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August 2021

The Monthly Village Magazine of Cockfield

Cockfield Community Council Presents

Cockfield Back Together

'Picnic on the Green'

Saturday
September
4th

6.30 pm
-
11 pm

Great Green,
Cockfield

Come and help us bring the community back together once more for a relaxed evening of fun for the family

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There will be live music from 'Twelfth Night'
A disco
A bar

Bring: a picnic and refreshments, your gazebo or other shelter

There is no charge for this event but donations will be invited for the benefit of a nominated charity. Your support is very much appreciated.

Any enquiries please contact cockfield.together@cockfield.org.uk

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Cockfield's back in business! September 4th sees an evening of free entertainment on Great Green, an excellent opportunity to meet up with those you haven't seen in a while, bring a picnic and maybe a gazebo and dance the evening away - just like it used to be - and talking of how things used to be on September 12th the Cockfield Show is back in the Village Hall, your chance to view the best Cockfield has to offer,

Cockfield is a resilient Village and one that has always done its very best to look after its residents, the pandemic has proven this, but occasionally an emergency could befall us and the Parish Council are in the process of updating its Emergency Plan, details are on page 21, they are asking for volunteers to go on a register of people with certain skills who could be called on to help if needed. When I read it I thought it was just for those with medical training or a chain saw certificate but thinking about it there are ways we could all help, do you have a pile of blankets or pillows, could you help to serve teas, do you have large saucepans - baby clothes or nappies, what about a camp bed! There are ways we can all help and I do hope you will give it some serious thought and put your name forward, hopefully you will never be called on and Cockfield's bounce back will continue but it is reassuring that a Plan is in place - just in case.
Janne

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Jeffreys Green, Cockfield

Update 15th July 2021

AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR COCKFIELD FOREVER

Since my last update residents have received keys to their new homes and are hopefully settling in well. It's been great to see these homes being lived in at last, and we wish everyone all the best.

These new affordable homes, and the other Orwell homes in the village, are protected to remain affordable into the future and for people with an eligible connection to Cockfield to be given priority when they are allocated. If you weren't successful, or it wasn't the right time for you this time round, please remember that homes will become available in the future. Our Housing Officer will contact the Parish Council when we have a vacancy, and please keep an eye out on Gateway to Homechoice and ensure your application is live so you're ready to bid.

AFFORDABLE BUNGALOWS READY & AVAILABLE SOON!

The construction of the three bungalows on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council is progressing well and the homes are due for completion in mid-September.

Babergh District Council will be advertising these properties for rent on Gateway to Homechoice with adverts likely to go live in the first weeks of August. There are two 2 bed bungalows and one 1 bed bungalow. You can access Gateway to Homechoice at https://www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk/

SHARED OWNERSHIP HOMES – LAST CHANCE!!

At the time of writing, we have two shared ownership homes still available for sale – a 3 bed house and a 2-bed house.

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.

MARKET SALE HOMES COMING SOON

SEH are continuing work on site with the first phase of 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 due for completion in February/March 2022.

We are aiming to have a sales launch in September, with a show home available to view in October.

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 I hope you have a wonderful summer
Dawn Edwards
Development Manager
Orwell Housing Association

2 Homes Remaining

Shared Ownership

For Local People

JEFFREY'S GREEN, COCKFIELD

1 x 2 bedroom house For Sale £119,250

1 x 3 bedroom house For Sale £133,250

50% Shared Ownership Sale

***Prices correct at time of advert**

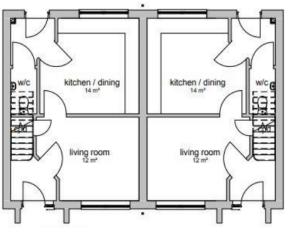
Orwell

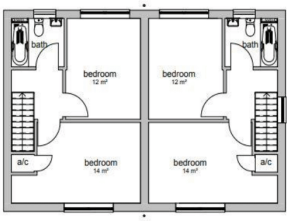
'An affordable way to get on the housing ladder'

