

Green Links

The Monthly Village Magazine of Cockfield

December 2021

Carols Round The Tree

GREAT GREEN

Sunday

5th December

4.15pm

Father Christmas

Refreshments

Switching on the Lights

Carols and Other Songs

Cockfield Community Council



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Firstly I must apologise for not attributing the photo on the cover of last months Green Links to Kathryn Vernon, it was such a striking image which many of you commented on, thank you Kathryn.

Another striking image is that of Tommy now installed on Parsonage Green in recognition of the service and sacrifice of those who served and to whom we owe such a lot. Maybe we could spare a thought for them as we gather for Carols Round the Tree on Sunday 5th December, lets make it a good start to Christmas in Cockfield.

The deadline for contributions to the January edition of Green Links has to be a few days earlier due to the printers shutting for their Christmas break so please send any contributions in by 7th December.

So as another year draws to a close from the team at Green Links may I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Janne

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We share, care and learn together

Dear Green Links readers,

We've enjoyed some amazing autumnal weather this month, with lots of outdoor learning. Both Lime & Birch class went to Ickworth House too, the youngest children were scientists, observing seasonal change by investigating trees. "We saw some evergreen and deciduous trees." – Noah "Deciduous trees lose their leaves in autumn." – Sam "Evergreen trees keep their leaves all year round." – Amelia "Evergreen trees have spiky leaves and deciduous trees have flat leaves." - Seth

Then they conducted an autumn clothing survey using a prediction they had made at school. They thought they would see lots of people wearing trousers, coats, hats and wellies. Their prediction was correct!

They also collected autumn leaves to sort and classify into different groups. In the afternoon, they investigated materials by finding out what everything in the park was made from and discussing why those materials had been used. "We found out that lots of the park was made from wood because it is stable and strong." – Zac "Metal is a good material for slides because it is smooth." – Mia. They decided that glass would not be a good material to use in a park. Fred said, "it will break easily."

Birch Class were historians. They learned some interesting facts about Ickworth House in their guided tour outside and how the house and the gardens have changed, especially during WW2. Bethany found out that back in the day they had "25 servants and 30 gardeners!" Lilly was shocked to discover that recently the house had new tiles and that cost £2m!

Remembrance was commemorated with Birch Class attending Church and the children were fascinated and thrilled to meet Norman Gregory. Kayley, Bailey and Pippa played important roles in the ceremony and told me they enjoyed hearing about his job as a 'bomber', how he was captured, and the medals he received. The Golden (Silk) Caterpillar was a favourite.

Best wishes,
Mrs Harkin

COCKFIELD COMMUNITY CINEMA PRESENTS
The Man Who Invented Christmas (PG)

Friday 10th December

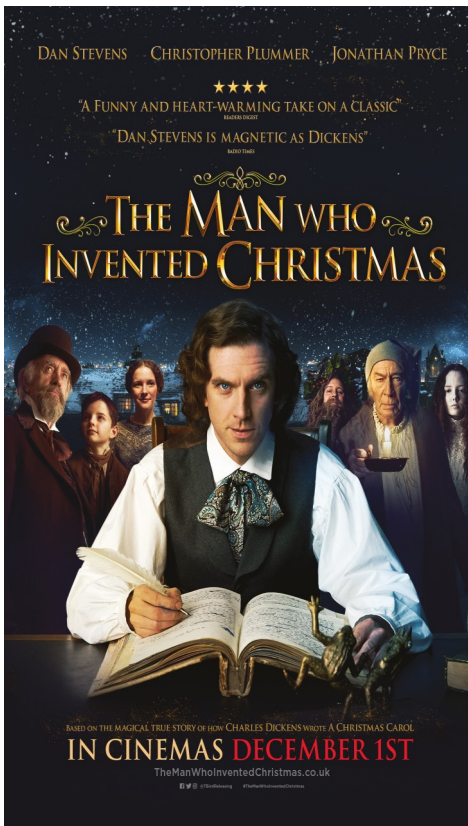
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Cockfield W.I.

