

Our Parish Matters

The newsletter for Cockshutt Cum Petton residents

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Dear Residents.

Welcome to this first edition of Our Parish Matters since the local government elections in May this year. There were 7 vacancies for Cockshutt Ward and 1 for Petton Ward. Six of the existing Cockshutt Councillors stood for re-election whilst John Cooling, the Parish Council's Chair since May 2017 decided to stand down. We were pleased to learn that long term Cockshutt resident Peter Griffiths stood for election and thereby making up the numbers for the Ward. Sadly, nobody from Petton applied, but the Council would welcome an application for co-option to represent that important part of the Parish. As the number of candidates for the Cockshutt Ward matched the number of vacancies an election was therefore not necessary.

I should like to thank John for the leadership and enthusiasm during his 4 years as Chair as well as his 6 years beforehand as a councillor. His calm, yet authoritative style is to be commended and his gentle persuasiveness enabled him to achieve much and resulted in him being able to recruit a completely new set of councillors during his tenure. This takes me onto introducing myself as one John's recruits just over 3 years ago and now finding myself as Chairman for this year at least. With my family I moved to Cockshutt in 1986 and since then the whole family have been involved with Cockshutt life, notably the school, cubs & scouts, the hall, the steering group for the Parish Plan and now the Parish Council. I am a retired Civil Engineer, a tinkerer of old cars and a lifelong DIY exponent. I look forward to serving you all in my new role.

Since May we have been holding our meetings in person at the Millennium Hall in a Covid compliant manner and I and the other Councillors would really like to see you there and hear about your issues and concerns. Each meeting has 10 minute slot at the beginning where members of the public can bring up any issues of concern which we will try to address during that period or afterwards and if appropriate make it an agenda item for the following meeting.

Finally, I can report that the patio paving outside the lounge area of the Millennium Hall (a joint venture between the Hall & the PC) has been completed and is ready for use. I believe that there are plans to surround it with some fencing and planting, which will make it into an even more attractive area.

Ian Webb,

Chair, Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Cockshutt Convenience Shop

The shop has now been open for nearly 3 months and we are very pleased to say that it is proving to be a hit with people in the village. Richard stocks a wide variety of different goods and essential items such as milk, bread, tea, coffee etc. at very competitive prices.

Based in the Millennium Hall opening times are: -

Monday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday	7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Please support him as much as you can. He would be delighted to see you all!



<https://www.facebook.com/CockshuttConvenience/>

Calling All Dog Walkers....

Currently bins for the disposal of dog waste are situated on the recreation area and at the northern end of the village. The Parish Council are minded to install a new dog waste bin at the southern end of the village should dog walkers require it.

Please e-mail clerk@cockshuttumpetton-pc.gov.uk and let us know whether you think this is needed and, if so, where you would like it located? We will do our best to accommodate your suggestions subject to landowner consent and Shropshire Council waste collection team requirements.

Cockshutt Parish Paths (P3)

Over the summer, members of the Cockshutt P3 group have been busy every Wednesday morning walking the rights of way around Cockshutt and Petton and clearing vegetation from around the stiles and kissing gates to ensure that the footpaths are maintained and are accessible. We walk for an hour or two, three to five miles chatting and exercising in the great outdoors.

We have replaced another stile with a kissing gate, which increases accessibility and makes it easier for people walking with dogs. Please keep dogs on leads. Soon there will be several circular walks around the village with gates and no stiles. If you would like me to show you, please contact me.

If you would like to join our friendly group or if you have any questions regarding the rights of way around Cockshutt and Petton please contact Janet

Janet Hankey

A Note from your Vicar

A very warm welcome to all those new residents in Petton and Cockshutt. There seems to have been an influx in recent months. I am your friendly Vicar, if there's anything the two churches can help you with please get in touch with me.

We have our regular Sunday Services once more. Times and dates are on the noticeboards at both churches. We would love to meet you all.

If you want to book a wedding or a baptism/christening, please get in touch with me.

We've had a lot during 2021 with weddings postponed from last year and baptisms of our 'lockdown babies'. It's good to get back to some form of normality although we must still be vigilant - the virus is still with us.

With my love,

Rev'd Maureen xxx



Cockshutt WI fun and cake!

Cockshutt WI meetings take place in the Millennium Hall on the second Wednesday of every month (except August). The WI is open to women of all ages from 16 to 116 and membership, which runs from April to March, is very reasonable. We enjoy a variety of topics and activities, some as illustrated talks, others as hands-on activities. Visitors are always welcome too (£4 for a session) so if you're not sure but want to find out more about us, why not come along to one of our meetings when we resume in September, or you can contact me or Caroline for more details.