Features of the Properties

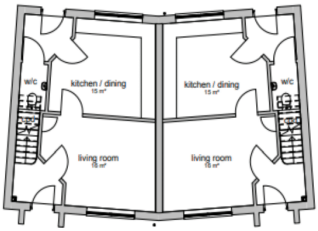
- 2 bedroom – Full Market Price £238,500
- 2 bedroom - Rent on remaining 50% £273.28
- Service charge for 2 bedroom ££23.91 per month
- 3 bedroom - Full Market Price £266,500
- 3 bedroom - Rent on remaining 50% £305.36
- Service Charge for 3 bedroom £5.58 per month
- Kitchen/Diner and Separate Living Room
- 2 Double Bedrooms (further single room in 3 bed)
- Bathroom with shower over bath and Downstairs WC
- Mitsubishi Air Source Heating
- Oven, hob and hood provided
- Turfed garden and Parking for two cars

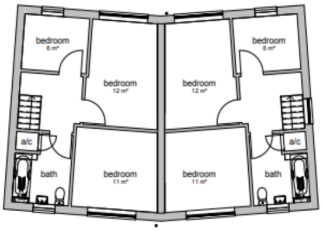
2 bedroom House





3 bedroom House





Am I eligible?

Priority will be given to those with a connection to the village of Cockfield and parishes in the surrounding area within Babergh District Council

Applicants will need to register with the Help to Buy Shared Ownership Agent www.helptobuyagent3.org.uk

For more information please contact…

homesales@orwell-housing.co.uk or call 07749 417399 / 07595 120688

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE
SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Norman Gregory (99, WW2 Bomber command, Legion d'Honneur) and Norman Kelly (a mere 71, 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.

If anyone else would like to cycle or walk to visit churches and raise money, please contact me, Jill Box on the numbers below. I have sponsor forms and information on all churches in the area that will be open on that day. It would be brilliant if we had more riders taking part. If you are unable to cycle perhaps you would be happy to spare an hour to sit at St Peters church and welcome cyclists, if so please let me know.

Both Normans have sponsorship forms and a fundraising site, please support them.
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thecockfieldnormans
However, if you would prefer to donate by cash or cheque, please contact
Norman Kelly, 01284828904 or 07817242294
Jill Box, 01284 828309 or 07754271727

Cockfield W.I.

We held our Annual Meeting on July 1st where we elected the committee and President for another year, discussed this year's resolution (to increase the awareness of subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer) and heard from our WI Adviser Angela Green. It was our first time back in the village hall since March 2020 and let's hope we can now resume our meetings as normal from August. It was lovely seeing those who attended in person, a welcome change from Zoom thumbnails on a computer or tablet screen.

The new 2021/22 programme will be available at the August meeting and includes your receipt of membership for the year. Many thanks to Jenny Easton for printing them for us.

Suffolk West continues to offer Zoom courses and live workshops in the coming months. Denman at Home also has a large selection to choose from.

Monthly Village Coffee Mornings are due to start again from Thursday 22nd July and we look forward to seeing our regulars again and hopefully welcome some new faces.

The committee and I look forward to seeing everyone again on August 5th when we shall be having a "Wine Tasting" evening.

Brenda C

Cockfield Community Coffee IS BACK
4th Thursday of the month

Cockfield Village Hall
Committee Room
10.30am - 12 noon

No Charge but donations are welcome
Enquiries please email wi@cockfield.org.uk

The Cockfield Flower, Fruit, Produce and Craft Show 2021

Flower, Fruit, Produce and Craft Items displayed

FREE ENTRY

Sunday 12th September
Cockfield Village Hall
Public Entry from 12 noon
Hope to see you there

The Cockfield Show 2021
Timetable
8.00-9.30am Handing in Exhibits
10-12 noon Judging
12 noon Public Entry
3.00pm Collection of Exhibits
Auction of donated exhibits
3.30pm Show Closes

Cockfield Village Hall

COCKFIELD COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS

Rory's Way (12A)

