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February brings the snow, makes your feet and fingers glow! I certainly hope we don't get too much, what causes intense excitement as a child can turn into a major headache as you get older.

This month we welcome back Kates Gardening Tips, it's lovely that the nights are pulling out and with the first signs of spring emerging we can get outside and put Kates excellent advice into action.

On pages 9, 10 and 11 are details of Cockfield emerging plans to involve the village in the celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council are looking for your help and input in to the funding, planning and running of the events, as they say;

We want this to be a memorable weekend especially
for the children of the village and one that can be
spoken of for years to come.

This will be a another cause of intense excitement for the children. Please help where you can.

Janne

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Jeffreys Green Development Cockfield – Self Build Plots

Serviced Self Build Plots for sale with outline planning permission.

The following plots are for sale by informal tender with a provisional closing date of 28th February 2022.

Plot 22 Guide Price £110,000

Plot 23 Guide Price £110,000

Plot 25 Guide Price £120,000

Plot 26 Guide Price £120,000

Bidders are invited to submit offers for individual plots (they can bid for all 4 but will need to indicate their order of preference, as any buyer can only buy one plot).

All planning information regarding these plots can be found at <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> using planning reference DC/21/03681

Contact Fenn Wright 01787 327000 sudbury@fennwright.co.uk



Self Build Plots - More Details

As part of the first phase of construction at Jeffreys Green, Orwell has provided the services, connections and main roads to serve four plots of land upon which individual homes can be built.

The plots have outline planning permission for detached houses and are offered for sale by Suffolk County Council to people who would like to have the exciting opportunity to build or procure their own home in the village.

Sales will be conditional on the buyers living in the house themselves for a specified number of years and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will not be payable if the houses remain occupied by the original buyer for 7 years.

Suffolk County Council have appointed Fenn Wright as marketing agents for the plots and bids will be assessed based on an agreed weighted system which benefits people with a connection to Cockfield or surrounding parishes. This means that, whilst the plots will be marketed on the open market, bids received will be weighted higher if defined local connection criteria are met by the bidder.

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Jeffreys Green, Cockfield

Update 14th January 2022



Just a short update to let you know that the new open market homes at Jeffreys Green are selling well with some plots still available or yet to be released.

These homes are due to be completed in Spring this year and if you're interested in finding out more, please contact Fine & Country estate agents on 01284 718822 who will be able to give you more information and arrange for you to visit the site and view our show home.



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We have become a Help to Buy registered homebuilder which means that first times buyers can access the government backed equity loan scheme to help buy their home at Jeffreys Green. If you think that this may be for you, please contact Fine & Country who can give you some further information.

The construction of the final phase of the development will start in the Spring this year. This will be more 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses and 2 bedroom bungalows available for sale.

We are also currently planning an open event, with access to the show home, to be held once the weather improves. Further details to follow!



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We share, care and learn together

Dear Green Links readers,

We started the New Year with a visit to the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to see Cinderella. This was a trip postponed from December and being the only school there this time, we had a safe and fun time. For some children this was new experience and much enjoyed. The youngest children were thoroughly entertained, oh yes they were!

We hope to enjoy other visits this term and plan to visit Moyse Hall and possibly a Police Station as part of a focus on Crime and Punishment! A trip to Colchester Zoo by Willow and Lime Class looks likely, with links to our science topics, and Oak Class hope to learn more about the Great Fire of London through a workshop.

The summer term will also require careful planning when we celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and I hope a dance workshop looking at dance from every era will add some fun. I've heard that the Queen would like us to invent a new pudding, so maybe we'll have a DT project and lots of food tasting and trials, and our own Cockfield MasterChef!

I am continuing with my Forest Schools Leader Training and I have been supported by parents and Governors, in particular Dr Norman Kelly and his wife Morag in the development of the area on site. It really is starting to look pretty splendid and there will be some sessions for the children taking place through the coming weeks.

Best wishes,
Mrs Harkin

Cockfield W.I.

January Meeting



On a miserable January night only a small group of stalwarts gathered for the first meeting of the new year. Correspondence included notification of the Suffolk West Federation Annual meeting on 7 April at Culford school.

Brenda Dyer and Morag Kelly then talked about the five Resolutions from which members are asked to choose their preference before 14th February. These are listed in the Nov/Dec edition of WI Life with more information available by logging on to MyWI.

Social time was then enjoyed with a series of quizzes on such diverse subjects as chocolate bars, bridges, plants and TV programme musical intros.

The next meeting will be on 3 February and the speaker will be Fiona Quinn talking on SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre)

MK

Cockfield Community Coffee 4th Thursday of the month

Cockfield Village Hall
Committee Room
10.30am - 12 noon



No Charge but donations are welcome
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Cockfield's celebrations
for HM the Queens Platinum Jubilee
(organised by Cockfield Parish Council)

**Thursday 2nd June, in the evening,
on Great Green
Beacon Lighting and
Toast to Her Majesty**

This is an open event to which everyone is invited.

