

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

Issue 16 October 2014

Welcome .. to the Autumn edition of Our Parish Matters. Summer holidays have now passed and Council meetings have re-commenced. Two topics discussed at the September Parish Council meeting are important to Cockshutt residents: adequate street lighting and the control of speeding traffic. The Parish Council owns and maintains all the street lights (with the exception of those by The Meadows) and it will be considering a plan of upgrading the lights and possibly part night lighting. Please let your Councillors know what you think, it will ensure the Council makes the right decisions for the community.

Speeding traffic is always a concern for residents and the Council is meeting with other Road Safety Groups to understand different methods of addressing this problem. We are also in discussions with Shropshire Council to ensure all they can provide is being actioned.

The Council is also working on a new website. Not only will it include all the documentation the Council has to make available to the public but it is planned to include areas dedicated to community groups. If you are part of a community group and wish to be included please contact the Parish Clerk.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition — as normal we have tried to cover a wide range of reports and information. However, if there is something missing you believe we should include please let us know!

John Dickin
Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Your Place Plan!

'Place Plans' were introduced by Shropshire Council in 2011 as a way to document the aims and aspirations of towns and villages. To put it very simply, Place Plans are the collection of each Town and Parishes' own vision of what, in an ideal world, they would like their community to look like.

The Parish Council is now carrying out the annual review of our Place Plan and this year the Plan is expanding to include wider investment needs not just infrastructure. We need **your** help! What would make your village better? Do you need a service that would make your life easier? Would your community group expand if investment in any way was introduced? Let your Councillor know and we will include it in our Place Plan. Funding for suitable projects will be made available over time so make sure your needs and requests are included.

The Jubilee Field

The Annual Parish Meeting held back in May explained the outline plans of the Jubilee Field and answered questions from residents about them. The next stage is to submit a formal planning application to Shropshire Council.

Once the application has been approved the project will commence on the most demanding but rewarding stage — the building of the new facilities! This stage will need willing members on the Advisory Committee to help steer the project and ensure work is properly scheduled and carried out to specification. The Committee is looking for additional members so that the tasks are shared — does this interest you? Be a part of one the biggest and most important projects in the Parish for many a year! Contact Cllr John Cooling for more information.

Harvest in Cockshutt

It will soon be time for our Harvest Thanksgiving.

This year we are planning to have a Bring and Share finger buffet in Church after the Harvest service on 12th October at 11.15am.

To help us to get a rough balance of food we would like those of you with surnames starting A — M to bring something savoury, and those with surnames starting N — Z to bring something sweet. If we provide sufficient for 3 or 4 people this should be enough to share with visitors.

We are hoping this new arrangement will be supported by everyone so we can enjoy the celebration of Harvest together.

Bunty Tweddle
Cockshutt PCC

Cockshutt Primary School and Nursery

Our new development this academic year is the link we have made with the Children's Centre services. We are going to work together to provide fun activities for families with children who are under 5. These will take place on the first Thursday of each month between 9.45 and 11.15 at the school and the sessions will be free. Please come along and support these sessions to ensure they continue; you are welcome whether or not you have children at the school. Under 5s, parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome. The Early Years Foundation Class (Reception and Nursery) will also be running a parent drop in between 8.45 and 9.45 on the same day when you can play with your child and borrow a book, again everyone is welcome. The first session will take place on Thursday 2nd October and the theme will be 'Itchy Bear', with activities to bring the story alive.

Again this academic year our school has grown, due I believe to the quality educational experiences and care we offer our children and the much loved Extended School services we provide. Wrap around care is available from 8am in the morning until 5.50 each evening, which I know is a

great help to our working families and enjoyed by the children who attend.

Our Early Years setting has really developed over the year and we are awaiting Ofsted any day, which I am sure will find our setting to have vastly improved and to be of a very high quality. We offer places for 3 year olds each day and for 2 year olds in the afternoon.

We are very proud of our school and what we have to offer. If you would like to see for yourself we are holding an Open Day on 30th September 9am to 4.30.

Mrs Heather Dawson
Head Teacher

Flu jabs!

This year there will be a change from the previous system of 2 days' drop in flu jab clinics in the Comrades Club. Any patients registered with Ellesmere Medical Practice who are over 65 or have any health issues making it advisable for them to be protected against 'flu should contact the surgery to book an appointment at one of the clinics being run at the surgery from 1 Oct.

There is no need to wait for an invitation letter or reminder - patients should just drop in or ring 01691 622798 / 623256 & speak to the receptionist. The 'flu jab does NOT give you 'flu. No-one pretends injections are pleasant, but any discomfort is minor and very short-lived - and is far, far less unpleasant than catching real 'flu!

Shropshire Council Community Tree Scheme

We know it's early in the year to be thinking about tree planting, but our Tree Scheme is open for business once again.

