

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome .. to the 13th edition of 'Our Parish Matters'

However, this edition starts on a sad note as it is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Councillor Eddie Jones. Eddie represented the Cockshutt ward and during the fourteen years he served as a Councillor, he made a major contribution to the Council. Eddie moved to Cockshutt with Wendy, his wife, in 1984 and was co-opted onto the Parish Council in 1999. Eddie was voted Vice Chair of the Council in 2005 and always gave me great support. He had the willingness to read the variety of documents covering the wide range of topics that a Parish Council has to deal with and always gave a well thought out opinion. Eddie was also a driving force behind the acquisition of the Jubilee Field and always encouraged the community to look to the future. His considered approach, enthusiasm, dedication and sense of humour will be missed by the other Councillors and the community. His funeral took place at Cockshutt church on 8th October and the Parish Council sends its condolences to Wendy and her family.

This edition also recognises another achievement by a local resident, Susan Graham. Thank you to John Cooling for bringing this to our attention.

You will read inside that the Committee steering the development of the Jubilee Field are making good progress and it is hoped that 2014 will see some of the suggested ideas come into being. If you would like to become involved in any way, please contact John Cooling or myself.

As we get closer to Christmas and the New Year you will also find inside details of some of the events and services being held over the period. Please find time to join in!

Finally, may I sign off by wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

John Dickin (Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council)

It was 30 Years ago!

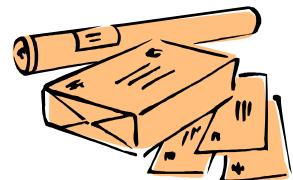
Let me take you back 30 years, specifically to May 1983, what was happening? Well, David Bowie was at number one with "Let's Dance" The third instalment of the Star Wars trilogy "Return of the Jedi" was released. Seatbelts became mandatory in the UK and Margaret Thatcher won a landslide victory in the general election.

Meanwhile closer to home another event was taking place, an event that has benefitted the community for 30 years. I am talking about Cockshutt Post Office. It was in May 1983 that Susan Graham started the Post Office when it moved to its current location at the School House. Susan never saw it as a long-term job but saw it as a good opportunity to work whilst caring for her two young children.

This year Susan received her award for 30 years service. She has always enjoyed meeting and chatting with people, even though at times it was very fraught with children in the background.

I'm sure you will join with me in congratulating Susan and her family in recognition of this long running service to the community, as we look forward to the next 30 years!

Cllr John Cooling



Christmas with a difference at Cockshutt School

This year we are doing something slightly different. At each performance there will be a nativity production by the younger children (Nursery and Infant classes) and a performance of the Christmas Carol by the Juniors. They are all very excited to have their own little performance and are practicing hard to put on a really good show.

There will still be an afternoon performance for any Old Age Pensioners living in our village, with sherry and mince pies served in the school hall afterwards. This will take place on Monday 16th December at 1.30pm. (Please no babies or toddlers at this performance so that the older members of the community can hear and the younger children will leave after their part.)

Then there will still be an afternoon performance for families with toddlers and babies on Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm and the whole school will stay to watch the performance. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the school hall afterwards.

The final evening performance will take place on the Wednesday evening starting at 5.45pm with the school choir followed by the Infant and Nursery Nativity at 6pm and the Christmas Carol Service at 6.40pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the school hall from 7.20pm and the raffle will be called.

We welcome members of our community to our performances and look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes
Mrs H Dawson
Headteacher

Will You be Warm This Winter?

Government grants are available for:
Insulation measures for the home
Repairs or replacement of older heating boilers

To see if you qualify contact eco@mea or telephone 0800 1123 743

(This project is run by the Marches Energy Agency)

Your Community Needs YOU!

On Monday 2 December, the Parish Council will be advertising the vacancy for a Parish Councillor to represent the Cockshutt area of the Parish.

With the Government and Shropshire Council devolving more decisions and tasks down to our local level, the Parish Council will be making decisions and taking actions that will directly affect your community. Becoming a Parish Councillor will give you a great opportunity to influence these decisions.

If you are interested please see our website www.2shrop.net/cockshuttcumpettonpc or contact the Parish Clerk, Carole Warner, on 01948 710672 or email cockshuttparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Jubilee Field Update

Back in January we held a Parish Meeting to announce the results of the Jubilee Field survey which was well attended.