**Sunday 5th June Great Green
Cockfield's Big Jubilee Lunch**

This will be a ticketed event for the
residents of the Parish of Cockfield.

More details will be published in due course but in the meantime
please respond to the requests on Page 11 for help with the organisa-
tion and financial support, in order that the celebrations can be free to
all Cockfield residents.



The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Cockfield are being led by the Parish Council in conjunction with other village groups and organisations.

On Thursday 2nd June, along with communities across the country and Commonwealth, our beacon will be lit and a toast will be offered to the Queen.

This will be an open event to which everyone is invited.

On Sunday 5th June Cockfield's Big Jubilee Lunch will take place in a marquee on Great Green. This will be a ticketed event, free to residents of the Parish of Cockfield, with lunch, music and a paid bar.

Further details will be made available as plans are finalised.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll please contact jubilee@cockfield.org.uk to be included on the invitation list.



Our celebrations will take a lot of organisation and will need volunteers to help with not only the planning but in areas such as decoration of the marquee, catering, parking, administration and of course clearing up - the list goes on.

If you are willing to help in a specific area or in general or if you have an idea to put forward please contact Janne Cutting-Keyton on 01284 828264 or jubilee@cockfield.org.uk

The cost of putting on these events is high, to enable all residents to attend the Parish Council is looking for donations from businesses and residents.

To make a donation please contact the Parish Clerk, Steve Ball on 01284 828987 (10am - 4pm) or parish.council@cockfield.org.uk

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Please help where you can.



Cockfield Parish Council

Notes

Summary Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the full Council held on 21 December 2021

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

The Parish Council do not ordinarily hold meetings during December due to the Christmas holidays. However, urgent items of business required to be actioned particularly limited by the timescale associated with the Plough and Fleece matters, therefore an extraordinary meeting was called.

Plough and Fleece – ACV Community Right to Bid

Cllr Southgate outlined the history of the ACV process relating to the pub, the timescales involved in the Community Right to Bid process and the opportunities for and concerns of the Parish Council.

The Cockfield Village Group (a Community Interest Group) advised that they had expressed an interest with BMSDC to be considered as a bidder. However they still needed to register themselves as a Company Limited by Guarantee by 10/01/22, to be considered as an eligible Community Interest Group and trigger the Full Moratorium period. They had undertaken preliminary discussions with the owner and were now aware of the asking price and the assets being offered for sale. They outlined their ambition to create a Community Hub on the site by incorporating a coffee shop, post office and village shop with the pub.

The Chair of the Community Council advised that if the Cockfield Village Group were unable to achieve the above within the timescales, he was willing to convene a meeting of Trustees to explore opportunities for the Community Council to do so.

It was proposed by Cllr Southgate and seconded by Cllr Cutting-Keyton that the Parish Council should support any group with viable proposals to save the pub, but that the Parish Council could themselves never be in a position to submit a Bid or indeed be considered as a Bidder, thus precluding them from Expressing an Interest to do so. The proposal was carried.

The Parish Council agreed to forward a letter to the Cockfield Village Group

expressing its support for them to become an eligible Bidder, which could be forwarded to BMSDC.

Planning Applications for Consultation:

DC/21/06318: Householder Planning Application- Erection of cart lodge to front of dwelling and outbuilding to rear of garden: Hardwick View, Cockfield, Suffolk, IP30 0LB (Consultation Deadline 16/12/21). **The Parish Council Objected to this Application.**

DC/21/06416: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: Reduce crowns of 1no Silver Birch (T1) and 1no Ash (T2) by 40% to previous cutting points: Lanterns, Cross Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0LG. **The Parish Council had no Objections to this Application.**

DC/21/05655: Application for Outline Permission (Access points to be considered, Appearance, Layout, Scale and Landscaping reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 1No self-build dwelling and cart lodge: Land at Wix House, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HQ. **The Parish Council Objected to this Application.**

DC/21/06559: Householder Application - Erection of two storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage). Construction of dormer windows to roof slope to utilise existing attic space to provide bedrooms. Render all elevations to the whole house and erection of detached garage: Trinity House, Windsor Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LY **The Parish Council Supported this Application.**

Planning Application - Decisions Received:

DC/21/03681: Proposal & Location of Development: Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of 8No self-build dwellings (re-submission of part of Hybrid Application approved under DC/17/05332). Land Adjacent To, Mackenzie Place, Cockfield. **Decision: Outline Planning Permission Has Been Granted**

DC/21/05600: Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of single storey linked extension The Long House, Parsonage Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HB.

Decision: Planning Permission Has Been Refused

DC/21/05601: Proposal & Location of Development: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single storey linked extension The Long House, Parsonage Green, Cockfield, Suffolk IP30 0HB.

