

The Cotesbach Communicator

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Welcome to the 2nd 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.

The 14th Exhibition of paintings in the village church was held over the weekend of 16th & 17th September 2017. The weather was kind and this helped towards a great attendance of around 250 people. Several paintings were sold and with refreshment sales and donations over £ was raised solely for Dementia UK Charity. Our thanks to the church for use of the building and new extension facilities.

Highlight of the Autumn term for the group were two evening workshops with local artist John Bye painting an acrylic landscape scene. 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 visit on a Thursday night. Spring Term runs from 18th January to 29th March.

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., and the 1st visit is FREE. Dancing is 3 terms in the year with a break during August. Spring term starts from 12th January to 23rd March 2018. For more details or 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.

We have a new projector and large screen and are developing a **Film Club** of people who are interested.

The village hall also owns **The Green** play area with its football nets.

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.

To get involved in the running of the Village Hall or the social committee use the Village Hall email or join the Cotesbach Village Social Group on Facebook.

It's been a busy autumn at the village hall, with a fantastic kids Halloween party held on 28th October which went down a (trick or) treat! Film night on 18th November was a showing of the classic comedy 'Airplane!' which was retiring Chairman John Mcdermott's choice. As they prepare to leave Cotesbach, huge thanks must go to both John and Mary for all the hard work they have put in to the village over the years, they will be very much missed. The Chairmanship of the Management Committee has now passed to Stuart Rimmington.

The Christmas meal on 2nd December was a big success, with a delicious meal followed by the usual fun and games. It's a highlight of the village calendar and always thoroughly enjoyable.

Upcoming events include a Pudding Night on Saturday 3rd February and a quiz night planned for March.

For more details or to book an event, contact : **cotesbachvillagehall@hotmail.com.**

Parish Council

Contact Ed Hunt on
07752 931026

Parish Councillor vacancy

After a number of years serving on the council, Andy Craig has decided to step down. Thanks very much to Andy for his time. A vacancy for Parish Councillor is now available. This Councillor will ideally take on the Clerk's responsibilities as well - helping with minutes, agendas, liaising with District and County councils and finances. Email us to find out more.

Landfill smells

A number of residents have mentioned an increase in rotting rubbish smells recently. This is likely to be from Tarmac's landfill. The Council is liaising with them on this, but residents need to tell the Environment Agency (EA) when you don't like the smell. This will help our discussions with Tarmac. Call the EA free at any time of the day - 24/7 on 0800 807060 if you don't like the smell.

Village Pond cleared

Thanks to those who helped the Village Pond clearance in early November, it looks much tidier! If anybody has any advice on removing pond algae / blanket weed let us know!

Magna Park

Harborough District Council regrettably recently approved both Magna Park applications, doubling its current size. At the planning committee meeting, Ed Hunt spoke on behalf of Cotesbach Parish Council specifically against Symmetry Park. Thanks to residents for their ongoing support. The council continues to work with the Magna Park is Big Enough campaign. Work is still underway to challenge these decisions. More information at www.mpisbe.org. If the Secretary of State decides not to independently assess the decision, the next step for Cotesbach is scrutinising Symmetry Park's full application.

Gritting

Cotesbach is still classified as a top priority route for gritting, so the lorry has been passing and will continue to do so.

Keep up to date and contact us!

Visit www.cotesbachvillage.uk for information and email us at our new email address cotesbachpc@gmail.com if you want to ask anything.

Cotesbach Educational Trust

Contact :Livvy
on 07928628317

Cotesbach Stable Yard

The Yard is open to the public Mon – Sat 10am-4pm, a mixture of residential and small business use, we occasionally host visits, events, open days, special occasions – walk on up here to discover this vibrant and unique place at the heart of Cotesbach Estate or see our website for more information.

At the end of a busy year we've been invited to take part in the Foxton Illuminated Boat Festival on 16th-17th December - on a narrow boat for a change! Besides project work and events, we now hold regular 'Crafternoons' on Saturdays and monthly 'Talk Tuesdays'. Our Centre Manager, Louisa Beighton from Shawell works part time but you can drop in when she's here to find out more about the opportunities available, call or sign up for our monthly Newsletter. We're also looking for keen history students to take part in our 'Archive Alive'

project, and local history enthusiasts who can help the archive team build up this amazing resource for our local heritage.

Cotesbach Walled Garden.

The walled garden at Cotesbach Hall is run as a social enterprise growing seasonal, local, organic vegetables and fruit which we sell from the Larder in the Stable Yard. Entirely volunteer run at present, we always welcome offers of help, whether you want a regular opportunity to keep fit in the garden or help out with harvesting and sales. There's not so much over the winter but we're already planting for 2018, so when things get growing again, remember your best and tastiest source of fresh produce is on your doorstep! www.cotesbachgardens@gmail.com

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Happy Christmas and all Best Wishes for 2018.

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.

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
Below

Cotesbach Flower Club.

The Flower Club has been in existence as a self sufficient organisation for 2 years, and was formed as a result of a College run course closing. The club meets in the Village Hall on a Wednesday morning for 3 terms in the year, Whilst the club membership is full visitors are welcome when there are demonstrations planned.

**Your news could be featured here
send to contact as per details below.**

Next Edition in time for Easter 2018.

Cotesbach Church Events for Christmas and beyond.

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 future editions should be addressed to Peter Carter at the contact details below.



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