The front runners suggested by parish residents in the survey were various sports activities, including Tennis, Netball / Basketball, and Five Aside Football, which would take the form of a MUGA (Multi Use Game Area) Other top suggestions were related to a Nature Walk, Garden and Seating / Picnic Area, which if this went forward, would be incorporated into the general landscaping of the field.

It was also suggested that the Village Hall would benefit from a Patio area accessible from the Lounge, and I am pleased to say that the Village Hall and Parish Council committees agree that this should be part of our future plans. Other suggestions from the survey needed careful consideration, one of which was a Bowling Green. Having looked at the costs involved, not only the initial outlay, but the ongoing high maintenance costs, it is unlikely that this option would be feasible. Allotments were another suggestion that rated high in the survey, and you can find additional information relating to this elsewhere in the newsletter.

Car parking is an issue that must be addressed, and any development of the

Jubilee Field must incorporate the additional space.

Of course, at the end of the day it all comes down to funding, when we have the final plan for the field then the hard work begins! It won't all happen at once, but in stages. But you can be assured that the community will be kept informed and consulted every step of the way.

Cllr John Cooling

HALL

Upcoming Events:

The Village Christmas Fayre

Saturday, December 7th from 2pm onwards
The event run by various groups in the village for the village, and includes many other stalls. Father Christmas will be there as well.

New Years Eve, Tuesday December 31st
The Hall will be putting on the Annual New Years Eve Dinner and Disco for the same price of £10 – how amazing is that!

Two course dinner cooked by Phil Bell from the village and music provided by our own local DJ, Ash. Entry by ticket only, available from any committee member.

Report:

The Hall hosted their free Annual Halloween Disco which was well supported and enjoyed by those attending. We plan to run this event again next year.

Gill Webb

Gas Tank Compound at The Meadows

Earlier this year a resident drew the Parish Council's attention to the poor state of repair of the compound. The Council is pleased to report that after many letters and phone calls, Flo Gas, who own the area has promised that the fencing and gates will be repaired and fully completed. It is hoped that this work to make the area safe and secure will take place in the New Year.

Would you like an allotment?

As part of the consultation process for the Jubilee Field, a number of suggestions were for Allotments. The Parish Council has agreed to look for suitable land for Allotments separate from the Field.

Would YOU like an allotment? Don't be put off by thinking it may be a lot of work! Maybe you could join together with another family?

If you would like to know more, what is involved with renting an allotment and the options available, then please contact your local Councillor (contact details can be found on the back page).

Are You Registered to Vote?

The Register of Electors is published every year and is produced to allow eligible people to vote in elections. Please remember:

- If you are a British, Irish, Commonwealth or European Union Citizen, you need to be on the Electoral Register to be able to vote.
- You must register every year. You are not automatically registered, even if you pay Council Tax.
- If you want to restrict who has access to your name and address on the Electoral Register, you must tell the Electoral Registration Officer that you want to "opt out".
- If you move house, you should register at your new address straight away - you don't have to wait for the next canvass.

Problems with potholes, fly tipping etc?

The quickest way of resolving these problems is to contact Shropshire Council customer services on 0345 678 9006 or email customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk. You can report any highway problem like potholes, overgrown hedges, fly tipping, dead animals, mud left on lanes and even low supplies in grit bins.

At times of high agricultural activity, mud on the road can become an issue. An explanation of the responsibilities of farmers and contractors can be found on the Parish Council's website.

Advent and Christmas in the Parish Churches

Advent Sunday - Sunday 1 December at 6pm in Cockshutt Church

Family Advent Carol Service: "LOOKING TO CHRISTMAS"

Join us for mulled wine, mince pies, and singing carols and Advent readings.



Sunday 15 December at BASCHURCH Church

DEANERY CONFIRMATION with Holy Communion.

Presided over by the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Rt. Rev. Mark Rylands. Our Churches have some candidates being confirmed at this service, so everyone is encouraged to come along in support of them.

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 18 at 5.45pm in Cockshutt Church.

COCKSHUTT SCHOOL CAROLS & NATIVITY

Friday 20 December at 7 pm in Petton Church

CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE.

Christmas Eve 4pm in Cockshutt Church

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE for all the family.

Christmas Day 9am in Petton Church and 10am in Cockshutt Church

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 29 December at 10pm in Cockshutt Church

BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION for St. Stephen, the first Christian Martyr.

Sunday 5 January is the Feast of Epiphany (the arrival of the 3 wise men).

Cockshutt Church FAMILY SERVICE to celebrate their arrival.

You are all welcome to these services

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Cockshutt Events Calendar:

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