

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome .. to the eleventh newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish.

Since the beginning of 2013 there have been many articles in the local press, radio and also this newsletter about elections in the County at local government level. In May the period of service for all Councillors came to an end and some decided they would not stand again. I would like to thank those 'retiring' Parish Councillors, Alf Johnson, Helen Eatough, Geoff Ralphs and Gill Webb for their hard work and dedication, in some cases for many years. Thanks also to the 3 other residents who have been elected for a further 4 years, especially Canice Lawrence and Ian Morris who are taking on this role for the first time. The next four years will be a challenging time with decisions to be made for the benefit of the whole Community. The Parish Council's first job though is to fill the remaining 2 vacancies by co-option (see below).

If being a Parish Councillor is not for you, there are many other ways you can help or become more involved with your community. Read on to find how you could become a Community Champion, enter the local Annual Show, make new friends, find a new interest in amateur dramatics or help with the running of the Millennium Hall.

John Dickin (Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council)

Are you willing to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor?

In the recent local council elections on 2 May 2013 no poll was held in Cockshutt cum Petton Parish because only 6 nominations were received for the 8 vacant Parish Councillor positions. John Cooling, John Dickin, Eddie Jones, Canice Lawrence and Ian Morris for Cockshutt Ward and Linda Baumgartl for Petton Ward were elected unopposed.

Therefore the Parish Council needs to fill the remaining 2 positions for Cockshutt Ward by co-option. This means that, rather than the electorate voting for a Councillor, the Parish Council itself will vote as individuals for the candidate they believe will fulfil the role to the benefit of the community. Candidates will still have to meet the legal qualifications and any person interested should apply in writing to the Clerk expressing their formal interest in the position. It is recommended that the letter includes a short personal background and explains why they have applied to become a Councillor. Prospective candidates should note that the term of office is to 2017, the date of the next round of Ordinary Parish Council elections. The deadline for applications is Friday 12 July 2013.

Further information is available from the Parish Clerk.

Parking in Cockshutt

Residents have recently raised their concerns with the Parish Council about how the Shrewsbury Road often becomes a 'one lane' road when events take place in the village. Fortunately, there has not been an accident but we should not wait for one to happen before residents' concerns are addressed. If you are attending an event please ask what arrangements for parking have been made so to avoid parking on the Shrewsbury Road. Thank you

Some Good News For The Parish.

After what seems a very long time, actually twelve months as of Easter, we have finally been able to appoint a new Priest In Charge to our benefice. The Revnd Stephen Harrop was licenced at St John the Evangelist Church Colemere on Saturday 1st June. Stephen's post is a part time appointment equating to 29 hours per week including Sundays to cover all of the four parishes in our benefice.

Stephen is a 65 year old, now retired C of E HMP Chaplain. He has a son Andrew living in Telford. On leaving school Stephen joined the Royal Marines and trained as a commando. Since his ordination in 1979 Stephen has worked in various posts in several countries world wide including Hong Kong, Taiwan and the USA. I know Stephen is looking forward to meeting everyone and to getting involved in the life of the benefice.

Jim Davies

Cockshutt Amateur Dramatic Society.

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of our AGM and to tell you of our future plans. At the AGM the Committee was largely re-elected en masse, the posts of Secretary and Treasurer remaining unchanged. After serving three years, in a post that should have only been for two, I resigned as Chairman and became President, (whatever that means) and handed over to Simon Mewett, who I am sure will do an excellent job.

This year is something of a celebration marking 10 years of the re-formed Society, so we are hoping to stage a series of events. As to our programme this year I am pleased to announce the return of "Theatre Bite" with a play written by yours truly for CADS called "The Farce Of Commons", which is a political and social satire in the format of a traditional English farce. There will be two performance on the 14th and 15th of June. Tickets are on sale soon and I hope to see you all there.

Our junior division which is for Years 5 and upwards will have its first meeting on June 24th at The Millennium Hall at 6.30pm to

discuss a performance on Friday 25th October. You must attend the first or the second rehearsal to be considered for inclusion. (Mums and Dads, we will require a consent form, and you will be responsible for delivery and collection of your child). This all leads nicely on to the juniors and adults getting together for our panto/celebration in February 2014.

Finally we are always on the look out for new members either backstage or treading the boards, so if you're interested please ask a member for details or just turn up you will be given a warm welcome. See you in June.

I D Dickinson.

Nursery Provision at Cockshutt School from September

Cockshutt School is very happy to announce that from September the school will be providing Nursery Provision within the school. We will be providing places for a maximum of 15 children in total, as part of an EYFS Unit (Foundation Stage 1 and 2, plus 2 year olds when capacity allows). We are in the process of drawing up plans for a redesigned Early Years environment and an enlarged outside area. This will enable us to provide a high quality setting for Nursery and Reception aged children in the village. The setting will be under the care of our 'Outstanding' Early Years Teacher who will be supported by the Playgroup Leader from the Cockshutt Pre-School and they will have access to all our wonderful resources including the Forest School and large school grounds. It will not only be a wonderful environment for the Nursery children but will enable our Reception aged children to experience a true Foundation Stage without the demands of older children studying at KS1 in the same room. We are very excited and looking forward to September. If anyone would like to reserve sessions at the new Nursery please contact the school.

