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Children's Half Page July

Its High Summer, its warm, the days are still long and there is no school - perfect! When I was young summer was the best time, out on my bike, having friends over, playing in the garden and maybe a trip to the seaside. But what I really liked was the rainy days when you could do some painting or make something or just laze an hour away watching the raindrops run down the window.



If there is a rainy day this July here are some suggestions for things to do.



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Jeffreys Green, Cockfield – Update May 2021



As I write this update SEH French are busy preparing the site for completion and handover of the affordable properties. And by the time you read this most of the properties will be occupied – providing quality new homes to local people.

This is great news and a significant achievement given the challenge of the pandemic.

We wish the new residents much happiness in their new homes.

All rented properties have been allocated but there are some shared ownership homes still available.

If you're interested in becoming a shared owner at Jeffreys Green please contact Sandra Scott or Karen Suddes, Orwell's Sales Team, on 07749 417399 or at homesales@orwell-housing.co.uk.

There will continue to be construction activity at Jeffreys Green as SEH carry on with the construction of three bungalows on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council.

These homes are progressing well and will be completed later in the year. Allocations will be made via Gateway to Homechoice, and I will provide more information on the timescales for the adverts and bids at a later date.





I am also pleased to advise the SEH will shortly be commencing the construction of the first 11 market sale homes being developed by Orwell Homes, the private sale subsidiary of Orwell Housing.

These plots will be a selection of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses and 2 bedroom bungalows.

Prices are not yet released but should you wish to register an interest please contact Sandra Scott or Karen Suddes, Orwell's Sales Team, on 07749 417399 or at homesales@orwell-housing.co.uk. They will be able to take your details and contact you when more information is available.

Thank you and stay safe

Dawn Edwards
Development Manager
Orwell Housing Association



Cockfield Community Council

SALE TRAIL

Sunday 4th July 2021 9am - 1pm
Booking Form

Name

Address

Contact Number

Please tick one and return this form to the Post Office with
your payment of £5.00



I should like to be included on the Map of participating houses



I would like to book space on Great Green

ALL BOOKINGS WILL BE CONFIRMED

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The Community Council has the right to cancel the Sale Trail in the event of or likelihood of severe inclement weather

No Tables will be provided

Enquires email: sale.trail@cockfield.org.uk

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SUNDAY 4TH JULY 9AM-1PM**



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TO GUARANTEE A PLACE ON THE MAP
Pitches also available on Great Green**

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Snail Repatriation Programme

Early June and the summer scene is set on the patio, all the work is coming to fruition, there are tubs, pots and all manner of containers full of all manner of different plants. Geraniums, Roses, Squash, Tomatoes, herbs, Marguerites, and everything in the garden is rosy.

But behind the scenes, there are destructive forces at work.

We normally water at around 7 AM and again at 8 PM. In the early evening, you don't see it but in the morning you do, bits and pieces of leaves appear to be disappearing, some nice shoots are gone and there's a decapitated courgette plant, something is nibbling! And choosing all the juiciest bits.

So you go out with a torch at around 10 or 10:30 and find that the snails and slugs have emerged from hiding and are feasting on the precious things!

I know they have to earn a living but there is a limit!

Yes there are various things you could try, but no slug pellet or similar product will ever be used in this garden, we value the hedgehogs the thrushes and the other wildlife too much to put poison into the food chain. We could try a beer trap but its a waste of good beer :)

So instead, each evening we go out with a torch, remove the snails and slugs from their dinner and repatriate them into a wild corner of the garden where they are welcome to eat as much as they want (and to be eaten by the resident wildlife).

We are sure they come back so this evening we will be anointing each snail with a dab of non toxic white marker to see how long it takes for the return journey.



So night after night we'll fight the good fight, we're not going to lose, they'll eat the plants that *we choose!*

RW

United Charities of Cockfield Annual Report Y/E 28/02/21

The following is an amended version of the annual report given to the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 20th May 2021.

The Trustees are finding it hard to get information about who in the parish might benefit for some support despite the unusual year that we have all had. The availability of help from the UCC has been promoted but little response has been received. This may be due in part to people being too proud to ask for help or legal restrictions on passing details of identity/address. However, it is difficult to believe that during - and possibly currently - the past year all families or individuals in Cockfield have not incurred some financial hardship through furlough, redundancy, problems associated with children's education or medical matters. If you are or know somebody who might have been affected and may have these problems please contact any of the Trustees in absolute confidence. We shall consider all proposals to establish whether it is possible to give some limited support to any people so affected.

The Charities provide grants or loans for living expenses to those with limited resources who are in distress or need throughout the year from the interest received. Please note that we cannot use any capital for giving grants. The widening of the terms of reference in 2017 have enabled the trustees to offer help to unemployed people, students of all ages in education, those affected by crime and the bereaved in addition to existing help for medical related expenses. These changes allowed the Trustees to provide more grants.

Following the annual auditing of the Charities' accounts for Y/E 2020 it was confirmed that we had a further £159.06 available as interest. As a result, the accounts were amended and this year's accounts includes this additional amount. We thank our auditor.

During last year the restrictions imposed by the Government regarding lockdown due to covid 19 have meant that the Trustees have had one Zoom meeting only with some further business undertaken by email exchanges. It is our intention to hold a meeting when restrictions have eased. We have been able to help eight parishioners during the year due in part to the changes in the deeds in 2017. These included food parcels, educational assistance and clothing at a total cost of £807.00. Mr Michael Swiney, the Charities' treasurer has reported that as at 28/02/21 the Charities have total assets of £18522.71. Of this we have £1884.30 interest available for distribution.

I thank my fellow trustees for their commitment to the Charities' work.