Decision: Listed Building Consent Has Been Refused

DC/21/02648: Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/21/02648 Adjustment to the intended sub-division of garden amenity land between the host dwelling (Nr 8) and proposed dwelling. 8 Mackenzie Place, Cockfield, Suffolk, IP30 0HY

Decision: Amendment Detail Has Been Approved

Pavilion Air Conditioning System Repairs: It was agreed to implement repairs to the pavilion heat pump system following a call out inspection by a new specialist contractor.

Subsequently the new contractor was found to be more competitive than the existing provider, so it was also agreed to sanction transfer of the maintenance contract for the next year.

Neighbourhood CIL: In Cllr Morley's absence, the Clerk advised the Street Furniture Licence for the new Mackenzie Place bus shelter had been obtained. SEH French had provided a quotation to design the groundworks for the Bus Shelter. A meeting with SEH French has been scheduled for 21/01/22 to fully discuss proposals, timescales and any need for a S278 application.

**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 27/02/22 and 24/03/22 both at 7.30pm
in Cockfield Village Hall**

Annual Litter Pick 2022

19th and 20th March

This year our annual litter pick of public areas, verges and public footpaths will concentrate on the weekend of 19th and 20th March.



Pickers, jackets and bags will be available .

As in previous years the Parish Council has worked with our Web Master to divide the Village into pickable sections and making these into a chart, if you would like to help with the litter pick please visit

www.cockfield.org.uk/clean-up-cockfield/

to register your interest in your preferred section (anonymously) or phone Neil Ashton on 01284 827238 or 07900 880 888 and just tell him what you would like to do and he will do the rest!

Babergh issues Guidance for Voluntary Litter Pickers, a copy is on Cockfield's website, please do read it before you start.

Whatever you do please do it safely!

Janne Cutting-Keyton
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Dear All,

It's been a while since you have had an update from FOCSA, Friends of Cockfield School Association, but I am pleased to say we are planning our first face to face fundraising event in April. Easter Chocolate Bingo is always one of the best fundraising events and is also great fun.

Fundraising opportunities have been limited over the past 2 years, but we have kept the ball rolling with a sponsored event, Christmas cards, break the rules day and selling second-hand uniform.

We are also registered charities on Amazon and Easy Fundraising. For Amazon just search Friends of Cockfield School in the Smile section and we will appear. Easy Fundraising is a where you can support us while you shop, just register and shop via the web page or app and we will receive a donation at no cost to yourselves.

In committee matters, we have a new chair, Beth Butcher, who will be taking over full time when Albie leaves school this July. I've really enjoyed my time on the committee and hope to be able to help with more fundraising for the school before I leave, the school council are currently coming up with some ideas for the Spring and Summer terms.

Our fundraising supports the school with class trips and resources, and more recently with the new playground and the forest school. We have some more plans for the forest school, the millennium garden, as well as more trips, so every penny raised is important. Thanks to all that have helped FOCSA over the years, hope to see you all at Chocolate Bingo soon.

Take Care

Nikki (Vice Chair)

Friends of Cockfield School Association

Chocolate Bingo

Friday 8th April 2022

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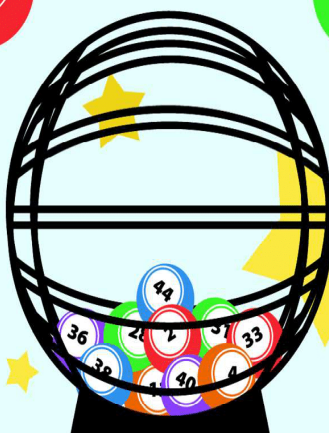
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Garden Tips for February 2022

Flowers & Grasses

Herbaceous Perennials – Weather permitting take the opportunity to clear last year's dead flower heads and foliage. New growth should be visible at the base of the plant. You can also divide congested clumps to improve vigour and make new plants for free. Top dress established borders with proprietary fertiliser such as blood, fish and bone or well-rotted manure.

Remove old foliage from Epimediums before the spring flowers start to develop.

Divide large clumps of bulbs such as snowdrops and winter aconites after flowering then re-plant to establish new colonies.

Cut back deciduous grasses (e.g. Pennisetum, Miscanthus) which were left uncut over the winter. With regard to evergreen grasses (e.g. Carex, Stipa) you just need to remove the dead grass.

Continue removing faded flowers from winter pansies and violas to prevent the plants setting seed. This will encourage the plants to produce fresh flushes of flower when the weather warms up.



Trim back winter flowering heathers to prevent them growing leggy.

Remove leaves with brown/blackish spots on Hellebores (Christmas rose) by doing this you will reveal the true beauty of these early winter flowers. Do not add the leaves to the compost heap as this will spread disease.

Trim back Ivy, Virginia creeper if they have out-grown their space and most importantly before the birds have started nesting.

