

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome ..

to the autumn edition of the newsletter. In October the Council received a presentation by the Friends of Ellesmere Library about the changes which are happening all over the County but specifically to our local Library in Ellesmere. The Council agreed to publicise these changes in the newsletter. With Christmas and New Year fast approaching space is dedicated to letting you know about some of the events which are taking place in the Parish.

As promised, an update on the Jubilee Field. The Parish Council has chosen a preferred supplier for the MUGA and is now in discussions regarding the final design of the field. The Council may have to go back to Shropshire Council with a revised plan so please feel free to ask any Councillor for an update.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

John Dickin, Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

*Ellesmere Medical Practice
autumn 2015 'flu jab clinics
have started.*

If you are registered as a patient with Ellesmere Medical Practice, are over 65 or have some medical condition which makes it advisable for you to be vaccinated against 'flu DO ring the surgery (01691 622798) to book your appointment AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

No-one pretends injections are pleasant, but a bout of 'flu is far, far worse and lasts far, far longer!

*Have you checked your heating
oil tank?*

With the weather getting cooler many households will soon be getting heating oil delivered ready for the winter. Don't forget to check your oil tanks to reduce the risk of damage to the environment and avoid costly clean up bills. Leaked oil can end up in groundwater supplies and drains, many of which lead directly into rivers, streams, lakes and even garden ponds.

Heating oil can cause serious problems if it gets into the water environment. But it's not

just the cost of losing the oil that can be expensive, clean up costs can be large and are not always covered by household insurance policies.

This is why it is vital that oil is only ever stored in tanks that are in good condition. Both the tank and associated pipe work should be regularly inspected and people should never buy more oil than they can safely store. Any problems should be fixed as soon as possible by an Oil Firing Technical Association (OFTEC) technician.

*Rights of way — who is
responsible for what?*

A regular question to the Parish Council is what can be done if a right of way is blocked or copped over. Landowners must ensure that footpaths and brideways which cross fields and are ploughed must be reinstated with a surface which is reasonably convenient for public usage.

Conversely, some fields have strips of grass around the edges between the cultivated areas and hedges. These are buffer strips and landowners have to comply with strict legislation regarding their use and upkeep. These strips are not rights of way and should not be used as such by the public.



Friends of Ellesmere Library

Please support your library service

Shropshire Council has launched a six-week public consultation to give everyone a chance to have their say on proposed major changes to Ellesmere's library service. The Friends of Ellesmere Library are trying to encourage as many people as possible to submit their comments. We want to ensure that whatever option is chosen, the service is protected and enhanced.

You can give your views online by clicking on to: <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/getinvolved/future-delivery-of-ellesmere-library-and-customer-service-point/>

Copies of the questionnaire, together with details of the various options, are available at Ellesmere Library, Ellesmere Town Council offices, Ellesmere Post Office and Ellesmere Newsagents. The closing date for comments is November 16.

The council says it has to find overall savings of £1.3 million on its library services budget and Ellesmere has to bear a share of this. Its preferred option is to move the library to the nearby Meres Day Care Centre, with a new provider --potentially a social care charity -- to run it. The alternative option is to retain the library at Fullwood House, under council management, but to reduce the opening hours from 20.5 hours per week to 10 hours per week, in order to achieve cost savings locally of £8,830 in the next financial year.

As a third option, the council will consider any other alternatives to achieve its savings target and this opens the way for any non-profit making organisation or public enterprise group to come forward with proposals. Maintaining the status quo is *not* an option.

Please submit your comments as soon as possible to show how much you value your library service.

A spokesman for the Friends of Ellesmere Library said: "We want to ensure that there is no downgrading of the services currently provided. More than that, we hope to work with the professional library staff to improve the service by providing support and by helping to organise a range of activities for adults and children. This is an expanding community and we hope people will support us in our quest to make sure that Ellesmere and district retains a vibrant library service that meets the needs of the people.

The group already has more than 100 signed-up members. If you wish to become a Friend of Ellesmere Library, please e- mail your details to libraryfriends15@gmail.com Membership is free. Or you can follow the updates on our Facebook page 'Friends of Ellesmere Library'.

Update

At our first committee meeting on September 7, our vice-chair, Paul Goulbourne reported that at the September Ellesmere Town Council meeting, members agreed to form a committee to examine the proposals for the library service. Councillors also agreed to take a look at the upstairs accommodation above the library which has been unoccupied for several years.