We are running the Tree Scheme on a **first come - first served** basis. This means that applicants who meet the criteria will be awarded all the trees and hedging transplants they request, subject to availability and the maximum allowable limit of 100 trees and 60 hedging transplants per application. Once the total number of

available trees has been reached we will close the scheme. This means that you will need to **get your application in good and early** to stand the best chance of success.

Full details of the Community Tree Scheme and the 'top-up' option can be found through the Shropshire Council website, once the scheme opens. Feel free to contact the Tree Team for more information and advice; email: natural.environment@shropshire.gov.uk or tel: 01743 252564.

Mere Ambles

How would you like to join a group of enthusiastic, friendly walkers? We are a group of people from all backgrounds and walking abilities who enjoy this **Free** activity as well as making new friends.

We meet at 10 o'clock every Wednesday at the Wharf in Ellesmere (outside Tesco). We have a varied programme of 1 and 2 hour walks lead by trained leaders

Come along and give us a try.
Further info Dennis Powell 01691 690649
dmpowell@btinternet.com.

HALL

July and August seem to have passed very quickly and September is headed that way; most of us have enjoyed a holiday, kids are back at school and now looking forward to relaxing in the balmy days and evenings of a warm autumn – who am I kidding ?

Events in the Hall over the summer as always are at a minimum. CADS did put on a good show at the beginning of July over two evenings, enjoyed by a good turnout in the Hall. I don't know where these guys get their ideas but keep thinking !

We have gained a football team once again, but sadly not representing the village. The lads are from the Market Pub in Ellesmere (Athletico Market) and play in the Shrewsbury Sunday League. It's good to see the field once again being used regularly as was always intended. Go along every other Sunday morning and cheer them on.

Just a note on what is coming up at the Hall between now and December:
Ceilidh Night on October 11th
A Big Breakfast once again during October – hopefully!
Line Dancing at the Hall on November 8th
Christmas Fayre on December 6th

As always Bingo every other Saturday night, and Short Bowls every Thursday.

Ian Morris
Hall Management Committee

Local Joint Committee

Ellesmere Town Hall,
Thursday 8 October at 7pm

The next Local Joint Committee will have a presentation on NHS Future Fit, the programme spearheading the re-design of healthcare services which serves patients in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and mid Wales.

Everyone needs the NHS at some point in their lives so come along and make sure your views are considered!

The Leaking Tap

*New Menu and Food opening hours
at your Local.*

Monday to Thursday 5 to 9pm
Friday 12 to 2pm and 5 to 9pm
Saturday 12 to 9pm
Sunday 12 to 8pm

Come along and try the Sunday Carvery, £6.95, or Friday Curry Night, 7 to 9pm, all you can eat £8.95!

For the Early Birds, a Hot Buffet Monday to Saturday 5 to 7pm £5.95, Kids £3.95.

Feed you Brain! The Leaking Tap Quiz Night, every Sunday at 9pm.

For full Menu and Special Events visit
www.theleakingtap.org or call 01939 270636

Petton with Cockshutt

Show 2014

We held our 11th show on Sunday 7 September in Cockshutt Millennium Hall. The Hall was well stocked with baking, fruit, flowers, vegetables, photographs, painting, crafts and a large and talented entry from children. A good number of people came in the afternoon, when the show was opened by Mrs Heather Dawson, the Head of Cockshutt Primary School, who also presented the prizes.

The Silver Perpetual Challenger Cup for most points in show was won by Rosemary Allen with 36 points.

The Farmers' Cup for most points in the Fruit, Vegetable and Flowers section was won by Rosemary Allen with 26 points.

The Red Lion Challenge Trophy for most points in the Floral Art Section was won by Elizabeth Hickson with 12 points.

The Pochin Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in the Handicraft and Photography section was won by Iona Blundred with 16 points.

Useful Contact Details

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The Perpetual Challenge Cup was won by Jan Durham with 22 points.

The Bob Reeves Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in the Young Peoples' section was won by Caira Sheehy with 7 points.

The Crowhurst Challenge Cup for Best Exhibit in Show was won by John Dean with a single dahlia.

The Pauline Povall Memorial Cup for most points by a WI Member was won by Rosemary Allen with 36 points.

The cup for the best exhibit in the Handicraft section was won by Iona Blundred.

The cup for the best exhibit in the Photographic section was won by Iona Blundred.

And the best exhibit in the egg section was won by Nicholas Taylor.

Refreshments were served all afternoon and we had a selection of interesting produce stalls selling food, crafts and gifts.

Next year's show is on Sunday 6th September 2015, so start planning now!!

Rosemary Allen
Honorary Secretary.

Millennium Hall

To book the hall:

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For information about the hall:

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Cockshutt Events Calendar:

Email: events@cockshuttvillage.com

Cockshutt CofE Primary School & Nursery

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