Sweet peas seeds can now be sown in deep pots/ root trainers. Keep them in a frost-free greenhouse or a sunny windowsill. If you have autumn sown Sweet peas now is the time to pot on and pinch out. This will encourage side shoots to form.

Fruit and Vegetables

Clear weeds from vegetable seed beds and fork in compost or well-rotted manure.

Sow some vegetable seeds in greenhouse borders, cold frames or under cloches. Try sowing Aubergine, salad leaves, tomatoes, leeks, celeriac and onions.

Broad beans can be sown outside providing the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.

Chit first early potato tubers – by arranging the tubers in shallow trays or egg boxes with the eyes (young shoots) uppermost. Put in a light frost proof shed or room to encourage the tubers to sprout.

Cut autumn fruiting raspberry canes down to the ground.

Prune back blackcurrant, redcurrants and gooseberries to a good open framework. Top dress fruit bushes with a slow release fertiliser (potassium-rich) to feed plants during the new growing season.

Put fleece or cloches over strawberry plants to start them into growth. This will encourage early cropping.

Last chance to winter prune apple and pear trees while they are still dormant. You should aim to take out a bit of old wood each winter to stimulate new growth.

Avoid the haircut approach and try to stagger the pruning cuts throughout the canopy. Your aim should be to create an open centre to the tree which will allow more light to ripen shoots and produce fruit. It will also allow good air movement which help prevent disease.



Plant Rhubarb into enriched soil (well - rotted manure added) or split and divide established crowns.

Trees, Shrubs & Climbers

Prune winter flowering shrubs (Mahonia, Forsythia and winter flowering Jasmine) once they have finished flowering.

Prune Buddleias back hard to keep this vigorous shrub to a reasonable size. This will ensure that the flowers and scent can be fully enjoyed.

Complete winter pruning of Wisteria by cutting summer side shoots to 2 or 3 buds.

Prune hardy evergreen hedges and tidy deciduous hedges towards the end February and early March before birds start nesting.

Prune back clematis which flower in summer (July onwards) to 12 inches from the ground. Do not prune Clematis Montana or any of the early flowering (Jan – May) Alpina, Armandii species. These should only be pruned immediately after they have finished flowering.



Roses – Complete planting of new roses but not if the ground is wet and sticky or if there is frost or snow on the surface of the ground. If conditions unsuitable then just heel the plants into a nursery bed as a temporary measure.

Prune Hybrid Tea and Floribunda roses mid Feb to early March before growth re-starts. Remember the 3 D'S – Remove dead, damaged and diseased growth.



Sprinkle slow-release fertiliser around the base of roses and flowering shrubs.

General Maintenance and planning

Check your garden tools are clean and sharp. Check and service garden machinery so that you are fully prepared for the forthcoming season.

Wash greenhouse glazing inside and out to allow as much light in as possible.

Think about, plan and order any plug plants.

Create a box with dividers for each month. Sort out seed packets and arrange in sowing date order.

Clean empty pots with mild washing up liquid. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.

Get on top of perennial weeds whilst easier to control.

Happy Gardening

Kate Ransom

Editors Note;

Thank you Kate for guiding us through our gardening year, it's really good to have your help and advice back for 2022.

Weather 2021

January.

Mostly dull, cloudy, cold, frosty but some spectacular sunrises usually followed by dull days. The sun was mainly conspicuous by its absence.

Key features.

Storm Christoph arrived on 20th but we missed its full force.

Light snow showers on 16th, 23rd and slushy wet snow a week later on 30th.

Hardest frost of winter 25th.

Relatively dry up to 13/14th with 29mm over those two days. A wet end to the month, the last 6 days saw only one rainless day and, in this period 52mm of rain was recorded.

Personally, I was glad to see the back of January.

130mm for the whole month, being the wettest January since I started recording rainfall in 2015. The previous high being in 2016 at just over 77mm.

February.

Literally, the month was a Jekyll and Hyde scenario.

Up to the 14th it was Mr Hyde's turn to provide the cold, wet and snowy conditions with approx. 72% of precipitation in this period and snow falling on 6th, 7th and 10th that remained on the ground for just over a week (Storm Darcy brought in strong moist easterly winds). Dr Jekyll presented us with unusually mild and brighter weather from 15th onwards until month's end. Sunny days were enjoyed, cooler in any breeze but feeling Spring like in sheltered spots. Warm enough for our first butterfly spotting of the year on 20th, a Brimstone fluttering along the field margins beside Bulls Wood Lane.

Average rainfall of 58.5mm for the month.

March.

Overcast and grey to start, cold throughout (strong wind on 13th) until last few days when it warms up some much-needed sunshine. Below average rainfall spread widely over the month, amounts ranging low from 3mm to max 8mm at any one time. The first sound of the Chiffchaff was heard on 19th, a few days earlier than in 2020

April.

