

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt Cum Petton residents

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

Firstly, I must announce that Councillor Ian Morris has stepped down from the Parish Council. Ian has given many years' service to the PC and to the community, and we will sorely miss his measured and proactive input on all matters relating to our Parish. On behalf of the PC, I would like to wish Ian the very best for the future.

The Parish Council needs Councillors! There are two vacancies for Cockshutt Ward. And One for Petton Ward, if you are interested in serving your parish please contact myself, our parish clerk, or any councillor for more information.

Everyone will be aware that we have several drainage problems around Cockshutt. After many months of communication with the relevant authority, the flooding at Parklands has finally been resolved, however, there are still areas that require attention and the PC is doing everything possible to have these rectified.

The maintenance of street lighting around Cockshutt is the responsibility of the Parish Council. As and when lights fail, we are replacing the old Sodium units with LED, these units give off better light, use less power, and are therefore more environmentally friendly. If you notice a faulty streetlight, please report it to the Parish Clerk, or any councillor stating the location, and if possible, the post number.

All contact numbers available in this newsletter.

John Cooling

Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Cockshutt Community Speed Watch

The Speedwatch group is up and running and consists of 15 members who have been trained in how to operate the "Laser Meter" and record and report speeding vehicles details. You may have seen Speedwatch teams out operating at various locations around the village.

The aim of Speedwatch 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.

So far we have recorded speeds ranging from 38 mph up to 49 mph all of which would be certain death or very serious injury to any child or pensioner (or anyone else) who happened to get into their path. So if all villagers could try to drive through the village at 30 mph this will certainly help to keep speeds down and make the village a safer place.

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

Loft Longhurst (Speed-Watch Coordinator)

Cockshutt cum Petton Horticultural Show

We are holding our AGM on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Cockshutt Millennium Hall, everyone is invited to come along and help us make the 2020 Show a big success.

We are a small friendly group that enjoys running our annual Show, but we do need more people to help run it. We only have a few meetings a year so apart from the night before and the actual day of the Show, it is not a big commitment to make, but the more of us to do it the easier it is.

Our Show will be on **Sunday, 6th September 2020**. No experience needed just willing helpers, so come along and join us. For more information, contact us.

Cockshutt Parish Paths (P3)

Cockshutt Parish Paths Partnership (P3) group is made up of volunteers from the village who meet on a Wednesday morning and walk to maintain the footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways around Cockshutt and Petton, cutting back vegetation growing around stiles and kissing gates to keep the paths open, visible and accessible.

Recently some footpaths have been officially diverted around Cockshutt and the P3 group has helped Shropshire Council with relocating kissing gates and way marking the new routes.

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. Everybody welcome.

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

Janet Hankey

A Note from your Vicar

I want to say a big 'Thank you' to everybody who helped in whatever way last year with the churchyards at Petton and Cockshutt. Each year there is a 'Diocesan Award Scheme' where people come and look around the churchyards and their surroundings. Members of the congregations are invited to an award ceremony towards the end of the year. In 2019 I'm delighted to say that Petton Church were given a 'Highly Commended' and Cockshutt Church was given a Bronze, along with an Environment Friendly Award. Not many churches achieve that one! This year both congregations want to improve even further and with your continued help and support I'm sure they will. There will be 'Community Tidy Up Days' with refreshments provided. That means YOU are included in the invitation. Watch out for further information on the Church Notice Boards.

Talking of notice boards, people in Cockshutt will soon see a new noticeboard in the grounds of the churchyard near the gate that leads to School and the Post Office. This will be dedicated to the memory of Joan Gardiner who left a legacy to the church in her Will. People who use the path through to Crosemere will then be able to see what's going on or coming up soon.

Christmas will have concluded by the time you read this Newsletter but, again, I want to say a big 'Thank You' to everybody who came to any of the services we offered for the Christmas Season. Both churches were packed on several occasions,

a delight to see. Remember though we are open and active on the days, weeks and months from now until Christmas 2020. Everybody is welcome, take a look at the notice boards for details of service times.

You will also find more details of services in the Benefice Magazine (I also have churches at Welshampton and Lyneal with Colemere). In March we are distributing a magazine to every household within the villages. If you would like to have a magazine each month, please get in touch and I can add you to the list.