November Meeting



President Brenda Cantlay welcomed members and outlined up-coming events: the Resolution Discussion Meetings on Zoom on 29 Nov, the Carol Celebration on 13 Dec, the Speed Quiz on 13 Nov and the Christmas Wreath workshop on 4 Dec.

She then introduced the speaker, Dr Chris Gibson, whose topic was “Gardening with Wildlife in Mind”, a subject of increasing importance as our climate changes and habitat loss continues. He explained that the biodiversity in a wildlife garden is equivalent to that in a tropical rainforest and told us how, when doing a census of moths in his own garden, he counted 1010 different species which is 40% of all the moth species in the UK.

He talked of the importance of eliminating pesticides and herbicides and encouraged us to enjoy the variety of insects and caterpillars which provide food for birds and often do not harm the flowers despite decimating the leaves. He emphasised the importance of growing a variety of plants, both native and exotic, and of trying to provide flowers and seeds for wildlife to feed on throughout all four seasons.

To encourage wildlife to your garden there needs to be food, water, shelter and nesting sites. There is no need for a large pond, a small receptacle will do and amphibians will soon be attracted. By not cutting back and tidying the garden before winter arrives, shelter and food for insects and birds will be available. Chris believes that ivy is a “powerhouse”, providing shelter, food and nesting sites. It will not kill trees, its flowers are the last source of nectar as winter approaches and its berries are not ripe until February providing valuable food. Dead wood should be left to decay as beetles and larvae eat it and a huge variety of fungi grow on it.

The importance of compost was underlined, both as a soil improver and as a mulch which will prevent water loss, an increasing problem as the climate warms.

Chris now prefers to use the phrase “climate weirding” as extreme weather occurs more frequently and stressed that we all have to adapt our gardens to help our native wildlife to survive.

This was an interesting and informative talk delivered with great enthusiasm and Chris was thanked for his presentation.

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Important – help required

It has been a difficult two years during the covid 19 pandemic. Although there is some cause for optimism, many people are facing higher household bills due to increases in costs for power and other essentials and for some these will be difficult to manage or afford.

For people living in the Parish of Cockfield the United Charities of Cockfield (the first dating from the 17th century and some later), still help those in need by providing some vital support.

Do you need help or do you know someone who might need assistance?

Whilst restrictions within the deeds limit how the funds may be used, the Trustees main problem is that it is difficult to find out who in the Parish might be able to benefit from some support. Last year we were able to help some residents but it is probable that there are others who would meet the conditions and should receive support. All approaches are dealt with in the strictest confidence, and if you consider that you, a relative or someone you know may need some help please contact me, or one of the trustees, so that we may consider the situation.

Tony Box
Chairman, United Charities of Cockfield
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Cockfield Parish Council

Notes

Summary report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 28 October 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 agenda included an item on the recent anti-social behaviour incidents in the village. The running schedule was amended, to bring forward time set aside, to allow Pc Darren Marshall to give reassurance and an update, as permitted by the on-going investigation, and also take questions from members of the public.

Bandstand refurbishment: As there was some doubt, Cllr Southgate has now determined the paint type used previously and is now in a position to give an overall specification for the refurbishment work.

Pavilion Balustrade: Whilst refurbishment work has taken place, we need to particularly consider the requirement for the balustrade at each end of the building, as these continue to suffer damage and degradation. Also review the wider pavilion refurbishment necessities for next year.

Planning – ACV: The Clerk noted that the Plough & Fleece Inn is now registered as an Asset of Community Value.

Remembrance 2021: Cllr Morley confirmed that he had installed the life-size Tommy silhouette at Parsonage Green.

Village Sign maintenance: Cllr Turner agreed to apply a coat of paint to the village sign on Parsonage Green. It was noted the support post condition requires monitoring as this was now deteriorating.

Village Hall Car Park - Cllr Cutting-Keyton to compile a wider schedule of maintenance work relating to the Village Hall Car Park, so this is correctly captured in the maintenance tracker schedule.

Public Participation Session:

SCC Councillor Robert Lindsay had provided an update to Cllrs in advance concerning, £50m “Bus Back Better Bid”; Lorry route consultation; Full Council – local electricity supply motion passed; Suffolk Schools Reintroduction of Face Coverings; Sizewell C Government Support & Funding Strategy.