Rain almost non-existent recording a paltry 2mm for the whole month. A month comprising of a persistent cool breeze/wind originating from a North/Easterly direction. Mostly bright throughout with lengthy spells of sunshine and fewer cloudier days but the main feature was that of 'frost' and some hard ones at that with devastating impact for our fruit trees in blossom. Sleet/snow showers on 5th, 6th & 11th never amounted to anything significant and a litter pick to the War Memorial completed in the dry. UK wide the month recorded the lowest average minimum temperature since 1922.

May.

Average rainfall in a mixed month with at times cool winds but on the whole a much warmer and sunnier month. After a cool dry spring, the grass started growing well and becoming greener. Very localised and scattered thundery showers. Much improved conditions on Stowmarket Golf Course with lush well-manicured greens and excellent fairways after slow grass growth during the early Spring. Enjoyed the Bluebells at Arger Fen.

June.

Flaming June! Started well with copious amounts of warm and prolonged sunshine. So good in fact we travelled to enjoy a nature walk on Dunwich Heath with the added benefit of a NT vegan curried cauliflower and chickpea pasty for lunch. Thunderstorm on 17th and approx. 28mm or 1" of rain fell on 18th with a few overcast and cooler days to follow. Improved conditions and a return to warmth and sunshine but then the month ended up being dull and cloudy.

July.

Mixed weather for the first fortnight - sun, cloud, isolated showers and thunderstorms to give a typical British Summer climate. Mid-month very warm with agreeable amounts of sunshine. Able to see a good selection of butterflies in Bradfield Woods. A few humid days gradually built up enough energy for a biblical storm on Sunday 25th. In just 2 hours the Village experienced a rainfall total of 112mm or 4.4"; in nearby Brettenham, in front of gates of Old Buck School the road became a river that appeared to be in full flood.

The remainder of the month was mostly overcast and Storm Evert arrived on 30th giving very strong winds and showers. The Lion retreated and the Lamb arrived bringing warmth, sun and a gentle breeze.

August.

The first half was typical Summer weather - long spells of sunshine with isolated heavy thundery showers. Some very warm pleasant days enjoyed to the max.

Middle week mostly cloudy with light showers and this unsettled theme continued until the end of the month. Below average rainfall. A cloudy start on 18th then becoming sunny & warm. An early start on the golf course, rewarded with the best round of the year, a Gross 79 or 41 points and a reduction in H/C index to 13.4

September.

Late summer warmth and sunshine enjoyed during the first week then more unsettled with a pleasant mix of sunshine and cloud. Another torrent of rain occurred on Sunday 19th during a thunderstorm and just under 2" or 47.5mm fell within a very short timescale. The North Sea at this time of year pleasantly warm enough for a day trip and swim. The remainder of the month was again mixed with strong winds a dominant

feature. It was a wet finale.

October.

Above average rainfall with more cloudier days and mist becoming a feature. Some sunny days but daylight hours comprising of sunny periods were few and far between with not much more than 10 days of agreeable conditions, it almost felt on some days that summer was back again to keep up our spirits before the onset of winter with above average temperatures. In possession of OAP Bus Passes we set off to Lavenham on the Bus (3.5miles) then returned to Cockfield via footpaths both different routes measured over 9 miles!! Storm Aurore provided heavy overnight rain on 20th followed by isolated thunderstorms. Very mild on 28th but stiff breeze but did not stop a litter pick exercise to the Mill Corner, managed to fill two carrier bags with mostly drink & food items together with half a dozen used condoms (not nice but at least safe sex is adhered to).

November.

Average rainfall.

Still having to mow the lawn as the grass has not stopped growing. Our first real frost of the impending winter occurred on 2nd. Up to day 9 we enjoyed bright sunny weather, followed by misty murky overcast conditions; then more sun and the odd cloudy day. Little or no significant rain until the last weekend when 29mm or just over 1" was recorded. Significant covering of sleet on 27th. Storm Arwen arrived 25th but Suffolk was spared unlike the north of the UK.

December.

Storm Barra again affected the North but Suffolk experienced heavy overnight rain with showers on 5th. On 10th there was more persistent rain with localised flooding especially at The Stone where there were numerous casualties (1 car abandoned in the middle of the flood and 2 vans broken down on the Felsham side). Local infrastructure poorly maintained thus not allowing water to drain away sufficiently quick enough. Many sections of our roads had minor flooding especially where run off gully's are blocked. Mild & dry on 15th enabling a litter pick to be fulfilled along Perrydown Lane with over 40+ Stella Artois cans retrieved along with a partly filled Prosecco bottle, why? Hopefully, a final mowing of lawns was the last for 2021. The remainder of the month was predominantly overcast with rain at times but on the very mild side for this time of year.

