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A New Year and an apt time to say thank you, thank you to all those who give their time to make Cockfield the lovely place it is but especially to the Green Links distributors without whom we wouldn't get Green Links through our doors every month come rain or come shine - thank you all.

It looks like the New Year will bring financial challenges to many of us, the Tips and Tricks pages this month features use of our freezers and using leftovers, I am quite sure there are things we all do without thinking that would help others live more economically or less wastefully, please send them in so we can all benefit from your knowledge.

In addition to the WI's Coffee Mornings, held on the 4th Thursday of the month they are trialling a Winter Warmer Soup Lunch, if it is well supported than I am sure it will continue throughout the colder months it's open to anyone so do pop along to the village hall on the 14th.

As the weather turns colder please lend an eye to your neighbours, people don't have to be elderly to appreciate an offer of kindness and we all need a hand at some point in life.

May I wish you all a very safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Janne

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Cockfield Community Council

Bingo night!

Friday 17th February Cockfield Village Hall Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start

Tea, coffee, bar and bar snacks, cakes Cash only

Families welcome Free entry Cash prizes **Cockfield Community Council**

New Year's Day Hangover Hike Sunday 1st January 2023

Come and join the Community Council for a pleasant hike around the footpaths of Cockfield.

Meet in the Village Hall car park 10.45am - the walk will last about an hour and a half, refreshment will be available on our return to the Hall.

All welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult and dogs <u>must be</u> kept on leads at all times.

If its pouring the walk will be cancelled



Summary Report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the Thursday 27th October 2022

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

BMSDC Public Realm Land: The Clerk confirmed he had received a response from SCC Cabinet member responsible for Highways, confirming that SCC Highways would now be pursuing the matter of the problematic fence line at the entrance to Dukes Meadow and hopefully obtain a solution.

Local Needs Housing: The Clerk has completed the application for 'Granting of a new right of common and application for registration of a right in the commons register', however the Declaration needs to be signed by a JP or practising Solicitor.

Greens Management: The Clerk was instructed to defer the contractor painting the bandstand until the spring due to adverse weather conditions.

Pavilion & Shed: The Clerk was also asked to seek quotations to paint the Pavilion & Shed next Spring. The Parish Council agreed it will purchase and supply the paint.

Earls Meadow: Following requests from residents the Clerk confirmed that he has received BMSDC's written approval to site a new Dog Litter Bin in Jeffreys Green and that orders had been placed for the equipment / emptying etc.

Playground: Cllr Golding confirmed that he had carried out some landscape maintenance at the play equipment, but needed further top soil to fill under the slides of the multi-activity centres which, was weather dependant. The Clerk has contacted APL Ltd who will be returning to site, in the near future, to adjust tensions on the Zip Wire and tighten some fixings on the see-saw. However, the equipment remains safe to use as confirmed by our specialist inspector. **Parish Paths:** Cllr Webster confirmed that he had fixed 'Discover Suffolk' footpath plaques onto SCC footpaths.

Pavilion: The Clerk confirmed he had met a locksmith at the Pavilion to provide a quote to replace the broken lock, and is awaiting the quote.

Highways and Emergencies:

The Chairman expressed thanks to local residents for their assistance in repairing the pothole on the corner of Cross Green.

Planning: Applications Received for Parish Council Consultation:

DC/22/05023: Planning Application - Construction of a field access: Field West of Corner Farm, Lawshall Road, Cockfield, IP30 0JP (The Parish Council has no comment on this application which is outside the Parish)

DC/22/05151: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area -Fell 1No. Cherry (T1): Oak House, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG. (**The Parish Council Supports the Application**).

DC/22/04803: Householder Application - Erection of a single storey side extension and relocation of oil tank: Water End Cottage, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG (**The Parish Council has No Objections to this Application**).

DC/22/04804: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey side extension and relocation of oil tank: Water End Cottage, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG (**The Parish Council has no comment on this Application**).