Planning applications referred to the Parish Council for consultation

DC/21/05600: Householder Application - Erection of single storey linked extension. The Long House, Parsonage Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HB. (Consultation Response Deadline: 3/11/21) [The Parish Council supported this application](#)

DC/21/05687: Application under S73a for removal or variation of a condition following planning permission DC/18/00306 dated 17/05/2018. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Outline Planning Permission (access to be considered) for the erection of up to 10 dwellings - To vary and re-word Condition 17 (Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme) specific to the 10 Dwelling scheme and remove Condition 18 (Pre-Commencement Condition - Construction Surface Water Management Plan). Plough and Fleece Inn, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HJ ([Consultation Response Deadline: 6/11/21](#)) **The Parish Council supported this application noting the authority had indicated they were satisfied with revised condition wording**

DC/21/05381: Householder planning application - Erection of one and a half storey side extension with half hipped roof and front and rear dormers (following removal of existing flat roof extension), removal of existing lean-to roofs to rear with gabled roof continued over and re-instatement of gable end, replacement of rainwater goods and internal alterations and associated works as detailed in Design and Access Statements and supporting plans.: Sussex Cottage, Chapel Road, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HE. ([Consultation Response Deadline: 10/11/21](#)) **The Parish Council supported this application**

DC/21/05382: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of one and a half storey side extension with half hipped roof and front and rear dormers (following removal of existing flat roof extension), removal of existing lean-to roofs to rear with gabled roof continued over and re-instatement of gable end, replacement of rainwater goods and internal alterations and associated works as detailed in Design and Access Statement and supporting plans: Sussex Cottage, Chapel Road, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HE. (Consultation Response Deadline: 10/11/21) **The Parish Council supported this application**

BMSDC Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday 3rd November. Agenda item DC/21/02296: Land to the Rear of Plough and Fleece Inn, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk. **The Parish Council objected to the application particularly concerning the SuDS proposal, despite inference the proposal is now likely to be accepted by the authority.**

The Council noted BMSDC planning permissions/refusals received:

DC/21/04148: Householder Planning Application - Alteration to cart-lodge to create roof space studio. Highfield House, Howe Lane, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HA. **Decision: Planning Permission has been Granted.**

DC/21/04375: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No dwelling and garage (following demolition of existing barn) (in lieu of Part Q approved under DC/20/05787). Earls Hall Farmhouse, Earls Hall Road, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0JD. **Decision: Planning Permission has been Granted.**

DC/21/03753: Application for Listed Building Consent - Remove areas of cement and masonry paint from external render, repair with lime plaster and re-decorate with limewash. Installation of 2no. cast iron vents and 1no. vented pantile. Internal and external repairs and alterations as detailed in the Schedule of Works and Heritage Statement: The Abbey Cottage, Windsor Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0LY. (Resubmission due to amended plan). **Decision: Listed Building Consent has been Granted.**

DC/21/03719: Application under S73a for removal or variation of a condition following approval of DC/19/02020 dated 18/09/2019. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Reserved Matters for 10 No dwellings. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans & Documents) - Amendment to positions of Plots 05, 06 and 07 including addition of single garage to Plot 06 and double garage to Plot 07 (as approved under Outline Application DC/19/04755). Additionally, change of surface material for the proposed driveways and change of fencing. Details as per drawing DAPA_1431_400_00. Land to the West of Plough And Fleece Inn, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk. **Decision: Planning Permission has been Granted.**

DC/21/04408: Householder application - Erection of two storey rear extension. Install plinth around all external walls and rebuild chimney both in red brick, render front. Replace existing extension roof with slate tiles and clad with wood feather board to side. To garage apply wood feather board cladding,

replace front doors to timber and roof tiles to slate, install red brick plinth. (re-submission of DC/21/00437) Laburnum Cottage, Windsor Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0LY **Decision: Planning Permission has been Granted.**

DC/21/05002: Notification for Works to trees in a Conservation Area - Pollard 1No Ash tree in rear garden by up to 30%. Location: Conifers, Cross Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0LG. **Decision: BMSDC Do not wish to Object.**

DC/21/02648: 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. 8 Mackenzie Place, Cockfield, Suffolk, IP30 0HY. (Resubmission due to amended drawing). **Decision: Outline Planning Permission has been Granted.**

Neighbourhood CIL: update from Cllrs Webster and Morley, on costings, allowed members to agree a contractor can be engaged to provide the gates and plot fencing. Work was likely to be in January but would still allow us to move forward with designating the allotment plots.