PH

Cockfield rainfall figures in inches

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	1.85	3.03	2.46	2.6	1.00	2.52	5.12
February	1.40	0.81	2.32	1.63	1.02	4.13	2.30
March	0.96	3.07	1.50	2.99	2.32	1.38	1.65
April	0.73	3.68	0.41	2.56	0.30	1.10	0.08
May	2.19	3.07	2.48	1.54	2.15	0.40	3.18
June	0.51	5.06	2.85	0.08	4.37	5.93	2.82
July	3.43	1.34	2.46	1.02	1.71	2.62	6.10
August	2.85	1.32	3.37	3.17	1.46	5.72	0.87
September	2.17	1.89	1.89	1.34	2.72	1.56	2.66
October	1.48	0.67	0.63	1.75	5.59	6.01	4.66
November	2.91	3.78	1.54	1.81	4.76	2.22	1.87
December	2.28	1.12	4.04	2.93	4.31	5.69	3.21
Month total	22.76	28.84	25.95	23.42	31.71	39.28	34.52



Computer Corner

Odds and Ends

Windows 11

At the time of writing regular updates to Windows 11 are being released to add missing functionality and fix reported issues. Originally, I advised waiting till the New Year before upgrading to Windows 11, assuming your computer qualifies for the update.

In fact, unless you have a compelling reason for wanting to be on Windows 11, my inclination would be to wait until it has been out for about 6 months, which will be March. If you have a new computer with Windows 11 already installed, then all you can sensibly do is ensure that it is set to receive updates automatically. This is normally the default setting.

Exploiting OneDrive

OneDrive is Microsoft's cloud storage product. Windows 11's file system comes with a section for OneDrive, and each MS account comes with 5Gb of OneDrive storage. On a Windows 11 computer, OneDrive folders are used in exactly the same way as other folders on your system. The difference is that OneDrive folders are synchronise to the cloud, from where they can be accessed by any other device logged into the same MS account.

This means files stored in a OneDrive folder are accessible from your smartphone or tablet via the free OneDrive app available for that device. You can also share a file or folder with anyone else via a generated link.

So don't ignore OneDrive on your system, or be intimidated by it. Trying copying a file into a OneDrive folder then see how you can view the file on any of your devices running the OneDrive app.

Neil Ashton

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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?

Let us know at community.council@cockfield.org.uk

Or speak to any of the Trustees

The **Hangover Hike** was very well supported. It attracted over 30 walkers, perhaps keen to shake off the excesses of New Year's Eve. It was a fine morning for a gentle stroll round some of the countryside that we enjoy. Thanks are due to Rodney Williams for organising and leading the walk, and to Kylie Sheppard and Julie Goodsman for the excellent refreshments afterwards.

Don't forget the next **SpeedQuiz** on Saturday February 5th – see the ad elsewhere in this issue. 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 Cinema** begins its 2022 season on Friday January 28th – see elsewhere in Green Links for details.

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.

For a full list of Community Council Officers and Trustees, please visit the website:

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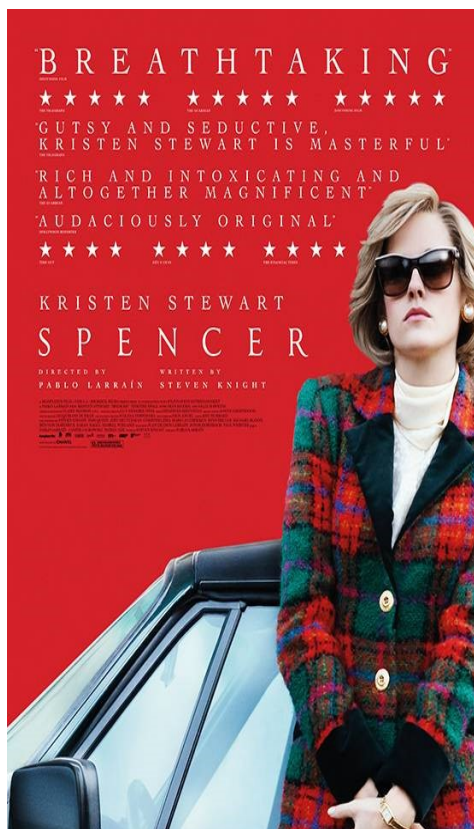
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The marriage of Princess Diana and Prince Charles has long since grown cold.

Though rumours of affairs and a divorce abound, peace is ordained for the Christmas festivities at the Queen's Sandringham Estate. There's eating and drinking, shooting and hunting. Diana knows the game. But this year, things will be profoundly different. SPENCER is an imagining of what might have happened during those few fateful days.

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Cockfield Community Council Chairman's Report 19.11.21

At the time of writing the Covid virus is still with us but has been strongly combatted by the majority of Suffolk Residents having had the vaccine and many more having received booster shots.

This has enabled community gatherings and confidence to grow and thus he CCC has responded positively.