Friday 27th AUGUST

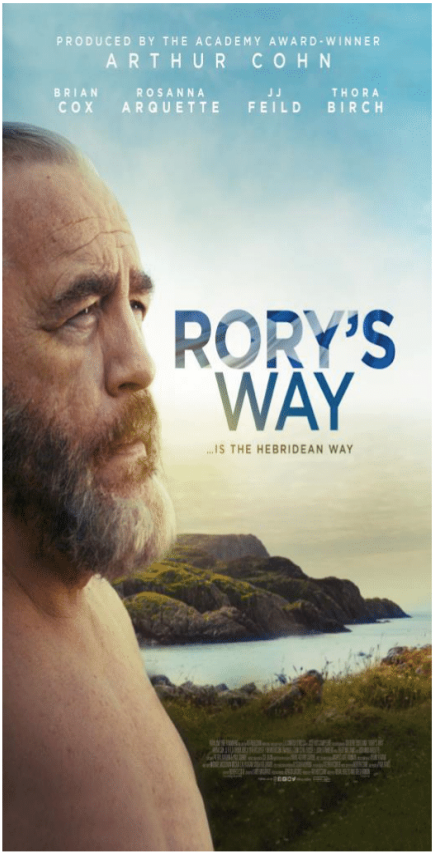
Cockfield Village Hall

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



. Based on the bestselling novel by José Luis Sampedro, RORY'S WAY stars acclaimed British actor Brian Cox as Rory MacNeil, a rugged old Scotsman who reluctantly leaves his beloved isolated Hebridean island and travels to San Francisco to seek medical treatment. Moving in with his estranged son, Rory sees his life transformed through a newly found bond with his baby grandson.

MONTHLY SCREENINGS

4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

FOR FUTURE SCREENINGS

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Dear Green Link readers,

This half term we have managed to enjoy some trips and special weeks-
On the 29th June Oak class went to Banham zoo to find out more about African animals. We had a fantastic day and saw lots of animals really close up. Here are some of the things we have learned:

I learned that giraffes have unique patterns – Ralph
I learned that tigers are endangered - Faith
I learned that macaws fly above the forest and they fly in pairs - Henry
I liked seeing the vultures because I've never seen a real one before - Blake.
I learned that it is really hard to see sea lions when they are underwater. This makes it hard for their predators to see them too - Alexia.

Birch also went to Banham Zoo as part of their science research on evolution and inheritance. Their understanding of how animals have evolved and adapted has been impressive.

As part of their Roman topic, Willow visited Colchester Castle. As well as exploring the artefacts in the museum, they also had the chance to build a replica Roman villa and Celtic roundhouse. The class also met John who took them down into the dungeons to hear stories about the Roman army and what they did to the Celtics as well as Boudicca's rebellion.

"We thought building the roundhouse was hard because it was difficult to weave the slats in and out." RJ and Ella.

"I liked pretending to be a Roman soldier while John told the stories." Jemma
As part of our science and environment week, we returned to Bradfield Woods this summer. Lime & Oak Class went on a sensory journey, exploring the woodland, discovering nature through sensory activities, identifying and naming trees and invertebrates. This inspired them when making art and sharing stories. Birch and Willow investigated how to live more sustainably and how to look after the natural environment. Two fantastic days provided by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

A lovely end to a strange year!
Have a super summer everyone,

Mrs Harkin

Garden Tips for August 2021

Flowers and Herbs

- Watch out for the dreaded scarlet lily beetles. Remove and dispatch any you see. Also check the underside of leaves for the sticky brown larvae and remove.

- 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 Vegetable

- 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.
- Look out for symptoms of 'clematis wilt' – This will be evidenced by black discolouration on leaves and stems. Cut out all infected material and dispose of in household waste.

Lawns

- Tackle stubborn lawn weeds by digging them out or using a proprietary lawn weedkiller.
- If your lawn is infested by ants, brush out the nests on a dry day. Always do this before mowing.
- 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

- Turn the compost in your compost bins every month to keep it aerated and speed up the decomposition process.
- Give hedges a final trim before growth slows.
- Remove any excess rampant plants (Irises and bulrushes) from ponds before they have time to go to seed and takeover.
- 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

Kate Ransom

Cockfield Parish Council

Summary report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 24 June 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'

Ongoing actions;

Telephone Kiosk; Given the difficulties with relocating the telephone box Cllr Turner would investigate alternative solutions to house a defibrillator at Great Green.

Turfing at Great Green Play Equipment: Cllrs were reminded that this work had been deferred until the Autumn.

Planning Compliance; The Clerk noted the remedial work undertaken by SCC on the overgrown hedge problems at Craufard House, Howe Lane. However, overgrown hedge at Meadow Lodge, Chapel Rd had not yet been actioned.