Future of the Village Minibus: A working group of Cllrs would meet prior to the next meeting and report back on proposals.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: Following written submissions from prospective candidates, the delegated working group met the individuals, and from the interviews were then able to recommend to the council that Joe Brinkley should be co-opted to the council for the remaining council term.

Members considered a resolution from Cllr Levett that the Parish Council requests BMSDC to undertake a Community Governance Review (CGR), to enable the Parish Council to increase its number of Cllrs from 9 to 10. The administration associated with this in any event determined that any change would not be effective in this council term. After a vote, this proposal was not adopted.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 celebration: There was no update from the working group other than the marquee has been secured for the event and that this item is now a rolling agenda matter.

Maintenance Schedule and Asset Management:

Maintenance Calendar – the spreadsheet schedules show no urgent actions

and those items due are in hand and ongoing.

Earls Meadow – Repair work to the shed damaged in the recent incident to be assessed and the shed made secure.

Cemetery – The Parish Council’s tree surgeon will be asked to review trees and hedges for any maintenance needs.

Playground - The Greens Committee were reviewing any recommendations contained in the Annual Safety Inspection Report. These were general maintenance issues and no items were identified as risk requiring immediate attention, although The Clerk will contact the installing contractor to query a disparity in safety surface provision and recent breakage of a hand-hold device on the climbing beam.

Cllrs agreed that with SCC Highways’ inactivity and lack of budget, Cllr R Turner was to arrange replacing the missing “Cockfield” sign on the A1141 approach to Stow Hill.

The Councils maintenance contractor had advised the pavilion Klargestre required bearings replaced and associated repair work. Councillors agreed to authorise the repairs as the unit was not operating correctly.

The notice board at Crowbrook was reported as being in poor state and potentially beyond economic repair. Costs to be sought for a proprietary manufactured replacement as a simple solution.

Local Needs Housing: The contractors assistance on the new bus shelter is now confirmed, although getting this work progressed and accepted by SSC Highways will still remain with the Parish council. The Clerk, Cllrs Cutting-Keyton and Southgate will pick up this action for the applications. Cllrs were informed that, as with many building materials, costs for this project are rising and quotations need to be updated.

Highways and Emergencies - Cllr Levitt advised that the deferred litter pick along the A1141 by Bradley Smith and his group would be arranged to suit his availability, which is likely to be early November.

Correspondence: The Council had received the Annual Report and Request for a donation from Sudbury Citizens Advice Bureau. This being our nearest charity branch, The Council would consider this at the next meeting.

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
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4/12 - Karaoke - 8:00
11/12 - Stereo Jack live band - 8:00
17/12 - Christmas carols - 7:30
18/12 - Christmas Quiz – 8:00

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MENU 2021

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STARTERS

GF ^{VEGAN} V SOUP

Curried parsnip soup, fresh coconut, coriander, mini naan, mint and yogurt

GF MONKFISH MEDALLIONS

Lobster broth, dill and prawn ragout

GF BEEF FILLET

Seared beef fillet salad, chilli coriander, mixed leaf, peanut and tamarind

MAINS

GF V ROAST TURKEY

Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, roasted root vegetables, broccoli, cranberry, pig in blanket, stuffing and gravy

GF FIRECRACKER SALMON CURRY

naan, rice, chilli sambal and coconut

CHARGRILLED AUBERGINE

Fived spice freekeh, pomegranate, xo sauce, yogurt, toasted

DESSERTS

GF CHEESE PLATE

Baron bigod (brie) crackers and chutney

LEMON TART

raspberry sorbet

FOREST FRUITS CHEESECAKE

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CHOCOLATE FONDANT

orange mascarpone

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Cockfield Show Photographic Entries 2021



Garden View - Special Area



We certainly have some talented gardeners





Beautiful!