With my love and my prayers for each and every one of you,

Reverend Maureen xxx



*Cockshutt CE Primary
School & Nursery*

We are delighted that our local curriculum has been recognised by Historic England. Martin Philips visited school on the 31st January to present the award to the children and recognise the work that Mr. Wedley has done with Y5/6 in getting the war memorial listed. As a school we really believe children should first know about their local environment/community before they can fully appreciate the wider world.



We really enjoy having visitors in school to share with the children, this term we have had another visit from Juliet Shone and her team as they further develop their work to commemorate Eglantine Jebb, who has made a long lasting difference in the world, which has far outshone her lifetime.

I wonder if any of our children could be the next person to make difference which has a global impact. This term our school value is RESPECT and we think that all of the local celebration and discovery really demonstrates this value well.

Mandy Jones

Executive Headteacher
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Cockshutt WI

"It's not all 'jam and Jerusalem'!"

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 and is open to women of all ages from sixteen upwards.

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 2020 programme you can pick one up from the village hall, or else contact us.



Both the Village Hall, its car park, football field and children's play area are leased to and maintained by the Trustees of the Village Hall Charity for recreational purposes and funded solely by fundraising events, donations and fees from people hiring the hall. The Hall Committee welcomes reasonable and legitimate use of the facilities.

The Village Hall Car Park is a private not a public car park and is reserved for parking for the users of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground facilities only and therefore the Village Hall Committee kindly asks residents and others to refrain from parking here routinely when not using the facilities.

A new cooler has been purchased for the bar and will be installed in mid-February.

The Hall Committee is pleased to welcome two new members: Dr. Mike Gareth and Joy Harrison.

The Hall Committee are still in urgent need of people willing to help with the various duties at the hall, as a volunteer, or indeed, to become a member of the committee.

Special events planned for 2020

CADS pantomime:
Friday, 28th February, evening performance
Saturday, 29th February, matinee and evening performance.

Supper and quiz in aid of Petton Church: 7th March.
May ball: Saturday, 2nd May.
Summer fete: 4th July

Millennium Hall Regular Events

Community Lunch Club

Community lunch at 13:00 hrs.
Hot meals by Vermeulen's of Ellesmere
26th February, 25th March, 22nd April, 20th May and 17th June

For menu's and booking contact us

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). Tea/coffee and a teacake or cake for just £1, free refill, extra cake 50p.

Creative Cockshutt

Creative Cockshutt meets the first Monday each month from 14:00 hrs. at Cockshutt Millennium Hall, cost: £2.00 per session

Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat Bowls every Thursday starts at 19.00hrs. 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:

- 15th February,
- 14th March,
- 4th, 11th, 18th April,
- 30th May,
- 13th & 27th June

For further information, contact us.

Millennium Hall Games Night

Millennium Hall Games Night is run on the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month from 19.30 – 22.30hrs, 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.

Contact us or just turn up.

Yoga

Tuesday evenings.

For further details, contact Liz 01939 270653

Folk Night

2nd Monday each month, 19.30 – 22.30 hrs.
Admission free; bar open.

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

Contact details page 4 under useful information

Shropshire Rural Bus Service

We are now 6 months into the 12-month Bus Upgrade Project. We emphasize the importance of the views of local residents and these views will be given a prominent role in our final report. Local residents are the real experts on bus services and the need for connections to schools, colleges, hospitals and other NHS facilities and also to promote tourism.

Please let your Parish Council know if you wish them to nominate one service improvement e.g.

- A new route
- A connection to a train station
- Times that fit in with travel to work or college
- Connections to hospitals
- Cost of bus travel

The next step will be to allocate time to the research to be carried out on costings and finance.

Best wishes and thanks

John Whitelegg

Robert Thompson Shropshire-wide bus upgrade project

Useful Contact Details

PARISH COUNCIL

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Vacancy	

Petton Ward

Vacancy

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Brian Williams 01939 234198

HALL

To Book the Millennium Hall: -

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Cockshutt, Nr.Ellesmere

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www.cockshuttcupetton-pc.gov.uk

Post Office

Don't forget the Post Office is open all day Tuesdays and Wednesdays for all your banking and postal needs until 31st March 2020.

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.

Benefice

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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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