Tony Box - Chairman of Cockfield Charities. charities@cockfield.org.uk

COCKFIELD COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS
LOVE SARAH (12A)

Friday 23rd JULY

Cockfield Village Hall

Doors Open: 7pm – Film starts: 7:30pm

Tickets on the door

Adults: £4.50 / Under 16s: £3.00

Raffle, Refreshments & Licensed Bar available from 7pm



Determined to fulfill her late mother's dream of opening a bakery in charming Notting Hill, 19-year-old Clarissa enlists the help of her mother's best friend Isabella and her eccentric estranged grandmother Mimi. These three generations of women will need to overcome grief, doubts and differences to honor the memory of their beloved Sarah while embarking on a journey to establish a London bakery filled with love, hope and colourful pastries from all over the world.

MONTHLY SCREENINGS

**4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
FOR FUTURE SCREENINGS**

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Cockfield Cinema and the end of Restrictions

Provided the revised stage unlocking on July 19th happens as planned, we will be able to run the cinema at full capacity with no special restrictions on Friday 23rd July. If this changes in any way, we will adapt accordingly.

This will mean no more pre-booking – just turn up – and we will offer refreshments, the bar, and a raffle in the interval.

If any new information emerges we will keep you informed via the website and our community broadcasts.

The Cinema Team

Cockfield Community Council Needs Your Help Please

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Community Council Funds

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Garden Tips for July 2021

Flowers and Herbs

- Continue to deadhead roses and cut back perennials such as Lupins and Delphiniums to encourage a 2nd flush of flower.
- To keep borders tidy cut back any faded perennials.
- Dahlias - continue tying new growth to stakes. Apply liquid fertiliser at least once a fortnight. Remove faded flowers regularly.
- Deadhead and tidy hanging baskets. Water twice a day in very hot weather - early morning and dusk.
- Pick, dry and freeze herbs for use in winter months.
- Flower seeds to sow in July – Delphiniums, Wallflowers, Foxgloves, Sweet Williams, Violas and Pansies.
- Divide and replant congested clumps of bearded Iris.
- Continue to pick Sweet Peas every day and remove any seed pods to prolong the flowering period.
- Always water around the base of a plant rather than the foliage.
- Garden pests are at their most voracious so it's good to have some 'Garden Buddies' - French Marigolds have a strong odour and when planted alongside tomatoes or grown in pots in the Greenhouse will deter greenfly, blackfly and whitefly. If you are growing melons they will also repel beetles.
- Roses under planted with Lavender will deter greenfly and look good too.
- To keep those Hosta leaves looking good make a Garlic wash.
You will need 2 bulbs of Garlic and 2 pints of water.
Crush the Garlic and boil in the 2 pints of water for 3 – 4 minutes. Strain the mixture and leave to cool. Store in an airtight jar. When ready to use mix 1 tablespoon into a watering can of 5 litres of water. With the rose attached sprinkle the Hosta leaves. This should be applied in late afternoon and when the weather is dry. Hopefully this should keep slugs and snails at bay.
- In dry weather containers dry out very quickly and may need watering in the early morning and evening. Try to conserve water by using water butts and grey water wherever possible.



Fruit and Vegetables

- Apply high Potash fertiliser once fruits appear on peppers, cucumbers and tomatoes. This also works for sunflowers too.
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows. Apparently Courgettes help with blood pressure so eat plenty. Pinch out the tops of climbing beans. This will encourage lower side shoots to form.
- To minimise tomato blight try and water your plants in the morning. Soggy foliage in the evening encourages blight.
- Feed tomatoes at least once a week with a diluted proprietary tomato fertiliser.
- Raspberries are shallow rooted so will need to be watered regularly during hot and dry spells of weather.
- After harvesting prune the fruited stems of Blackcurrants.
- Pepper plants will benefit if potted on to larger pots.
- Pick runner beans regularly to prevent them from becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods.
- In warm weather water your fruit and vegetable crops daily.



Trees, Shrubs and Climbers

- Prune Plum, Apricot and Cherry trees to reduce the risk of Silver Leaf disease.
- Thin out fruit on your fruit trees to encourage good sized fruit.
- Once flowering has finished prune the whippy growths on Wisteria to about 20cm or 5 leaves from the main branch framework.
- Fast growing hedges like Leyland Cypress should be clipped as necessary throughout the growing season.
- Ensure that any newly planted shrubs and trees do not dry out.



Lawns

- In dry weather ensure new lawns are watered and aerated with a garden fork.
- Lawns can also benefit from a proprietary summer feed especially if not given a spring feed.
- Don't allow new lawns to dry out.
- Keep on top of lawn edging.



General Maintenance and Planning

- Order catalogues or checkout the internet for next year's spring flowering bulbs.
- Continue to keep your Greenhouse well ventilated and humid.
- Tidy up fallen leaves and flowers to discourage the spread of fungal disease.
- July is a good time to spray persistent weeds such as ground elder and bindweed as they are at the height of their surface area and will absorb the weed killer more efficiently.
- Take advantage of dry weather to paint and preserve sheds, fences and garden furniture.
- Watch out for the dreaded vine weevil beetles and grubs. These tend to hide out in pots of new plants and containers. The grubs feed on roots, corms and tubers. You can treat with biological controls such as nematodes which are available online. As soon as you receive them they need to be watered in. Evening is the best time so that the compost doesn't dry out too quickly. There are other proprietary liquid treatments available but you should always check suitability before using on anything you plan to harvest and eat.



Happy Gardening, don't forget to relax and enjoy.

Kate Ransom



Cockfield Parish Council

Summary report of the Annual Meeting of the full Parish Council held on 27 May 2021 at 7.30pm held in the Village Hall, Cockfield.

Please note: 'To obtain a copy of the full formal minutes of this meeting, please email the Parish Clerk, parish.council@cockfield.org.uk'

The meeting was held in the Village Hall and was the first face to face meeting since relaxation of COVID measures with the necessary distancing and face coverings being worn. Being the Annual meeting there were a number of procedural matters to action including election of councillor's roles for the forthcoming year.

Derek Southgate was elected as Chairman

Carl Brinkley was elected as Vice Chairman

Details of post holders for Council Committees, Sub-Committees and Working groups, External Body Representatives, Council officers and portfolio holders are updated in detail on the village web site.