All birds are encouraged to the garden.





But some birds,
insects and
mammals may
be more
desirable than
others...



...and some you know have been but you never see.



To see the exhibits in colour please view Green Links on line, from 15th December, at cockfield.org.uk

Computer Corner

Scams and Fraud at Christmas

It's that time of year when it is appropriate remind us all about the likelihood of an increase in the number of scam emails. Leading up to Christmas online shopping activity increases and so does the level of fraudulent activity.

As ever the main overall advice is:

- use and keep up to date any mainstream internet security package that can spot fake or suspicious websites.

- Do not click on any link or open any attachment unless you are satisfied the email is genuine. If in doubt phone the company involved.

- Never respond to a request in an email to provide any personal, account or password related information.

- No reputable company ever asks for such information.

- Use strong, unique passwords for the sites you purchase from

Buying On-Line

Be sure that you really are looking at the website you intend and not one which is masquerading as another site. Check the site address (www etc.)

- When paying, make sure that the payment page is secured. The address of such pages will start with https rather than just http. All the major sites you are likely to visit (amazon, eBay etc) conform to this standard, but check if you are using an unfamiliar smaller site.

- Use your credit card rather than debit card for purchases so that you will be refunded if a transaction turns out to be fraudulent.

'Courier' Emails

Emails purporting to be from a courier with information about your delivery will be on the increase as at this time of year many people will be expecting a delivery in the run up to Christmas. They will appear to come from the well-known courier firms and may include graphics and logos to look more convincing. They might alert you to an issue with the

delivery and ask you to click on a link to verify some information. One key way in which these emails will differ from genuine courier emails is that they will be non-specific—they will not refer to you by name or quote order information. They may include an apparent tracking or consignment number as these are not of a form which could easily be recognised as genuine or fake. Even if you are expecting a delivery from the courier mentioned, do not click on any links until you are satisfied the email is genuine.

Neil Ashton

computer.circle@cockfield.org.uk

Cockfield SpeedQuiz

On 13th November the Community Council hosted a SpeedQuiz in the village hall – the first time we have tried this type of quiz which is played regularly in pubs all round the country. 11 teams, more than 60 people, competed energetically in this unique format where teams enter answers into their phone or tablet. Every team got fully involved and it was fantastic to see a full, noisy village hall. During the supper break there was also a game of bingo! The eventual winners, the team 'Universally Challenged', graciously donated their prize money to the Community Council. Grateful thanks are due as always to those who helped make the evening a success and especially to everyone who came along and enthusiastically supported the event in these uncertain times. We are planning repeat events in 2022, the first of which will be in February.

Dear Neighbour

Unfortunately email, text, phone and social media scams are on the rise. It is almost impossible to keep up with the variety of fraudulent emails that are increasingly appearing on our computer screens and smartphones. Similarly bogus phone calls are becoming more sophisticated. However, we are becoming more aware of scams that seek to rob us of our personal details and savings. Yet vigilance is necessary as nationally billions of pounds are extracted from the vulnerable each year.

Criminals may take advantage of 'Black Friday' shopping to put a holiday twist on phishing scams. In this scam, you may get an email or other message telling you there's an issue with an item you ordered. But you don't recognize the item and know you never ordered it. The message may be a phishing email meant to trick you into clicking a suspect link, providing your bank login credentials, or turning over other confidential information to the criminal.

Is an older person in your family receiving more junk mail than usual? Encourage them to be aware of misleading deals in the run up to Christmas. Remember the line, 'If something seems too good to be true, it usually is.'

