

# The Cotesbach Communicator

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Welcome to the 3rd Edition of the village newsletter. Within are to be found articles of interest to keep in touch with what's going on in the community.

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## LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

In the coming months, we have a number of events which focus on remembering the past: heritage weekend, bonfire night, Remembrance Sunday, ending of course with Christmas, when we celebrate the unique moment when God entered human history in the person of Jesus Christ.

Also this year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the European Reformation. This world-changing event began when Martin Luther famously published his 95 theses (or arguments) in Wittenberg, Germany on 31st October 1517. In doing so, Luther became the catalyst for a spiritual movement that soon reached our shores. At the heart of the reformation was a conviction that we can be saved only through faith in the powerful work of God in Christ.

In fact, the seeds of that reformation began earlier in England through the work of John Wycliffe, who served as Rector just up the road in Lutterworth. His determination to return the church of his day to the Bible, rejecting the power, wealth and politics of the church, saw wonderful spiritual renewal and paved the way for Luther, Calvin, Cranmer and others a century later.

It is that tradition that we seek to follow in our own small way, here at St Mary's Cotesbach. At our village church you're assured of a warm welcome, but you'll also have the chance to experience services in both traditional and modern styles, and preaching that reminds us of truths that transcends time and yet also connects with life in 21st century Britain.

Yours



Rev'd Charlie AM Styles, Rector



# General News

## Cotesbach Co-operative Art Group.

We are holding our 14th Exhibition of paintings in the village church over the weekend of 16th & 17th September open 10:30am till 4:00pm both days.

Original framed art for sale and a Browser Bar of unframed work at bargain prices. Artist in Residence.

Lutterworth Photographic Club display also.

Refreshments will also be available in church's new meeting area. Proceeds to the Dementia UK charity and church fund.

This is a friendly group of amateur artists who meet in the Cotesbach Village Hall on Thursday evening from 7:00pm till 9:30pm for 3 terms a year. Cost £20 per term. One off joining fee £5.

For information please contact Peter Carter on 01455 552886. Or just come down on a Thursday night. Autumn Term from 7th September to 14th December .

## Cotesbach Sequence Dancing Club.

The Cotesbach Dancing Club is a friendly Sequence Dance Club which meets in the Cotesbach Village Hall on a Friday night. 7:30pm till 10:30pm. Sequence dancing is an enjoyable easy way to have Physical and Mental exercise , and is for all ages, whilst having fun with friends. We also have party nights on special occasions. There is instruction for the first half hour so beginners are most welcome to try for themselves. Dancing is 3 terms in the year with a break during August. Autumn term from September to December. Interested please call Reita Carter on 01455 552886, or come along on a Friday night and introduce yourselves.

## The Village Hall

Contact Margaret Wild on 01455 203129

The village hall has been the focal point of the village for the past 40 years and over the last couple of years has been completely refurbished. There is a friendly **Social Group** who organise monthly events and if you would like to get involved or suggest an event get in touch, the organising is shared and so it is not a time consuming commitment. All events are free of charge except the Christmas Party, our bar prices are kept relatively low.

We have a new projector and large screen and are developing a **Film Club** of people who are interested. You can suggest films you would like to see, recent screening were Ghostbusters, Top Gun and the next one is Life of Brian.

The village hall also owns **The Green** play area with its football nets which is often used for barbeques, street parties and the Dog & Produce show. It can be used in conjunction with the hall for private parties and we have use of a bouncy castle.

There are a number of **Community Groups** that use the village hall, they include upholstery, dog training, flower arranging, art, sequence dancing, Bridge and whist. The upholstery group also run one day and three day courses.

The village hall is a **popular venue** for family events and celebrations and can be booked through Margaret Wild (01455 203 129). It can be booked by people who live in Cotesbach for their personal use at a concessionary price of £9.00 per hour and is fully licensed. The main hall accommodates up to 75 people, there is parking for ten cars, a large kitchen including cooker & dishwasher, full disabled access & toilet and baby-changing facilities. **Dog and Produce show, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 15:00** Bring your pooch and compete in Cotesbach's fun afternoon of canine comedy! Test your doggy's skills and win prizes.

On the same day, bring your finest fruit, vegetable and homemade produce to take part in the Cotesbach Produce show for the most beautiful, largest, tastiest and wonkiest fruit, vegetable or homemade item.

# Parish Council

Contact Ed Hunt on  
07752 931026

## Cotesbach Parish Council

**The Cotesbach bus service** has been regrettably been discontinued. County-wide bus service funding cuts and a redirection of the route to Magna Park means the bus no longer travels down the A426. The county have arranged a local taxi company to be available at certain days and times of the week to take passengers from Cotesbach to Lutterworth and back if requested. Contact Margaret Wild for more details (203129 / m.wildone@talktalk.net).

