

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome

to the July issue of 'Our Parish Matters'. Since the April edition the Parish Council has welcomed another new Councillor, John Cooling. John was appointed by Parish Councillors under the Co-option Procedures. Also in the intervening period the Council has held the Annual Parish Meeting, requested and attended a briefing from Shropshire Council's Planning Policy Officer to ensure Councillors are up to date with Shropshire Council's thinking on future development in the rural communities and visited Tudor Griffiths' Wood Lane operation. This is in addition to individual Councillors attending training sessions at Shirehall and representing the Parish at the Local Joint Committee. The Council hopes that by being active in these ways it has the right information to make decisions for the community.

As we approach the holiday season, the Council will take a break with no meeting in August but looks forward to getting back to 'work' in September.

John Dickin
Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Annual Review

It was agreed at the Parish Meeting that a short review of the last year would be included in this edition of the newsletter.

Looking back on the year ending April 2010 the Parish Council had a variety of projects, tasks and 'standard' Council business to attend to. 'Standard' business included reviewing the large number of consultation documents it continues to receive from Shropshire Council and other bodies and Planning Applications which the Parish Council is legally consulted on. The Council also keeps itself aware of any of Shropshire Council's policies which could have a major impact on the community for example, the Schools Vision and Organisation Policy.

Projects carried out this year included the re-surfacing of Alley Walk, Crosemere and Dommett Walk. The Council also received permission from the Meres and Mosses Housing Association to erect a Notice Board for statutory Council notices. Funds have been carried over from the last year which when combined with funds from this year's Budget should enable the board to be erected this current year.
Progress on the acquisition of the land behind

Wimbourne Cottages was slower than expected and as this report is written, the Council is awaiting final confirmation that the papers have been filed with the Land Registry. Once final confirmation has been received consultation on the use of the land from the community will be sought.

Not every attempt to help with the wellbeing of the community is successful. Councillors became increasingly concerned with the state of the access road to The Meadows and together with Wrekin Housing Trust held a meeting with Pochin Homes. Unfortunately, no progress can be reported.

Residents approached the Council for assistance to keep parish footpaths available for all to use, especially important now with the cutbacks to local services, and a presentation by Shropshire Council on Parish Paths Partnership was given at the Parish Meeting. Copies of the presentation on DVD are available. Any residents interested in taking this forward are asked to contact the Clerk.

This is just a short report of activities carried out on your behalf. Further details are available on the Council's website.

Cockshutt Community Pre-School

Cockshutt Pre-school welcomes six new children into the setting in September, taking its total of children on roll to 18. We also welcome younger siblings of children who are already part of our group. Our committee which is made up of parents, has been very active fund raising and meeting regularly to discuss matters which enable the pre-school go from strength to strength. The staff team has been strengthened by the addition of Tina which means we have four level 3 members of staff and one level 2. The theme is changed weekly to reflect the changing interests of the children, this is reflected in our motto which is 'every person be the best they possibly can be' We look forward to offering a warm welcome to many more new children from September, please come for a look around or contact Viv on 01939 270816 if your child is aged two to four.

Vivien Holloway
Cert EYP (open)

Cockshutt Primary School

September will see us with the biggest intake for many years. We have 17 children entering our Early Years Foundation Stage Class. I think the word that we offer outstanding provision is finally getting out there. All the new starters have attended our taster sessions towards the end of the Summer Term. We have very good relationships with the local playgroups and our teacher and teaching assistants make regular visits to get to know the children. The village playgroup leader also joins us for training when it is relevant and we have regular termly meetings to look for opportunities to work closely together, for example a shared lunch to celebrate the Royal Wedding. This helps the children with the transition process. We then offer taster sessions on four days so that they really know their teacher and class before the long summer holidays.

We have continued to be very involved in sporting activities and have done well. We have taken part in football, netball, cricket, super stars, athletics and swimming tournaments. As always I have been very proud of our children's behaviour. We constantly receive praise when ever we take

the children out.

The children and staff have worked hard to support our local community. We have had very successful Christmas and Easter performances which are open to all members of the community. These are followed with refreshments in the school so that they become real social events. We also had a successful barbeque and are presently preparing for our annual OAP tea party when all the older members of the community are invited for afternoon tea and entertainment.

We will be holding an open day on Tuesday 27th September when everyone is welcome to come and look around the school. Between 9.00 and 3.00 you can see the school in action. Then from 3.30 to 5.30 the school will be open for those of you who work to look around the school. I look forward to meeting you then.

Mrs H Dawson
Headteacher BA Hons, NPQH

Shropshire Council Community Trees Scheme

What is it all about?

Shropshire Council's Community Tree Scheme enables parish tree wardens, schools, environmental and community groups, Parish and Town Councils, farmers and landowners to apply for native trees and shrubs free of charge. Trees are usually supplied as small bare-rooted transplants, between 40 and 90cm tall. Rabbit spirals and canes will also be included to protect the trees.