Planning Decisions notified by BMSDC:

DC/21/06568: Planning Application. Erection of 3no dwellings and associated parking and landscaping. Land At Junction of Bury Road and Felsham Road, Great Green, Cockfield, IP30 0HJ. **Decision: Planning Permission has been Refused.**

DC/22/02966: Planning Application - Retention of change of use of land to garden curtilage. Change of use and conversion of and alterations to existing ancillary (detached) outbuilding to form additional guest accommodation to host dwelling 2 Willow Bridge Cottages, Willow Bridge, Cockfield, IP30 0JA. **Decision: Planning Permission has been Approved.**

DC/22/03982: Householder Application - Erection of a two-storey side extension (conversion of existing machinery building) Windsor Green Farm Barn, Windsor Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 **OLY. Decision: Planning Permission has been Refused.**

Village Hall Car Park: It was agreed that to keep on top of village hall car park maintenance issues, a contractor be appointed for regular works instead of ad-hoc visits.

Allotments: With the interest in allotments increasing, work is progressing with creating an improved entrance, track, car parking, shelter and hard standing, the purchase of allotment marker posts, timber path edging, weed suppressant material/pegs etc to create allotment paths.

Repairs to the Pavilion - Klargester: It was agreed to proceed with maintenance work as identified by the specialists.

Neighbourhood CIL: The Clerk provided Cllrs with a progress update on the Bus Shelter project which is likely to be completed in February 2023. This is weather and resource availability dependant. Residents should note during the work only limited provision for the bus stop will be available.

Greens Management: Cllr Morley advised that a new Oak tree has been planted on the Great Green as the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Tree with a commemorative plague; also that the area around the pond has been cleared.

Glebe Land: Cllr Webster confirmed that an article has been published in GL advertising the Allotments for rental and several positive responses have been received.

Earls Meadow: The new bench in Jeffreys Green has now been installed and councillors noted that a low post and rail fence needs to be erected along the top of the river bank in front of the bench, to provide additional protection.

Cemetery: Cllr Turner advised that he is awaiting a quotation for a new Cemetery gate post to replace a rotten one.

Parish Paths: Cllr Webster advised that he had reported trip hazards on the Abbey footpath to SCC and advised that following receipt of complaints about the footbridge over the stream on the Abbey footpath, he had inspected the bridge and reported its poor condition to SCC and was awaiting a response. 8

Pavilion: The Clerk was asked to investigate the installation of a smart meter.

Speed awareness - Cllr Turner advised that the Parish Council's oldest SID will need replacing next year and requested provision be considered for a new one in the 2023/24 budget & precept.

Local Needs Housing: Cllr Morley advised that the final phase of the Jeffreys Green open market housing is progressing well and will be completed in the Spring 2023.

Highways and Emergencies: Cllr Cutting-Keyton reported that the letter D was missing from the Cockfield Sign on the Felsham Rd. Cllr Turner was asked to source a replacement letter / sign as SCC had no budget for this work.

King Charles Coronation: The Council agreed to explore what the village could do as a celebration event.

EV Charge point - The clerk to carry out initial investigation into what would be involved for an EV charging point at the village hall, for discussion at next meeting.

The Parish Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Steve Ball by email at: parish.council@cockfield.org.uk or 01284 828987 10am - 4pm please

Next Meetings - The next Ordinary Meetings of the Council will be held on Thursday 26th January and Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.30pm in Cockfield Village Hall

·Your real Christmas tree In Cockfield at Hall Farm concrete hardstanding junction of Perrvdown/Howe Lane)

Trees can be left at this collection point between Thursday 5th Jan and Wednesday 11th Jan.

Collection will be made from 6.30am on Thursday 12th January.

Trees must be less than 7' tall & must have all decorations, stands & pots removed. Please call 0300 1234 000 (Option 4) for further details.



United Charities of Cockfield Help is Available

With inflation at its highest level for decades and fuel, electricity costs and food soaring to unprecedented levels many people will be starting to cut back on spending and for some it will be almost impossible to cope. Many organisations are available to provide support and these include The United Charities of Cockfield.

The United Charities can give small grants for fuel, clothing and food to people living within Cockfield parish and can also help with some medical, educational and job seeking support. In addition, there is a limited supply of logs from Earl's Meadow available for those who have wood burners or open fires.

