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Not back to normal quite yet but I feel we are progressing, there are certainly more cars on the roads, the builders are getting on nicely with the Jeffreys Green development and there will be a Village Show this year, albeit not quite what we are used to, the Community Council is looking at opening the Cinema again and generally we have more freedom to travel around.

The Village Show looks like it may be a hit,, I fully expect the normal rivalry will still be evident and with the introduction of a range of different classes hopefully there will be something for everyone. Of course it wont be the same without tea and cake and a meet up with old friends but it will be safe and it will happen, full details are on pages 8-10 and with Green Links being on line too you will be able to view the entries in colour.

There are further ,memories of WWII days on page 11 when children had to go many miles away from their homes and a thoughtful poem from Ella, page 4, who speaks of the journey to normal, Faye and Tony suffered a nightmare of a journey back to the UK from Spain at the start of lockdown, pages 6/7. Their advice, which we can all follow, Keep Calm, Keep Safe and Carry On!

Janne

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A message to the future about the year of 2020

Thinking the year would be better than 2019,
All excited, planning holidays and parties
We all thought wrong

As quick as a flick,
Thousands die,
In a split second,
Thousands are diagnosed
Hospitals filling up

No one expected this nightmare to emerge,
What started from an illness in China
To turn into a global pandemic

Suddenly the world turned into a ghost town
Roads empty, shops and parks all closed
Everyone feeling imprisoned

Most feel immensely intimidated
Some feel dead inside
A few don't care at all

The people who lost loved ones
The children can't go to school
The NHS helping us all

We all hope scientists find a vaccine soon
Hopefully we can all live in peace
Hope we can get back to normal

4 months the UK has been in lockdown
Social distancing has been reduced
Lockdown has been lifted
The journey to normal has begun

You'd be lucky to survive 2020
All traumatised, cancelling holidays and parties
Wishing 2021 will be better

EG age 12



SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Norman Gregory (98, WW2 Bomber command, Legion d'Honneur) and Norman Kelly (a mere 70, retired Tea Planter) are participating once again in the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) Bike Ride to raise funds for the charity which provides invaluable support to maintain our beautiful Suffolk Churches. 50% of the money raised goes to maintaining St Peters Church Cockfield.

Both Normans have sponsorship forms and a fundraising site

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thecockfieldnormans>

Getting Home From Spain

In January 2020 we decided to escape the English winter and head off to Spain in our caravan for a few weeks with hopefully plenty of nice weather.

Our route was Portsmouth to Santander via Brittany Ferries which was routine as we had done this before.

Once in Spain we headed in a southerly direction as we wanted to go to the Cadiz area where we had never visited before.

One overnight stop en route and we arrived at our campsite and were directed to the pitch which was to ours for the month that we had organised.

Our first impressions of this site were that it was not what we had previously been used to in Spain on the Costa Blanca. This was not helped by the fact that on booking into reception we were asked to pay for our stay with cash which was unexpected and very unusual. We had sufficient cash with us but as we had budgeted for our three month stay expecting to be able to use our cards it put us on alert to not having to visit a bank to obtain further cash which is normally an expensive visit.

Anyway we made the best of our visit here with trips to Cadiz and Jerez both of which are lovely cities especially Cadiz which we were very taken with. It was in Cadiz that we found the city tour on a red double decker bus. Well worth the trip as we got to see all the interesting sites.

We left the Cadiz site at the end of our time and said goodbye to some friends who we knew from previous visits to Spain. As we were heading to the East coast of Spain, (Costa Blanca) to a campsite we had visited many times and enjoyed it immensely. We were also due to meet up with friends there who also enjoyed this site.

We had one overnight stay en route at another site we had visited situated in the Sierra Nevada mountains, again this visit was a lovely experience .

To shorten this tale all we can say is that we were enjoying our visit on our favourite site with our friends until we heard on the news of a problem in China with a serious virus there causing many deaths. This obviously concerned most people but thinking that is in China not Europe. (WRONG)

It was towards the end of our stay in Spain that things got serious as the virus was now affecting Madrid. Still a long way from where we were which caused some disquiet among the campers.

Things became serious for us at the beginning of March when the campsite imposed restrictions on visiting the supermarket and bars.

The Spanish Police then put restrictions of travel. We were only aloud off the site to visit a food shop, a pharmacy, or doctor. With very heavy penalties if you broke the rules.

Things got very serious around the week commencing 16th March when the campsite started asking people to leave very forcefully which was being backed up by the police.

We eventually had to leave on Saturday 21st March after discovering that our booked ferry from Bilbao had been cancelled which meant that our only option was to drive north out of Spain into France and head for the English Channel ports. To access France we had to obtain written authority to produce if we were stopped by their border officers or the police.

Our journey took three days of driving with overnight stops in lay-bys and service areas as no campsites were open.

We were very lucky to be accompanied by two other couples in a similar position to us and they followed behind us.

We were also fortunate to get a booking on the Euro Tunnel on Monday 23rd March at 6pm but on arrival there we were put on the next train at around 1pm and arrived in England about forty minutes later.

Out onto the M20 where we were very surprised to see that traffic was about as normal as a normal day. Bearing in mind that we had travelled hundreds of miles in Spain and France and only saw the occasional car, and some trucks. Obviously Spain and France were taking this virus very seriously.

We arrived back in Cockfield during the evening of 24th March, what a relief!!

