

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome .. to the 12th edition of 'Our Parish Matters'

Autumn appears to be arriving fast and the mini heat wave in July seems to be a distant memory. July will also be remembered as a busy month for the Parish Council. Firstly it held a Parish Meeting to discuss Wind Turbines. There is a growing number of planning applications for siting them in the north of Shropshire with several in our Parish. The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents who attended and, hopefully, they found it as beneficial as the Parish Council did. To discuss the merits and hear comments both for and against this type of renewable energy from the community is important for the Council. As an update one planning application for a wind turbine in the Parish has been approved but 2 others are still to be decided on by Shropshire Council.

Also in July, the Parish Council co-opted 2 new Parish Councillors, Andrew Shakeshaft and Christine Hodnett. I would like to thank both Andrew and Christine for being willing to join the Council especially when, like us all, they are very busy with the 'day job'.

On a sad note, you will read below that the Ellesmere Medical Practice has had to withdraw its branch surgery from Cockshutt. The Doctors have not taken this decision lightly but I'm sure that when you read the reasons, you will completely understand their decision.

A quick note to all those who have expressed interest in allotments. The Council is seeking to understand the demand for them. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.

John Dickin (Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council)

An Open Letter from Ellesmere Medical Practice

It is with some sadness that we have decided we need to close down the branch surgery in Cockshutt Millennium Hall. This has been going on in various locations in the village for some time but unfortunately modern requirements for Practices mean that a room in the Hall is no longer considered adequate or safe for up to date Medical Practice.

In particular there are risks associated with lone working that we cannot meet in the Cockshutt setting. There are also requirements imposed by our new regulatory body the Care Quality Commission - these include the need for particular sorts of sinks and taps / clinical flooring / disabled access / couches and seating. We are also given criteria to fulfill by infection control. All these things make it unsustainable to carry on with a surgery in Cockshutt.

In combination with Cockshutt Parish Council and Mr Paul Goulbourne, Chair of Ellesmere Patients' Group we are reviewing the possibility of putting on special appointments for Cockshutt residents or even the possibility of additional transport to replace the surgery times - this work will require some thought and costing so may not happen immediately. We would like to thank the Millennium Hall Committee for supporting us in our time providing a service from the Hall, it has been much appreciated, but unfortunately development marches on and we must adapt to the current requirements of general practice.

Drs Willis, Newton and von Hirschberg

Petton with Cockshutt Horticultural Show 2013

Our 10th Annual Show was held on Sunday 1st September and was very well supported. We had more new competitors and a good attendance in the afternoon to view the entries, buy from the Food Fayre, enjoy the refreshments and meet friends.

Chairman Gordon Whitfield welcomed everyone to the Show and later announced the winners who were presented with their cups by the Rev. Steven Harrop.

The Show included a Food Fayre with stalls from The Chocolatier, Petton Preserves, Jamie Ward Pork Products and Clun Valley Dairy Products, who reported good sales and so hope to be here again next year.

We have lost two long term supporters this year; Ivy Faulkner who had always judged the Cookery Section, and Ivor Evans a prolific gardener and cup winner for many years. They will be sadly missed.

However the village "rose to the occasion", and although the weather has been varied it has mostly been good for the gardens. The cookery, photography and handicrafts had plenty of high quality competition, though sadly the floral art section really needs more supporters next year to make winning the cup more of a challenge.

The winners were:-

The Silver Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in show was won by Alf Johnson with 54pts.

The Farmers' Cup for most points in the Fruit, Vegetable and Flowers section was also won by Alf Johnson with 29 pts.

The Red Lion Challenge Trophy for most points in the Floral Art Section was won by Rachel Hickson with 6pts.

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

The Crowhurst Challenge Cup for Best Exhibit in Show was won by Jo Norton, who also won the cup for the best exhibit in the Handicraft section.

The cup for the best exhibit in the Photographic section was won by Alf Johnson.

The Pauline Povall Memorial Cup for most points by a WI Member was won by Rosemary Allen with 31 pts.

The Bob Reeves Perpetual Challenge Cup for most points in the Young Peoples' section was won by Leone Hickson with 8 pts.

It was very encouraging to see so many entries in the Young Peoples' section, especially the winners, Rosie Stevens, Eliza Pickering and Luke Edwards. Leanne Hickson won the cup for the most points in this section, and she also entered and won prizes in some of the adult classes. Well done everybody for taking part. Many thanks to Cockshutt Primary School for helping with these classes and supporting the children.

Competitors can live within 5 miles of Cockshutt, so please consider entering next year and help to keep this great village event going. It's a very enjoyable and rewarding way to spend a Sunday after working hard all year.

Rosemary Allen

Cockshutt School Nursery Opens

On 3rd September Cockshutt School opened its doors for the first time to Nursery aged children. This is a very exciting development for the school which will now be known as Cockshutt C of E Primary School and Nursery.

Over the summer our facilities underwent considerable improvement. We now have a fantastic, enlarged outside area with lovely resources and a redesigned layout inside to ensure quality provision.