The trustees have had no recent requests for any sort of help. There are limitations on who may benefit from the Charities, but we shall consider any requests **in the utmost confidence**. Please contact the trustees if you need help or if you are aware of any individual or family living in Cockfield who could benefit from some assistance.

charities@cockfield.org.uk

Cockfield United Football Club

The 2021-22 season ended up being the first season to be completed since the 2018-19 season. That's quite a statement. Now, before I go on I need to explain a few things, so you'll have to pay attention now!. Cockfield United play in the Macron Suffolk and Ipswich League (SIL), which was founded in 1896 (yes, really!). Until the start of this season the SIL consisted of a Senior Division, and Divisions 1-4 for first teams, and three Leagues A-C for Reserve teams. However, for the 2022-23 season there was a national reorganisation of the entire national football pyramid, and the SIL now consists of a Senior Division and then divisions 1-6. Now, to put things in a national perspective the SIL Senior Division is at Level 11 (the bottom level) of the English football pyramid. The Premier League is, unsurprisingly, Level 1. For reasons that elude me entirely, from Level 5 downwards they are known as Steps, so the National League, which is one below the fully professional EFL League 2 (for readers of my vintage this used to be called League Division 4) is known as Step 1. Confused yet? If you're not, then I'm not explaining this properly! So the SIL is at Step 7, or Level 11 of the entire pyramid. In other words, proper grass roots football! That's a lot to take in I grant you. You could maybe say we are the strongest Level, because we are holding up the entire pyramid. AFC Sudbury, by way of comparison, play in a League which is at Step 4, or Level 8 of the national pyramid. In 2021 they reached the First Round of the FA Cup and their Cup tie against Colchester United was shown live on BBC 2 and in 78 countries. Hope for us yet! It could be that the reason England haven't won anything since 1966 is because everyone is exhausted from trying to understand the pyramid system. Okay, you can go back to Netflix now, that's the tricky bit out of the way. Now back to the footy.

Of course, during the Pandemic a lot of players had moved on in their lives, or moved to other clubs, but essentially we still had a strong core of players in the 1st XI and could field a pretty stable team throughout the season. The 1st XI started the season in Division 2 of the SIL. The Reserves started the season in the A League of the reserve teams, which was a tough league. The Reserves struggled to put out a team with more than three or four faces from the week before, so it was difficult to get any continuity and stability. The priority is always the 1st team, and the Reserves would inevitably lose players up to the 1st match day squad to fill in any gaps.

Our training sessions are held at the King Edwards's School on their floodlit artificial pitch from September onwards. Attendance from the first squad

was generally excellent and was reflected in winning performances on Saturdays, but there were generally only a handful of Reserve team players. The season suffered from a high number of postponements, probably due to the 'Pingdemic', and this resulted in a very long season, since the SIL had to reschedule these fixtures midweek, and that meant the longer evenings of May. By the time the season ended on 10 May (for the Reserves) the First XI team had finished second in Division 2 and thus gained promotion to Division 1, which was a tremendous achievement for Tom and his squad of players. The Reserves had a long, tough season in the A League and finished bottom of the League, although they did have a much better second half of the season.

As I mentioned earlier there was a reorganisation of the SIL at the end of the season, and our 1st XI now play in Division 1, and the Reserves in Division 4, which is more appropriate to their Level of ability. So far results have been excellent for the 1sts and they now sit in 3rd place in the division. The Reserves are faring a lot better in Division 4 and are 7th in the table out of 13 teams, so we are optimistic for the rest of the season.

Apart from completing the season we were able to hold our end of season awards social night in May, and we were finally able to make presentations, some going back to the 2018-19 season. It was great to see the pavilion packed out and it was a good night, definitely a chance to put the last two years behind us. On 30 July we held the Billy Buckle Cup, an annual fundraiser for local charities. For quite a few club members (including the writer of this article) it was the first time they'd had a chance to enjoy this event due to you know what. The day consisted of a charity invitational tournament, along with a raffle, bar, barbecue, bouncy castle and live music. We raised funds to help a local resident who had been stricken with a serious illness, as well as raising much needed funds for the club

That brings things up to date with where we are now. We'd like to thank our sponsors for their continued support, particularly our shirt sponsor Hewick's Haulage, who have supported the club for a good number of years now. Incidentally, if anyone would like to sponsor the club, do please get in touch. Next time we'll have look at other aspects of the club, meet the 1st team coach and introduce you to some of the players. See you then!

