

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt Cum Petton Residents

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Welcome ..

to the Spring edition of the Parish newsletter

I would first like to thank members of the Community-Led Plan Steering Group. Penny Inglis, Ian Webb, Loft Longhurst, Linda Baumgartl and Ewan Williamson. They have done a great job in determining the issues to include in the upcoming Parish Questionnaire "Have Your Say" but more on that later in this edition of the newsletter.

I'm afraid that I must bring to your attention once again the need for new Parish Councillors. We are operating on the bare minimum to administer the needs of the Parish. If you are interested in influencing the decisions and direction we take in the Parish to make it a better place for all, please contact the Clerk, or speak to any Councillor *. You can find all contact numbers in this newsletter.

In this edition there are updates on the Community Led Plan, Traffic Calming, Village Defibrillator, along with articles and updates from the Millennium Hall, CADS, Cockshutt School and Parish Paths (P3)

John Cooling
Chair
Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

* For more information on how to become a Councillor visit www.cockshuttcupetton-pc.gov.uk

Cockshutt - cum - Petton Community Led Plan



Have Your Say!

Dear Residents,

This coming May you will receive through your letterbox the Community-Led Plan questionnaire. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this questionnaire for the future of your community. Furthermore, I will be honest and inform you now that it is an in-depth document and will take 20-25 minutes to complete. I sincerely hope that you can take the time to answer as many questions as possible. The questionnaire is designed to be anonymous, will include a pre-paid envelope or can be dropped off at Cockshutt Post Office.

As a thank you for completing it, you will have the chance to win £50, £30, or £20 to be drawn after the deadline. Please note that the questionnaire will be returned to/collated by Shropshire Rural Communities Charity, and not the Parish Council. The prize draw page will be separated from the questionnaire immediately on receipt to maintain anonymity. The questionnaire will also be available for completion on-line.

Your participation is greatly appreciated,

John Cooling
Chair
Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 12th April 2018 7:00 pm

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place prior to the Parish Council Meeting. It is not a parish council meeting but a more informal way of community engagement. It is an opportunity to put forward ideas, discuss any issue or topic or make comment on matters which electors feel affect their local community. Any elector in the parish has a right to vote at this meeting.

Cockshutt Parish Paths (P3) Update

The P3 group held a work party recently with Helen Beresford from Shropshire Council, to replace the footbridge and upgrade the stile to a kissing gate over the brook at English Frankton. Many hands made light work and the sun shone for us. This now improves access from the east of Cockshutt to English Frankton.

The P3 group meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30am and we walk for an hour or so, assessing the condition of the footpaths and bridleways in Cockshutt and Petton, cutting back vegetation where necessary, while chatting and exercising in the great outdoors. There is also a Sunday Afternoon Stroll on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 2pm outside the Village Hall. If you would like to join our friendly group or you have any questions regarding the rights of way in the parish, please contact Janet Hankey on 01939 270565 or janethankey@yahoo.com

Janet Hankey P3 Co-ordinator

Traffic Calming

The Vehicle Activated Sign is now operational at the southern end of the village. We have received positive feedback that it is making a difference, although it must be said that new signage of any description will not deter some drivers from speeding through the village.

As you may know, we had further traffic calming plans for the centre and northern end of the village due to be implemented this year. Unfortunately, we have been informed by Highways that due to a cutback of £5m this financial year, and a further £5m next year it is not looking good for these plans to go ahead. We are informed that Shropshire Council have further meetings planned to establish which schemes can be taken forward. We will of course keep you informed as and when we have more information

Defibrillator Update

Fund-raising has been going much better than we ever expected last summer when we first set out to raise money to buy a defibrillator for Cockshutt village. We had thought that we were still some way off our target, but just at the right time we heard that Cockshutt school has the opportunity to purchase a defibrillator at a favourable rate (and purchasing through the school means that it would be exempt from VAT which makes a big difference to the final cost). It makes perfect sense therefore to donate all funds raised so far to Cockshutt School for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. Although the school will be the channel for the purchase, the defibrillator will be installed on an outside wall of the school, accessible to, and for the use of, the entire community.

Huge thanks to everyone who has helped with fund-raising. Donations have come from many different groups within the village and further afield, including:

Chris Northall at Cockshutt Fish and Chips

Sally Griffin who hosted a fashion show at her home

Pam Hanmer and the Saturday bingo players

The Thursday night bowlers

CADS

The regular 'Defib table' at Community Coffee Mornings

... and of course thanks go to all the people of Cockshutt and the surrounding areas who have given so generously and enthusiastically to all of these different ventures.

Cockshutt CE Primary School & Nursery



It is with great delight I introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of the school. I am originally from Northern Ireland and was born into a small active community hence my passion for what can be achieved in small schools. I believe they are the places where firm foundations are laid, children are allowed to grow and develop and make mistakes along the way. I believe Children should be happy and safe and if they are they will learn and ultimately this is what we desire for all our children - do be the best they can be as individuals but also be good citizens for the future.