Fraudsters are often clever and take advantage of the shame that many people feel if they've been taken in by them, that can prevent people reporting fraud. Fraud can happen to anyone - do not be too embarrassed to report if you have been conned or tricked out of money or your personal data. So, if you think you or a family member or a friend have become a victim of fraud or cyber-crime, please report it to www.actionfraud.police.uk

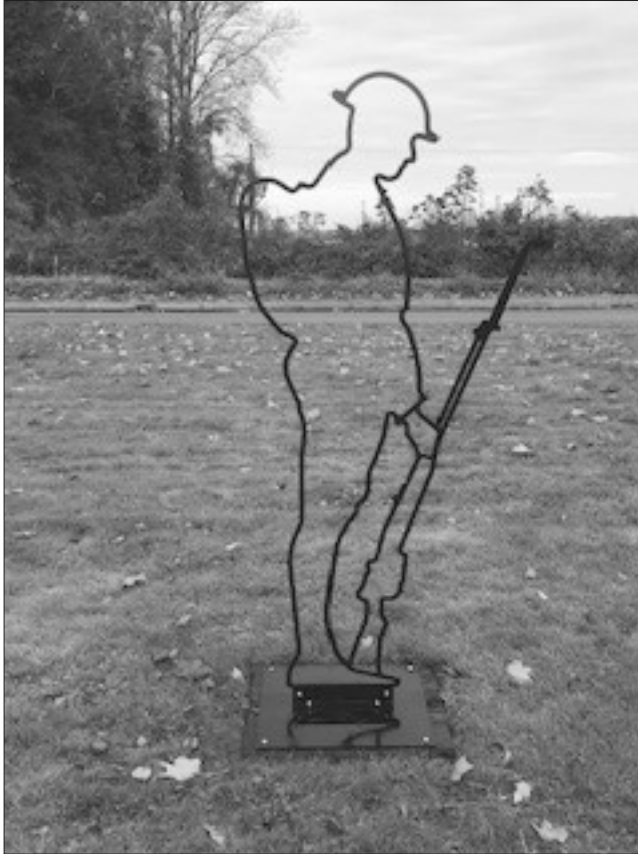
Forty-four percent of cars are broken into via an unlocked door, so on these dark nights make sure your car is locked, and if not empty of personal belongings, that items inside are always hidden from view when you park. At this time of year road accidents increase because of lack of awareness of the poor weather conditions, defective lighting and tyres and dirty windscreens. So now would be a suitable time to check your lights and tyres and top up your screenwash.



Remember 'crime cannot flourish in a community that cares', so be on the alert and be watchful in looking after yourself and your neighbours.

Kind regards
GB Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Tommy Statue



In 2021 the Royal British Legion are marking 100 years since the Nation's collective Remembrance tradition was first brought together.

To support this the Parish Council purchased a Tommy Statue which has been installed on Parsonage Green as a permanent feature. The Tommy stands beside our village sign and is there to highlight all aspects of Military life associated with the village and beyond.

The silhouette and fleeting image of the Tommy is a poignant and effective reminder for the service and sacrifice of those who served historically and in recent times.

Babergh District Council

Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2021/22

	Usual Collection Date	Revised Collection Date	Change
Recycling	Monday 27th December 2021	Wednesday 29th December 2021	2 days later
	Tuesday 28th December 2021	Thursday 30th December 2021	2 days later
	Wednesday 29th December 2021	Friday 31st December 2021	2 days later
	Thursday 30th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022	5 days later
	Friday 31st December 2021	Wednesday 5th January 2022	5 days later
Refuse	Monday 3rd January 2022	Thursday 6th January 2022	3 days later
	Tuesday 4th January 2022	Friday 7th January 2022	3 days later
	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Saturday 8th January 2022	3 days later
	Thursday 6th January 2022	Monday 10th January 2022	4 days later
	Friday 7th January 2022	Tuesday 11th January 2022	4 days later
Recycling	Monday 10th January 2022	Wednesday 12th January 2022	2 days later
	Tuesday 11th January 2022	Thursday 13th January 2022	2 days later
	Wednesday 12th January 2022	Friday 14th January 2022	2 days later
	Thursday 13th January 2022	Saturday 15th January 2022	2 days later
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	Thursday 20th January 2022	Friday 21st January 2022	1 day later
	Friday 21st January 2022	Saturday 22nd January 2022	1 day later

From Monday 24th January 2022 refuse and recycling collections return to the normal schedule.

Please note: There will be no garden waste (brown bin) collections during the weeks commencing 27th December 2021 and 3rd January 2022. Please refer to the garden waste collection schedule, which is available at: www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services

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Community Council 2021-22 Programme

A Programme of Events and activities for You, our community

What do you think about the things we organise for you?