Matters of Governance were also adopted;

Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Asset Register and Risk Register:

Outstanding Actions from previous meetings:

Relocation Telephone Kiosks: No update

Turfing at Great Green: Deferred until the Autumn.

Emergency Plan: Cllr Webster had circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting, a copy of the new Emergency Plan (using the new SCC template). Cllr Webster explained that the Plan needs to conform to SCC's rules to be covered by SCC's insurance. Cllr Webster, Cllr Cutting-Keyton and Neil Ashton had volunteered to be part of the Emergency Team, but further recruitment is needed to fill various roles within the Plan.

Enforcement: The Clerk has chased BMSDC Enforcement to report Contractors parking cars on the Great Green and the occurrence of several bonfires on the construction site to the north of the Plough and Fleece. Enforcement have raised the issues with the Developer, but have advised the Clerk that they are unable to take any enforcement action as there wasn't any condition preventing off-site parking included in the approval decision. Similarly, the 'No Bonfires' condition was only included in the DC/18/00306 approval, and is not enforceable until the Reserved Matters stage. (Action Closed).

The Clerk was asked to contact BMSDC to enquire if the work carried out to create the visibility splays is the full extent of work to be undertaken or whether further work will be carried out to remove the vegetation, tree stumps etc which will otherwise continue to grow.

Parking at the Great Green; Cllr Brinkley confirmed he is contacting RoSPA on 28/05/21 to arrange a site meeting at the Great Green with RoSPA, Cllr Morley and Cllr Turner, to seek advice about any further measures to mitigate potential safety Risks.

Glebe Land: Cllr Morley to establish current situation with a resident concerning residual rubbish left on an apparent vacated allotment plot.

Cemetery: Cllr Turner provided the Cemetery details to the Clerk to forward to the Rating Agency. (Action completed)

Playground: The Clerk has contacted APL (Playground Contractors) who will be attending site on 28/05/21 to repair two of the steps on the Climbing Frame Ramp. (Action Complete).

Cllr Turner advised by email, circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting, that he had obtained a quotation for a 'Children Crossing' SID, but it was not cost effective.

Public Participation Session:

In Suffolk County Cllr Lindsay's absence there was no report.

In District Cllr Arthey's and District Cllr Maybury's absence there was no report.

Mr Allan Cousins reported a problem with the bridge over the stream on the footpath from the Abbey to St Peter's Church. The Clerk advised that both the bridge and footpath are the responsibility of SCC, so any problems should be reported on their website.

Mr Allan Cousins commended the new SID positioned on the A1141 approach to Cross Green, but advised that trees and bushes at that location are starting to obscure the SID. Cllr Brinkley agreed to review the state of the vegetation and if necessary, to speak with the owners of the land.

Mr David Hodge raised the issue of the missing Cockfield sign at the A1141 approach to Stows Hill, Cockfield from the Lavenham direction. The Clerk was requested to write to SCC to obtain a timescale to replace it.

Planning: Applications Received for consultation:

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREE(S) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - DC/21/02586: Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees Protected by a Preservation Order - T1 (Sycamore) - Remove basal epicormic growth. T2 (Oak) - Raise crown to 5m; reduce lateral extension to west by 2m to suitable growth points; remove deadwood and snapped branches. G1

(Sycamores) - Reduce lateral extension to north by 1-2m to suitable growth points. Parcel of Land North Of Wood End House. **The Parish Council has no objections to this Application, but requested that the BMSDC Tree Officer visits the site before taking any decision.**

DC/21/02621: Full Planning Application - Use of land as transportation and storage yard including associated hardstanding. Mgt (Suffolk) Ltd, Corner Farm, Lawshall Road, Cockfield, IP30 OJP. **This site is outside the Cockfield parish boundary and has no impact on Cockfield residents. The Parish Council therefore have no comments about this Application.**

DC/21/02648: Proposal: Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved, access to be considered) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Severance of garden amenity land and erection of 1No dwelling and garage. Location: 8 Mackenzie Place, Cockfield, Suffolk, IP30 OHY. **The Parish Council Objects to this Application.**

Planning Decisions Received from BMSDC:

DC/21/00951: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/17/05332- Condition 16 (Proposed Access), Condition 17 (Roads and Footpaths), Condition 18 (Parking and Turning), Condition 19 (Bins and Collection Areas) Condition 25 (Landscaping Scheme), Condition 31 (Screen Walls and Fences) and Condition 32 (Levels) Land To The North West Of, Mackenzie Place, Cockfield, Suffolk **Decision: Conditions Approved.**

DC/21/01469: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/03315 - Condition 4 (Parking and Manoeuvring) Condition 5 (Bins Storage and Presentation), Condition 6 (Discharge of Surface Water), Condition 7 (Access Surface), Condition 9 (Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design) and Condition 10 (Biodiversity Enhancement Layout). Earls Hall Farm, Earls Hall Road, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 OJD **Decision: Conditions Approved**

DC/21/02451: Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/17/03011 - Alterations to Plots 2 & 3 first floor and insertion of a side window. Land to the North East of Ivy Farm, Chapel Road, Cockfield, Suffolk. **Decision: Amendment Details Approved**

DC/21/01610: Planning Application - Erection of 1no. agricultural building. Plantation Lodge, Bury Road, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 OLB. **Decision: Planning Permission has been Granted**

Planning Committees; This item was not discussed in detail due to a number of Cllrs being absent. However, in particular there had been no further information from BMSDC surrounding the Loft Corner application

Dog Bin – It was agreed that orders be placed with Glasdon Ltd for a new Dog Bin, Liner and Fixing Bracket, A Vernon for a powder coated square profile post

and brackets and Rod Williams to fix in position at Smithwood Green. (This bin is a legacy from the earlier 2021-22 budget setting)

Bandstand - The quotation from Sudbury Wardens to steam clean the Bandstand shelter was circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting but was rejected due to the damage that it may cause to the timber. Cllr Morley confirmed that he is seeking an alternative proposal to clean and paint the structure inside and out.