Jeremy Gardner Match Day Services Manager

Division One

League Table

Pos	Team	4	M	Q	_	GD	PTS
1	Tattingstone United F.C. First (Sat)	11	7	4	0	12	25
2	Stowupland Falcons F.C. First (Sat)	11	5	9	0	14	21
e	Cockfield United F.C. First (Sat)	10	9	0	4	20	18
4	Bramford Road Old Boys F.C. First (Sat)	10	ß	c	2	11	18
2	Stanton F.C. First (Sat)	11	ß	e	m	7	18
9	Somersham F.C. First (Sat)	11	ß	c	m	7	18
7	A.F.C. Kesgrave First	11	ъ	e	c	2	18
∞	Bacton United 89 F.C. First (Sat)	11	ß	2	4	17	17
6	Achilles F.C. First (Sat)	13	m	4	9	-13	13
10	Grundisburgh F.C. First	12	e	c	9	۲-	12
11	Woolverstone United F.C. First	11	2	e	9	-13	6
12	Capel Plough F.C. First (Sat)	12	1	4	7	-25	7
13	Wenhaston United F.C. First	10	1	0	6	-32	e

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Saturday 24 Dec Sunday 25 Dec Monday 26 Dec Tuesday 27 Dec Wednesday 28 Dec Thursday 29 Dec Friday 30 Dec Saturday 31 Dec

Sunday 01 Jan Monday 02 Jan Tuesday 03 Jan Normal opening Closed Closed Closed Closed Normal opening Normal opening Normal opening

Closed Closed Back to normal

Barbara and Ralph would like to wish everyone a wonderful, healthy, happy Christmas and New Year

Cockfield W.I. December's Meeting



Our December meeting was a great success and an early Christmas celebration. We welcomed a ukulele band called 'What No Cake' to entertain us. Their suggestion that audience participation in the singing would enhance the experience, proved to be true! We were treated to an eclectic range of songs, most of which we knew, including some Christmas songs. It was a great start to the festive season! I think everyone joined in enthusiastically! We also had mince pies, delicious cake and mulled wine, which certainly also added to the enjoyment! In summary, together with some friends and partners, we had a delightful evening.



In January our speaker is Jenny Smith from Veganuary in Bury St Edmunds. She can be contacted at nomnomnosh.uk for further details. At the moment she can provide her products ready frozen, a regular monthly supper club and is available to cater for private functions. She hopes to recommence her weekly cook to order take away service when the current economic situation improves. In February our speaker is Jenny Easton a member of our WI, who is a weaver and spinner! Apparently 'It all started with a donkey' (when her son was given a sheep)! Jenny started in 1993 and has continued to make clothes from mostly sheep wool ever since! She belongs to the local Spinners Guild who meet monthly in Lavenham and highly recommends spinning as a very sociable hobby



and, of course, it has always been eco-friendly!

In March, which is an open meeting, we celebrate our local WI birthday with our speaker Charles Garland, a local Suffolk lad, born in Bury St Edmunds, who will be telling us about the enormously successful and popu-

lar Dads' Army programme. Indeed the Nations favourite comedy! Charles Garland has been an actor, writer, composer, television director, producer and author.

He re-edited most of the classic comedy archive for the BBC, including Dads Army, Steptoe & Son, Are You Being Served?, Porridge, The Good Life and many others.



In April. We will be joined by some very experienced gardeners from Thorpe Morieux Gardening Club. It will be organised on the basis of Gardeners Question Time! Questions should be submitted as soon as possible to enable time for research, if needed! Lots of questions please!

We will also be finalising arrangements for a few visits during 2023 including a visit to at least one garden, a living museum, a collection of art work etc. Further details in January/February.

