

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt Cum Petton residents

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Welcome .. to the summer edition of the Parish newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to welcome Pam Edwards and Simon Lewis onto the Parish Council. Pam, a former NHS Biological Scientist has lived in the Parish for 38 years. Simon, a Product Design Engineer settled in Cockshutt back in April 2018 and is already an active member of the community. This brings the number of council members to 6, but we still require a representative for Petton Ward. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact our clerk, myself, or any councillor. All contact numbers are provided in this newsletter.

Since our last newsletter, the Parish Plan has been adopted by the Parish Council and delivered to every household, we now have a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the northern end of Cockshutt, and work has begun on another of our allocation sites off Park Lane, which will provide a further 3 dwellings towards our 2016-2026 SamDev housing target.

In this edition there are articles on the proposed Community Speed Watch, our Parish Plan, plus updates from our usual community contributors.

John Cooling

Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Community Led Plan update - The Parish Plan

Since the spring edition of Parish Matters, the Parish Plan, which was based upon your great responses to last year's questionnaire, was submitted to the June meeting of the Parish Council at which it was duly adopted. This means that the Council are obliged to refer to the plan whenever they make decisions on issues covered in the plan. The Parish Council has in turn issued the Plan to Shropshire Council who are expected to consult the plan although they are not bound by it.

The Steering Group, along with the Parish Council, decided that we would produce and deliver a paper copy of the Plan to every household in the Parish in July of this year, as well as post it on the Council's website. We hope that you think the result represent our collective views and that together we have achieved a plan that is worthy of our community and reflects our aspirations.

It is intended that the Plan is a live document and as such it will be reviewed regularly over its 5-year life by the Council and formally every year at the Parish Annual Meeting in April, to which all parishioners are invited to participate in. We look forward to your contributions.

CLP Steering Group

Cockshutt Community Speed-Watch

The Speed-Watch group has been formed and currently consists of 15 members. 13 members (at least) will be trained on 12th September in how to operate the "Laser Meter" and record and report speeding vehicles details to West Mercia Police. Soon after this the Speed-Watch teams should be out operating at various locations around the village.

The aim of Speed-Watch is not to prosecute drivers but to make them aware that speeding through the village is a form of anti-social behaviour, with the intent of getting drivers to obey the speed limit thus making the village a safer place for all residents, but especially the very young and the elderly. At specified safe locations, volunteers monitor the speed of passing traffic using a hand-held detection device, vehicles details are recorded on a log sheet and warning letters are sent to the registered keepers.

If you can spare an hour or two a month at a time to suit you and would like to join Speed-Watch, please contact me.

Loft Longhurst (Speed-Watch Coordinator)

Cockshutt Parish Paths (P3)

Cockshutt Parish Paths Partnership (P3) group continues to maintain the Rights of Way around Cockshutt and Petton, cutting back vegetation growing around stiles and kissing gates to keep the paths accessible. Over the summer months the vegetation seems to have grown more than ever but we are persevering with our secateurs and shears!

Our friendly P3 group meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30am, and we walk for a couple of hours or so, 3 – 4 miles, assessing and maintaining the Rights of Way, chatting and exercising in the great outdoors.

In September Shropshire Council will be holding their Volunteer Celebration at Cockshutt Millennium Hall, where volunteers from all over Shropshire will meet, socialise and take part in various activities during the day including walks, talks and installing a new kissing gate.

If you would like to join us on a Wednesday morning or if you have any queries regarding the Rights of Way in Cockshutt and Petton please contact Janet Hankey on 01939 270565 or janethankey@yahoo.com

Janet Hankey

Police and Crime Commissioner Be proactive with rural crime prevention

“I want to encourage all of you to be proactive in your approach to rural crime and take appropriate actions to protect yourself and your property. As your Police and Crime Commissioner I am committed to reducing rural crime and the harm it causes, ultimately ensuring you feel safe within your community. To deliver on this commitment I have established a team of dedicated Rural and Business officers, who are able to offer advice and support for safeguarding against rural crimes.”

Graham Donaldson, the Rural and Business Officer for your area, can be contacted via graham.donaldson2261853@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Rural crime week is an annual event running across West Mercia from 6th-13th October 2019.



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www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk



Cockshutt WI ‘fun and cake!’

Cockshutt WI meetings take place in the Millennium Hall on the second Wednesday of every month (except August) and membership, which runs from January to December, is very reasonable. We enjoy a variety of topics and activities, some as illustrated talks, others as hands-on activities. Visitors are always welcome (£4 for a session includes refreshments) so if you're not sure but want to find out more, why not come along to one of our meetings? If you would like a copy of our current 2019 programme you can pick one up from the village hall, or else contact me and I will get one to you. The 2020 programme will be available by mid-December.



Cockshutt CE Primary School & Nursery

A new academic year is upon us and we begin with the value FRIENDSHIP which is a great one for new beginnings. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer and had plenty of fresh air. We wish our old pupils well as they take their first steps in Secondary School - a new wonderful challenge lies ahead. We look forward at this time of year to welcoming our new pupils and we have a great group of Reception joining this year, we are excited to see what is in store for us all as the year progresses.