Litter picking: It was agreed that that the Sudbury Wardens litter pick of the A1141 from Mill Corner to the southern Village boundary just past the turning to Smithwood Green, be deferred until the Autumn as SCC had just completed cutting the verges.

Suffolk County Council School Bus Service: Cllr Southgate explained the problems caused by the non-alignment of SCC's School Catchment Area Policy and their 'Nearest School' Free Bus Service. Cllr Southgate to seek the support of Head Teacher Trudie Harkin and/or School Governors to challenge the SCC policy and specifically its impact on residents of the new Jeffries Green Development.

Neighbourhood CIL: Cllr Morley confirmed that he is awaiting a feasibility proposal from the Jeffries Green Development Contractors SEH French on the sub-structure for the proposed new Bus Shelter at Mackenzie Place. Cllr Morley will provide an update on the Feasibility of the new Bus Shelter at MacKenzie Place at the next meeting.

Pavilion Update: The Clerk advised that quotations had been received from Floor Dimensions Ltd and Versatile Flooring Ltd to install Altro Flooring in the Pavilion kitchen. It was agreed that Floor Dimensions Ltd offer be accepted.

The Clerk has obtained one quotation to repair the Pavilion Balustrade and will seek another two. Work will not commence until after the Pavilion Renovation work is complete.

Cllr Golding confirmed that he has renewed the TV Licence and reinstalled the TV. Subject to the Parish Council's permission, the Football Club are seeking to improve the Access hatch in the Pavilion Kitchen. They are applying for a Grant to help with funding, however, to secure the Grant, they require a letter from the Parish Council guaranteeing a 5-year occupancy/hire agreement. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter.

Parish Council Vacancy: Cllrs agreed the need to fill the Casual Cllr vacancy that has arisen as a result of Cllr Williams resigning from the role. The Clerk will advise BMSDC Returning Officer that a vacancy exists to commence the process of advertising the vacancy and of Co-option to fill it.

Maintenance Matters only by exception:

Greens Management: Cllr Morley advised that S Bradnam Tree Services will be undertaking further tree surgery work on the Great Green on 18/06/21. Cllr Brinkley advised that the parking on Cross Green was due to water pipe diversion work around Ruffel Cottages following a water leak.

Glebe Land: Cllr Webster and Cllr Morley to meet to discuss the immediate need of securing the site and to consider alternative positions for the gates, along with the need to create a larger opening to improve visibility splays.

Local Needs Housing: Cllr Morley asked that copies of the Orwell Housing Notices, advertising housing options, needs to be advertised on the Parish Council Notice Boards.

Third Party Liaison: Highways and Emergencies: Cllr Cutting-Keyton confirmed that a Road Sweep is planned throughout the District shortly.

Police/Fire: Cllr Cutting-Keyton confirmed that the 'Design Out Crime' Officer's report containing recommendations is still outstanding.

Correspondence: The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had received a letter from a resident raising concerns about the allocation process for the affordable housing at Jeffries Green. The letter had been forwarded to Orwell Housing who are responsible for and managing the allocation process and a response sent to the resident.

Complaints had been received about overgrown hedges at additional locations around the village.

The Clerk has contacted SCC to report overgrown hedge problems at Craufurd House, Howe Lane and Meadow Lodge, Chapel Road. SCC Warden will contact the Clerk to advise what action is proposed at Meadow Lodge and SCC have instructed remedial action within the next week to clear the footpath at Craufurd House.

The Parish Council asks that householders are considerate in the management of their vegetation and hedging abutting footways and the highways. Growth can impact the safety of all users, although more so those less mobile, and those using buggies or mobility assistance.

**The Parish Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Steve Ball
by email at: parish.council@cockfield.org.uk or 01284 828987
Next Meeting - The next Ordinary Meetings of the Council will be held
on Thursday 24th June and Thursday 29th July 2021 at 7.30pm
in Cockfield Village Hall**

Cockfield Parish Council

Chairman's report for the Annual Parish Meeting 20th May 2021

Introduction: It has been an odd year for the Parish Council with lockdowns and the move to virtual meetings. However, we have been able to operate as reasonably near normal during this period.

We expressed our thanks to Rodney Williams who “retired” after 14 years of service.

We have also welcomed Andrew Golding to the Council.

County and District Councillor

The Parish Council thanks Robert Linsey, Margaret Maybury and Clive Arthey for their efforts in assisting the village.

Inevitably budget limitations at the authorities and their working restrictions during the pandemic have impacted responses and getting some matters actioned.

Local Needs Housing:

This is an exemplar initiative that after considerable patience and efforts over many years has now delivered the first phase of dwellings for local people, some of whom moved in this week 17th May 2021. The site work continues to move to the next phase which should speed up now working restrictions are easing and with the release of the first self-build plots.

The Parish Council thanks Robin Morley and Clive Arthey for sticking with this project to overcome the difficulties and drive us to where we are now.

Greens Report:

Another success for the village in the CIL project to upgrade and replace the Great Green Play equipment which again was impacted by the pandemic. However, now the site is open the usage is phenomenal, giving enjoyment and opportunity to so many children and accompanying families.

We must not forget those other hardworking individuals and we thank their efforts in keeping local greens in excellent presentation.

Glebe land / allotments:

This is another part CIL / S106 funded project so the opening up of Jeffries Green and of course the wider village we are now looking to progress setting up allotment plots and improving the site.

Planning: We continue to see a number of sizable planning applications for consultation within the village and those previously determined have construction proceeding at a pace.

During the forthcoming year we should see the adoption of the new Joint Local Plan taking over from the “Core Strategy 2014”

Financial Matters:

Our budgeting and financial position is robust in order to cover our general obligations and we continue to project funding for ongoing and new village projects. The CIL working Group are exploring opportunities for usage of the growing CIL funding coming from the various new developments. This has to be used within the rules surrounding this expenditure.

We would thank our Internal Auditor Lyndon Mills for his work to ensure all matters are in order prior to examination by our external auditors.