Since the problem of getting home had occurred we had been in touch with BBC Radio Suffolk who were interested in our story and so they contacted us everyday during our journey home wanting information about our progress and what the situation was like in the countries we were travelling in.

Obviously we are now in Lockdown like everyone else but hey we are Brits so KEEP CALM, KEEP SAFE and CARRY ON.

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Cockfield Community Council
**The Cockfield Produce,
Flower and Craft Show
2020**



The Post Lockdown Special

Entry this year is by Photograph Only - please send your photos to janne@twerbs.co.uk stating your name and which class/s you are entering. All entries will be acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt, if no acknowledgement has been received please phone Janne on 01284 828264 - all entries will be anonymous for judging purposes therefore please do not include people in your pictures

Please read the full set of rules at the end of the schedule

Category Craft - Classes

1. A hand knitted or crocheted item completed during Lockdown - submit 1 photo only
2. A hand sewn item completed during Lockdown - submit 1 photo only
3. A machine sewn item completed during Lockdown - submit 1 photo only
4. A handcrafted item that does not fall under the category of the above three classes completed during Lockdown - submit 1 photo only
5. Lockdown Special - a larger project of any description completed during lockdown - submit up to 3 photos to show the project from different angles

Category Garden Flowers - Classes

6. Three blooms of one colour in a vase - with an appropriate choice of two types of foliage - submit 1 photo only
7. Single flower in a vase - Dahlia - submit 1 photo only
8. Single flower of any variety in a vase - submit 1 photo only
9. A vase of garden flowers - submit up to 2 photos showing the exhibit from two different angles

Category Garden - Classes

10. A Bush or Shrub in flower - submit 1 photo only
11. Garden View 1 - a photograph of your garden - submit 1 photo only

- 12 Garden View 2 - a special area of your garden - please name the area ie quiet corner - submit 1 photo only
- 13. Neatest Hedge - submit 1 photo only
- 14. A Bird in your Garden - domestic - submit 1 photo only
- 15. A Bird in your Garden - wild - submit 1 photo only
- 16. A Wild Mammal visiting your Garden - submit 1 photo only
- 17. A Butterfly visiting your Garden - submit 1 photo only
- 18. Your gardens Wildlife Corner - submit 1 photo only
- 19. Biggest Thistle - please photograph against a tape measure to show height - submit 1 photo only

Category Fruit - Classes

- 20. Three Eating Apples any variety - submit 1 photo only
- 21. Three Cooking Apples any variety - submit 1 photo only
- 22. Six Plums any variety - submit 1 photo only
- 23. Three Pears any variety - submit 1 photo only

Category Vegetables - Classes

- 24. Three Carrots any variety - washed with tops cut off to 1"-2" - submit 1 photo only
- 25. Three Leeks any variety - washed with roots on - submit 1 photo only
- 26. Three Beetroot any variety - washed with leaves on - submit 1 photo only
- 27. Three Onions grown from sets any variety - leaves on or off - submit 1 photo only
- 28. Three Potatoes white any variety - washed - submit 1 photo only
- 29. Three Potatoes other than white - washed - submit 1 photo only
- 30. Four Tomatoes any variety - with calyx attached - submit 1 photo only
- 31. Six Runner Beans any variety - with small bit of stalk attached - submit 1 photo only
- 32. Gardeners Choice, a basket containing potatoes and three other vegetables sufficient to feed two people for one meal only - submit 1 photo only
- 33. Heaviest Onion any variety - washed with leaves on or off - please take photo on a set of scales showing the weight - submit 1 photo only
- 34. Longest Runner Bean any variety - with small portion of stalk attached - please take the photo with the bean alongside a rule - submit 1 photo only
- 35. Novelty Vegetable - judged on its comic effect only - submit 1 photo only
- 36. Three of one kind of vegetable not mentioned above - submit 1 photo only
- 37. Bunch of mixed Culinary Herbs tied in a bunch - submit 1 photo only

Open Class

39. A Silly Hat - on the theme of Lockdown - submit up to 3 photos showing the hat from more than one angle. Please give your age as judging will be in age bands.

Category Under 7's - Classes

40. A photograph of anything - taken by the entrant - submit 1 photo only

41. A Hand Made Something - edible or not - submit up to 3 photos showing the item from more than one angle

42. An Art Project item constructed from recycled materials - submit up to 3 photos showing the item from more than one angle

Category 7-16 years - Classes

43. A photograph of anything - taken by the entrant - submit 1 photo only

44. A Hand Made Something - edible or not - submit up to 3 photos showing the item from more than one angle

45. An Art Project item constructed from recycled materials - submit up to 3 photos showing the item from more than one angle

Rules:

There is no charge to enter any class.

Virtual Rosettes will be the only prizes awarded.

All classes are open to residents of Cockfield (Postal Area) and for the Children's Classes grandchildren of Cockfield residents can enter too.

All entries must be made/grown/taken by the entrant. Only one entry per person per class is allowed.

The closing date for submission of photos is Sunday 27th September 2020.

Details of winning entries will be published in the November Edition of Green Links and on the website.

By entering you confirm you are happy for your name to be printed in Green Links and published on the village website. (www.cockfield.org.uk). Minors (under 18 years) initials only will be published in Green Links and on the website.

Entry is by Photograph Only - please send to janne@twerbs.co.uk stating your name and which class/s you are entering and if applicable your age.