The Clerk to contact BMSDC Enforcement to ascertain whether the work undertaken to create the visibility splays to the entrance to the site (DC/18/00306) is the full extent of work to be undertaken, or whether the contractor intends removing tree stumps etc. It seems there is no obligation under the approval to completely remove tree stumps etc. Cllrs are therefore concerned as to the long -term maintenance provision the developer has for this. Situation to be monitored.

Dog Litter Bin (Smithwood Green) This had been procured and work to site the bin with a metal post is in hand with local contractors.

Bandstand; Cllr Morley to obtain a quotation for cleaning and painting the inside and the outside of the Bandstand, Great Green.

Litter Pick; Cllrs were reminded that the Litter Pick along the A1141 between Loft Corner and the southern Cockfield Boundary is deferred until the Autumn.

Glebe Land; Cllrs Webster and Morley had visited the glebe land to review the main entrance visibility improvements, gates and security, other short-term maintenance issues and vegetation trimming.

Suffolk County Councillor had a clash of meeting so only provided a written report and Babergh District Councillor Reports gave updates from across the district.

Public comment; Members of the Public reiterated concerns for overgrown footways and hedges.

Planning: Applications received which have been referred to the Parish Council for consultation;

DC/21/03129: Householder Planning Application - Erection of a first-floor extension over existing single storey side extension and replacement of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension. Jaydam House, 8 Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HQ (Consultation Response Deadline 18/06/21, extended until 28/06/21). **The Parish Council Supported this application**

DC/21/02296: Submission of details (Reserved Matters) under Outline Planning Permission DC/19/04755 dated 22/02/2021. Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of up to 28no. dwellings (Plots 5, 6 and 7 of Reserved Matters Permission DC/19/02020 to be repositioned/amended). Discharge of Conditions 5 (Archaeological Work), 8 (Estate Roads and Footpaths), 10 (Parking), 11 (Refuse Bins), 12 (Construction Management Plan), 13 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), 14 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy), 15 (Landscape Environmental Management Plan), 19 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme), 26 (Swift Boxes), 27 (Hedgehog Fencing), 28 (Rainwater Harvesting), 29 (Electric Car Charging Points) and 30 (Tree Survey). Land To The Rear Of Plough And Fleece Inn, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk (Consultation Response Deadline 22/06/21, extended until 28/06/21). **The Parish Council objected to the application (Full detail of the extensive response can be found on the BMSDC Planning portal)**

DC/21/03177: Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Remove approximately 14no Conifer trees (Forming Hedge) and Replant with Laurel. Candleford House, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG (Consultation Response Deadline 24/06/21, extended until 28/06/21). **The Council had not objection**

DC/21/03496: Proposal: Application for works to a tree/s in a Conservation Area - Prune back 1No Acacia tree (T1) large branch overhanging the patio to an appropriate growing point. Prune back 1No Acacia tree (T2), overhanging branch over the garage to an appropriate growing point. Removing any dead branches on both trees. Sketch plan 1. Hope House, Cross Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0LG (Consultation Response Deadline 09/07/21). **The Council had not objection**

Babergh District Council planning permissions/refusals received:

DC/21/002586: 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. **Decision: Consent has been Granted.**

Cllrs noted they had received no formal update on the on-going Loft Croner development.
Council discussed the previous committee meeting with contribution from Cllr Arthey on the process and how other councils dealt with such situations. The Council are awaiting an update to discuss this further

Finance:
Under our financial regulations we agreed; a donation gift for Mr L Mills as a 'Thank You' for undertaking the Internal Audit. A further donation gift for Mrs G Rose as a 'Thank You' for maintaining the War Memorial grass and flower bed.

Governance; To meet our statutory obligation we reviewed procedures; To confirm systems of internal control & take action as appropriate and in compliance with the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015, to further approve the completion of Section 1 of the Annual Return – "Annual Governance Statement 2020/21" for Cockfield Parish Council. From this to approve Section 2 of the Annual Return – "Accounting Statements 2020/21" for Cockfield Parish Council.

Suffolk County Council School Bus Service; Cllrs noted Cllr Lindsay's contact with the new SCC Portfolio holder and correspondence shared on the matter. Whilst there is more clarity on the demarcation and overall school catchment vs transport strategy, the situation remains with greater impact on Cockfield than first thought. The Chairman will further correspond with SCC using this

information and earlier research.