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The village coffee morning we hold in the village hall each month is a great place to meet and have a chat! It is open to everyone and everyone is very welcome to share some lovely homemade cakes and biscuits, as well as tea and coffee. The next three Thursday coffee mornings are from 10.30 am until 12 noon and are on the 26th January, the 23rd February and the 23rd March 2023 in the Village Hall Committee room. Please come, we would love to see you!

We are also having a 'Winter Warmer' get together on Saturday 14^{th} January, in the morning between 10.30 am and 12 noon, which will also be in the village hall committee room. Everyone is very welcome to have some delicious homemade soups and a chat for a donation of a £1.

We would like to say welcome to you if you have recently moved into the village and would love to meet you! Visitors are always very welcome to WI meetings and if you would like to come along, please contact WI@cockfield.org.uk

We hope you enjoyed Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Joan Ball





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We share, care and learn together

Dear Readers,

Can you help please? We are collecting used stamps for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. If you have any stamps please pop them through the letter box, thank you.

We wish a wonderful new year; school starts again on the 4th Jan' 2023.

In the meantime, the children have shared with me some jokes which I'm going to pass on.

How do you fit 6 donkeys into a fire engine? Two in the front, two on the back and two on top shouting Eeyore Eeyore – From RJ

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh. By Lilly

Why can't nose be 12cm long? Because it would be a foot! By Finley (one of my favourites)

Why did the boy throw a clock out of his window? He wanted to see time fly! By Charlie

Why aren't there are any games in the jungle? Because there are too many cheetahs. By Ava

What do you call a man with no shins? Kneel. By Tommy

Why do all actors say 'break a leg'? Because all movies have a cast. By Henry

How do you make an octopus laugh? With 8 tickles. Declan

How do fish know their weight? They have scales. Liam

Mrs Harkin Head teacher







Tips and Tricks

Saving money, or at least not wasting it, is more important than ever especially as the winter approaches and we all have to cope with increased energy bills. This new page will feature a monthly tips. If you have a Tip or Trick to share please send them to janne@twerbs.co.uk

Freezer Savvy Savings

Check out these easy hints to make the most of your freezer. They'll save you time, money and help reduce food waste. You'll also have a ready supply of handy ingredients for your meals over the festive season and into the new year

<u>Cheese</u>

Slice or grate the cheese and place in a freezer bag. Hard cheeses freeze the best and try to use within 6–9 months. Grated cheese for <u>pizza toppings</u> or cooking can be added straight out of the bag without thawing.

<u>Milk</u>

Most types of milk can be frozen. Milk should only be frozen in air-tight, freezer-safe containers. Many milks may separate during freezing. Milk can safely stored frozen in the freezer for up to 6 months, but it's best if you can use it within 1 month of freezing.

Milk should be defrosted in the fridge as opposed to at room temperature to decrease the risk of bacterial growth. Alternatively, if you are planning to cook with frozen milk, you can defrost it directly in the pot or pan as you are cooking.

Frozen and defrosted milk is best suited for cooking, baking, or making <u>smoothies</u> as it may undergo some changes in texture that may make it grainy or having some fat separation.

<u>Eggs</u>

Don't freeze your eggs in the shell. Break them in a bowl and beat until the yolk and egg white is just about blended. Put the mix in an airtight container and label with the date and number of eggs used. Alternatively, use muffin tins as a mould and when the eggs are frozen, pop into a freezer bag.

Raw eggs can be frozen for up to 12 months, while cooked egg dishes should be thawed and reheated within 2–3 months

Mushrooms, broccoli and other veg

Vegetables such as mushrooms, avocados, spinach, rhubarb (yes, it is a vegetable!) beans, carrots, broccoli can all be frozen. If they naturally have a high-water content it's best for them to be pureed, sautéed, stewed or made into these easy freezer-friendly veg meals before freezing.

Mashed potato and sweet potato

You can easily freeze cooked potatoes and mashed potato. Cool mash then you could either transfer all of it into a freezer bag/container or if you're feeling perhaps freeze individual servings by scooping out portions individually using an ice-cream scoop. Open freeze these on parchment paper for about an hour and then transfer into a freezer bag/ container from there.

