation on the Rushcliffe Local Plan will have taken place, as will the Christmas Lights Event on the Shopping Centre and we also look forward to hosting the Pensioners Christmas Party on Tuesday 12th December. If anyone is available and would like to help on the day, that would be very much appreciated. Please contact the Council Office for more details.

The Council and I send our best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

Christine Jeffreys
Chairman, Cotgrave Town Council

Cotgrave Notice Board Page on Facebook

At its meeting held on 13th September, and following on from recent comments made regarding the proposed telecom mast on Madisson Field on the Cotgrave Notice Board page on Facebook, it had been brought to Council's attention by the Rushcliffe Borough Council's Monitoring Officer that this Facebook page must have a full disclaimer to state that this site is not owned, maintained or managed by Cotgrave Town Council.

Council were in all in agreement to request that a disclaimer is added to the Facebook page. (Please note that Councillor K Chewings did not take part in this discussion due to a declaration of interest in the item).

Citizenship Awards 2017

A presentation evening was held on Wednesday 1st November at Cotgrave Futures to celebrate with our 2017 awards winners.

A Citizenship Award was presented to June Odell. June had been nominated for her voluntary work within Cotgrave, including her enthusiasm for Cotgrave U3A and also for fund raising for The Salvation Army, Royal Star and Garter, The Red Cross and raising funds to purchase equipment for Cotgrave Surgery.



A second award was presented to Kevin Cooper. Kevin formed a boys football team in 1991, which went on to become Cotgrave Colts and has been Chairman for many years, and after a break has now resumed the role and works tirelessly to provide football for many youngsters.



Also attending the event, were some past winners of the Citizenship Awards.

The awards were presented by Council's Chairman, Councillor Christine Jeffreys. This was a very enjoyable evening celebrating the positive people of Cotgrave. The presentation was followed by a small informal buffet.

Council Grants



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

Cotgrave Town Council's budget for 2016-17 £7,0000

Spring Meadow Sheltered Housing	£ 235.45
Trent Bridge Community Trust (Positive Futures)	£1,250.00
The Rock Church (For Play Days Event)	£ 425.00
Cotgrave Welfare Scheme (Pantomime) 2016)	£ 600.00
Youth Services (Disco Equipment)	£ 644.95
Little Kites Play Group (Christmas Party)	£ 380.00
Ash Lea School (Arts Activities Week)	£ 750.00
Nottingham Astronomical Society	
(towards cost of new building) :	£ 500.00
Wellspring Music CIC (Music for dementia care)	<u>£ 500.00</u>
Total:	£5,285.40

Cotgrave Town Council's budget for 2017-18 £6,000

The Rock Church (Play Days Event):	£ 500.00
Cotgrave Library (Craft Items):	£ 206.02

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

Light Source Community Funding



Lightsource SPV 139 Ltd, have a solar farm located on the land opposite the Nottinghamshire Golf Course at Stragglethorpe.

The company pay a community benefit to local councils to use for projects with the parish. Payments are made annually and last for the lifespan of the project.

Cotgrave Town Council have used this funding on the following projects:

2016-17 Funding Available - £4,900

Pensioners Christmas Party	£1,944.48
Bonfire Event (Not including Fireworks)	£ 709.25
Christmas Lights Event	£ 808.00
Easter Event	<u>£ 420.71</u>
	£3,882.44

Carried forward to 17/18 = £1,017.56

2017-18 Funding Available - £6,173.56

Easter Event (Film & Accessories)	£ 177.93
Cotgrave FC Sponsorship	£1,000.00

Cotgrave Town Council sponsors Cotgrave FC Senior Team.



The photo , left, shows Councillor Christine Jeffreys (Chairman CTC) holding shirt, Graham Lynn (CFC) on her left, Daniel Smith, team Manager on her right, Jonathon Garton (CFC) on his right, and some members of Cotgrave Town Council.

Cotgrave Town Council is pleased to be associated with our local football club and are happy to sponsor the senior team with shirts. At the last Town Council Meeting two players accepted these on behalf of the team.

They were Graham Lynn who has played for the club every year since he was 6 and is holding a photo of himself aged 7. Jonathan Garton has also played for the club since he was a child and is holding a photo of himself and team members when he was 8 on a Town Council sponsored trip to Blackpool. Jonathan and his partner, Katie, have just become proud parents for the first time to Millie Rose born 27th October.

Daniel Smith, now team manager, has also played for CFC since he was 8, and last season coached his team to become winners of the Nottinghamshire Senior League Senior Cup Final.

Councillor Leo Healy

2017/2018 COTGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

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Vice Chairman: Councillor Steve Gardner

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B Indicates a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council

N Indicates a member of Nottinghamshire County Council

Dates of Meetings 2017-18

JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APR	MAY
14	12	-	13	4	8	6	10	14	14	11	9

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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