All entries will be acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt, if no acknowledgement has been received please phone Janne on 01284 828264.

Photos can be submitted at any time up to midnight on 27.09.2020

All entries will be anonymous for judging purposes therefore please do not include people in your pictures

Cockfield Community Council reserves the right to alter/add/remove any classes at any time. The Judges decision is final in all cases.

VE Day Recollections

My very clear memory of VE Day was that the whole school went on a picnic - it was a lovely day, warm and sunny and there was a stream in the meadow and some of us paddled! We must have still been out in the fields as I have absolutely no recollection of Churchill's speech on the radio which was supposed to have happened at 3 in the afternoon - although I do clearly remember being called in from the garden to hear Chamberlain announce that we were now at war with Germany five years previously.

When I say 'the whole school' I should say that there were only about a dozen of us aged from about 4 to 11, including two small boys. My father had been posted to command RAF North Coates in January 1944 which was right out on the Humber estuary in Lincolnshire and, as it was still being used for active service, none of the aircrew were allowed to have their families there so there was no school and it was at least 12 miles from the nearest town which was Grimsby and with no petrol either I had to be sent to boarding school. So, with about 3 weeks to arrange it my parents got me into a little PNEU* school in Rutland, where a friend's child already was. The school had been evacuated from Bexhill to Langham, just outside Oakham, where they had been 'lent' a large house for the duration, and it was run by two old (to me at the time) ladies. The only other grown-up was an RAF wife who did all the cooking and her two children were amongst the pupils: I always rather envied them for having their mother there but Timmy was only about 4! We children did all the housework, ran errands in the village, and helped cultivate an allotment - as well as being reasonably well educated! Very good on the arts but not so much on the scientific side and, at one point, when my father did a long overseas trip, his letters were used for geography lessons (and I never got them back which always rankled!). One of the things I remember more vividly perhaps than VE Day was that, the previous year we had all walked or bicycled to a nearby field where they must have been practising for the Arnhem landings. We saw all these aeroplanes dropping parachutes with soldiers landing and the King came up to see them too, which was all very exciting.

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Cockfield United Football Club

Hello to you all from Cockfield United Football Club and we all hope that you are managing to stay safe and well in these turbulent times. Welcome to the first of what we hope will be a monthly update of the events within the club.

As this is our first report we would like to give a brief history of the Football Club for newer members of the village or for those who were maybe not aware. Cockfield has been represented by a football team since pre World War 2, according to local historians the site for the home ground had been moved around the village, with one site being on 'Clarence's' meadow at the junction of Howe Lane and Colchester Green Lane, before settling on Great Green. For many years we were members of Bury and District Football League until 1999 when we took a step up into the Suffolk and Ipswich League. This move was a good one and rapid progression saw us move through the leagues, even enjoying a brief stint in the Senior Division. During this time we were also successful in the Suffolk Cups coming out as Suffolk Junior Cup Winners in the 2002/03 season and making it to the Semi Final of the Senior Cup in 04/05. We have also had two stints of being represented by a Sunday side in the Bury and District League, again both stints were very fruitful in terms of silverware including the Suffolk Sunday Trophy in 2011/12. We have also recently started a Veterans side in the Norfolk and Suffolk League with many familiar local faces coming back to play for the club.



Cockfield United League Winners 1948

Back into the present and the 2019/20 season, a season that has been dominated more by events off the pitch than on it. For us the season started very positively with the news that we had been awarded Charter Standard Status by the FA (this is an accreditation to show a good standard of club administration and standards).

On the pitch the First Team in Division 2 were having a solid season sitting in 7th place, but with several games in hand on those ahead of them before the season was curtailed. The Reserves had been promoted into Intermediate A, the highest reserve league at this level, and ultimately found it a struggle to adapt to the higher level of football, although by the time season was curtailed we were starting to pick up results. The Veterans, although not playing many games, had a good season and had made it to two cup semi finals when the season was halted.

Looking forward to next season we will be running four teams for the First time in our history when the Sunday side restart, so if there is anyone interested in joining the club, in either a playing or other capacity please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach us either through social media Twitter - @CockfieldU or Facebook – Cockfield Fc, or by contacting the club Secretary via football@cockfield.org.uk

Next month we hope to bring you some news on when next season will be able to start as well as the results of the Player of the Year awards.

Stay Safe

JB



Cockfield W.I.



I'm sorry to say that I don't have much to report this month. WI members continue to keep busy pottering in the garden and enjoying being able to meet with family and friends again with recent changes to social distancing. Many have not seen grandchildren since Christmas and are really looking forward to a hug. The committee have been trying to meet up but the weather has prevented us each time. I hope to have news of how we can restart meetings following guidelines from NFWI soon.

I hope you're all prepared for the new restrictions on having to wear masks. My sewing machine has been busy and I did manage to get some comfy elastic! Be careful if you do venture out but most of our members are quite happy to stay at home and continue with deliveries.

Suzanne has given me this years raffle books from NFWI. If you would like the chance of winning £10,000 cash, a Cruise to Croatia, a Magimix 3200XL Food Processor or Tickets to a Show please let me know and I can fill in your information on the ticket, which are priced at £1.00 each.

Best wishes from Brenda C and the committee.



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Cockfield Parish Council

Notes



Summary report of the Ordinary
Parish Council meeting held on 25th June 2020

The Parish Council held another successful online virtual meeting via Skype

Outstanding Actions were noted from previous meetings:

Pavilion Agreement: Cllr Webster, to draft a letter for Cllr Southgate to sign on behalf of the Parish Council, acknowledging the Football Club's letter.

Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Brinkley to investigate the feasibility and cost of re-siting the Parish Council owned telephone kiosk from outside the Post Office to the corner of the Great Green.

Parking at Great Green: Cllr Brinkley confirmed he had sourced 3.5 telegraph poles to create a physical boundary around the three-car parking bay at the corner of Great Green.

Mackenzie Place Bus Shelter: quotations to be sought from a local contractor to refurbish the Bus Shelter.

New Adventure Playground: Action Play & Leisure to be contacted to establish their work status following lockdown in order to progress the project.

Refurbishment of Bandstand: Refurbishment of the bandstand has been completed. **Action Closed**

Gate at Earls Meadow: Cllr Williams has raised safety concerns with John Warne over the condition of sleeper bridge. John Warne confirmed that there was no Public Right of Way over the bridge or across his land, however he was happy to allow continued public access, but won't repair the bridge as it is a SCC asset. The Clerk to draft Safety Warning Notices to be placed either side of the bridge.

Hedge Trimming in Howe Lane adjacent to ex-Railway Bridge & Pavilion Flag Pole:

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to Phillip Bowcher (David Hodge Farms) for his assistance in trimming the hedge and fixing the flagpole. **Action Complete.**

Public Participation Session: County Cllr Lindsay circulated his report prior to the meeting, but highlighted the Suffolk County Council cycling initiative to prioritise a list of costed cycle routes around the County and for Highways to engage with District Councils to develop a 5-year rolling plan for cycling.

Cllr Morley highlighted the need for SCC to cut the verges on all the designated cycling routes throughout the village to reduce the safety risk to cyclists. SC Cllr Lindsay agreed to pursue this issue with Highways on behalf of the Parish Council.



District Cllr Maybury circulated her report prior to the meeting, but highlighted the restrictions imposed by BMSDC on bonfires.

Cllr Maybury offered to provide details of these restrictions to Cllr Cutting-Keyton to publish in Green Links and on the village website.

District Cllr Arthey advised that BMSDC had paid out 90% of the available funding for Business Support Grants, but majority of the Discretionary Grants funding is still available to applicants. Leisure centres should open at approximately 30% capacity from July.

CCTV coverage was being upgraded in Hadleigh and Sudbury and parking restrictions had been put in place to support social distancing.

Risk Register: The updated / amended risk register was adopted.

Planning Applications Received:

APP/D3505/W/20/3247251: Planning Appeal Reference AP/20/00028 – Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) – Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling: 2 Abbey Cottages, Bury Road, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LB. Appeal Start Date 18/06/20.

The Parish Council is not able to support the Appeal. (Full details of the Parish Council's response can be viewed on the Babergh Planning website).

Planning Applications Decisions Received:

DC/20/01379: Planning Application – Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/00474. Land at Bury Road, Cross Green, Cockfield, Suffolk. **Decision: Conditions Determined**

DC/20/01016: Planning Application – Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/17/05332.- Land To The North West Of, Mackenzie Place, Cockfield, Suffolk. **Decision: Conditions Determined**

DC/20/01177: Planning Application – Erection of Grain Store and extension to existing access. Colchester Green Farm, Colchester Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0HG. Decision: **Planning Permission has been Granted.**

DC/20/01217: Outline Planning Permission for 4 No. Detached Dwellings & revised car parking for the Three Horseshoes - Three Horseshoes, Stows Hill, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0JB. **Decision: Outline Planning Permission has been Refused**

DC/20/01352: Outline Planning Permission for 2 No. detached Dwellings & associated garages - Land North Of, Howe Lane, Cockfield, Suffolk. **Decision: Outline Planning Permission has been Refused.**

Finance: It was agreed to accept the quotation to manufacture a new Oak, Glazed, Lockable Notice Board and support posts to replace the old notice board in the existing location at the Great Green. It was agreed that a Cordless Sander be purchased for use on Parish Council Assets.



Pavilion Update: Investigative and monitoring visits by 3no contractor have continued in order to inform the remediation works.

Future Meeting Structure: It was agreed to implement a revised meeting Agenda structure.

Maintenance Calendar: the 5-Year Maintenance Calendar was adopted and to be reviewed every 4 months and updated annually.

Local Housing Needs: District Cllr Arthey explained the respective benefits of a Housing Survey and an adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

Following much discussion on a possible survey format Cllrs agreed to form a working group headed by Cllr Southgate, Cllrs Cutting-Keyton, Morley and Turner volunteered to join the group.

District Cllr Arthey recommended that the Parish Council should consult Paul Bryant (BMSDC Neighbourhood Plan representative) for advice on timescales, stages, costs and help that would be available to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Although Cllrs decided not to pursue the development of a Neighbourhood Plan at this point in time.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: Councillors agreed to attempt to seek interest from the village and fill the existing vacancy on the council. Advertisements would feature in Green Links and the website.

Earl's Meadow: Cllr Williams expressed his thanks to the extensive efforts of volunteers to refurbish benches in Earls Meadow, Bruffs Line and Jeffreys Green although 3no further tins of preservative were required to complete the picnic tables and benches in Earls Meadow.

Cemetery: Cllr Turner requested that an advert be placed in Green Links for Working Party volunteers to undertake work on the unattended graves in the Cemetery as these need tidying up.