The staff and pupils of Cockshutt have made me feel incredibly welcome in the first few months and they have also embraced the partnership (sought out by the Governing Body) with Criftings CE Primary School. We have an exciting future ahead of us as 'Mere's Edge Federation'.

It has been all change in school with a new entrance lobby, a refurbished hall, open celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon, parent and toddler mornings on a Tuesday and time to stop and chat with our learning mentor Rebecca Hedley on a Thursday. Our aim this year is to continue to raise academic standards whilst partnering with our community. If you are interested in getting involved do come and see us.

We continue to do well at sport competition in many events and the children have also been out and about in the community raising valuable funds for their classrooms in school. We were delighted to have the involvement of the Cockshutt walking group this term and we hope that this will be one of many exciting partnerships as we move forward.

I am proud of the team and how much has been accomplished already, we offer education from age 2 right through to 11 and we are excited about what the future will hold as the school grows and develops. Please come and join us for future events which are advertised on the school app and outside the school on the noticeboard. We also have a new school website if you would like to find out more about what we do every day.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome
Cockshutt is a lovely community to be part of.

Mandy Jones



Community Lunch Club

The Millennium Hall has started running a Community Lunch which is open to all. The next one will be held on Wednesday 11th April.

For more information contact Barbara on 270888
Please see the Cockshutt Village Facebook page for all future events at the Millennium Hall.

Creative Cockshutt

Meets from 2-4pm at Cockshutt Millennium Hall, the cost is £2.00 per session
Dates for April and May and June are: Monday 2nd April, Monday 14th May and Monday 4th June

For further details contact Kath 01939 270276

Cockshutt Community Coffee Cakes and Chat

Cockshutt Community Coffee Cakes and Chat is held in Cockshutt Millennium Hall every other Thursday from 10.00 to 13.00 (i.e. Green Bin week)

The next few dates are: 5th April, 19th April, 3rd May, 17th May, and 31st May

Millennium Hall Regular Events

Short Mat Bowls every Thursday starting at 19.30 where all are welcome

Bingo

The dates for Bingo which has doors open 19.00 eyes down at 20.00 with a 22.00 finish are: Saturday 7th April, Saturday 21st April, Saturday 5th May and Saturday 19th May

Zumba

Every week from 20.00 - 21.00. It costs £5.00 per session or £45 for a "10 class pass". Again more members are needed for more information contact Sue on 07813312492.

"Tea and Talk" afternoon

Once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month from 14.00 - 16.00. April and May's dates are 16th April and 21st May. For more information ring Barbara on 270888

Games Night

1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 19.30 – 22.30, we now have a full size pool table plus there is table tennis, darts, dominoes and cribbage. The bar is open; entry is £1 per person for adults (over the age of 16) and secondary school children are welcome if accompanied by their parent or guardian (entry 50p). April and May dates are 2nd April, 16th April, 7th May and 21st May.

Table Tennis

For adults on Monday mornings from 10.30 - 11.30. If you are interested in joining / playing then please contact Barbara (270888) or just come along.

All welcome to our events. If you would like more information please use the contact numbers given.

Upcoming Events

Cockshutt Village Ball

The ball is being held on **Saturday, 20th October 2018**. For more information or to book a table call Barbara on 270888

Petton with Cockshutt

Horticultural Show

This year's Petton with Cockshutt Horticultural Show will be held in Cockshutt Millennium Hall on **Sunday, 9th September 2018**. Schedules listing the classes and further details will be available in the spring.

CADS

"Rehearsals started 21st March at 6:30pm with a read through of the script 'The secret garden'. And continue every Wednesday 6:30 pm in the activity room at the Village Hall.

For further information e-mail
cads.cockshutt@gmail.com

Thanks *Maura*

Library van

The library van visits Cockshutt regularly parking in the lay-by / bus stop near the church, from 14.15 to 15.30. This important service needs your support if we want to keep it open, so please go along, join the library and take books out even if you don't read them it will help to keep our service alive.

The dates for April and May are: 11th April, 25th April, 9th May, and 23rd May

Healthwatch Shropshire

Healthwatch Shropshire would be very pleased if you have experiences around NHS and Social Care provision of equipment and aids to tell them about how you found their service. This could include how people discover what is available, how the assessment process was handled, receiving the aids and returning equipment if it is no longer required or needs exchanging.

Healthwatch Shropshire would be very interested to hear not only from patients but also carers, volunteers and staff members.

These experiences will be fed back to service providers and those who commission the services. Any comments received are passed on anonymously.

01743 237884

enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk

Useful ContactDetails

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To Book the Millennium Hall :-
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For information about the hall: -
Loft Longhurst 01939 270 888
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Cockshutt C of E Primary School & Nursery

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To report problems including:

- Potholes
- Dog Fouling
- Overgrown verges and hedges
- Litter problems and fly tipping
- Dead animal on the road
- Vandalism or anti-social behaviour
- A stray or lost dog
- Low supplies in salt/grit bins

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or email: customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk or
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