

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome ..

to the first edition of 2015. It is hoped that this year will be an eventful year as the Parish Council is awaiting the decision on its planning application to develop the Jubilee Field. The Council submitted the application mid December and it is currently going through the consultation stage and we hope to hear good news soon!

In January each year the Council has to set its Budget for the following financial year. Discussions had taken place over the previous few months as there were a number of important considerations to take into account. The first is the withdrawal by Shropshire Council of the element previously paid under the Council Tax Support Grant. Last year this amounted to £1,111. During the year the Council had investigated the possibility of a gradual replacement of the type of street lighting in the Parish and it was agreed that a phased replacement of 'old style' lights to LED ones would take place. The Council has made a provision of £1,000 to cover the start of this project. The other main consideration is the development of the Jubilee Field and a provision of £1,500 has been made towards this. As a result of all these factors it was considered necessary to increase the precept, the amount raised through the Council Tax, by approximately £3,500 to £16,000. Although this is a large percentage increase, the Council reviewed the impact of the increase in monetary terms for tax payers. For a Council Tax Band D taxpayer the annual cost will now be £57.42 or £1.11 per week, an increase from an annual cost of £44.99 or 87p per week. Details of the 2015/16 Budget is available on the Parish Council's website under the Financial Information section.

John Dickin, Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

New Email Address and Website

The Parish Council has recently changed its email address to:
clerk@cockshuttcumpetton-pc.gov.uk.
It has also moved its website from 2Shrop.net to its own site: www.cockshuttcumpetton-pc.gov.uk. Both the email address and website name are rather long but this is to comply with government protocols.

The website is in its basic format at the moment but will develop over the next few months. It is hoped to include pages and news of local community groups so if you wish to have a page promoting your group or publicise an event please email the clerk — at the new email address!

Please let the Council know what you think of the new site and please feel free to suggest ideas!

Aladdin

Cockshutt Amateur Dramatic Society will be staging their annual pantomime – a somewhat unusual take on the old favourite, **Aladdin**, in Cockshutt Millennium Hall on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February.

Producer & musical director: Simon Mewett
Director, Rosemary Milns
Aladdin: Meg Hayward
Yam-Yam: Sarah Powell
Abanazar: Simon Mewett
Widow Twan-Kee: Maura Birch
Genie: Katya Chambers

Evening performances: 7.30pm Friday and Saturday
Matinee: 2.00pm Saturday

Tickets from Cockshutt village shop:
Adults £7
Concessions £3
Family ticket (2 + 2) £18

Speed Watch

Excessive or inappropriate speeding is dangerous and is responsible for many unnecessary injuries and collisions. It is a serious traffic offence which affects the quality of life of many communities. The Police use a variety of schemes, education and enforcement to address speeding and West Mercia Police has recently launched its Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme.

What is CSW?

CSW schemes are coordinated by the police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. The aim of CSW is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible. It aims to encourage motorists to drive at a safe and appropriate speed, reduce speed in areas of concern, re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and address concerns from local residents about cars speeding through their communities.

How does CSW work?

At specified safe locations, volunteers monitor the speed of passing vehicles with a hand-held speed detection device. Offending vehicles' details are recorded on a log sheet, including the names and signatures of the volunteers witnessing the offence and other key information.

Will Cockshutt have a CSW scheme.

For many years the Parish Council and residents of Cockshutt have been concerned about the speed of traffic going through the village. Together with the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Parish Council will help set up a scheme if enough volunteers come forward.

Can anyone become a volunteer?

Schemes are open to anyone aged 18 or over. Volunteers will only be accepted onto a scheme once appropriate checks have been carried out. Volunteers must be able to make a regular commitment to carry out their activity and must adhere to the scheme's safety rules at all times. Although reasonable adjustments can be made, volunteers should be mindful of the physical nature of the role. Training will be provided covering areas such as health and safety, legislation and how to use the speed detection equipment.

West Mercia Police reserve the right to withdraw permission for an individual to participate in a local scheme.

What do I do now?

If you are interested please contact any one of the Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

HALL

The Hall management committee wish all our village friends a very happy and prosperous New Year in 2015

Anyone passing by or attending the Hall, cannot have failed to notice the grounds and the general appearance of the Hall itself have been looking much neater and brighter over the last few months. Internally, most of the rooms have been redecorated, again adding a much brighter feel to everything.

The cost has been taken up by use of funds derived from bookings income and reserves from our managed accounts. It is unfortunate that recently, whilst the Hall bookings have been relatively steady, the number of bookings and the subsequent income doesn't match the cost of maintenance in the Hall.

Our thanks go to those who have used the hall in the last year – keep coming back!

We enjoyed a very successful Christmas Fair in December and in keeping with the time of year we intend holding a Burns Night on 24th January in the Hall.