Parish Paths: Cllr Webster confirmed that he had reported damage to the bridge near the 'Stone', to SCC. Cllr Brinkley confirmed that he had spoken to Phillip Bowcher, who had agreed to cut the verges along the footpaths in Howe Lane between the War Memorial and Maltravers (next to the Post Office) and between Dorling Cottage and Clovell

Police: Cllr Cutting-Keyton advised that the police were operating speed checks in the area.

Play Equipment: The Parish Council concluded that at this time we are not able to reopen the Children's playground because of Covid-19 restrictions and guidance.

The Parish Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Steve Ball by email at parish.council@cockfield.org.uk or 01284 8258987



Next Meeting - The next Ordinary Meetings of the Council will be held on Thursday 30th July 2020 at 7.30pm there is no scheduled meeting in August

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

In line with Government advice, the Parish Council are no longer holding physical Ordinary or Extraordinary Parish Council meetings, in public at the Village Hall. The Parish Council meetings at the Village Hall scheduled for the 30th July have therefore been cancelled and will instead be held via Skype Video Conferencing. Details of how to Access the meetings can be found on the Village web site. A decision relating to Parish Council Meetings beyond 30 July, will be taken nearer the time.

Cockfield Parish Council Vacancy for one councillor

The Parish Council as seeking to co-opt an additional member to the Councillor. This is subsequent to the position not being fulfilled through the electoral process. Previous efforts in filling this position have unfortunately be unsuccessful and we are again reaching out to the village.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

Parish Councillors are elected representatives who volunteer their time freely to work on behalf of local residents. Individuals may also be co-opted at the discretion of the council if there is a vacancy. By becoming a parish councillor you can become a voice for your community, somebody who residents will look to for help, guidance and support. You will be involved in local decision making and strategic planning for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

What are the roles and responsibilities involved?

A Cockfield Parish Councillor is one of 9 individuals, supported by the Parish Clerk, who are elected to represent the voice of residents within the village. This will involve engaging with local residents to ensure that their views are heard, understood and addressed.

As part of the Parish Council you will have responsibility for managing local services and amenities such as the play areas, Greens, amenity land, bus shelters, cemetery and other Parish assets.

As part of the Parish Council you will help to make decisions regarding the finances involved in delivering local services. You will be involved in working to protect and improve the built and natural environment of Cockfield. This may involve contributing to long term policy development or being part of the team that assesses and comments on local planning applications. Working where needed on short term local projects.

Liaising and working in partnership with other organisations, agencies or neighbouring parish councils where necessary.

What skills will I need to be a Parish Councillor?

A Council Committee benefits from diversity and we welcome interest from people of different ages, backgrounds, experiences and, abilities both practical and administrative. Good communication skills, problem solving, analytical thinking and being a team player are all advantageous attributes.

How much time does being a councillor take?

As with anything, what you get out of being a Parish Councillor will depend on what you are able to put in. How much time you are able to commit is largely down to the individual and what level of involvement you are hoping for. As a minimum, you would be expected to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings held one evening per month. In addition, you will need to be free to attend the meetings of any working groups for example Greens Management, Planning consultation, CIL Projects

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Once elected, Parish Councillors can sit on the Parish Council for a maximum of 4 years. If after that time, you wish to stay in post then you will need to stand for re-election.

If you are interested?

The best way to discover if being a Cockfield Parish Councillor is right for you, is to come along to one of our meetings (Currently via Skype), meet the team and see us in action. Alternatively in the first instance feel free to contact the Parish Clerk and have an initial discussion.

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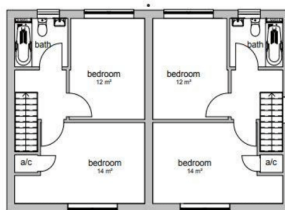
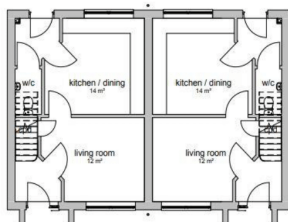
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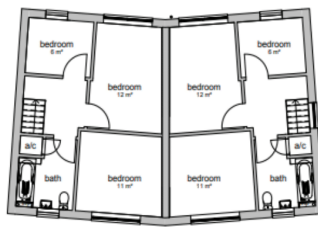
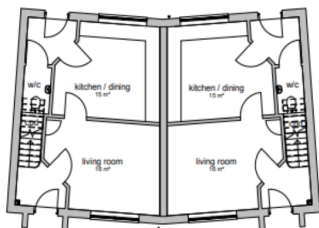
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The school has also asked me to point out that the Blue Bins in the Village Hall car park are not for general use and should not be used for the collection of cardboard for the village.

Any cardboard should be placed into your domestic blue bin.

Newspapers can be placed in the recycling bin at the Village Hall as can glass, aluminium cans and clothing, all of which benefit different village organisation's.

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Children's Page

Summer is Here!

I know many of us have to stay at home this summer but we can still have a good time, I remember building a tent in the garden but I never got to sleep out in it all night and I used to find interesting stones and paint faces on them and look at the clouds to see what pictures I could find in them.

The Cockfield Show has children's classes, details are on page 10, you have to send in a photograph of something you have made, or grown or seen. There is also a class for something made from recycled materials, that should be interesting to have a go at.

Here are some ideas to get you going



Have Fun!