A Christmas Tree was once again put on the green. Shining light into the darker months.

A number of speed quizzes were held which proved very popular , a big thank you to those who made this happen.

The Cinema started again in May and confidence to attend is steadily growing. This involved a lot of hard work for the team to organise within Covid restrictions. Well done to all.

A Sale Trail was held in July and was well supported with many interesting items being bought and sold.

The Cockfield Produce and Flower show was held in the Village Hall in September, it was inspiring to see how the thought of winning a rosette can prompt so many people to take part.

An event to get people together again after the "lock down" was held on Great Green in September. We had a band and disco on a covered trailer, the football club ran the bar and over 150 people attended. It was heart warming to see so many people together again enjoying themselves.

I pay tribute to the entertainers who waived their performance fee in favour of a charitable collection which raised over £350, the monies were split evenly between Macmillan and CATEY Pre School. A splendid evening all round, thank you to all who made it so.

In Mid-November A Speed Quiz was as held in the Village Hall , It was very well supported by more than 60 people in a unique format using mobile phones and tablets . Good to see a noisy, full, energetic hall and a fine Fish and Chip supper. A successful event and a credit to those who worked hard to make it happen. More Speed Quizzes are being planned for The New Year.

Once again a Christmas Tree will be put up on Great Green and, on December 5th, an informal Carol Sing song will be held with some pressies for the children .

Earlier this year a very sensitive decision was taken by the Community Council trustees regarding the community minibus. Obviously during the pandemic the minibus was not used by the village but in the previous year it had had so little usage that the trustees questioned if it was still needed, The bus just about broke even financially but no funds were accruing to fund a replacement when the current bus reached the end of its life. Much of the usage was from outside the village and the trustees thought it unwise to risk community council funds to subsidise this usage.

A joint letter from the Community Council and the Parish Council was published in Green Links and on the Community Broadcast explaining the situation and asking for views, ideas and suggestions as to how the minibus could be better supported and utilised. Sadly there were very few responses and the Community Council concluded that the situation was unlikely to improve. A motion was put to the trustees and the majority vote was in favour of passing the minibus back to the Parish Council, its legal owners. Accordingly the bus was MOT'd, serviced and passed back to the Parish Council on 31st March 2021.

The Earl's Meadow, Bruff's Line and Jefferies Green project has really been a valuable asset for the community during these difficult times, a quiet, beautiful place to relax, wander and, sorry to say it, remain safely socially distanced in the fresh air. A credit to the team who has made it so!

During these times the Community Council has not been able to raise funds for the village so we joined a charitable Post Office donation scheme. A huge Thank you to all who have responded.

During this year the Community Council has donated £5000 to the new play area on Great Green and £5000 to the refurbishment of the village hall bar and kitchen area.

It is said that hard times bring out the best in people and that is certainly true for this village of caring people caring for people.

We say a big THANK YOU to Susan Metcalfe who is leaving us and welcome to Mr Tony Turner who is Joining us. Let us all strive for a safe and successful New Year

Well done to all

R Williams. CC Chair 19.11.2021

Hangover Hike 2022

New Year's Day was a bright, shining morning and our walk was supported by 36 equally bright shining people and assorted dogs. We gathered in the village hall carpark; the days beforehand had been very dank and mirklesome so we decided to tramp solid ground and headed out up Howe Lane to the start of New Barn Farm lane followed the footpath through to the old airfield turned off at Smithwood Green, then back past Clipt Bushes, over to Earl's Hall Lane, on-to Bruff's Line and back via Perrydown Lane to return to our starting point.

It really was a beautiful morning and, whether it was this or the start of a new year, people seemed imbued with cheer and a genuine sense of goodwill and when we arrived at the village hall, things were made even more cheerful by the provision of refreshments in the form of Tea, Coffee, Bacon Rolls and a super array of cakes and buns. Thank you, Julie and Kylie, for a feast for the returning hikers.



All in all a splendid couple of hours to get the year off on the right foot.

Thanks to all who organised this event, and may I take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for this New Year.

RW.



Cockfield Community Council Presents

SpeedQuiz – The Sequel!!

Cockfield Village Hall

Saturday 5th February

Doors open 7 pm, Quiz Starts 7.30

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February's Advice Column



I keep seeing on the news that my bills could be going up soon. It's making me really worried, especially as I spent more on Christmas than I should have done. How can I get my spending habits back on track in 2022?

A lot of people will be asking themselves this question right now. The good news is there are lots of things you can do to be more in control of your money and better prepared for the future.

Firstly, find out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. Then you can set yourself a budget that you can stick to - take a look at the budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website, www.citizensadvice.org.uk, to help you do this.

If any of your bills do go up in the coming year, you can go back to our budgeting tool anytime to create a new plan and stay in control. Our website tips on how to reduce your regular living costs may be helpful if you find you have more money going out than coming in at any point.