Earls Meadow / Bruffs Line: Whilst there has been some impact with covid measures the working groups are now progressing again. The refurbishment of the bridge to the main meadow at Jeffries Green, one of our CIL projects, is underway and should be completed by the end of May, weather conditions permitting.

Parish Paths: Ralph Turner reports on the Path situation, this is always challenging with the county council financial resources given to maintenance. There is a continued reliance on local land owners and volunteers to keep paths open and we thank them for their efforts.

Cemetery: Rodney Williams and Ralph Turner have again kept the cemetery grounds in excellent condition despite the challenging weather conditions.

Pavilion: There has been limited use of the pavilion although this has now reopened. Remediation work to the settlement issues should proceed during June and a general maintenance tidy-up is planned for the later this year.

Highways: Limited or nonexistent responses and advice from Highways are frustrating getting projects underway, such as the potential footpath from Mill Corner to the War memorial and the Mackenzie Place new bus shelter. Alongside this the Parish Council is still self-delivering some low risk tasks such as pavement clearing and verge cutting, and we are now looking at outsourcing litter picking.

The speed awareness devices are a tremendous success with the recent purchase of a new unit to gain greater coverage. Ralph Turner and Rodney Williams do an excellent job rotating the locations and changing the batteries.

Emergency planning: There have been no emergency events. However, Cllr Webster is updating the plan assisted by the County Emergency officer and other local representatives.

Emergency Services: Unfortunately, there have been some issues with anti-social behavior in a number of locations in the village and we continue to seek guidance from the authorities on measures we can deploy to aid resolution and identify those responsible.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councilors for their work during the past year and we are looking forward to the challenges for the remainder of this year.

Derek Southgate - (Chairman)

Earl's Meadow, Bruff's Line, Jeffrey's Green

I know the old country boys say it year after year but from mid-May to mid-June, I don't think I've ever known such a prolific growth of vegetation. It has been an outstanding year everywhere for wildflowers and it is a tribute to the team keeping the grass under control whilst attempting to leave as many flowers as possible.

It has been a great deal of hard work but I think we are now in command. The May blossom has been superb and now it is the turn of the Elder to shine.

So please enjoy the place, its picnic weather, enjoy, but remember, leave nothing behind but footprints.

RW

Cockfield W.I.



Summer finally arrived in June bringing warm, sunny weather enabling our social garden meeting to go ahead as planned. Eighteen members enjoyed a strawberry afternoon tea in Sue and Jeremy Cole's beautiful garden.

There was much catching up to do after fifteen months and it was lovely to see each other and hear the sounds of chatter and laughter again.

Several members took part in viewing the first Virtual NFWI Annual Meeting on June 8th. This was an all day event and was being broadcast live, not from the Albert Hall as in previous years but from the RSA House in Covent Garden. Proceedings began with Jerusalem followed by business matters and reports from the Trustees. Everything was going along well until halfway through the Chair's address we lost transmission due to, we learned later, a global internet outage but thankfully we were redirected to YouTube and the meeting resumed.

Next on the agenda our three guest speakers, HRH The Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dicke and Dame Barbara Hale. Well what a line up! Inspiring speeches from all three covering strong women and empowerment, the need for more diversity in all aspects of public and the issue of domestic violence. All Cockfield members watching agreed that Baroness Hale was outstanding.

Short presentations followed regarding this year's resolution - A call to increase the awareness of Ovarian Cancer. We will vote on this at our own annual meeting in July.

We all agreed that the time spent indoors watching the event on such a hot sunny day was worth it. A truly memorable first virtual NFWI annual meeting.
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Cockfield Community Council Presents

The Village Walk

Saturday 24th July, 10.30 Start

From

Cockfield Village Hall



- Dogs on leads are welcome
- On return to the village hall refreshments will be served - tea, coffee, cake, bacon roll
- Timing and any route information will be published on the website and in a community broadcast

Any questions please email walkers@cockfield.org.uk

Computer Corner

Microsoft Office File Versions

Microsoft Office has been around for a little over 20 years now – several lifetimes in computing terms. The suite includes Word and Excel, and depending on which version you have, other products such as Outlook, Access and Publisher. In that time the format of Office files has changed just once. As new features were introduced with each new version, the original file format could not deal with all the underlying properties of a document or spreadsheet that needed to be saved with the content. So in 2007 a new file format was introduced for the products that save individual files, such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint. To differentiate the 2 file formats, the file extension was changed with the addition of an 'x'. So a Word file called AWordDocument would originally be stored as AWordDocument.doc, .doc being the file extension. The new file extension is .docx so the filename would be AWordDocument.docx. Similarly a spreadsheet in the old format would have .xls as the file extension, and .xlsx in the new.

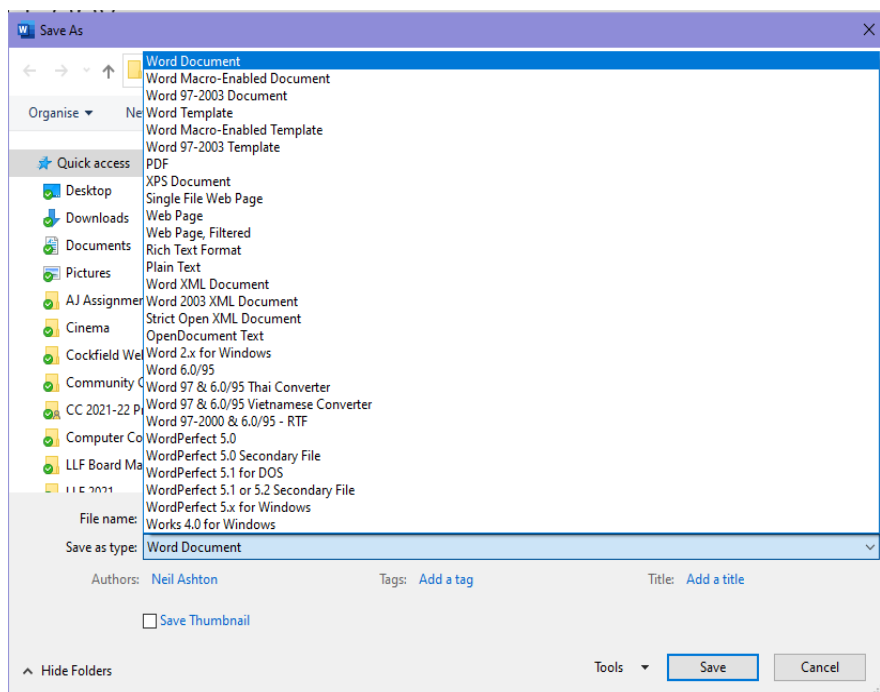
The new format was introduced in 2007. The programs in the version of Office released at that time could open and process both the old new file formats, and still can. Pre 2007 versions of Office could only read files in the new format with the installation of a special format converter provided free by Microsoft. So to deal with that compatibility issue the common practice was for those with later versions of Office to save their files in the older format. This preserved compatibility amongst users with different Office versions, with the consequence that the users with the newer Office could not take advantage of some new features. In reality, for most people developing basic documents or spreadsheets, this was not a problem. The use of the original format persists as many people copy and re-use older documents to create a new version of e.g. a monthly report.