What else would you like to see?

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In November our first **SpeedQuiz** took place in the village hall. 11 teams, over 60 people, competed energetically in this unique format where teams enter answers into their phone or tablet. Every team got fully involved and it was fantastic to see a full, noisy village hall. The winning team, Universally Challenged, graciously donated their winnings to the Community Council. Grateful thanks are due as always to those who helped make the evening a success and especially to everyone who came along to support the event in these uncertain times. We are planning similar events in 2022.

The Cinema continues as usual – remember the December screening of *The Man Who Invented Christmas* is on Friday 10th.

Also in December details are now available elsewhere in this edition for **Carols Round the Christmas Tree**, taking place on Sunday 5th on Great Green at 4.15 pm.

Planning for 2022 is well under way. We'll start the year with the usual **Hangover Hike** then in February a **Quiz**. Following the successes of the Abba and Bee Gees tributes, we are hoping that **Elvis** will be in the building in March. There'll be an **Easter Duck Race** and a **Sale Trail** in July.

The highlight will be the June 2nd – 5th Bank Holiday **Celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. The Parish Council have already begun to plan for this, and the Community Council will be fully involved. More information on this will be published as it becomes available.

Full details where available of these and future events can be found elsewhere in Green Links and on the website www.cockfield.org.uk. Additional information is published via the Community Broadcast system.

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.

Carols Round The Tree

GREAT GREEN

Sunday

5th December

4.15pm

Father Christmas

Refreshments

Switching on the Lights

Carols and Other Songs

Cockfield Community Council



On Sunday, December 5th at 4:15 the Community Council will be hosting an informal carol singalong around the Christmas Tree at the Great Green. The lights will be turned on and there will be a competition for children to count the number of lights.

We hope to get Father Christmas to join us (if he's not too busy) with a few pressies.

There will be refreshments in the pavilion afterwards so please all, do come.

RW

Cockfield Community Council Presents

The Hangover Hike

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Have a lovely Christmas!



Letter to the Editor from a Concerned Resident

It appears that the issue of litter is continuing to blight our Village. We have on a number of occasions this year litter picked down Howe Lane to the bus shelter at Mill Corner and it appears that another pick is due as there is more than enough to warrant it.

Once again it is perhaps time to remind one and all to refrain from discarded their rubbish onto the roadside verges, admittedly some rubbish is generated by outsiders. Pictures of certain deposited items are attached. One item was found on the bus shelter seat!



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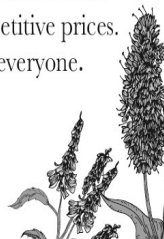
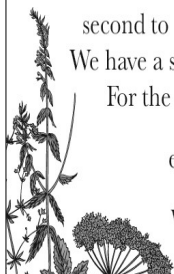
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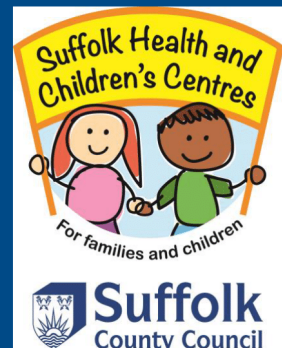
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We are now in the season of Advent, which is often overlooked with the commercial pressures to concentrate just on Christmas Day itself. Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Jesus – born as a baby boy. Christians try to spend Advent meditating on various themes, and to sustain a sense of ‘alert watchfulness’. The prayer that we often use throughout Advent is ‘Maranatha’ – which means ‘our Lord, come’ (1 Corinthians 16.22).

We try to keep Church decorations simple and spare throughout Advent, and purple is the traditional colour that is used for altar coverings and clergy robes. One of the things that we do each week on a Sunday is to light a candle on an ‘Advent Wreath’. This is a tradition that was imported from Moravia in the nineteenth century, but is very popular here. We also have imported the popular Christingle service, which this year in our benefice takes place at Bradfield St George Church on Sunday 4th December at 3pm.

