

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome .. to the 10th edition of 'Our Parish Matters' and a Happy New Year to you all! 2013 will be a year of change for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council with local elections planned for 2 May 2013. Have YOU ever thought of being a parish councillor? It can be a most rewarding and interesting experience.

You will see from this front page that a Parish Meeting is to be held later this month. There will be 2 items to discuss and both could have a long-lasting impact on our community. I would encourage you all to attend as those involved in the 2 projects need to hear YOUR views.

John Dickin (Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council)

Important Parish Meeting Thursday 31 January at 7.30pm Cockshutt Millennium Hall

The Jubilee Field



Results Night!

**Come and find out the
top suggestions
for the future of the
Jubilee Field!**

**Have your say about the
Jubilee Field
and what happens next.**

**For more information contact
John Cooling 01939 270309**

Housing Proposal

Retirement Homes

**Come and hear about a
plan to develop
14 Retirement Bungalows
in Cockshutt.**

**Let the Parish Council
hear your views
on the proposal.**

**For more information see inside or
contact a Parish Councillor**

Horticultural Show Report

Petton with Cockshutt's Horticultural Show was held on Sunday 2nd September 2012 in Cockshutt Millennium Hall. The entries were down a little this year, due we think to the unhelpful growing weather through the summer.

However, the quality of entries was as high as ever, with a good selection of baking, garden produce, craft and photographs. We will challenge our imaginations for next year's Floral Art and Young Peoples' sections to hopefully tempt more people to enter.

There was a good turn out of people in the afternoon to see the results and enjoy the refreshments. Chairman Gordon Whitfield welcomed everybody, and announced the winners who were presented with their cups and certificates by Mr George Reeves.

Ivor Evans again won the Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup for the most points in the show, and the Farmer's Cup for the most points in the Produce sections.

Gordon Whitfield claimed the Red Lion Challenge Cup for Floral Art and Iona Blundred won the Pochin Perpetual Challenge cup for the combined handicraft and photographic sections.

The Perpetual Challenge Cup for the cookery section was won by Mona Whitfield, and Jack Pickett took the Bob Reeves cup for the Young Peoples' classes. Verna Roberts' entry of an embroidered table cloth won her the Crowhurst Challenge cup for the best exhibit in the show, and Rosemary Allen took the Pauline Povall Memorial Cup which is awarded to the Cockshutt WI Member with the most points in show.

The show is always at the beginning of September, and we would encourage everybody to enter. There are many people in the eligible area (6 miles of Cockshutt), with talents and skills that they are hiding, but who would make the show more interesting and exciting, and would secure it for many years to come. So please take a Schedule when they appear in Cockshutt Shop next summer and have a go.

Rosemary Allen

Jubilee Field

I would like to thank everyone who has submitted comments and suggestions for the Jubilee Field. The response has been good with over 100 entries, but if you haven't had your say there is still time to get that idea in.

Linda Baumgartl and I ran a stall at the Christmas Fayre with a prize draw from all suggestions received. A Litre of Gin went to Brian Sloane, a Barrel of Biscuits to Meadow Roberts-Keen, and the Jar of Sweets donated by Linda went to Michael Beddow. Well done to all, and a special thanks to Sandra Morris and the village hall for a well organised event.

Remember the Parish Meeting on Thursday 31 January at the Millennium Hall when we will discuss the results and our future plans for the Jubilee Field.

John Cooling

Local Elections May 2013

On Thursday 2 May 2013 there will be local elections in many counties, towns and parishes in the United Kingdom. It will be the first election at county level since Shropshire disbanded its borough and district councils in 2009 and became a Unitary authority.

This election is your opportunity to appoint the 8 people who will be your own parish councillors for the next 4 years. If you would like to know more about being a parish councillor please contact any of the current Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

The following are key dates in the election timetable that you will need to know if you plan to either stand as a candidate or vote in the elections:

**Publication of notice of election:
by Tuesday 26 March 2013**

**Receipt of nominations:
by noon on Friday 5 April 2013**

**Last date for electors to register to be
able to vote in these elections:
by 5pm Wednesday 17 April 2013**

**ELECTION DAY
7.00am to 10.00pm Thursday 2 May 2013**

Cockshutt Events Calendar

What is happening in Cockshutt this weekend?
When and where do the various groups meet?
What services are available in Cockshutt?
How I can check the dates of community events?
Where and when are the meetings at which matters affecting Cockshutt are discussed?
How can I promote my event?

