

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt cum Petton Parish residents

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Welcome ..

to the spring edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

This newsletter is full of events and details of regular activities that are taking place in the Parish both during the day and in the evening. It is really impressive that so much is going on! Special mention must be made though of the Cockshutt WI Referendum Special on 13 May. See below for details.

On the back page is an introduction to Shropshire's new Rural, Business and Cyber Crime Coordinator, Melissa Bebb. If you need help from Melissa please don't hesitate to contact her.

John Dickin,
Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Cockshutt CofE Primary School and Nursery

Our Toddler group has been a success and I am happy to announce that after Easter we will be running this every Tuesday between 2 and 3.15pm. Everyone who has a toddler is welcome and it is FREE!!

The children in our Early Years setting continue to thrive in our well resourced inside and outside areas and to have access to our onsite Forest School. We take children into the Nursery from 2 years old in the afternoons and all day for the 3 and 4 year olds.

From 3 years onwards children are very welcome to attend our before school and after school wrap around care. Parents who use this facility give fantastic feedback about how their children enjoy the sessions and how well cared for they are. The cost of this child care compares very favourably with child care in private settings and enables many of our parents to work. We offer this facility from 8am until 5.50pm.

We would like to welcome the whole community to our Easter celebrations which will be held in St Judes and on ... the children will be singing songs and sharing things that they have made in during our Easter Wow day in school.

If you would like to know more about what we are doing in our school visitors are always welcome, just give our new Administrator, Jan Hall a ring on 01939 270616 and she will be happy to arrange this for you.

Heather Dawson
Head Teacher

Cockshutt WI Referendum Special!

Cockshutt WI is hosting an Open Meeting on Friday 13th May to discuss the 'ins and outs' of the EU Referendum which is taking place on 23 June. Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP (*Conservative*) and Philip Bennion (*former Liberal Democrat MEP*) are coming to give their answers to the questions we all have on the future of our country.

The meeting will be held in Cockshutt Millennium Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm start. All are welcome. Any questions you have please email them to me, rosemary.allen@gmail.com by Monday 18th April, and we will be forwarding them to the panel to give them time to have answers.

Cheese and wine and WI cakes will be served afterwards, as usual. £4 for WI members and £5 for non-members. Gentlemen are also welcome.

Frankton Cricket Club, Hardwick, Nr Ellesmere

Frankton Cricket Club began in 1947 when Colonel Kynaston of Hardwick, tired of the football pitch in the park which was overdue for ploughing up and reseeding, spoke to Bill Strange and offered to leave a square for a cricket pitch.

The first youth team was instigated in 1960 and Juniors have always been a central part of Frankton Cricket Club since then. Thursday nights throughout the summer have continued to be Junior nights and youngsters aged 8 - 17 still converge on Hardwick Park from the surrounding local area.

Frankton Cricket Club is holding an Open Afternoon on Sunday 17 April, 2pm - 4pm which will be an exciting opportunity for the local community to come and look around "one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in Shropshire". Old and young are invited to find out more about the Club and the game of cricket, with "hands on" opportunities.

For further information please contact John James 01939 270242 or www.pitchero.com/clubs/franktoncc. Tea and cakes will be available.

Cockshutt Community Coffee Cakes and Chat

Cockshutt Community Coffee, Cakes and Chat is held in Cockshutt Millennium Hall every other Thursday from 10am to 1pm. The cakes are all home-made and the coffee is made from ground beans. Coffee and Cake is £1 with free refills, an extra cake costs 50p. All proceeds going to the Millennium Hall.

It is an ideal opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Everyone is welcome so come along and give us try.

The next few dates are:

Thursday 10 March
Thursday 24 March
Thursday 7 April
Thursday 21 April
Thursday 5 May
Thursday 19 May

The Leaking Tap

If you are not already aware, your local hostelry now has a Darts League on Tuesdays, and at the time of writing, is recruiting for a Dominoes League (night to be confirmed). We are also looking for golf players to join the Leaking Tap Golf Society which will play about once a month at various local locations starting late March.

Information for these activities can be found on the Leaking Tap notice board. If you don't fancy taking part, come along and enjoy the rivalry anyway!

The Leaking Tap Quiz is every Sunday 8.45pm for 9pm start. And finally, Sky Sports at the Tap if you fancy a pint (or two) with the big match!

John Cooling

Parish Footpath Warden for Cockshutt

I am now the Parish footpath warden for Cockshutt. I survey the footpaths, cutting back vegetation around stiles, checking that footpaths are adequately waymarked and adding directional arrows where necessary. I can also repair any broken stiles and report any bigger remedial works needed to Shropshire Council.

If anybody knows of any footpaths in the Parish that need attention or clarification or if anybody would like to join me on my walks please contact me on 270565 or email hank@mypostoffice.co.uk

Thank you.
Janet Hankey.