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Term Dates September 2020- 2021

PD Days

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021*
Monday 7th June 2021*

Autumn Term

Children return – Thursday 3rd September 2020
Last Day – Thursday 22nd October
Half term w/c 26th October
Children return – Monday 2nd November
Last Day – 18th December 2020



Gardening Tips for August 2020

Flowers and Herbs

- I find that if you add a layer of horticultural grit or fine gravel to tubs and pots that this not only helps to retain moisture but also reduces weeds.
- Keep on top of deadheading to prolong perennial flowering season.
- Hardy Perennial geraniums such as 'Johnson's Blue' have finished blooming now, so cut them right to the ground and water to encourage them to put up a second flush of foliage as soon as possible.
- Once it has finished flowering trim back your lavender (avoid cutting into old wood) this will keep the plant in good shape.
- Stake/support late-flowering perennials such as Asters, Echinacea and Rudbeckias.
- Cut back both bronze and green-leaved fennel. If left it will self-seed and soon take over.
- Sweet peas - If you don't want the house full of pollen beetle then place your vase of freshly picked Sweet Peas in a dark place for a few hours before bringing inside.
- Collect ripe seed heads on a dry day from plants such as Opium Poppies (grey leaved) and other flowers such as Aquilegia and Nigella (Love-in-the-mist) I am currently drying out my Opium poppy heads in my greenhouse. Once completely dried extract the seed by placing in a paper bag and shaking. Then decant the seed into paper envelopes and label accordingly.
- Plant autumn bulbs such as Colchicums and Nerines. Plant up pots of Paper White narcissus bulbs for a lovely indoor display at Christmas.
- Cut back herbs now to encourage a flush of new leaves before the frosts arrive.



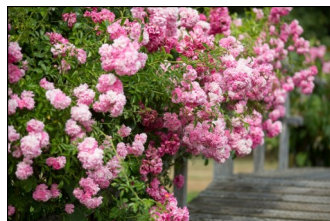
Fruit and Vegetables

- Plant out your leeks and brassicas if you haven't already. You can also sow spinach and Chard in the first 2 weeks of August.
- Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables such as aubergine, cucumbers, 2nd earlies, & main crop potatoes.
- Continue to feed tomato plants with tomato fertiliser. Remove lower leaves to increase air flow. Pinch out the top of tomato plants to concentrate the growth back into the fruit that has already formed.
- Water tomatoes frequently, morning and evening to prevent blossom end rot. This appears as brown or black spot on the fruit and grows in size and gradually becomes sunken and flat.
- Support plum trees. Make sure that particularly heavy-cropping varieties, such as 'Victoria', are firmly tied in to stakes. Support heavy branches with cleft sticks – when heavy with fruit, branches can snap.
- Check early apple varieties such as 'Discovery' and 'Katy'. Lift the fruit gently and if it comes off in your hand, these are ready to eat.
- Tidy up strawberry plants and remove any old straw from around the plants to increase air flow. This will help reduce the risk of pests and diseases.
- Summer fruiting raspberries – Cut back the fruited canes leaving the new green canes for next year's crop. Don't forget to tie in to supports.



Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

- Prune rambling roses by removing one third of the stems which have flowered and then tie the remaining stems in to their supports.
- Remove suckers from roses and also from around the base of trees.
- Cut laurel hedges with secateurs rather than a hedge trimmer to avoid torn leaves which will turn brown and unsightly.
- Water camellias and rhododendrons thoroughly with rainwater this month to make sure next year's buds flower well.



Lawns

- Tackle stubborn lawn weeds by digging them out or using a proprietary lawn weedkiller.
- Keep an eye on newly turfed lawns and ensure you water regularly during dry periods.
- Lawn growth tends to slow down in late summer so it's a good idea to raise the cutting height on your lawn mower



General Maintenance and Planning

- Before they can get established clear weeds from paving, gravel paths and driveways by hand or by applying a proprietary weedkiller. Alternatively, use boiling water on paved areas and the weeds should wilt and die away within a few days.
- Give hedges a final trim before growth slows.
- In the greenhouse tidy up any dead leaves and flowers to reduce pests and diseases.
- If you're going away ask a neighbour or willing family member to pick your flowers, salad and veg to prevent everything running to seed in your absence.
- Take a note of how your borders are looking. I take photos of my garden every month so that I can refer back. This helps to check whether there are any gaps or congested areas? Also you can tell whether your plants are thriving in their current positions? Make a note of any proposed changes /additions to be actioned this autumn or next spring.

Happy Gardening relax and enjoy all your hard work
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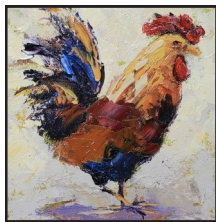
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Cockfield Community Council News

August 2020

The Community Council Trustees met in mid July and discussed the latest Government Guidelines for events. Given the requirements of social distancing it was concluded that Community Council events such as dances are not practical in the near future. This is disappointing for us all but there really is no feasible way events can be arranged.

However we did come to broad conclusions on three possibilities.

Firstly whilst there can be no Craft and Produce Show in early September we are looking to organise an Online Photograph competition in the early Autumn. Information is in the August edition of Green Links and we hope you will join in this fun competition.

Secondly, we are in principle keen to commence the monthly cinemas again, albeit with limited capacity. We will be working through the practical considerations with the Village Hall Management Committee and hope to recommence the cinema in September. Again, please watch out for information in Green Links.