**The new Harborough District Local Plan** is due for consultation in the Autumn. This important document sets key policies for planning and developments for the next 15 years in the district including 2,000 houses East of Lutterworth and Magna Park expansion. The council will be actively involved in responding and encourage village residents to do the same. Contact Ed Hunt for more information (07752 931026 / [e.hunt@gmx.com](mailto:e.hunt@gmx.com))

## **Swinford Wind Farm.**

Funds are available, administered by the PC for projects of benefit to the village. Applications for grants are welcomed through the Parish Council.

Upcoming council meetings at the Village Hall, all welcome: 11th September 19:30 & 6th November 19:30

The PC meets four times per year and everyone is invited to attend the open forum, where all items on the agenda are considered.

Thanks to Chris Long who is retiring as Honorary Quarry Liaison Officer and to Livvy Newton who has volunteered to take up the post.

# Cotesbach Educational Trust

Contact :Livvy  
on 07928628317

## **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: INDIA COMES TO COTESBACH**

CET is preparing for an Indian extravaganza of performance and craft workshops to be hosted at Heritage Open Days 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September, 11am-4pm. An opportunity to celebrate the multi-cultural society we live in, and to recognise our common ground: with the history of the Enclosures Riot fresh in our minds, we recognise 70 years since Indian independence, both occasions which triggered forced migration of people from their homes, and make us reflect on similar problems today which have reached global scale. Free tours at 11.15 and 2.15 (Friday – Sunday) (numbers limited). Archive displays, Craft activities, Refreshments and much more.

**GROWING GIFTS** The line-up for our autumn project includes Apple Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, teaming up with the Estate and Farm for foraging and hedgerow walks, and the national annual Big Draw

competition, entitled 'Living Lines'. We will be organising craft workshops to coincide with Market Days, and have been invited to be part of the Foxton Boat Festival on 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December: so look out for us, and our very own Captain Pouch! Look out for the third Talk Tuesday series on this theme. Hosting and providing creative learning experiences for all through heritage, environment and arts. For event programme and the latest newsletter, please visit: [www.cotesbachschoolhouse.org.uk/news](http://www.cotesbachschoolhouse.org.uk/news) or contact us on 01455 558373

## **COTESBACH ESTATE**

We're teaming up with the CET, the Gardens and the Church for Heritage Open Days and Apple Day, so come along, there will be something for everyone. Market in the Yard continues in the autumn for handmade crafts, food and produce : Saturday/ Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

# News from Cotesbach.

## **The Church Building.**

St Mary's is a grade 2 listed building parts of which are known to be 14th C. As you see the building now it is a restored building of work carried out in 1812 by the parish.

## **The Church Today.**

The parish is a part of the Lutterworth Benefice of Lutterworth with Cotesbach and Bitteswell. All churches which are named St Mary's. The Rector is The Reverend Charlie Styles working from The Rectory, Coventry Road, Lutterworth. All are welcome to this inclusive Village Church.

## **Community Meeting Room.**

The North Aisle has been converted for multi useage and is available to all in the Cotesbach Community to use. Contact can be made through : Peter Carter 01455 552886 and John Maxey 01455 55 or email as below.

## **Do you know Cotesbach?**

Did you know that Cotesbach is included in the Domesday Book? The village is Anglo Saxon and the name is Old English and translates as the Dwelling of Cotta by the stream in the valley. Cotta is an Anglo Saxon personal name recorded in several place names throughout England.

The walled garden at Cotesbach Hall is volunteer run as a social enterprise, with fresh fruit and vegetables on sale from The Larder in the Stable Yard. *'Local, Seasonal and Organic'*, we do not pretend to be able to replace the supermarket but to offer healthy, soil friendly produce which by comparison simply explodes with taste. Free tours on Heritage Open Days and Apple Day (see CET for dates). We welcome offers of volunteer help which will assist to create trainee opportunities and ensure the survival of this garden which has been in continuous cultivation for centuries.

## **Cotesbach Church Events up to Christmas 2017.**

**Art Festival 16th/17th September 10:30am till 4:00pm daily in Church.**

17th September World Mission Sunday service 9:30am.

**Harvest Sunday 1st October 9:30am Cotesbach Church.**

**Remembrance Sunday 12th November 10:00am Cotesbach Church.**

**Christmas Eve 24th December 7:00pm Sing Carols and celebrate Christingle.**

**Christmas Day 9:30am Communion Cotesbach Church.**

Everyone is welcome to join in these events.

If you have non-commercial news to including the next Cotesbach Communicator, we'd love to hear from you. Submissions for the Christmas issue need to be received by **3rd December**. To Peter Carter at the contact details below.



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