

Reminder From The Parish Council

If anyone is interested in having an Allotment in Cropwell Butler, please contact the Parish Clerk on the number or email above. The allotments are given to the Cropwell Butler parishioners on a first come first served basis; all allotments will be given an agreement with which to comply.

Notices From The Parish Council

A number of large lorries have been seen coming through the village again, they are having to make dangerous manoeuvres due to the size as they cannot fit through with oncoming traffic – anyone seeing these must report them to Lorry Watch as the weight limit is restricted to 7.5T. Complaints have been made of the number of cars parking on Main Street, please be mindful not to park on the pavement.

* Local Bus Information

Without formal notification, we have heard that NCC have removed the Saturday early morning and late afternoon service on our 850 timetable, although the weekday service remains; our daytime 852 remains unchanged.

See timetable later in the newsletter.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Very many thanks to those who gave £419.24 in Cropwell Butler and Tythby.

Village Hall News

Carols round the Tree

The village hall committee will run this event again hoping it will appeal to everyone.

Wednesday, 19th December at 6pm

on the lawn in front of the village hall.

There will be lights, singing, a saxophone, refreshments,
hymn sheets and goodwill, but no collection.



Please come and Sing.

50/50 Draws - The winners for November were first Pat Briggs, £25, second Shelagh Barnes, £20, third Jill and Tony Teatum, £15, and fourth Catherine Evans, £10.

Christmas Lunch - By the time this Newsletter falls through your letter box, either with a depressing dull thud or lightly fluttering in anticipation of being read, the Christmas lunch will be due again for this year. I can say nothing of its success or failure and, since the next report of village hall matters isn't until the February edition, what happened on 2nd December will go unremarked. Only one success so far, that tickets went on sale on 12th November and it was a sell out by 15th. Perhaps word has got round about this year's cordon bleu specialist, not that previous years weren't spectacular.

Decorating the Village Hall - The hall, having had lots of work done on it in recent months, has been partly redecorated. Public buildings suffer wear and tear and we are no exception and so, for a fairly modest sum, the hall has been touched up and made into its best appearance for a long time. In one way this is perhaps the committee's final effort after the Samworth project was finished earlier in the year. And of course, the Christmas decorations are up.

Grand Annual Quiz - We trail this event, seemingly early, for several reasons. Firstly the next Newsletter doesn't appear until February, secondly avid quizgoers become anxious if there is uncertainty about the dates of their future competitions, thirdly the Grand Quizmaster is in incredible demand and we must secure his services, and lastly as the Quiz is in March, this gives tremendous cheer to those who view the long period of dark nights with some foreboding. For, as we all know, the light nights, Spring and St Patick's Night all follow the Quiz. Not long now!

Grand Annual Quiz, Village Hall, Saturday, 16th March, 2019



CROPWELL BUTLER & TYTHBY GARDENING SOCIETY
8th November: World of Ferns – a talk by Neil Timm

Neil gave an interesting talk on this most versatile of plants. The fern is low maintenance and even thrives in the darkest corners of the garden, it make a fabulous contribution to any shade plant combination. From tiny specimens, which grow in cracks in the walls, to magnificent giant tree ferns, this underrated plant, with its many varieties, shapes and striking shades of green foliage, deserves its place in our gardens. This was an interesting and educational talk about the versatility, history, and beauty of these lovely plants.

Winter Programme, 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm

	2019
January 10 7:30 pm	Bonsai Trees- Speaker: Peter Fishlock
February 14 7:30 pm	Growing Veg in Containers – Speaker: Graham Wagstaff
14 March 19 7:30 pm	<u>Open Evening.</u> A talk on Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson by Simon Gulliver

Sheldon Field Annual Report 2018

2017/18 has been another successful year in the maintenance and development of the Sheldon Field. It is worth mentioning at the outset that the Sheldon Field is a registered charity, owned by Fields in Trust (formerly the National Playing Fields Association) and managed locally by a group of volunteer trustees. We are always looking for new members who feel they would like to come along and help in the running of this valuable community facility and a cordial invitation was extended to come along to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 27th November at the Village Hall.

I would like to start with a big thank you to all the committee members for all their hard work and support throughout the year. I would particularly like to thank John for all his tireless hard work and ingenuity in maintaining the field throughout the year.