Neighbourhood CIL (Bus Shelter at Mackenzie Place); Cllr Morley indicated that he was in dialogue with Orwell Housing and the Contractor SEH French on how they could assist in this project.

Village Minibus; The was no update on this item.

Parking at Great Green; Cllrs had met with the Rpii Playground Safety Inspector to review safety measures around the play equipment and increased vehicle activity. The Parish Council Risk Schedule shows risk and mitigation. The inspector saw no inherent safety issues although he has suggested additional practicable measures that could be put in place. Cllrs are looking at these items and how they could be implemented.

Pavilion Update; The Contractor was progressing remediation works and is broadly on schedule. When this work is completed Cllr Golding will progress the kitchen floor and upgrades.
The Clerk noted he was still awaiting two further quotations for maintenance works to the railings.

Parish Councillor Vacancy:
The Chairman would include in his summary Green Links report details of the vacancy to be filled. Along side provision on the web site.

Maintenance Schedule and Asset Management;
Cllr Levit had circulated the Asset Register in advance. Cllrs noted there are some residual actions on asset inspections to close out.

Earls Meadow; The contractor was progressing the bridge remediation works.

Third Party Liaison;
Highways and Emergencies – Issues surrounding overgrown hedges and vegetation encroaching on the footways continues to be a massive problem. SSC Highways have no transparency on if / when action is going to be taken given how behind they are on the annual cutting programme. Cllr Lindsey would be asked to leverage the matters and escalate to the new portfolio holder, Paul West, to secure some urgent commitment for the A1141 and Perrydown Lane.

Police/Fire - Cllr Cutting-Keyton was chasing the crime reduction officer report.

Correspondence; Information concerning the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022 had been received. Cllrs will consider any events to mark this occasion in due course.

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 30th September 2021 at 7.30pm in Cockfield Village Hall

Cockfield Parish Council – Vacancy for one councillor

Some of you may be aware that a long-standing Councillor Rodney Williams decided to "retire" after 14 years of service on the Parish Council.

Therefore, the Parish Council are seeking to co-opt an additional member to the Councillor, 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, 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 (Except August and December) In addition you will need to be free to attend the meetings of any working 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, 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.

Steve Ball may be contacted by email at

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COCKFIELD EMERGENCY PLAN

Update and appeal for volunteers

The Parish Council has recently been updating the Cockfield Emergency Plan in liaison with the Suffolk County Council Emergency Planning Officer. Like many towns and villages in Suffolk we have an Emergency Plan to help the community respond as effectively as possible to certain risk events, (particularly those where there is an actual or threatened injury or loss of life, or damage to property), in ways that complement and support the emergency services

Generally emergencies are managed and controlled by the Police and/or Fire Service or the Local Authorities, but there may be rare occasions when these services are not able to provide an immediate response, such as a national or county-wide extreme weather event, eg the October 1987 'hurricane'. On these occasions and at other times when risk events are very local, 'self help' action might be required and it is therefore important that the village is prepared by having an effective and up-to date Emergency Plan.

Risk events included in the plan are: extreme weather (snowfall, gales, heat-wave), flooding, prolonged loss of electricity supply, field fires, a major traffic incident and another pandemic. For each type of event, mitigation and response actions are included to manage the impacts that might be experienced, particularly by vulnerable, elderly and geographically isolated residents.

Planning for and responding to Emergencies in Cockfield is the responsibility of the **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING GROUP** which comprises:

The **EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATION GROUP -** which is responsible for activating the Plan and coordinating response activities. Its members are Parish Councillors and representatives of other community organisations.

COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATORS - who undertake and co-ordinate response activities in one of 6 allocated areas within our widespread village. In particular they will identify and support any vulnerable residents who may need assistance. **We are currently seeking a Community Co-ordinator for Windsor Green and the surrounding area.**

REST CENTRE CO-ORDINATORS - who will manage the operation of a Rest Centre (the Village Hall) in the event of residents and any other people needing temporary shelter.

In addition **VOLUNTEERS** will play an essential part in responding to emergency events by undertaking specific tasks at the request of the Emergency Co-ordination Group.