Finally, as an outside event (weather permitting) we will be once again be looking to work with others in the Village to organise Carols on the Green in December.

In the meantime the Community Council Trustees hope that we can all enjoy warm and sunny weather in the remaining summer. Hopefully we can meet up with others again in the Autumn.


Report Ian Levett

Computer Corner

Update to Windows 10 May 2020 Update

A couple of months ago I wrote about the forthcoming major update to Windows, the May 2020 update, the first of 2 major Windows releases each year. That update has started its rollout and this is still going on.

To prepare for the update, first check that you are currently on the latest version of Windows.

	<p>Click on the Start button at the bottom left of the screen, then click Settings – the cog wheel icon.</p> <p>On the resulting screen click the first item: System.</p> <p>In the left sidebar, scroll down and click the final setting, Info.</p> <p>In the right-hand pane, scroll down to the section Windows Specifications.</p> <p>The version number should be 1909:</p> <p>Windows specifications</p> <table data-bbox="348 963 759 1129"><tr><td>Edition</td><td>Windows 10 Home</td></tr><tr><td>Version</td><td>1909</td></tr><tr><td>Installed on</td><td>04/07/2019</td></tr><tr><td>OS build</td><td>18363.815</td></tr></table>	Edition	Windows 10 Home	Version	1909	Installed on	04/07/2019	OS build	18363.815
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If the Windows version is less than 1909 check the Updates & Security setting to see if an optional update is available. Close the System window, then go back to Start and Settings, then click the last item, Update & Security.

In the screenshot below, although the headline shows the system is up to date, further down it shows that the Optional feature update, 1909, is available. Click the 'download and install now' link to update the system then follow the instructions.

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Find a setting

Update & Security

Windows Update

 Delivery Optimization

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Windows Update

You're up to date
 Last checked: Today, 1:47 PM

Check for updates

Optional updates available

- Feature update to Windows 10, version 1909

Download and install now

Pause updates for 7 days
 Visit Advanced options to change the pause period

You can now check for and install the May 2020 update. If it is available for installation as described above, once you have completed the update the Windows version check should show Version 2004.

Last time I said that the release will include a change to the menu system. In fact that is not the case and it's now being predicted to be included with the May 2021 update. This current update includes no game changing features. Perhaps most useful will be the ability to carry a full system recovery of Windows from the cloud.

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Dear Friends,

It has been lovely to be back in Church worshipping with others since the beginning of July, and we started with a lovely service of Morning Prayer on 5th July at which our Archdeacon preached. His was a message of both challenge and hope. Challenging us to be a prophetic voice in the midst of the all that is going on in our society, asking us to think about what it means to be a Christian in the midst of so much that is difficult today. Not only do we have the Coronavirus to fear, but the ramifications of all that has been put in place (quite rightly) to combat the spread of the disease. We are now facing a severe recession, and this is bound to affect many of us.

Sometimes I am asked by people what difference being a Christian makes to people. After all, we have many people in our society who are kind to others, who follow the law of the land and try to live their lives thinking about others. My answer to that is that as Christians we try to do all those things - but we do them within a relationship with the God who created the world and all that is within it. And that God gives us hope and encouragement in an increasingly secular society that has seen the breakdown of relationships and communities. That society is also under great strain, as social and health care is being stretched to the limit.

There is also great pressure on us all to develop our sense of ourselves as 'individuals'. We are encouraged to develop ourselves, be that physically, emotionally or economically. We are bombarded by adverts which push us to invest in all sorts of products which promise us health, wealth and well-being and being made 'acceptable' to others in society.

The Christian Faith releases us from all this. For those of us who meet together, week by week, to share worship and fellowship, it doesn't matter an iota who we are, what our background is, what we wear or what we own or earn. We are all the same in the sight of God.

We are, of course, all human, and we often fail to be as loving to each other as we could be, but we know that God forgives us, God always forgives us. We can start afresh every week once we have said sorry to God and to each other.

The Church is not just a building. The Church is the people that join together in a community that worships, learns and has fun together. All are welcome to come along, no qualifications necessary!

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Services in the Cockfield Benefice - August 2020
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9th August - Trinity 9	10am Morning Prayer
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23rd August - Trinity 11	10am Worshipping Together
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So we really want as many people as possible to subscribe to receive our broadcasts. Of course not all emails will be of interest to every subscriber. But since the introduction of the new system we have issued 135 broadcasts - an average of around 5 per month - so it is not a significant addition to the number of emails you already receive.

To subscribe, please visit our website at www.cockfield.org.uk and follow the link in the footer of any webpage. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at neilka@btinternet.com.

Neil Ashton

Lavenham Library

Welcome back!

Lavenham Library re-opened as planned on Thursday 9th July and we have enjoyed welcoming many of you back already! Our service has been a little different as you'd expect but, by the time you read this, we should have our reservation system up and running again, meaning you will be able to order books in from other Suffolk Libraries as usual. Thank you for bearing with us while we have been limited to the stock on site.

If you have not been to the library since reopening, it may be useful to know that we have taken a number of steps to keep you safe. The library layout has been changed to accommodate social distancing and we are ensuring that we keep contact to an absolute minimum; please do read the notices and listen to staff instructions when you visit as we all need a little reminder when there are changes to our normal way of doing things. Books are being quarantined for 72 hours when returned and we are cleaning the library and self-service scanner throughout the day. We are closing an hour earlier each day to allow for a final daily clean and for sorting book returns for quarantine. We will not be opening on Mondays for the time being in order to focus on our other opening days. You can find the temporary opening hours below.