Graham Hutchinson has kindly agreed to become the Friends' Treasurer, with support from Ken White. Suzanne Hutchinson and Juliet Shone have been co-opted on to the committee to represent the Library Elves (volunteers) and the Library Reading Group.

Dates for your diary

HALL

Just a note this month to keep you up to date with events due to take place in the Millennium Hall over the next month or two.

Charity Bingo run by Pam Hanmer on 28 November '15. Lots of prizes to be won.

Yoga Classes with Paula Fox : call 07866 470958

Pilates with Liz Hatch : call 01939 2780804

Bingo continues every other Saturday with Pam in the lounge.

Indoor Bowling in the main hall every Thursday at 7.30pm.

A Burns Supper for all Sassenachs and others on 23 January '16.

If you want any further info on the above or need to book the Hall please ring 01979 270816.

We have had the activities room re-floored at the rear of the hall. It has made that room appear much larger and suitable for a lot more activities than perhaps it has been in the past. Go take a look!

No reason why anyone should be bored with all the activities available above. Please take care when the winter weather hits us; hopefully it's some way off yet.

Ian Morris
Cockshutt Millennium Hall

Advent and Christmas in Cockshutt and Petton

Sunday 29 November *Family Advent Carol Service* in Church at 6pm

Thursday 3 December *Carols in the Pub* at the Leaking Tap at 7.30pm

Cockshutt School KS1 Nativity with singing from classes 3 and 4 in Church

Tuesday 8 December at 1.30pm for families with young children and babies.

Wednesday 9 December at 1.30pm for OAPs and parents without young children.

Thursday 10 December at 5.30pm to 7pm.

Sunday 13 December *Yuletide Celebration* with Devil's Chair folk band in Colemere Church at 4 pm.

Friday 18 December *Petton Carol Service* in Petton Church at 7pm.

Christmas Eve *Christingle* Service in Church at 4 pm.

Midnight Eucharist in Church at 11.30 p.m.

Let's celebrate the real Christmas together, giving thanks for the "reason for the season."



Cockshutt Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5 December
2pm to 4pm

Gifts and produce stalls, tombola
and much more.....

Refreshments and a special guest
in Santa's Grotto!

New Year's Eve Party

Thursday 31 December
7pm until late

Disco, bring and share buffet,
licensed bar

£5 per adult (16+), £10 per family

**Both events in the
Millennium Hall**



Petton with Cockshutt Horticultural Society

Show Report 2015

Petton with Cockshutt Horticultural Society held their 12th Annual Show on Sunday 6th September in the Millennium Hall. The Hall was full of entries, and visitors. The Judges did a splendid job, and everybody enjoyed the refreshments and displays.

The show was opened by Kevin Gunnell who also chose the entry for the Best in Show Cup. There was an excellent entry of flowers and vegetables, especially considering the unpredictable weather over the summer. As usual the Cookery Section was well supported, from jams and cakes, to bread and soup entries. There was a very varied entry of photographs and the floral art section tempted quite a few to have a go, with some beautiful results. The paintings, drawings, knitted and sewn articles, and others craft items in the Handicraft section were of the usual high standard. And thanks to Cockshutt School there was a wonderful display of young peoples' talents.

The Winners of the Cups were:-

The Silver Perpetual Cup for the most points in show; the Farmers' Cup and the Cup for the Best in the Egg Section, which also took the Crowhurst Cup for the Best in show, were won by The Faulkner Family.

Elizabeth Hickson won The Red Lion Challenge Cup for the most points in the Floral Art.

Leanne Hickson won the Bob Reeves Cup for the most points in the Young Peoples' section, and Rachel Hickson won the cup for the best in the Photographic Section.

Pauline Williams won the Pochin Perpetual Cup for most points in the Handicraft and the cup for the best exhibit in the Handicraft Section. The Perpetual Challenge cup was won by Jan Durham for the most points in the Cookery section, and the Pauline Povall cup for the Cockshutt WI member with the most points was won by Rosemary Allen.

Refreshments were served all afternoon, and an auction of goods at the end.

The next show will be Sunday 4th of September 2016, so keep an eye open for the Schedules and notices in the Spring.

Rosemary Allen.
Hon Secretary.

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