Cooked pasta

Al dente cooked pasta freezes the best. When it's cooled, toss it with a little bit of olive oil to coat it lightly. The oil stops the pasta from sticking together. If you have sauce on your pasta, there's no need to do this. Place the pasta in a single layer on a baking sheet and place in the freezer for 1-2 hours. Then place the slightly frozen pasta into storage bags.

Bananas

Peel your whole bananas or thick slices onto a tray and freeze until solid. Then transfer into a labelled resealable freezer bag, ensuring you remove any excess air before sealing. Frozen bananas are best used within six months.

Bread

Bread can be frozen either whole or grated for up to three months. Use the breadcrumbs to coat chicken, make meatloaf or perhaps some burgers.

Butter

Freeze butter in its original packaging right after you buy it, then pop in a freezer bag or container.

If stored properly, unsalted butter will stay fresh for 4–6 months, while salted butter can last up to a year.

Just be sure you freeze the butter before the "use by" date on the packaging. To thaw, leave frozen butter in the refrigerator overnight.

As with all frozen foods, never re-freeze once thawed and don't forget to label and date everything as no one ever remembers when they were put there!

There are lots of websites with suggestions on how to use all your leftovers – try some this season!

www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/leftovers www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/category/course/leftovers www.allrecipes.com/gallery/best-foods-for-leftovers www.bigoven.com/use-up-leftovers JL

TIPS & RECIPES FOR USING LEFTOVERS

Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within 2 hours or as soon as they are cool. Cool leftovers quickly.

Before refrigerating or freezing, slice large cuts of meat & store in serving size packets.

Label leftovers with the date.

Check the fridge regularly and discard old leftovers. When in doubt throw it out!

Reheat leftovers until piping hot all the way through.

Never refreeze turkey if you started with a frozen rather than a fresh bird!

Leftover turkey, if you are fortunate enough to have turkey at Christmas, can be used to make other delicious meals. Chicken could be used instead. In the following recipe there are a lot of store cupboard ingredients but they go a long way & can be used for many recipes! They can also be varied within reason to suit your taste! Whatever spices you use in this sort of recipe, always gently cook before adding other ingredients to bring out the flavours!

TURKEY TIKKA MASALA (Serves 4)

Ingredients

1 tbs Sunflower or vegetable oil

Onion, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed or finely grated

1 red chilli, deseeded & finely chopped

1 tsp cumin seeds

1 tsp ground coriander

1/2 tsp paprika

1/2 tsp ground turmeric

1/2 tsp garam masala

1 tbs tomato puree

400g can passata or tomatoes

1 tbs mango chutney

100g double cream

2 tbsp natural yogurt (optional)

About 600g leftover roast turkey cut into large chunks Chopped coriander, toasted flaked almonds,

Cooked rice and garlic naan breads (optional) to serve



<u>Method</u>

Step 1: Heat the oil in a casserole or shallow pan & fry the onions for 10 - 12 minutes on a medium heat until golden. Stir in the garlic, ginger, chilli & all the other spices, and cook gently for 2 more mins until the mixture resembles a paste. Stir in the tomato puree, passata or chopped tomatoes & the chutney & bring to a simmer. Cook for a further 10mins.

Step 2: Stir in most of the cream & yogurt (if using) and return the mixture to a simmer. Yogurt can curdle so heat very gently! Add the meat and continue to simmer until the meat is piping hot. Remove from the heat, drizzle over the remaining cream and stir through briefly. Scatter over some chopped coriander (optional) and flaked almonds. Serve with cooked rice and naan bread on the side.

BUBBLE & SQUEAK (Serves 4)

This recipe brings back memories of childhood! This 'modern' version will look like a frittata!

Ingredients

1 tbsp of vegetable or sunflower oil, duck or goose fat etc.

4 rashers of streaky bacon, chopped (optional not in the 50s!)

1 onion finely sliced (not in the 50s - it was just the potato & cabbage)

1 garlic clove (not in the 50s)

15 20 brussel sprouts, sliced or leftover cooked cabbage, shredded (previously seasoned)

400g cold leftover mashed potato (mine is made with a little butter & milk & previously seasoned).