The answers to all of these questions are in the monthly Cockshutt Events Calendar which is displayed in the village shop, post office and pub and available free by sending a blank message entitled "Subscribe" to events@cockshuttvillage.com.

Housing Proposal - Retirement Bungalows in Cockshutt

Recently Severnside Housing approached the Parish Council with an opportunity to collaborate in building 14 bungalows on land in the centre of the village next to the Parklands. This development would be considered under Shropshire Council's Community-Led Housing Initiative.

Shropshire Council launched this initiative to inspire communities to take part in projects to deliver affordable homes for local people. Under the initiative a Parish Council receives a grant for each affordable home completed as part of the Project. This money can be used to fund improvements identified by and for the benefit of the whole community.

The housing proposal made to the Parish Council explained why Retirement Bungalows has been chosen for the development:

"In Cockshutt as in the rest of Britain people are living longer and the country's demographics are changing. As we look around we see more widows, widowers and aging couples. Yet no one seems to be addressing the change.

While the needs of young people and families have been addressed in recent years. The question of aging has been talked about but no one is offering solutions. People are living longer and many reach the stage where they are no longer able or willing to climb stairs, look after large gardens or even large houses.

At the present time we have a limited number of retirement bungalows in the village for which there is generally a waiting

list. As a result an aging person or couple looking for a small bungalow for either rent or purchase would more than likely have to move to Ellesmere or Whitchurch."

Prior to any planning application being submitted the first steps are:

- to determine whether there is a definite local need for this development,
- agree to proceed as part of a Community-Led Housing Project, and
- to actively involve the local community as far as possible.

A Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 31 January at Cockshutt Millennium Hall to give you more information about the proposed development. Severnside Housing, as well as Councillors from the Parish Council, will be there to try and answer any questions.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01948 710672 or email cockshuttparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk.

Also if you have a housing need and are interested it is very important that you register with Homepoint (telephone 01588 676246 or email homepoint@ss-ha.org.uk)

Mailing List Update

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that all households in the parish are receiving their copy of this newsletter. We urge parishioners to check with neighbours and local friends, and if anyone has not received a copy, to contact the Parish Clerk so she can make sure they are put on the mailing list.

HALL

November and December are always busy months for everyone, not least for the Millennium Hall. We have Keep Fit every Monday evening, Yoga classes each Wednesday, played host to Ellesmere Ladies Circle and elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner — all these together with Pre-School, CADS and several private bookings.

The annual Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday 1 December at which some 20 stalls were pleased to exhibit. Attended by what we hope was most of the village, the exhibitors including the Jubilee Field Committee, all felt that it was an excellent day, with Santa Claus (with a Good Scottish accent) sent by the Pre-School. Tombola stalls, Raffle, Candy stall and "The Messy Church" were greatly appreciated by the younger (and some older!) elements in the village.

We had a very enjoyable New Years Eve Party with some 75 revellers attending. A very tasty Hot Pot and sweet supper was provided by Phil Bell – thanks Phil, and disco music by young Ashley Downes; a good mix through to midnight and after. Well done Ash !!

On a lesser note, there have been several incidents of vandalism on the Hall site of late, including damage to the play area gate which will have to be replaced, the wooden bench in the Play area broken, the charity clothes bin broken into and contents scattered on the hall roof and one of the goal posts demolished. At some expense we have installed closed circuit cameras on site as a deterrent to and evidence of any further such mindless acts .

Hope you have all had a Merry Christmas and may we wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Ian Morris

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 14 March 2013
7.30pm
Cockshutt Millennium Hall

Your chance to hear what your Parish Council has been doing on your behalf this year, more information about the local elections, community-led housing and future plans that affect Cockshutt cum Petton Parish.

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