This year saw the final stages of implementing the funds granted to us from the John Samworth legacy to the village. These works included the last programmed cutting and removal of grass to the meadow areas to reduce fertility, so promoting the development of wildflowers. It is also proposed to improve the pond in the North West corner of the field by enlarging it and installing a liner to hopefully retain water. This work should be completed by April 2019. Work has also begun to clean out a dew pond that existed years ago in the Northwest corner to provide another wet habitat.

The 5-year management plan for the site drawn up by Notts Wildlife Trust expired last year and has been updated by the Trust and adopted by the management committee to provide a template for the sensitive management of the site for the future. It is pleasing to see that the trees provided by the Woodland Trust some years ago to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee growing to maturity and providing a "Diamond Jubilee Avenue" in the Northwest corner of the field. It is also encouraging to see the cowslips, primroses, violets, and bluebells planted by volunteers beginning to spread beneath these trees

The new marquee acquired from funds from the Samworth legacy has been put to good use this year and a further smaller marquee has been acquired to enable the main marquee to be sited on the green in front of the village hall with covered access across the paved patio area.

Maintenance of the Pavilion is ongoing, and we have provided a new roof to the toilet and shower block this year to stop leaks and improve insulation.

Sport

- AFC Southside have signed up for another season on the football pitch and are very happy with facilities. They receive many compliments from visiting teams on the quality of the pitch. We have taken bookings from other football clubs for individual matches.
- Cropwell Cricket Club are to be congratulated for another successful season and it is great to see the two Cropwells coming together to provide such a thriving club. The continuous improvements to the pitch and the site in general makes the Sheldon field the envy of many visiting clubs.

Environment

- Paul continues his moth trapping and recording –the Sheldon field is proving to be a prominent site in the county with rare species being noted, thus providing an indicator of the importance of the field as a diverse wildlife habitat.
- The Notts Wildlife Trust has now updated the 5-year management plan for the site which provides a useful guideline to managing the site.
- Discussions have taken place with Rushcliffe Barn Owl Trust about the siting of a barn owl nest box, but it was felt that the site does not provide sufficient habitat for voles, the mainstay of a Barn Owl's diet.

Community events

- Bonfire Night continues to be a great success. The event was well attended this year and we had good weather. Everything went off safely and the Sheldon Field is grateful to all those who helped with the event and to the Parish Council for providing funds for fireworks and for insurance cover for the event. This also provides a useful source of income to help meet the ongoing running costs of the field.
- Sheldon Field has a Facebook page and receives a lot of likes on the posts we make.

Fund Raising

- Marquee lettings, Bonfire Night and the 100 club are our major fund raisers –the monies going towards our annual running costs of approx. £4,000 and the continued improvement of facilities as outlined above.
- We hope to produce our own calendar with pictures of the Field throughout the seasons and hopefully this will be out soon -watch this space.

In conclusion I feel we continue to meet the aims and objectives of our constitution in providing recreation facilities and enhancing and protecting the environment to provide a wonderful community facility.

Looking to the long-term future, discussions are taking place with Fields in Trust and the Parish Council with a view to the Council taking ownership by means of a dedicated Deed of Transfer. This would safeguard the future of the field and would remain as a recreation ground and environmental area for the amenity of the inhabitants of the parishes of Tythby and Cropwell Butler. The Fields in Trust representative was to be invited to attend the Parish Council where this matter was to be discussed, but due to an administrative error this meeting has not taken place. The proposal would be similar to that whereby the Parish owns the village hall, but it is run by a separate committee of volunteers. It is seen that this would ensure that the Sheldon Field would have a long-term stable future .

On behalf of the Sheldon Field I (Jim Besson) would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the help you gave on the Monday evening to make Bonfire Night such a brilliant event. See photos on the back page.

Neil, will you pass on our thanks to the Cricket Club members for their help?

Thanks also to the Parish Council for its funding of fireworks and insurance cover for the event.

Women's Institute

Cropwell Butler & Tythby WI Programme for 2019

Anyone interested in joining us or finding out more about the Village WI can be assured of a very warm and friendly welcome at any of the following meetings. If you would prefer to accompany a member then please ring Carol on 9335883 and she will be happy to arrange this.

We also hold 'Open Meetings' during the year to which anyone is welcome including partners, friends from elsewhere etc.

Refreshments are served at meetings and a small raffle is held.