<u>Method</u>

Step 1: Melt the oil or fat in a non-stick pan, allow it to get quite hot & then add the chopped bacon (optional). As it begins to brown add the finely sliced onion and the garlic. Cook gently until the onion begins to soften. Garlic can burn & become bitter.

Step 2: Next add the sliced Brussel sprouts or shredded boiled cabbage & let it colour slightly. Takes about 5-6mins.

Step 3: Add 400g cold mashed potato. Work everything together in the pan and push it down so that the mixture covers the base of the pan.

Step 4: Allow the mixture to catch slightly on the base of the pan before turning it over & doing the same again. It's the bits of potato that catch in the pan that define the term 'bubble & squeak', so let the mixture colour a little!

Step 5: Cut into wedges and serve with anything you like! Joan Ball

Cross Green

Many of you may have noticed the new seat and planters which have been installed on Cross Green. As in a previous article concerning the Village Sign on Parsonage Green we thought that Village residents may be interested in the recent history of Cross Green.



In 1968 Ken Steward discovered a small Oak Tree near the old railway line which ran to the rear of Cross Green. Mr Steward at the time lived in Hope House and was then the proprietor of H. Waspe and Son the Agricultural Drainage Company which operated from premises on Loft Corner now occupied by Graham Parish Engineering. Mr Steward decided to plant the Oak Tree in the centre of Cross Green where the tree flourished for many years. However, as it matured the limbs began to split from the main trunk and unfortunately the tree was deemed to be unsafe. The ground on Cross Green is very stony and it was decided that this had contributed to the demise of the tree.

In 1997 Cross Green was purchased by the Ruffell family who generously transferred the ownership to the Parish Council. Under the ownership of the Parish Council it was decided, following advice, that the Oak Tree had to be removed.

Local residents were then consulted regarding a replacement and subsequently a Fastigiate Beech was kindly donated and planted in 2006.



After a slow start the Beech Tree has begun to flourish. Dry seasons have meant that the tree needed to be watered regularly and thanks must go to Anthony Creasy and Trevor Jones for their perseverance to ensure the tree survived.

In 1990 Cockfield won the Babergh round of the Best Kept Village and a bench was presented to the Village which was placed on Cross Green.

Recently due to the deterioration of the original bench the Parish Council have purchased a 1.8m Hardwood Bench which has been inscribed with 'Cross Green 2023'. Thanks to Anthony Creasy and Rod Williams for securing the seat and planters.

The bench was purchased from Genesis Orwell Mencap a group which we continue to support. Genesis Orwell Mencap provides a range of high quality day care services in Ipswich, supporting adults and young people with learning or physical disabilities. They also operate social enterprises, including the manufacture of Genesis Garden Furniture.

The Parish Council are grateful to Anthony Creasy and Trevor Jones for their continued commitment to the maintenance and care of Cross Green.

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Power cuts - Tips for being prepared

With the National Grid warning of possible 3 hour planned power cuts this winter due to the international energy crisis, and the increasing frequency of extreme weather events, this is a good time to think about being prepared for the occasions when we might experience a loss in electricity supply.

During Storm Eunice in February of this year two people said to me during phone calls that their mobile phone battery was running out and that they wouldn't be able to recharge them due to the power cuts caused by the high winds. For anyone in this situation it would mean they wouldn't be able to make any phone calls, whether in an emergency, or to keep in touch with vulnerable family members and friends. Also for those of us who rely on a smart phone for access to the internet and emails, these services would be unavailable too.

Tip: buy a portable power bank for charging your mobile phone. These are charged up from the mains via an adapter and will usually retain their charge for several weeks. For £20-£30 it is possible to buy a power bank that will charge a smart phone 2-4 times, depending on its size and capacity. Some bigger power banks can also charge a tablet or iPad.

Tips: For lighting during a power cut, check that you have a torch to hand (make sure you also have some spare batteries) and consider investing in a solar powered lantern; for having hot drinks make sure you have a flask to fill with hot water in advance.