The Emergency Co-ordination Group would be very pleased and grateful to hear from any residents and members of the farming community who have the relevant skills, equipment and vehicles, and would be prepared to be included in the Emergency Plan register of volunteers. Help could be needed in the following ways:

Clearance of roads blocked by snow, fallen trees or abandoned vehicles (note: chainsaw users must be certificated).
Recovering residents and drivers who are directly affected by flooding or are snowbound, or transporting carers or food / medical supplies to vulnerable or isolated residents. (note: 4x4 vehicles should have sufficient power and road clearance for such situations).
Administer First Aid (note: up-to date training / qualifications is required).
Assist the Rest Centre Co-ordinators with catering and supporting residents and other people needing temporary shelter.
Support the Community Co-ordinators in their local areas.

If you would like to volunteer your services to help in any of the ways outlined above or would like to be the Community Co-ordinator in the Windsor Green Area, in the first instance please contact Mark Webster (emergency.plan@cockfield.org.uk).

Details of the members of the Emergency Co-ordination Group and the Community Co-ordinators will be included in a further Green Links update and on the village Website as soon as possible.

In the event that the Cockfield Emergency Plan is activated, communications advising residents of the actions being taken will be issued via the Cockfield Community Broadcast e-mail (residents can subscribe for this service at cockfield.org.uk) and the Community Co-ordinators. Information may also be broadcast on BBC Radio Suffolk.

Useful information about preparing yourself for emergencies can be found at www.suffolkresilience.com/prepare-yourself

It is important to remember that the Emergency Plan exists to support, not replace, the work of the Emergency Services / Local Authorities.

In the event of any local emergency, if there is **ANY threat to life**, **dial 999** and alert the emergency services (Police, Fire, or Ambulance) immediately. If there is no perceived threat to life, but you have **information** that may help the emergency services, **dial 101.**

Thank you for reading this update.

Mark Webster
Cockfield Parish Council Emergency Officer

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The Village Walk

Saturday 21st August at 10.30am

Cockfield Village Hall

- Dogs on leads are welcome
- On return to the Village Hall refreshments will be served for a small charge
- Walk approx 4 miles over easy terrain and will take 1.5 – 2 hours
- Full details will be published on the website and in a community broadcast

Any questions please email: walkers@cockfield.org.uk

Computer Corner

Microsoft Edge, Windows

If you use Microsoft's browser, Edge, to access the internet, it's possible you may get a message pop up informing you that

Microsoft Edge is using the Webcam

This is a bit alarming as you may not be doing anything at the time to suggest that Edge would need to use the webcam: the message appears to pop up at random. To control this behaviour, you need to make a setting change in Microsoft Edge:

- Click the settings button - the 3 dots at the far right of the top row of the Edge window.
- This opens a menu of choices, click Settings near the bottom of the list - the Settings options open up as a new browser tab.
- In the left sidebar, select the setting Cookies and Site Permissions
- In the main right hand panel, scroll down to the section All Permissions, in which you will see a setting labelled Camera. Click this setting to select it.
- The setting 'Ask before accessing (Recommended)' should be switched on.
- With this setting set to on, in future any Edge site that wants to access the camera will trigger a message informing you and giving you the option to allow or disallow.

Microsoft Windows

When Windows 10 was released in 2015, Microsoft declared a strategy which said that future changes to Windows would happen as updates to Windows 10 and the cycle of major product releases such as Windows 7, 8, 10 would end. I suppose any strategy only lasts as long as the next one, and sure enough Microsoft have announced Windows 11.

Many of the new features trailed so far relate to the user interface and the look of Windows rather than substantive changes to the functional elements of Windows. More details will emerge in the coming months prior to its release, forecast around the end of October. Windows 11 is said to be free to users of Windows 10 and that it will be optional – support for Windows 10 will continue for some time.

Anyone with a particular interest will find plenty of online articles and YouTube videos discussing the content of Windows 11, and I'll summarise key information in the coming months.

Neil Ashton

computer.circle@cockfield.org.uk

Developing Skills in Health and Social Care

The developing skills in health and social care (DSHSC) project is providing fully funded qualifications to staff living and working in the adult health and social care sector across Norfolk and Suffolk

The project is funding a range of specific qualifications including:

- Functional Skills in Maths, English and ICT
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- Level 1 Course in strengths based and person-centred approaches
- Level 2 Units in Dementia, End of Life Care, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism
- Bespoke Level 4 Aspiring Manager Programme

All participants will have access to 1:1 mentoring support to help them throughout their training.