We have had a lot of work done on the school over the summer including a new floor in the school hall and a new Forest School shelter. Please come and join us for one of our events and see the way the school has grown and developed. We will continue to hold our monthly community lunches this year so please watch out for the dates on the notice board at the front of school.

Our wonderful kitchen team will also be preparing and serving lunches to Criffins CE School (our Federation Partner) from September. We are excited about this new venture on both sites, keep an eye on the website to see how this develops. We have had new kitchen equipment in order to cater for the larger numbers which is an exciting development. This strategic move by the Governing Body ensures that Cockshutt gets to keep its kitchen for the future, which in the current climate of budget cuts is amazing!

Please take some time to keep up with the life of your village school, we value your partnership!

Mandy Jones
Executive Headteacher
Criffins C.E. Primary School 01691 690207
Cockshutt CE Primary School and Nursery
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HALL

At the hall AGM on 1 May Loft Longhurst resigned after 3 years as chairman of the management committee. We owe Loft a huge debt of gratitude for his leadership over the past 3 years and the tremendous amount of time he has given in organising and supporting events, liaising with police over vandalism issues, and managing the bar. Steve Milns, as vice-chairman and 'premises officer' is 'holding the fort', but is not in a position to take on the full role of chairman or bar manager. We urgently need new committee members to help share the workload; in particular, we need either a knowledgeable bar manager or people willing to join a team to run the bar – which involves maintenance of equipment as well as serving drinks – and liaise with organisers of special events to supply their chosen drinks. Without more help it may not be possible to fulfil requests for bar facilities for as many events as previously.

We are grateful to model railway club members for bringing out the bench that has been in storage for some time.

If you have children who use the playground, please remind them that health & safety rules demand that both gates remain closed at all times other than when someone is actually walking through them!

It is hoped that the new goal-posts, which have been stored for some considerable time, can shortly be erected in their rightful places on the field. Unfortunately, previous attempts to arrange this have been foiled by insufficient help being available, or unsuitable ground/weather conditions. Any help would be most welcome.

The car park is private property, available only to people using hall facilities, taking children to school or attending church or school functions. We realise parking around nearby properties is limited, but trespassing vehicles on hall grounds cause problems when major events are held.

Thank you
Village Hall Committee

Special events planned for 2019

Sunday, 1st September: Horticultural show.
Saturday, 28th September: Charity concert in aid of dementia with Tim Evans.
Friday, 1st and Saturday 2nd November: CADS performance.
Friday, 15th November: Craft event.
Saturday, 23rd November: Quiz and supper night in aid of Petton Church.
Saturday, 30th November: Christmas Fayre.

Millennium Hall Regular Events

Community Lunch Club

Community lunch with hot meals from Vermeulen's of Ellesmere on 1st black bin Wednesday each month: 12 September, 9 October, 6 November & 4 December 2019.

Cockshutt Community Coffee Cakes and Chat

Cockshutt Community Coffee Cakes and Chat (5C for short!) is held in Cockshutt Millennium Hall every other Thursday from 10.00 to 12.30 (i.e. green bin week).

Creative Cockshutt

Creative Cockshutt meets the first Monday each month from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at Cockshutt Millennium Hall, cost: £2.00 per session

Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat Bowls every Thursday starts at 19.30 – 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:

- 21 September,
- 5, 19 & 26 October,
- 16 & 30 November
- Special charity Bingo on 9 November
- 4 December (Christmas bingo)

For further information

Millennium Hall Pub Night

Millennium Hall Pub Night is run on the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month from 19.30 – 22.30, offering a full-sized pool table, table tennis, darts, dominoes, cribbage and other games. The bar is open; entry is free and secondary school children are welcome if accompanied by their parent or guardian.

Table Tennis

Table Tennis for adults on Monday mornings from 10.00 – 12.00.

Yoga

Tuesday evenings.

Model Railway Club

Meet every Tuesday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and also from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Prospective members are welcome to come along to view the layouts <http://ellesmere-modelrailwayclub.weebly.com/>

All welcome to our events. For more information, <http://www.cockshuttvillagehall.co.uk/event> or visit Cockshutt Village Facebook page

Post Office

Don't forget the Post Office is open all day Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all your banking and postal needs.

Library van

The library van visits Cockshutt regularly parking in the lay-by / bus stop near the church, from 14.35 to 15.50 on "Black Bin Week" Wednesdays.

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...

Useful Contact Details

Parish Council

Cockshutt Ward

Julian Bowers	07759 985835
John Cooling	01939 270309
Pam Edwards	01939 270255
Simon Lewis	07792 218252
Ian Morris	01939 270890
Ian Webb	01939 270265
Vacancy	

Petton Ward

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If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please contact any councillor or the clerk.

Shropshire Councillor

Brian Williams 01939 234198

HALL

To Book the Millennium Hall: -

Cockshutt Millennium Hall
Shrewsbury Rd
Cockshutt, Nr. Ellesmere
SY12 0JE

Tel: 01939 270816

E-mail: bookings@cockshuttvillagehall.com

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Cockshutt C of E Primary School & Nursery

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The website for Cockshutt & Petton Churches

<https://meresandmeadows.com/>

How do I report it?

- 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 report it on-line at <http://shropshire.gov.uk/report/>

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