However it's now 2021, the format change happened 14 years ago and it's time to base all Office documents on the current supported format. I've no evidence this is about to happen, but at some point Microsoft will drop support for the old file format.

Identifying old format documents and converting them is straightforward. In File Explorer, if you use one of the icon based views of your files, when you hover over the filename you will see a pop up that will tell you the File Type is Microsoft Word (or Excel) 97-2003 Document. If your file view is the one which shows the file details, you will see one of the columns is File Type and in that column you will see the type 97-2003:

Name	Type
Computer Corner No 104 - Office File Versions	Microsoft Word Document
Computer Corner No 104 - Office File Versions - Saved in Old Format	Microsoft Word 97 - 2003 Document
Computer Corner No 103 - Passwords, Scams, WhatsApp	Microsoft Word Document

To convert an old document, open it in the normal way, then choose File Save As (or in later versions, Save a Copy) to open the familiar file save screen.



Click the drop down arrow next to the field labelled 'Save as type' which opens up a long list of possible file conversion options. This screen shows Word, the same principle applies to Excel.

Choose the first file type option as shown – in this case Word Document. For Excel it will say Excel Workbook. Then click Save. This will create a copy of the file in the current format and you can then delete the old 97-2003 file.

Neil Ashton

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Community Council 2021 Programme

Please mark these Community Council Programme events in your diaries. In each case you will find further information in this and future issues of Green Links, on the village website, and via community broadcasts.

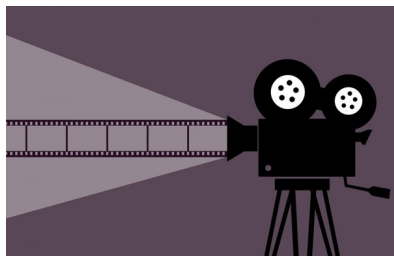
The government has announced that the stage date for full easing of restrictions is postponed to Monday 19th July. The impact of this change on our 2021 Programme is set out in the description of each event where relevant.

Sale Trail – Sunday July 4th



This is a great opportunity for you to get rid of those unwanted items you've accumulated and to raise some money for yourselves and the Community Council. You set up your stall at the front of your property and we provide a map showing where you are, You need to register to be a seller.

Cockfield Cinema – Friday July 23rd



Cockfield Cinema is back in action, showing a film on the 4th Friday of each month in the village hall. Details of the next screening are shown elsewhere in Green Links and on the website. Assuming the July 19th stage date for the easing of all restrictions is fully met, we will be able to run our July cinema evening at full capacity and without the need to reserve places in advance. If the situation changes, we will issue a broadcast and update the website.

Community Walk – Saturday July 24th



The July walk starts at 10.30 a.m. from the village hall with refreshments to follow.

Cockfield Back Together – Saturday September 4th

Postponed from the end of June, this will be a family celebration. Plans are still in outline at this stage, but it will include a picnic, some catered food and both live music and a disco. Further information will be published nearer the time.



Cockfield Show – Sunday September 12th

Back in the Village Hall, this year's Show will incorporate the best of last year's virtual show with photographic classes showing gardens and projects at their best through the year.



Cockfield SpeedQuiz

Please note change of date: Saturday November 13th

Speed Quizzing

This will be similar to the monthly virtual SpeedQuizzes that have been taking place during lockdown, but with added features and with all the teams competing in the village hall.

Community Christmas Event – Sunday December 5th



We don't know yet what this event will look like, we just know we want to do something! For now, put the date in your diary.

We always welcome your suggestions for community activities. Please send these suggestions, plus any comments or feedback, to community.council@cockfield.org.uk.

Most of our activities require expenditure of some kind. To support this and to give us head-room to plan future events, we raise funds through tickets sales, refreshments, raffles and so on. As a registered charity we also welcome donations of any amount. Recently the Post Office have introduced a scheme where they will match charitable donations up to the value of £200. Should you wish to make a donation, please contact Barbara at the Post Office for details.



Cockfield Community Council

The Cockfield Produce, Flower and Craft Show 2021



Sunday 12th September 2021 in Cockfield Village Hall

Following the success of the photographic entry classes for last years show we are incorporating some photographic entry classes this year. The classes are clearly marked and instructions how to enter are on the last page of the schedule.