This project is part funded by the European Social Fund
For more information, visit **www.norfolk.gov.uk/developingskills**

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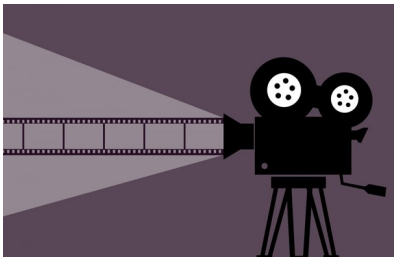
Community Council 2021 Programme

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.

If you haven't yet done so, please subscribe to receive community broadcasts by visiting the village website www.cockfield.org.uk and following the link in the footer of any page.

At the time of writing the government are sticking to the planned date of Monday 19th July to ease most restrictions. In planning our own activities the Community Council will continue to follow the rules and guidelines in force at any time and adapt to any changes that may be re-introduced. If any participants in our events choose to take a more cautious approach, e.g. by continuing to wear a face covering even if not required by the regulations, that is of course quite understandable and perfectly acceptable.

Cockfield Cinema – Friday August 27th



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. We are hopeful that this screening will allow us to run 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 August 28th

Please see the item elsewhere in Green Links for details of the August walk.

Cockfield Back Together – Saturday September 4th

There will be live music and a disco for this family celebration. Bring a picnic, and there will be a bar. Entry will be free and we will invite charitable donations. See the announcement elsewhere in this edition.

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.

The form to enter is in the centre of this months magazine.

Viewing of the entries will be from 12 noon on the 12th in the Village Hall, entry is free and there will be refreshments served.

Cockfield SpeedQuiz

Please note change of date: Saturday November 13th

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 headroom 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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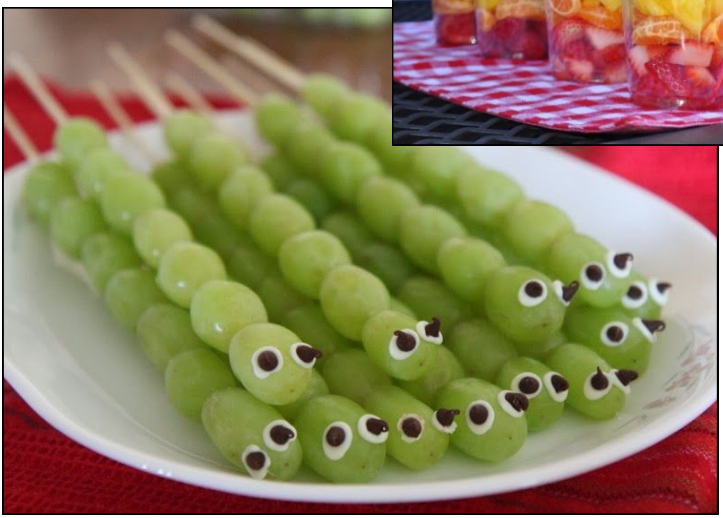
Children's Page August

I hope you are enjoying the school holidays with maybe a picnic or a trip to the seaside. But even if you don't go away a picnic in the garden can be a super treat, why not try some of these food ideas;
Chocolate chip, peanut butter and banana sandwiches
A salad in a jar

Apple Sandwiches
with chocolate spread

Fruit cups



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August's Advice Column

I've been living in my privately rented flat for years. I generally have a good relationship with my landlord, but I just can't get them to carry out various repairs that have built up. How can I get them to act - and what exactly do they have to do?

This must be a very frustrating situation. The law states that your landlord must provide accommodation that is safe, healthy and free from things that could cause serious harm.

You don't say exactly what repairs are needed. If you have problems such as electrical wiring that you think might be faulty, or there's damp, or an infestation by pests, the landlord has a legal obligation to put things right.

Landlords are also responsible for the maintenance of the general structure, and fittings such as boilers and radiators; basins, baths and toilets; and the drains.

The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, the housing advisers at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

If you need further information or advice 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 ring 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.