If we are swift enough to catch one, we will pipe in the Haggis and celebrate one of the country's finest bards.

We are hoping also to hold yet another Big Breakfast before long which will coincide with a Car Boot sale. If the weather is unkind we will hold this in the main hall.

Keep your peckers up in this weather, it's called Winter and it happens every year.

Ian Morris
Hall Management Committee

Superfast Broadband in the Parish

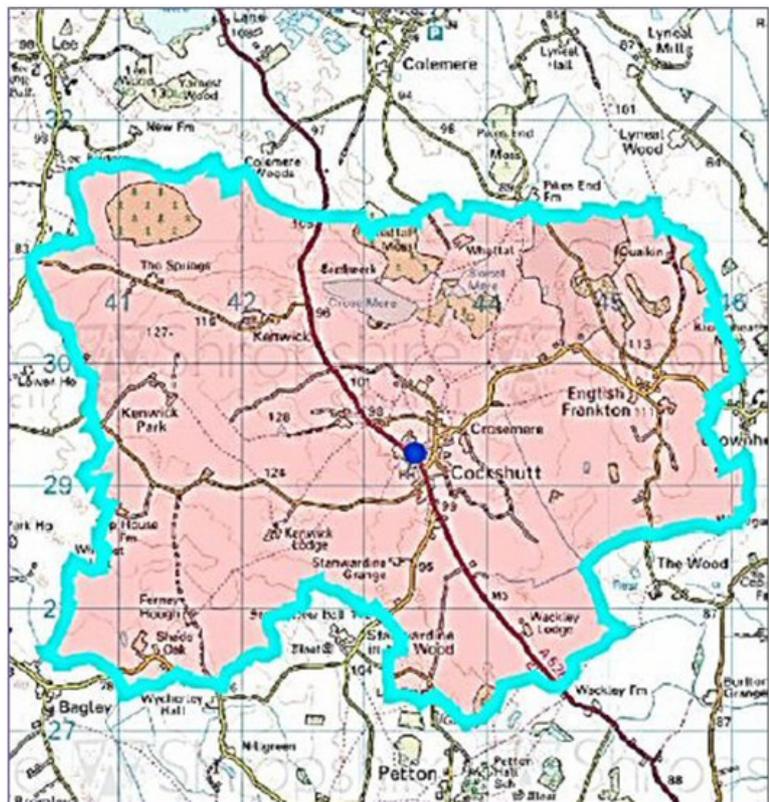
At the end of 2014 the Parish Council took a presentation from the Connecting Shropshire team.

Fibre Optic technology can uplift broadband speeds to a possible 52MBPS, with the present average for the parish being between 2 to 7 MBPS. When the work is completed, residents will need to apply to their provider to switch to the new Fibre Optic service as it will not be an automatic connection.

We understand that Phase 1 is now underway which will include Cockshutt, with the survey work to commence in 2015. There will be two Fibre Optic Cabinets in Cockshutt, one at the junction of Shrewsbury Road and Crosemere, and the second cabinet by the present telephone exchange.

The new cabinets are required to accommodate the new technology as the present analogue exchange cannot accept the fibre optics directly.

The new service will be available to 341 premises within the Cockshutt area.



Unfortunately, the present phase does not include the Petton area, I quote from the statement provided by the Connecting Shropshire team:

"The projections for the parish of Petton is not as positive as Cockshutt I'm afraid. All premises are showing as Exchange Only (EO) lines with speeds of over 2Mbps. None in the parish are currently included in our plans to be upgraded to fibre as part of our Phase 1 deployment. As the programme moves forwards (Phase 1 is due to complete winter 2016) we will continue to review these plans. There still remain opportunities to potentially add in additional structures that will serve more premises and this may include areas such as Petton"

The Parish Council will endeavour to keep you informed as phase 1 progresses, and as more information becomes available.

John Cooling



Want to get more active?

Walking is a great way to get fit, explore what's on your doorstep and make new friends.

Join one of our free and friendly short walks at 10am every Monday from Edinburgh House, Wem.

NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Walks are suitable for most fitness levels and abilities.

GRADING

 Suitable for people who have not walked much before, are looking to be more active, or are returning from injury or illness. Walks are up to 30 minutes on flat ground or gentle slopes with mainly firm surfaces and no steps or stiles.

 Suitable for people who are looking to increase their activity levels. The walks are between 30 and 60 minutes and may include some moderate slopes, steps, uneven surfaces and possibly stiles

For further information and walk leader training please contact: Liz Evans telephone 01743 255068 or email Liz.Evans@shropshire.gov.uk



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YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



The way you register to vote is changing. Most people who are already registered to vote will have had a letter in July or August telling them whether they have been registered automatically on the new system.

Find out more at www.gov.uk/yourvotematters or to register www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

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Cockshutt Events Calendar:

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