SCHEDULE & ENTRY FORM

Category Craft Classes

1. A hand knitted or crocheted item
2. A hand sewn item
3. A machine sewn item
4. A handcrafted item that does not fall under the category of the above three classes

For all Craft Classes the items are to be displayed flat on the table

Category Garden Flowers Classes

5. Three blooms of one colour - in water in a vase with an appropriate choice of two types of foliage
6. Single flower - Dahlia - in water in a vase
7. A vase of mixed garden flowers - in water

For all Flower Classes the vase must be no more than 8" high

Category Garden - Photographs Classes

8. A Bush or Shrub in flower - submit 1 photo only
9. Garden View 1 - a photograph of your garden - submit 1 photo only
10. Garden View 2 - a special area of your garden - please name the area ie quiet corner - submit 1 photo only



... Continued

- 11. Your Pond - submit 1 photograph only
- 12. Your Vegetable Plot - submit 1 photograph only



Category Garden 2 - Photographs

Classes

- 13. A Bird in your Garden - domestic - submit 1 photo only
- 14. Birds at your bird feeder - submit 1 photo only
- 15. A Wild Mammal visiting your Garden - submit 1 photo only
- 16. A Butterfly visiting your Garden - submit 1 photo only
- 17. Your gardens Wildlife Corner - submit 1 photo only
- 18. A Wild Flower growing in the village - submit 1 photograph only



Category Preserves

Classes

- 19. A Jar of soft fruit Jam
- 20. A Jar of Chutney
- 21. A Jar of Marmalade
- 22. A Jar of Curd

For all Preserves Classes the items are to be displayed on the table

Category Fruit

Classes

- 23. Three Eating Apples any variety
- 24. Three Cooking Apples any variety
- 25. Six Plums any variety
- 26. Three Pears any variety
- 27. Ten Blackberries - wild or cultivated

Classes 23-27 to be displayed on a plate which will be provided

Category Vegetables 1

Classes

- 28. Three Carrots any variety - washed with tops cut off to 1"-2"
- 29. Three Leeks any variety - washed with roots on
- 30. Three Beetroot any variety - washed with leaves on
- 31. Three Onions grown from sets any variety - leaves on or off
- 32. Three Potatoes white any variety - washed
- 33. Three Potatoes other than white any variety - washed

Classes 28-33 to be displayed on a plate which will be provided

Category Vegetables 2

Classes

- 34. Four Tomatoes any variety - with calyx attached
 - 35. A Vine of Tomatoes, any variety
 - 36. Six Runner Beans any variety - with small bit of stalk attached
 - 37. Gardeners Choice, a basket containing potatoes and three other vegetables sufficient to feed two people for one meal only
- Classes 34-37 to be displayed on a plate which will be provided
- Class 37 the entrant is to provide the basket

Category Vegetables 3

Classes

- 38. Heaviest Onion any variety - washed with leaves on or off
- 39. Longest Runner Bean any variety - with small portion of stalk attached
- 40. Marrow with the widest girth any variety
- 41. Novelty Vegetable - judged on its comic effect only
- 42. Three of one kind of vegetable not mentioned above
- 43. Bunch of mixed Culinary Herbs

Class 38- a display ring will be provided

Classes 39 & 40 to be displayed on the table

Class 41 & 42 to be displayed on a plate which will be provided

Class 43 to be tied and displayed on the table

Category Cookery

Classes

- 44. Victoria Sponge Cake - 3 egg mix, cooked in 7" tins, sandwiched with raspberry jam and butter cream finished sprinkled with sugar
 - 45. Three Cheese scones - unbuttered
 - 46. Three Flapjack bars
 - 47. **MEN ONLY** - 2 Vanilla Cup Cakes decorated to your choice
- Classes 44-47 to be displayed on a plate which will be provided

Category Alcoholic Beverages

Classes

- 48. A Bottle of Wine - made by the entrant
 - 49. A Bottle of Liqueur or Infusion - made by the entrant
- Classes 48 & 49 to be displayed on the table with the bottle clearly labelled with the name of the drink and the date it was bottled

Category Under 7's - Classes - Free Entry

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

51. An Art Project item constructed from recycled materials

Category 7-16 years - Classes - Free Entry

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

53. An Art Project item of any description - could be a painting, collage, woodwork, pottery etc.

Rules: Entrance Fee - £1.00 per entrant per category, this entitles you to enter as many classes within that category as you wish but only one entry per person per class, is allowed. Entry into additional categories is £1.00 per category.

Entrance to the Under 7's and 7's to 16's categories is free.

All classes are open to male and female entrants except for class 47 which is for men only to enter

All entries must be made/grown/taken by the entrant

Classes are open to residents and non-residents of Cockfield.

The closing date for pre booked entries is Sunday 5th September , although entries will be accepted on the morning of the Show a pre-booked entrant will get through the hand-in process quicker.

Rosettes will be awarded to the entries judged First, Second and Third in each class.

All plates for display purposes will be provided and are the only ones to be used.

Handing in of entries is from 8am - 9.30am on Sunday 12th September at Cockfield Village Hall

Collection of items on the day is from 3.00pm, items not collected by 3.15pm will be sold by public auction, the proceeds of which will go to Cockfield Community Council.

Photographic entries (other than the children's classes) must be submitted by email to cockfield.show@cockfield.org.uk (all entries will be acknowledged) no later than Tuesday 31st July to allow for judging, the top 3 photographs in each class will be printed and displayed in the hall.

The Community Council reserves the right to alter/add/remove any classes at any time.

The Judges decision is final in all cases.

Any questions to cockfield.show@cockfield.org.uk

Name

I wish to enter in the following Categories - please tick class

Craft	1		2		3		4					
Flowers	5		6		7							
Garden 1 Photos	8		9		10		11		12			
Garden 2 Photos	13		14		15		16		17		18	
Preserves	19		20		21		22					
Fruit	23		24		25		26		27			
Vegetables 1	28		29		30		31		32		33	
Vegetables 2	34		35		36		37					
Vegetables 3	38		39		40		41		42		43	
Cookery	44		45		46		47					
Alcohol	48		49									
Under 7's	50		51									
7's to 16's	52		53									

I enclose payment of £

(for example to enter classes 1, 6, 10, 15, 16, 26, 50 and 53 would be £5.
Categories - Craft class 1 = £1, Flowers class 6 = £1, Preserves class 19 = £1,
Fruit Classes 23 & 24= £1, Vegetables 2 class 35 = £1, Under 7's classes 50
free, 7's to 16's class 53 free. Total £5)

I wish to enter in the classes specified above I have enclosed the
correct entry fee, I agree to abide by the rules of the competition.