You should also make sure you're getting all the income you're entitled to. Use the income checker on the Citizens Advice website to see if you could be getting more support, such as benefits or government grants. You can also use this to make sure you're being paid the right wage.

If you've been using credit cards, your overdraft or store cards for your spending, it's understandable if these debts are causing you worry. It's important to prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first though. Not paying these has the most serious consequences. On the Citizens Advice website, we have advice about which bills you need to prioritise and the support available for paying these and other bills. Once you have planned how to pay your priority bills, the budgeting tool can help you plan how to repay credit cards, overdraft charges and store cards. Everyone's circumstances are different, particularly when it comes to managing personal finances. If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call our debt helpline - 0800 240 4420. You're not on your own.

If you need advice or information on this or anything else, 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. Alternatively, contact us via email at advice@sudburycab.org.uk or by using the contact facility on our website <https://www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact>



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Children's Page February 2022

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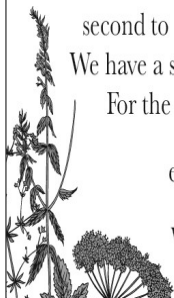
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Dear Friends,

On 20th February 2012 I was inducted and installed as the Rector of the Cockfield Benefice. I can't quite believe that 10 years have passed since that occasion. The adage is quite true - how time flies when you're having fun!

I certainly have had a lot of fun in the parishes that I came to be part of - and I'm still having fun, thanks to all those I live and work alongside. Last Friday we held a 12th Night Celebration at St Peter's, superbly organised by the social committee of the Church. None of us really knew what to expect - but it turned out to be a magnificent evening. I want to thank all those involved with setting it up - and for those who bravely climbed on to the temporary stage erected in the nave of the Church to entertain us. It was a joyous occasion in the middle of a rather grey month, something that I hope we can repeat in the future.

Today in our morning service we heard of the joyous occasion at a wedding in Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle. If he hadn't turned the water into wine, then the party would have probably been rather disastrous. But Mary, Jesus' mother knew that her Son would be able to do something about the wine running out - even though Jesus protested that the timing wasn't quite right. Sometimes a mother knows best!

Today we are quite sceptical about miracles - but I believe that we see miracles every day. The miracle of growth as we begin to see green shoots appear as Spring draws near. The miracle of a newborn baby. The miracle of the seasons changing and the nights growing shorter at this time of the year.

God is at work in all that is ordinary, making it extra-ordinary, life is a miracle, it is precious, let us savour it and enjoy it.

Yours in Christ,

Sharon

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Cockfield Benefice Services & Events – February 2022

Sunday 6 February 4th before Lent	9.30am Morning Prayer CW - Stanningfield 10am Communion CW - Bradfield St George 10am Morning Prayer CW – Cockfield 6pm SixtoSeven – Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 13 February 3rd before Lent	8am Communion BCP – Cockfield 10am Morning Prayer BCP – Gedding 10am Communion CW – Bradfield St Clare 4pm Healing Service – Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 20 February 2nd before Lent	9.30am Communion CW – Stanningfield 10am Communion CW – Cockfield 10am Family Worship – Felsham 4pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 27 Feb Next before Lent	9.30am Communion – Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 10am Communion BCP - Gedding

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at www.cockfieldbenefice.com

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am
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Jumpstart January is our month-long celebration of everything our libraries do to boost health and wellbeing. The theme this year was Community and our aim was to bring people together for various activities and a feeling of togetherness. As our planned sessions were postponed in January due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, we have moved them to February and they are listed below under our Top Time group

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Regular Activities

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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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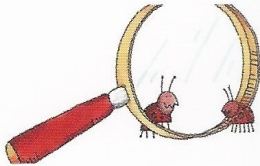
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Announcements

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For those in the village who knew Rose Hodgkins she passed away on November 12th, she was 83 and had been ill for a short time before her son who lived in Reading ,managed to get Rose into a care home. Her funeral was at the Risby Crematorium.. Rose was a member of the WI for many years, she moved out of Cockfield to live in Bury St Edmunds when her husband George died.

Twelfth Night Celebration

Although a week after Twelfth Night, St Peter's church retained its beautiful decorations and twinkling lights for a little while longer and welcomed an excellent audience through its doors.

The home-grown entertainment was a medley of songs, poems, jokes, dance and of course, music. The wonderful acoustics in this lovely and very ancient building complemented the playing of the organ, the piano and a saxophone and voices were raised in singing traditional carols as well as more secular songs. The Hippopotamus Song was entirely appropriate to the muddy conditions outside and was sung with gusto! An interpretation of the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy showed familiar village gents in an unfamiliar role!

A succulent hog roast was carved and served to the appreciative audience sitting in their pews and everyone agreed that it had been a happy and fun-filled evening. It was a perfect antidote to a gloomy January.

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