Contact: Elaine Gorman
Email: elaine.gorman@sudburycab.org.uk

Sudbury & District Citizens Advice
Keyse House, Acton Lane
Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1QN

Dear Friends,
We are heading into another period of uncertainty. Even though the restrictions that we have been living with for so long have been lifted (well most of them anyway), there are challenges ahead. Coronavirus remains a danger to lives and livelihoods. Our prayers continue to be for those who are facing changes in their lives as a result of the pandemic; the businesses that have had to close, those who have lost their jobs, those who have lost friends and family members.

At the start of the pandemic there was a lot publicised about the way in which the earth was having a break from the pollution created by humankind. With the devastating floods that have occurred in Europe recently with the subsequent loss of many lives there can be no doubt that we must all act to protect the future of our planet and generations to come.

It is easy for governments to make promises on climate change, and much harder to bring in the policies that will change the behaviours of our society. We all rely so much on modern technology, which is driven by electricity, both at work and for leisure activities. This is just one example of how our dependency affects the planet when we continue to use fossil fuels to create energy.

I know that many of you, Christian and those of other faiths, or no faith, are concerned about the future. However, it is no use just praying or hoping that things will change. Every change starts with each and every one of us. In our weekly services over the next few weeks our congregations will have a 'green tip' on the weekly news sheet. I hope that these 'green tips' will be taken up, and even though they may seem like very small steps, many small steps can lead to a giant leap!

Yours in Christ,

Sharon

Revd Canon Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,
Revsharon2@gmail.com; 01284 828599 or 07825 086063

Cockfield Benefice Services – August 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 1st August Trinity 9	*10am Communion - Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer – Cockfield 6pm Evening Communion – Felsham
Sunday 8th August Trinity 10	8am Communion – Cockfield 10am Morning Prayer BCP – Gedding *10am Communion – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 15th August Trinity 11	*10am Communion – Cockfield 10am Family@Felsham 6pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 22nd August Trinity 12	10am Communion BCP – Gedding *10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George
Sunday 29th August Trinity 13	*10am Benefice Communion – Cockfield

*This service will be recorded 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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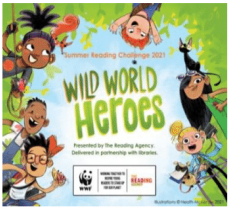

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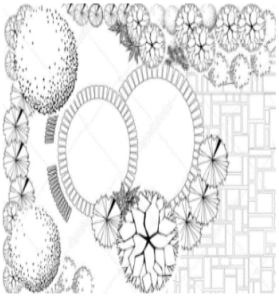

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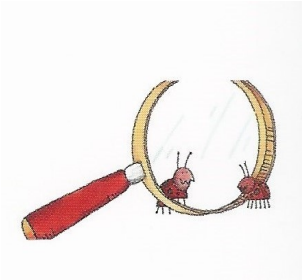

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In the same way, Achan's sin had far reaching consequences for his nation (verses 4 & 5) as well as for him personally (verse25) and all for what? He derived not one iota of benefit from his theft. He was not able to spend his ill-gotten gains, they did not make his life any easier or happier and it is arguable that he even got to look at the items he stole for any appreciable length of time, as immediately he acquired them, he buried them (verse 20). And so what was the point of his theft?

Achan, no doubt thought that he would get away with the theft. We can almost hear him saying: "Who's to know? There is no one about to see what I am doing and I can get a major benefit from taking these things. It will set me up for life". But God who sees everything (2 Chronicles 16:9) will reward accordingly (Jeremiah 17:10) and as Achan proved for himself, sins will find you out (Numbers 32:23) and assuredly there will always be consequences (James 1:15).

Achan was tempted and yielded to that temptation. Temptation itself is not a sin but yielding to it is. Jesus is our example as has been there Himself. "He was in all wise tempted but without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). He resisted temptation and gained the victory over it. By looking to Him we can try to do the same (1 Corinthians 10:13). We will not always succeed but if we fail and are truly repentant the grace of God is such that "if we confess our sins then God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9); the corollary being that there is no cleansing from unconfessed sin.

Achan failed to acknowledge his sin and repent of it until the very end when he had been found out, by which time it was too late and he carried the full penalty of his sin - which should serve as a warning to us all.

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