Signed

Contact phone number

Completed entry forms and entrance fee, can be dropped off at the Post
Office or through the letter box at Newholme, Smithwood Green IP30 0JQ.
Any queries or questions please phone Janne on 01284 828264

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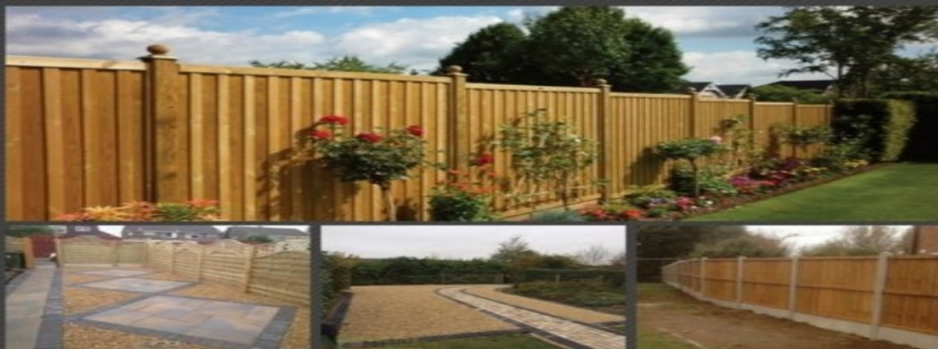
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July's Advice Column

I've been saving up to have my kitchen redone, but I'm a bit worried about it. Last time I had any work done on the house, it took more than double the time I thought it would and ended up costing me a fortune. I'm looking for a different builder this time, but how will I know I can trust them?



Many of us will take advantage of the warmer weather to improve our homes, and it's important to make sure the job goes well. Here are some steps you should take when choosing a trader:

Find a Trading Standards 'approved trader' - use the internet to search for one in your area or the Government's approved trader scheme TrustMark.

Get references or recommendations - ask people you know or ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

Find out if they are a current member of a trade body - trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong, so check your trader is a member. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

Only use certified traders for gas and electrics - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. Check the Gas Safe Register for a list of traders and use a registered electrician who can certify their own work. When you're having a kitchen fitted, it's worth checking whether the person you've hired will be doing the electrical or gas work themselves. If not, check who they will be using and whether they're registered.

Get a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the builder can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. Try to compare quotes from a number of contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Get a written contract - this should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, like timings, payments, who will pay for materials and subcontractors.

Think carefully about payment - opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Where possible, try to pay by card as this can afford you [extra safeguards if something goes wrong](#).

Keep copies of receipts - also keep your written contract as evidence, as well as photos of any problems if they arise.

If you have a problem with a contractor, and you're not sure what to do or where to go, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 0808 223 1133.

If you need advice or information contact Sudbury & District Citizens Advice. We are providing advice by telephone and email, Monday – Thursday, 10am – 1pm. Please phone 01787 321400 and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. We will attempt three times to call you back, so please expect a call from a withheld number. You can also telephone our advice line on Freephone 0808 278 7868 or 0800 144 88 48. Alternatively, contact us via email at advice@sudburycab.org.uk or by using the contact facility on our website www.sudburycab.org.uk

Dear Friends,

Well, we now know that the longed-for lifting of the restrictions is not going to happen for at least another month. Not unexpected – but certainly playing havoc with some of the plans that we have made at Cockfield St Peter. You may know by now that the much-anticipated Summer Lunch has been postponed until 1st August. I hope that this will fit in with your diaries!

I know that it is very tempting to ignore the rules every now and again, especially as we have had so few cases of Covid locally, and many of us have been fully vaccinated. However, we must keep going with all that is required of us in order to protect the wider community. We are continuing to wear masks in Church, to social distance and – what is most distressing for us all – we are not singing at our services!

But that does not mean that we cannot praise God, we can do that in so many other ways, and we will continue for the time being to record/ livestream services on a Sunday morning for those who like to enjoy them at home. I must admit, becoming a tele-evangelist was not at the top of my 'to do' list, but along with the other members of the ministry team it has almost become second nature!

As I wrote last month, I am looking forward to the ordinations at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 3rd/4th of July. On 3rd July please remember Helen Grover and Mark Hinde who will be deaconed, and on 4th July Rev Richard Stainer who will be priested. These three will be curates in the benefice, and I hope that you will get to know them and welcome them. I am very much looking forward to Mark and Helen joining the team. When they are all priested I may take a long holiday.....

Yours in Christ,

Sharon

Revd Canon Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,
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Cockfield Benefice Services – July 2021

please see website for up-to-date information

All services are conducted in line with the coronavirus guidance issued by the Church of England, for more information visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

Sunday 4 th July Trinity 5	10am Communion – Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer (Patronal) – Cockfield* 6pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 11 th July Trinity 6	10am Communion – Rev Richard presiding at Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 18 th July Trinity 7	10am Communion – Cockfield 10am Family@Church - Felsham
Sunday 25 th July Trinity 8/Mary Magdalene	10am Communion BCP – Gedding 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George (& online) 3pm Patronal Service followed by tea at Lt Whelnetham 6pm Evening Celtic Communion - Felsham

All online services are livestreamed or posted on the benefice facebook page at www.facebook.com/cockfield

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am
The prayer group meets every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom with the following link:

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6 July Indoor Kurling
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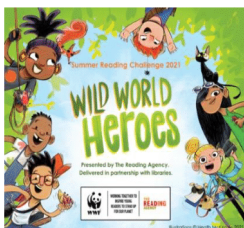
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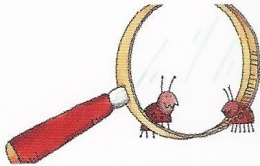
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This in some ways is a good picture of many people today, their gaze is firmly fixed downwards on this present world. They hardly ever look up to see where they have come from or where they are going. Their vision is limited to the present at the expense of the past and the future.

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