Whatever you are doing to prepare for Christmas, I hope that the pressure to provide a ‘perfect’ Christmas or present does not ruin the joy of giving and receiving that is so much a part of our Christmas celebrations. And may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this Christmas, and into the new year.

with every blessing,

Sharon

Revd Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,
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Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – December 2021

Saturday 4 December	3pm Christingle with Baptism – Bradfield St George
Sunday 5 December Second Sunday in Advent	10am Communion – Stanningfield
	4pm Advent Carol Service - Gedding
Sunday 12 December Third Sunday in Advent	10am Communion – Gt Whelnetham
	4pm Carol Service – Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Carol Concert with the Tudor Rose Singers - Felsham
Monday 13 December	7pm Carol Service – Lt Whelnetham
Wednesday 15 December	6pm Doorstep Carols – Gt Whelnetham
Friday 17 December	7pm Carols at the Village Hall – Bradfield St George
Sunday 19 December Fourth Sunday in Advent	10am Carol Communion - Cockfield
	3pm Carol Service - Stanningfield
Friday 24 December Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service – Bradfield St Clare
	9pm Communion – Felsham
	9pm Communion – Gt Whelnetham
	11.30pm Communion – Cockfield
Saturday 25 December Christmas Day	10am Communion – Stanningfield
	10am Communion – Bradfield St George
	10am Communion – Gedding
Sunday 26 December St Stephens Day	10am Carol Communion – Bradfield St Clare

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Christmas Events



Here are details of two of our popular Christmas events - back better than ever after being postponed last year.

Please contact the library to book a place – these are always very popular

Tues 7 December 2pm-4pm
Christmas wreath making

Tues 21 December 2.30-4pm
Christmas Lego & Crafts –



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Top Time Group

Top Time is our sociable drop-in group for all adults. We hold fortnightly meetings from 2.30-4pm

7 December Christmas wreath making workshop

23 December Christmas Kurling & Carols



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Regular Activities

Tuesday	2.30-4pm	TopTime - Community Group for adults (fortnightly)
Thursday	2pm-3pm	Tot Rock - Sessions for preschool children and their carers (termtime only)
Friday	2.30-4.30pm	Indoor Kurling - group for adults
Saturday	11am-12pm	Lego Club – drop in sessions for children of all ages

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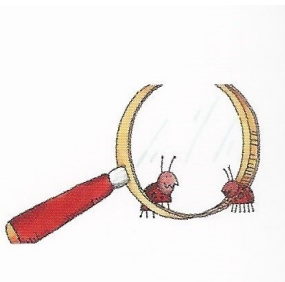
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From Matthew's gospel we see that the Magi came 'from the east' (verse 1); but from where exactly we are not told. It is believed that they came from Persia (modern day Iran) which is inferred from one of the gifts (frankincense) that they brought to Jesus, as this was widely used in Persian culture at that time. As Persia is in excess of 900 mile from Jerusalem the verse of the carol that goes "bearing gifts they traverse afar" is, therefore, very apt.

We also infer Persia as their origin because the term 'Magi' has been found on the famous Behistun Relief, carved by the Persian king Darius. It was he, Darius, who appointed Daniel chief Minister in his court and superior to all of his other Satraps, ministers and advisors, including the Magi who, no doubt, being inspired by Daniel's writings about the coming Messiah (Daniel 9) and passing these down to subsequent generations, caused the Magi of Jesus' day to follow His natal star and come to worship Him (verse 1). Daniel's prophecy mentions Jerusalem specifically - hence the reason, no doubt, for the Magi going there at first (verse 2).

By tradition, we assume that there were three Magi, which is inferred from the number of gifts they brought (verse 11) but the inference as to their number may be wrong. We know that there were at least two, however, as their number is pluralised by Matthew (verse 1).

The gifts they brought to Jesus were symbolic: gold representing His kingship frankincense His deity and myrrh His death. And so it may well be that God influenced the Magi in the choice of these gifts (Proverbs 21:1), displaying His foresight, as the gold very likely financed the family's stay in Egypt, to which country they fled in order to escape Herod's intention to destroy Jesus (verse 13).

Finally, we see that although little is known of the Magi they believed the scriptures concerning Jesus, came to worship Him (verse 2) and responded to God's leading (verse 12). And so whoever they were and wherever they came from they were truly wise men.

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