



Newsletter November 2017

Welcome to our November newsletter,

There is a lot happening at Cotesbach Educational Trust right now. We have Monday evening Yoga, Talk Tuesdays and Saturday Crafternoons, all of which are proving very popular. Please click through to read more about the activities on offer and our current theme of 'Growing Gifts'.

We are in the process of re-designing our website, so we apologise that our events page has not been updated recently. As soon as we have our new website up and running you will be able to find up to date information about our event programme. If you use social media, please check our Facebook page for details and booking links.

We hope to welcome you to one of our events in the near future.

Best wishes,
Louisa
Centre Manager



TALK TUESDAYS

5th December - DoTerra therapeutic grade essential oils.

7pm free refreshments, talk starts 7.30pm

Learn about using essential oils to aid emotional and physical well-being.

There will be a chance to try and buy the oils.

Tickets available to book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talk-tuesdays-growing-gifts-doterra-oils-tickets-39912788224>

The 'GROWING GIFTS' theme for the latest series of Talk Tuesdays has proved to be a trigger for fascinating talk and discussion around food, farming and the environment, with multiple spin-offs into areas such as policy making, health, and the real implications of statistics around the decline of insects in the UK.

You can listen to the podcasts of these and the previous talks by clicking here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-442126051>

SATURDAY CRAFTERNOONS

Saturday 18th November 1-3pm
Festive Rag Wreaths – now fully booked

Here's some pictures of the lovely creations made at the recent applique lavender heart workshop:



'Epic, amazing and great' is how one of our younger participants described Saturday Crafternoons!



FOXTON ILLUMINATED 2017 16TH-17TH DECEMBER

We are very excited to have been invited by the Canal and River Trust to decorate a boat for this popular event. Find us at the top lock from 2-7pm on the 16th and 17th of December. We will have mulled wine and a wood stove to keep you warm, and entertainment from local folk musicians The Hat Stand Band.

Tickets and event information via the Canal and River Trust website:
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/foxton-locks/foxton-illuminated-festival/foxton-illuminated-2017>

ARCHIVE ALIVE project seeks youngsters aged 16+

We are looking for A-level age students to help to bring our Archive Alive by presenting it to other young people through their choice of media (photography, film, social media, printed material).

This is a great chance to meet young people from other areas, develop organisation, team working and leadership skills and build up valuable experience to add to a CV.

This project is supported by the Leicestershire and Rutland Youth Social Action Fund and seeks to engage young people in the heritage sector, an area in which they are currently under represented.

Please get in touch as soon as possible if you would like to get involved!



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APPLE DAY BUZZ

Despite wind and the plummeting temperature, Apple Day turned out to be a big success: barrows of apples, two presses on the go thanks to Transition Harborough and Cotesbach Gardens, kids and adults alike thrilled by the fresh juice streaming straight into their cups!

We had apple tasting on the go, apple crumble making, delicious apple-y bakes for sale, and a huge long apple-y tree drawing on the go in the Schoolhouse for the Big Draw theme 'Living Lines', alongside a card printing activity, the printing blocks made from - yes, you've guessed it, Apples!

Rowena and John both took groups down to visit the orchard, to harvest and to learn about all the varieties of apple trees growing here, and Grafters and Growers had a few young trees available for sale raised from Cotesbach scion wood. Altogether a really enjoyable day, with many collaborating, just an indication of how Apple Day at Cotesbach continues to grow, with the ever increasing yield of apples from our orchard, as an unmissable annual event.

We have some young apple trees for sale at £14 each. They would make a great Christmas present so please e-mail or call for details.



November 1915: Equality in Marriage

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What, one wonders, had sparked this tirade, found inside Charles Marriott's 1915 diary? The answer lies not in some domestic dispute but in a much broader issue rooted in the quest for women's emancipation: must brides any longer promise to 'obey' their husbands as part of the Church of England marriage service? The subject had been raised (by the Bishop of Lincoln, dubbed by the press 'the woman's champion') at the Convocation of Bishops held in February 1914, and the increasing independence of women in the context of the war ensured that the matter was not going to go away. The Bishop of Winchester supported reform, stating that the contentious word was only of comparatively recent inclusion: his stance was contested by J.W. Legg in a tract published in 1915 (<http://anglicanhistory.org/women/fwlegg1915.pdf>) criticising "the attitude of what is vaguely called the Feminist movement. To the Suffragist the words 'Wilt thou obey him, and serve him, love, honour, and keep him?' are anathema. They hold that they imply an atmosphere of bondage and thralldom...worthy rather of an oath of slavery than a bond of fidelity." Legg, in his introduction, pinpoints the reason why feelings – including those of Charles Marriott – ran so high on this subject in 1915: "We live in a time when 'all the foundations of the earth are out of course,' and when to the great grief of many of us, the very elements of Christian Morals are being attacked". The word 'obey' was officially made optional in 1928.

Background takes from document .4464, a wallpaper catalogue from about 1900

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVE TEAM

Two articles have been published on the National Portrait Gallery website following research conducted by Ann Smith, a trustee of CET and regular volunteer in our archive. Both these people feature in a photograph album from 1913 housed in our archive.

You can read them here:

Sir Alan Edward Ellis:

<http://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person?LinkID=mp131986&search=sas&sText=alan+ellis&OOnly=true#qcom4037>

Sir Guy Nott-Bower:

<http://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/person/mp102630/sir-william-guy-nott-bower?search=sas&sText=Bower&OOnly=true>



Cotesbach
Archive

Volunteering

Thank you to all our current volunteers for your hard work and to those who have offered their time in the last month, we really appreciate your help!

If you too would you like to get involved with CET's work, we'd love to hear from you. Currently we would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with Schools Visits, Crafts Sessions, Social Media or cooking or baking for events. If you have another skill you'd like to offer or could help from time to time at our larger events, such as Heritage Open Days in September, please also get in touch.

Please contact: hello@cotebachschoolhouse.org.uk or 01455 558373.



Room Hire

Our Glass-Fronted Café Space and 18th Century Schoolhouse (pictured above) are both available for hire and make great, unusual venues for meetings, events and parties. Refreshments and lunches can be provided using as much produce as possible from Cotesbach Organic Gardens. Discounted rates for Charities and non-business Hire. Opportunities for artists also available.

Please contact our Centre Manager to discuss your requirements and to arrange a visit: hello@cotesbachschoolhouse.org.uk or 01455 558373.

The history of CET

Imagine if your family had kept almost every single piece of paper that passed through their hands, for hundreds of years.

What would you have? Where would you keep it? What stories could you share?

Cotesbach Educational Trust, a heritage education charity just outside of Lutterworth, South Leicestershire was formed after just such a discovery.

The Marriott family, residents of Cotesbach Estate for over 250 years, stored away receipts, letters, diaries, maps, deeds and more offering a rich picture of every day housekeeping to current affairs and global adventures in Georgian and Victorian times.

Thanks to the support of Heritage Lottery Fund and numerous other funders, Cotesbach Educational Trust were able to move over 6000 documents, described by National Archives as “of considerable historical importance” into a temperate Archive housed in the former Coach House.

Our site comprises a glass and oak activity space/café, toilet block in the former milking parlour, and a stunning eighteenth century Grade II listed Georgian Schoolhouse.

Our unique organisation brings history to life, using the past to inspire learning opportunities through school education programmes, public events and activities, loan boxes, volunteering opportunities and Archive visits.

Cotesbach Educational Trust is a registered charity (no. 1126840) and all profits are reinvested back in to our organisation.

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