The school continues to go from strength to strength with numbers increasing which has enabled us to take on more support staff and continue to provide 4 fulltime classes. Once again we have been oversubscribed with new starters into Reception in September.

The children are really happy with the fantastic new large play equipment course. This was

funded by the hard work of our 'Friends Committee' and a very generous grant from 'Awards for All'. We are very grateful for all this hard work.

Mrs H Dawson
Headteacher

Petton with Cockshutt Horticultural Show

On Sunday 1st September, Petton with Cockshutt Horticultural Show is celebrating 10 years since its revival. This year's event will include a Food Fayre with local companies displaying and selling their produce during the day. The Schedule is now available in Cockshutt Shop and the Post Office and we hope competitors will like our choices this year.

We would like to encourage entries in the floral art section, and for pre-school and primary aged children there will be pictures to colour available at school and in Cockshutt Shop in the last weeks of the summer term, and a section for potato printing for the under 5s.

Entries can be brought between 9am and 11am and the show will be open at 2.30pm to see the entries, the presentation of awards, have refreshments, bid on the auction and buy at the Food Fayre.

Here's hoping for good gardening weather

Rosemary Allen

We are told that apparently winter is over and that we must be languishing in the warmth and freshness of a new spring. Someone forgot to put the clocks forward by four or five weeks!

The hall played host to a "Dance Away the Winter Blues" evening in Mid (Mad) March attended by seventy odd revellers, enjoying a home made and delicious buffet and dancing (of sorts) to a relatively local band "The Review" Some of us are still dancing, but to

no avail.

There was also a village disco in April with music provided once again by Ashley Downes; good feedback on that one.

We are getting more and more bookings for children's parties at the hall. I think Mums and Dads are recognising the advantage of a large hall where the kids can let out some of their boundless energy—and all for a very minor charge.

Thanks to everyone who has been kind enough to attend one or more events in the period, and to those organisations who come back week on week. The hall relies on continued use to continue to exist.

Have a good Spring, if and when!!

Ian Morris

We are a ladies' group who

meet every 2nd Wednesday in the Millennium Hall at 7.30. We have speakers ranging from chocolate makers to beauty therapists, gardening to hands-on craft evenings. We meet and talk and have cake and support local events and have outings to pubs and the theatre and other interesting places. Average cost for members is £3.50 a night, visitors are always welcome.

We are the Women's Institute. Don't be put off by our image of jam, old ladies in hats or boring speakers. We do have serious topics from time to time, but mostly we enjoy ourselves.

The WI is the biggest women's organisation in the Country and we lobby Parliament and ask awkward questions of people in high places and we get things changed. Locally it is a great way to meet other women of all ages who live in Cockshutt and round about and we can be very helpful and supportive. We would value new ideas and more, diverse members.

There is a poster in Cockshutt village shop every month before each meeting so if you are interested in anything you see, please come along. Ring Rosemary on 01939 270739 and we will arrange for someone to bring you and welcome you.

Community Champions

Now that Spring has finally arrived it may be easy to forget the prolonged snow, ice, extreme cold and flooding of this past winter. Shropshire Council (together with other agencies such as NHS, Age UK, Shropshire Rural Community Council, Keep Shropshire Warm, the Department of Health and Mears) is encouraging local residents to become **Community Champions** who will act as a first point of contact to help out older and vulnerable people in their community.

This may involve monitoring weather reports (with advance warning given by Shropshire Council of severe conditions) and ensuring that the person you are concerned about has enough food, oil, topped-up electricity card, warm clothes, has remembered to collect prescriptions, etc. to get through a prolonged period of adverse weather. Practical help like snow-clearing and regular checks by phone or in person may also be needed.

If you are interested in helping with this valuable community service please contact the Parish Clerk on 01948 710672 or email cockshuttparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk.

Do you live in a small rural community or out in the sticks?

If you live in a small rural community or out in the sticks, make a difference and take part in Shropshire's Rural Health Survey. Representatives from GPs across Shropshire, the Council and other bodies representing rural interests, such as the Country Land and Business Association (CLA), are seeking views from people who live in rural areas in Shropshire to help to improve and develop the things that affect you. In particular, we want to hear about your quality of life and the things that have affected your quality of life.

The results will be used for further research and analysis to help to make a positive difference to the lives of people living in rural areas in Shropshire.

To take part online, here is the link...
www.surveymonkey.com/s/ShropshireRuralHealth

For more info or a paper copy contact 01743 252594

The closing date for this survey is 31st July 2013

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