2019 Calendar

- January 3rd** Hedgehogs' Angela rehabilitates & releases back into the wild these once common garden visitors
Speaker: Angela Hall
- February 7th** 'The Kennedys' The triumph & disaster of this fascinating family
Speaker: John Whitfield
- March 7th** 'Home Start' A local charity aiming to ensure every child has the best possible start in life
Speaker: Gail Tilley
- April 4th** 'Albert Ball' World War 1 Pilot
Speaker: Andrew Smart
- This is an Open Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting for a small donation to include refreshments & raffle.
- May 2nd (Resolutions)** 'Edith Piaf' Historian Julie will talk about the life of this famous French singer/songwriter

Speaker: Julie Ede

June 6th (50/50) A buffet supper to which members contribute and 'surprise' evening

July 4th 'Chatsworth – The Housekeeper's Tale'

Speaker: Christine Robinson

An Open Meeting to which anyone is welcome to attend, and Members are encouraged to bring friends. Christine was former Head Housekeeper for the 12th Duke of Devonshire having lived on the estate for 40 years .

August 1st 'Outing': to be announced

September 5th 'The Canary Girls of Chilwell' The story of No: 6 Shell Filling Station during the 1st World War

Speaker: Maureen Rushton

October 3rd 'Man and Beast – Out of Africa'

Speaker: Martin Clarke

Everyone is welcome to attend this Open Meeting when Martin will talk on this fascinating subject. A small donation is required to include refreshments and raffle.

November 7th (AGM) 'A Happy Russian Xmas'

Speaker: Cathy McAteer

Learn about a traditional Russian Christmas and sample Russian chocolate.

December 5th Members 'Christmas Meal'

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT MALE VOICE CHOIR



Registered Charity No: 1059527

New Year Workshop

For those who would like to learn to sing, for free and with no obligation to perform publicly, the Choir will be holding a number of workshops in the New Year. All males are welcome to attend where you will learn of the benefits of singing, learn new tunes and sing with the full choir. The choir also has a varied social life (including the pub) in which you are welcome to participate. E-mail the above address for more details or visit our website below.

For the latest information on the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir, please go to the website:

<http://radcliffeontrentmvc.org>

The schedule of Future Concerts and Events is also available here:

<http://radcliffeontrentmvc.org/concerts-and-events/>

The Facebook site is now launched and can be found at: www.facebook.com/ROTMVC

*Make a difference to
yourself & others
Join us for:*

**Carols by Candlelight
with Nativity
6.30 Christmas Eve
Cropwell Butler Chapel**



Help feed the City's hungry

See separate notice giving
details

Collections for Foodbanks



10pm Christmas Eve,
Christmas Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Tythby

Share Your Love – Support the Christmas Food Bank Collection



Please bring your gifts.....

- Before Concert on 15th Dec. (4.30-5.30)
- Christmas Eve Nativity, 6.30 at the Chapel
- Box outside the Chapel, 24th - 26th Dec.

- Collected by David (0115 9334256 or 07881933459)

Book Club Book Review

The Tattooist Of Auschwitz By Heather Morris

This book tells the story of the life of Lale Sokolov, from March 1942 when he was taken as a young man from his home in Slovakia to Auschwitz-Birkenau. The horrors of the Holocaust are clearly described, and the author pulls no punches as she describes the utter inhumanity of the treatment inside the concentration camp where so many suffered. The story is told in the third person, a spare and direct style which most of us agreed, heightened the terror of the prisoners and the callousness of the treatment they endured. Some felt, however, that the lack of first-person expression led to a lessening of the emotional impact of the horror.

Lale, we soon learn, is an ebullient character, a bit of a 'wheeler dealer' and fluent in a number of languages. This latter skill singles him out to be a useful prisoner and he is given the job of tattooing all arrivals to the camp with their identity numbers. It is whilst doing this that he meets Gita and falls in love.

The book is, as one would expect, a difficult read at times, but it is also extremely uplifting. Lale has a strength of spirit that somehow sustains him and keeps him positive through terrible experiences and losses. We see his character always reaching out to others, to talk, to support and to dig his heels in as much as he dare to subvert the camp regime. We are led to ask whether this is the key to 'survival' – our ability to nurture humanity whilst enduring the darkest experiences a person could ever go through. Some of us felt that elements of the story were a little far-fetched and might, as a result, trivialise events. Artistic licence was clearly employed at times, but maybe this is because the book perhaps isn't primarily about the Holocaust, but rather, uses it as a backdrop for a story about the resolve of humans to survive the worst experiences imaginable, and how love and friendship can make this possible.

Our next meeting will be on January 22nd and the book we will be discussing is 'The Various Haunts of Men' by Susan Hill. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Bonfire Night Lights