Minnie



Cockshutt CE Primary School & Nursery

We are excited to be starting a new school year in Cockshutt CE Primary School and Nursery. Our value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP. There has never been a time when it is more important to be connected with one another. As we move out of 'bubbles' in school we are also beginning to open our doors to our community again. During September our Forest School pre-school sessions will begin, if you have young children not yet at school please come and join us. We hope to begin our community lunch on a monthly basis later in the autumn term, and eventually we will be having fundraising events for our school children, which also provide opportunities for our community to get together. All of our events are advertised on the school website during the year so please do have a look. The website can be viewed on any device, large or small and if you cannot find what you need please telephone and talk to our staff.

On behalf of all our governors, staff and children I would like to say thank you to our community for all your support during these challenging times. In our school, every day is a brand new day, and we hope there will be many opportunities to invite our friends back to school in a safe and comfortable way.

Mandy Jones,
Head Teacher

HALL Cockshutt Millennium Hall

We are very pleased to announce that the Millennium Hall is now open for business again and starting to receive bookings for a wide variety of different uses such as birthday parties, christenings, local groups etc.

Through the lockdown period we have enhanced the hall by adding a large outside patio area which can be accessed from the large lounge area and this now adds greater space and flexibility for your parties and functions. The hall is the ideal venue for your wedding receptions, parties, anniversaries and has a fully licenced and staffed bar to make your event a real success!

bookings@cockshuttvillage.co.uk

Regular Events at the Hall

Come and join us!

Table Tennis: Every Monday morning from 10.00 – 12.00 starting 13th September. Anyone welcome.

Model Railway club. The club meet every Tuesday from 10.00am until 4.00pm and would love to meet anyone with an interest in model railways. Come along and get involved!

Games Night. Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7.30pm. Table Tennis, Cribbage, Bar etc. or just turn up for a social chat.

Folk and Blues night. An evening of acoustic music every 2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm until 11.00pm starting 13th September. Everyone is welcome

Indoor bowls. Every Thursday 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Everyone including beginners more than welcome!

Creative Crafts: First Monday of the month starting 6th September from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Please come along!

Cockshutt Community Coffee, Cake & Chat (5C)
This starts again on Thursday 16th September from 10.00am and then every two weeks after that. Looking for volunteers to help run it and /or to make cakes.

A date for your Diary! Cockshutt Autumn Ball 16th October 2021

Come and enjoy a great evening of food, live music and dancing to The Review. Starting with a welcome drink on arrival followed by canapes and a two course meal it promises to be a great night out!

Tickets are £27.50.

Cockshutt Community Lunches

Community Lunches will be starting in the Autumn with the dates being:

At the Millennium Hall:

8th September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December all starting at 1.00pm.

At the School:

22nd September, 20th October, 17th November and 15th December. All starting at 1.30pm.

The School on 01939 270616.

Friends of Cockshutt Millennium Hall

A new group 'Friends of the Village Hall' has recently been formed with the aim of supporting the hall committee where ever they can.

There are always a variety of different jobs in and around the hall that need to be done to be keep it functioning and anyone who can spare the odd hour or two then we would be very pleased to hear from you.

A Polite Notice to Dog Owners

We are aware that the majority of dog owners in the village are responsible owners and will always clean up after their dogs. However, there is an increase in the amount of dog poo that is being left on the sports field by the village hall.

This is a community space that should be enjoyed by all including the children that like to play on it and the footballers who use it for their home matches. The field has dog bins so that it's easy for owners to dispose of their dog muck so please pick it up and keep this space clean for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you.

Cockshutt Speedwatch

Cockshutt Speedwatch is a group of volunteers approved by the police to monitor and record the speed of traffic through the village and forward the results to the police. The aim is to keep the speed of traffic down to 30 mph in the interest of the safety of all village residents.

Library van

The library van visits Cockshutt regularly, from the 11th August it will be parked near the school once a fortnight, from 14.35 to 15.50 on Wednesdays. ("Black Bin Week")

For more information about libraries <https://shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/> for e-library and how to access ready reads and click & collect service.

Post Office

Don't forget the Post Office is open at the Village Hall from 10:15am until 1:00pm on Tuesdays for all your banking and postal needs.



Useful Contact Details

PARISH COUNCIL

Cockshutt Ward

Julian Bowers	07759 985835
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Joy Harrison	01939 270524
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Petton Ward

Vacancy

Shropshire Councillor

Brian Williams 01939 234198

HALL

Bookings@cockshuttvillage.co.uk

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

Contact Shropshire Council customer services on 0345 678 9000
or email: customer.service@shropshire.gov.uk or
report it on-line at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/report/>

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