Groups will not be meeting in the library until government advice changes but we continue to offer our regular **Tot Rock** sessions on Facebook from 2.15pm every Thursday, **Lego Club** and **Family Crafts** on the weekend.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is now live! This year's challenge is a little different but the Reading Agency has been working very hard to make an exciting online version. There are lots of activities, games, and badges to unlock on the Summer Reading Challenge website to get your children reading this summer. We've got lots of new fiction books, picture books and books crammed full of facts so why don't you get in touch and see what we have for you? For more information on the reading challenge and to sign up, please visit:

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Temporary Opening Hours

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United Charities of Cockfield

As the country starts to come out of the Coronavirus lockdown, the full extent of the quarantine measures that we have had to follow is becoming known. Whilst many people and businesses have been supported to varying extents by Government initiatives including furlough payments, many companies are having to reassess their employee needs due to lower turnovers resulting in people being made unemployed or having to accept shorter hours or lower incomes.

Whilst there are rules that the trustees of The United Charities of Cockfield must follow, and although we have limited resources, the Charities are able to assist those in need who live in Cockfield who are unemployed. We can also help with some aspects of education as well as providing grants for some medical matters, food, clothing, fuel and other areas.

We have been able to help some residents during this period. However, it is probable that there are others in the village who would qualify for some support but who, for various reasons, are unaware of this source of assistance. If anybody reading this article is aware of a villager in need, or is in need themselves, would they please contact Tony Box on charities@cockfield.org.uk Each request will be treated in strict confidence and dealt with on its merits in accordance with the deeds of The Charities.

Tony Box

Chairman, United Charities of Cockfield



Domestic bonfires

Given the current situation with many people in 'lockdown' in their homes due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we would not recommend having a bonfire as it is likely to cause more of an annoyance than usual, or breathing difficulties for neighbours who may be suffering with respiratory issues related to the illness. We would advise you to compost waste wherever possible, or to store it on your property ready for when the waste collection and recycling facilities are able to resume normal operation.

If you must have a bonfire we would ask you to be considerate of others at this time and would suggest that you inform your neighbours of when you intend to burn – post a note through their letterbox if necessary. This will enable them to make the necessary arrangements to protect themselves, for example, closing windows and removing washing from outside. By doing this you will significantly reduce the likelihood of complaints to the Council.

There are no specific controls, such as permitted times, over the lighting of bonfires to burn waste. If only dry waste is burnt the occasional bonfire should not cause a problem.

If the bonfires are only occasional it will be difficult to prove a nuisance in law. This would also apply if there are several different neighbours occasionally having bonfires. For further information on the law a Garden Bonfires Leaflet is available to download via the Babergh website

If you are being disturbed by bonfire smoke from your neighbour, it is worth talking to them about it in the first instance – they may not realise they are causing a problem.

If you have spoken to your neighbour and the situation doesn't improve, report it to us providing evidence about the frequency of the bonfires, their duration, location and how the problem directly affects you.

Bonfire guidelines

If you must have a bonfire follow these guidelines to avoid causing a nuisance and to keep safe:

- Keep the number of bonfires to an absolute minimum.
- Only burn dry material. This will produce the minimum of smoke.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint. The Council will collect domestic hazardous waste for a small fee - see our Hazardous Waste Collections page for details.
- Never use old engine oil, methyated spirit or petrol to light or encourage the fire.
- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions. Smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evening around sunset – ensure the bonfire is extinguished well before.
- If it is windy, smoke may be blown into neighbours' gardens and across roads.
- Keep the bonfire under adult supervision at all times and ensure it is extinguished completely, by dousing with soil or water, before you leave it.
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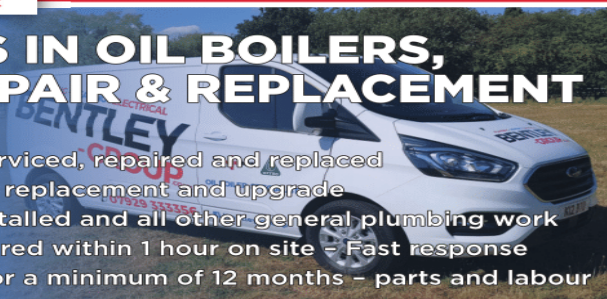
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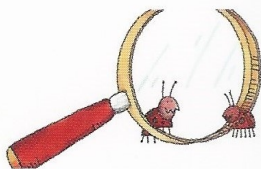


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This event, although taking place centuries ago, reminds us of a future event when a crown will be placed on the head of the Lord Jesus Christ and at that time "Every knee will bow to Him and every tongue confess that He is Lord of all" (2 Philippians: 10 & 11). On this occasion there will not be just a few knights to witness the event but that this event will be attended by everyone on earth, consisting of many, many millions of people, all of whom will confess His lordship. For those who know and love Him already as lord and Saviour of their lives this will be a great and glorious day to see their king being proclaimed as the one who has gained the victory of sin and the consequences of it (Romans 6:23).

Thomas Kelly, the hymn writer, may have had a vision of this event taking place when he wrote: "Look, ye saints the sight is glorious, see the Man of sorrows now; from the fight returned victorious; every knee to Him shall bow; crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him; crowns become the victor's brow."

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