The staff from the village Pre-School have joined our team under the guidance of Mrs Lunt, our Outstanding Foundation Stage teacher. We are all looking forward to watching our children thrive in this lovely learning environment. There are still places available just ring the school if you would like to book a place.

Mrs H Dawson
Headteacher

HALL

Surprising how much your outlook changes when the sun shines; the summer we have had and are still having keeps the smile on all our faces.

The Parish Horticultural Show once again was a successful event at the beginning of September.

A new activity, Soft Tennis in the hall, has been on going during the school holidays. This has been very successful thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Suzie and James Oakley who organize and supervise the day. This is being continued at least through to the end of half term mainly at weekends — Mums and Dads, the kids love it! Take a look at the item in the Village website.

There appears to be a misapprehension that Hall Committee meetings are closed to residents. Please be assured that this is not the case. The opening 15 minutes of each meeting allows for public discussion, thereafter residents are welcome if they wish, to continue to attend the meeting and listen to Committee discussion on Hall matters.

The committee is concerned about security in and around the Hall, the potential for trespass and damage is increasing. We are looking at means to reduce if not eliminate that potential.

Residents have requested that the hire prices for the Hall should be published and on view. To this end, the new prices are being printed and may be seen in the Village Shop and are applicable from 1 October this year. Unfortunately, costs are continually rising which has prompted the need for a price increase - the first for a few years.

There is limited space and time here to highlight all events past and future at the Hall. The Village Website is a comprehensive means to view all events in the village generally. Give it a try! Feedback to me, or any Committee Member on your view of the site, whether + or -, would be interesting.

Ian Morris

calling all budding gardeners!

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. If you are interested in renting a allotment please register your name with the Parish Clerk, Carole Warner on 01948 710672 or email cockshuttparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Our Parish Church Matters

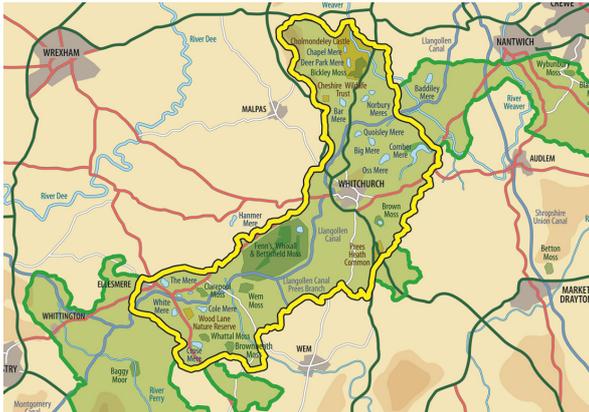
I moved from Manchester into The Rectory in Cockshutt, on 21st May, and I was licensed as your Priest in Charge on 1st June. It is a big change for me to live in a village with a strong sense of community. I have been struck by the welcome I have received in the community, and the help I have had from neighbours I want everyone to know that your churches of St. Simon and St. Jude in Cockshutt and St. Raphael and St. Isadore in Petton are your Parish Churches and are here to serve the whole community. I can tell you that they are very friendly and welcoming to everyone, particularly anyone coming for the first time, or returning to church after an absence. All are welcome. Holy Communion is on offer in one of our two churches every Sunday (except a 4th. Sunday of the month): 1st and 3rd. Sundays at 9 am at Petton, and the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 am at Cockshutt. It is good for us to take an hour out of our week away from all the distractions of our life to reflect on life, to think and pray and to communicate with God, the ground of our being. So I invite you to join us in one or other of our Churches for spiritual refreshment and fellowship.

I will be going into the Church School in the village each week to share something from our Christian faith with the children. The Christian values taught in the school will benefit the children throughout their lives.

I also want you to know that as the "vicar" I am available to anyone in the parish for pastoral counselling, or to discuss anything. My contact details are:
Tel: 01939 270211
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Rev Stephen Harrop

Surveying the Meres and Mosses: Landowner Notification



The Meres and Mosses landscape partnership scheme are embarking on an ambitious 4 year project to map the varying habitats that exist across the project area, marked in yellow on the map opposite. The project will be led by a small team working for the Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

The project will be using volunteers to collect the data by means of a phase 1 habitat survey. This standardised ecological technique is a means of mapping large amounts of vegetation cover relatively quickly.

In planning for the project we have put in place several measures to ensure any disturbance to landowners is avoided. Firstly, volunteers will be restricted to gathering information from public rights of way so land access need not be a concern. We have also limited the number of volunteers working in any 6km² area to a maximum of two people so as to avoid large groups on footpaths or roads. It is important to note that the information we obtain will be used strictly for steering our environmental work within the area and at no stage will it be passed onto any third parties.

We understand the success of this project depends on working closely with landowners. To do this we will be in regular contact with the NFU, informing them of the whereabouts of our volunteers and updating them on the progress of their work. Despite our objective being environmental conservation, we would also like private landowners to benefit from the data we collect. If you feel the information we obtain on your land may advantageous to you in terms of an environmental stewardship application for example we would be delighted to share this with you.



If you would like to get involved or for any further enquiries regarding this project please do not hesitate to contact the project coordinator, Joe Pimblett at jpimblett@cheshirewt.org.uk.

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