Although it is a 'tree' scheme, very short lengths of native countryside hedging may be supplied (for 'gapping up' or linking hedges or other habitats), but applications must include at least one hedgerow tree.

Applications are invited from anywhere in the Shropshire Council area. As long as the planting will have some public benefit your scheme will be considered (please see Shropshire Council's website for full details).

Requests for trees must be made on the form posted on Shropshire Council's website. Shropshire Council will be taking applications for trees from now to Friday 2nd December

2011. Successful applicants will be notified in early January, with an intended tree collection date of Saturday 4th February 2012.

Please be aware that this year people must be able to collect their trees from one of a number of 'depots' across the County, on a specified collection date. Full details will be available nearer the time.

Full details are available on the Shropshire Council's website:
www.shropshire.gov.uk/emvironment.nsf.
or contact

Natural Environment Team
Shropshire Council
Shirehall, Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury SY2 6ND
Tel: 01743 252564

HALL

May saw the Management Committee reporting at their AGM on a pleasing year with Hall Hire income roughly in line with the previous year despite the tough economic climate. The Hall played host to a range of events from CADS amateur dramatic performances through regular bingo, indoor bowls, keep-fit, to hire for local fund raising events, meetings, elections voting, a caravan club gathering, WI, Playgroup and Mothers & Toddlers.

The Committee also ran a number of their own events including a Summer Ball jointly with Cockshutt Church; a Christmas Fayre and a "free" Family Disco.

Cockfest II, the popular live music event continued at the Hall with increased attendance and once again the Organiser kindly donated a share of his profits to the Hall.

Fears earlier in the year that surgery's at the Hall might cease, were tackled head-on by the Committee, talking to the Doctors and taking action to overcome their concerns.

Healthy income from Hall Hire and the Bar were, however, more than offset by the need

to spend on maintaining and improving the aging Hall. Projects included:

- Redecoration of the entrance areas and the main Hall itself
- Replacement of the old cooker
- Dealing with electrical, lighting, drain and boiler problems
- Improving the Doctors Surgery, to retain an important local service
- Repairing the swings and adding a new piece of play equipment
- New stage curtains
- And, thanks to long hours, bringing a shine back to the Hall floors

Following the success of the last Family Disco, there will be another **"free" Disco on Saturday 16th July**, so, come along and have a bop ! If you can't make it, then how about the **"free" Halloween Disco** planned for 29th October or the **New Year's Eve party which the Committee are trying to organise for an amazing "Tenner a head"**, to include disco and supper.

Contact : Peter Griffiths (Chairman) 270463;
Kevin Williams (Treasurer) 270831; Gill Webb 270265 or Wendy Jones 270285

To book the hall telephone 01939 270890 or look at our web site:

www.cockshuttvillage.com

**PETTON with COCKSHUTT
HORTICULTURAL SHOW
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2011**

IF YOU HAVE, GROWN IT, MADE IT, PHOTOGRAPHED
IT PAINTED IT or INTEND COOKING IT

WHY NOT SHOW IT!!!!!!!

**LOTS OF CLASSES FOR
EVERYONE
INCLUDING JUNIORS.**

**FREE SCHEDULES AVAILABLE FROM
COCKSHUTT SHOP AND
POST OFFICE**

**ANY QUERIES PLEASE TELEPHONE
01939 270 245**

Introducing Our New Councillor

Not long after I first landed in Cockshutt it was soon quite obvious to me that the village had a strong sense of community, and that residents were always willing to express their own thoughts and views on many subjects relating to village life.

As time went on I found myself taking a more active roll in school matters, road safety, and for the past two years compiling the village events calendar. I also regularly attended council meetings to keep abreast of the latest developments.

Four years on I am pleased to say I find myself serving on your Parish Council, and in that capacity I will do my utmost to serve the community to the best of my ability. I am of course available if you wish to contact me on: 01939 270309, or by email: jgcooling@btinternet.com.

We are very fortunate in Cockshutt with all the "Ideal Village" boxes ticked, a good School, Post Office, Pub, Shop, and a Village Hall with excellent facilities. Along with the other members of the Parish Council, I hope to do my bit in developing and improving our community.

Regards
John Cooling



COCKSHUTT C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Extended Schools Service

Breakfast club 8-8:50 am

@ £1.50 per child.

Menu includes a hot food option.

Afternoon session until 5:50 pm

Up to 5 pm £3 per child

to include a drink and a snack.

Up to 5:50 pm £6 per child

to include a meal.

Activity sessions each evening.

**Contact Janice Williams any afternoon on
01939 270 616.**

Useful Contact Details

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Shropshire Councillor

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Cockshutt C of E Primary School

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Cockshutt Community Pre-School

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