Creative Cockshutt

A new group, open to all, where you can learn and share creative skills. Bring along a current project or learn something new.

Meets 1st Monday of the month from 2pm - 5pm at Cockshutt Millennium Hall. £2.00 per session (occasionally there will be an extra small charge towards materials) Refreshments are available for a donation but

please bring your own mug

Dates

4 April

9 May (2nd week due to Bank Holiday)

6 June

For further details contact Kath 01939 270276

HALL

The first couple of months in the year are normally quiet in terms of events at the hall. This year has been no exception. No doubt also the continuing weather we have been having has had its effect.

The Christmas Fayre on 5 December was very successful, bigger and better than last year.

We also held a New Years Eve party in the hall...can't remember the date, which I'm told went very well.

There was also a Burns Supper on or about the 23th January where everyone drank the toast to the Bard of Scotland, listened to one or two of his famous verses, then generally raised a dram or two to anything they could think of.

Several further events are in the pipeline, of which no doubt there will be further news later.

The amount of effort put into the above events has to be applauded and is the principal reason why the Hall continues to be maintained in such good order. Many thanks to those on the management committee who unselfishly give of their time and efforts.

Spring is only a couple of weeks away, lets hope somebody lets those in charge of the weather know.

Ian Morris
Cockshutt Millennium Hall

Annual Parish Meeting

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 12 May at 7pm immediately before the Parish Council Meeting.

Millennium Hall Events

There are a number of weekly events at the Millennium Hall to which all are welcome.

There is a Senior Yoga group which meet every Wednesday from 9.45am—10.45am, either just come along or contact Paula Fox Kirkham 07866 470958 for more information

There is Pilates Group which meets on Thursdays from 10.00am – 11.15am for more information ring Liz Hatch on 01939 270804 or 07900 184007

There is Charity Bingo with an Easter Special on Saturday 26 March, then fortnightly after that. It's eyes down at 7.30pm with a 10pm finish.

There is Short Mat Bowls every Thursday starting at 7.30pm all are welcome so come along and try your hand.

On Sunday 10 April a Big Breakfast will be held to which all are welcome.

On the weekend of 11 / 12 June there will be an event to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday, involving all Village Groups; further details will be available nearer the date.

Age UK Lunch Club

Lunch Club is held in The Leaking Tap every other Wednesday on alternate weeks to the Community Coffee morning.

We meet at midday and a two course lunch costs £7.95. There is a choice of 3 mains and 3 deserts which have to be ordered at least two days in advance, by ringing The Leaking Tap on 01939 270636

It is a great chance to catch up with friends over a nice lunch so do come and join us.

The next few dates are:

Wednesday 16 March

Wednesday 30 March

Wednesday 13 April

Wednesday 27 April

Wednesday 11 May

Wednesday 25 May

Rural, Business and Cyber Crime Coordinator

Melissa Bebb has been appointed to this role for Shropshire. The purpose of this role is crime prevention – to stop crimes happening, to make people aware how to prevent themselves being victims of crime, either businesses or rural communities. This is a new role, and although employed by Shropshire Council the position is funded by the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner). Melissa is based between Shirehall and Monkmoore Police Station and her usual working week is Tuesday-Thursday. If you believe Melissa can help you please contact her on 01743 253983 or email: melissa.bebb@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or Melissa.Bebb@shropshire.gov.uk

What is Melissa's role?

Working alongside local police (Safer Neighbourhood Team)

Community Action Days: So far these have been held in Woore and Condover with different agencies attending such as, Crime Prevention, Local Police Team, Safer Roads Partnership, Fire Service, NFU, SMART water.

Summer Events: These will include summer events, shows and fetes. Melissa is happy to attend any local events with crime prevention materials including those relating to horse watch (<http://www.westmerciahorsewatch.co.uk>)

If you're planning an event and would like Melissa to attend, just send her an email with all the information on it.

Working alongside police schemes

"We Don't Buy Crime": Victims of residential burglaries are given a Free SMART water pack. Also neighbours of the victim are given UV property Marking pens and crime prevention information.

Shops who deal in second hand goods are encouraged to stop the purchase of stolen property by using UV lights and a data base which allows them to check if items are stolen (at a small cost). They are also alerted of items that have recently been stolen.

"STOP that THIEF": Businesses which have been victims of crime are visited and provided with crime prevention materials for 3 week trial. After 3 weeks the business can decide to keep them (and pay) or they will be removed. The aim is to deter re-victimisation of businesses.

Useful Contact Details

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Shropshire Councillor

Brian Williams 01939 234198

Millennium Hall

To book the hall:
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For information about the hall:
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Cockshutt CofE Primary School & Nursery

School Office (term time only) 01939 270 616

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