Hopefully there won't be any power cuts this winter and we won't need to rely on these things, but they're a bit like insurance policies; essential to have when you really need them!

Finally to make sure that you receive email communications issued regarding any emergencies affecting Cockfield, make sure that you sign-up for the Cockfield Community Broadcast at cockfield.org.uk

Mark Webster, on behalf of Cockfield Parish Council

BABERGH Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2022-23

Refuse (general rubbish) & recycling collections

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 23 December 2022.

From Monday 26 December 2022 to Saturday 14 January 2023, refuse and recycling collections will be on an amended schedule.

	Usual collection date	Amended collection date	Change
-	Monday 26 December 2022	Wednesday 28 December 2022	2 days later
Recycling	Tuesday 27 December 2022	Thursday 29 December 2022	2 days later
, Ac	Wednesday 28 December 2022	Friday 30 December 2022	2 days later
Sec	Thursday 29 December 2022	Saturday 31 December 2022	2 days later
-	Friday 30 December 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2023	4 days later
	Monday 2 January 2023	Wednesday 4 January 2023	2 days later
Refuse	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Thursday 5 January 2023	2 days later
	Wednesday 4 January 2023	Friday 6 January 2023	2 days later
Ĕ	Thursday 5 January 2023	Saturday 7 January 2023	2 days later
	Friday 6 January 2023	Monday 9 January 2023	3 days later
-	Monday 9 January 2023	Tuesday 10 January 2023	1 day later
ling	Tuesday 10 January 2023	Wednesday 11 January 2023	1 day later
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Recycling	Thursday 12 January 2023	Friday 13 January 2023	1 day later
	Friday 13 January 2023	Saturday 14 January 2023	1 day later

From Monday 16 January 2023, collections return to the normal refuse and recycling collection schedule.

Garden waste (brown bin) collections

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 23 December 2022.

There will be no garden waste collections during the weeks commencing 26 December 2022 and 2 January 2023.

From Monday 9 January 2023, collections return to the normal garden waste collection schedule.



Please put your bin out by 6.30am

To check for delays and report a missed collection, please visit <u>www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services</u> Alternatively, phone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)



Advice Column

This time of year is always so expensive, with presents to buy and heating bills going up. I've seen offers for 'Buy Now Pay Later' when I'm doing online shopping. It seems like a good way to spread the cost of some of the things I need to get for my family but how can I make sure I don't get into debt?

With everything getting more expensive, this is a really difficult time for a lot of people, so it's sensible to be thinking about how you can manage. There are lots of things you can do to try and stay in control of your money.

Before you start spending, work 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. Take a look at the budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website, <u>www.citizensadvice.org.uk</u> This can help you set a budget you can stick to.

You'll also be able to find tips on how to reduce your regular living costs, which might be helpful if you're struggling to keep within your budget.

While it can be tempting to split payments with schemes like Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL), you'll need a plan to pay the money back. If you're using something like that repeatedly, you might be managing for now, but it could also be a sign that it's unaffordable in the long run. Keep a record of how much you owe in total.

Always make sure you understand what you're signing up for, how you'll make the repayments and what will happen if you can't pay on time. It's important to check the returns process for both the retailer and credit provider. Paying through BNPL may also affect the cost of postage returns if you've ordered online. The riskiest thing about it is that you're not guaranteed to be protected if something goes wrong. For example, you can't go to the Financial Ombudsman Service if you have a complaint.

If you find yourself turning to credit cards, your overdraft, or store cards for your spending, keep track of what you owe. You should prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first, because not paying these has the most serious consequences. On the Citizens Advice website, you can find information on what bills to prioritise and how to manage debts. There's also information on the support available for paying these and other bills.

If, like many during this crisis, you find you can't afford to reduce your debts after paying your priority bills and essentials, seek advice as soon as possible. If you need specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call our debt helpline: 0800 240 4420.

Everyone's circumstances are different, particularly when it comes to managing personal finances. Our advisers are here to help you find a way forward.

For information and advice on this or anything else, visit <u>www.citizensadvice.org.uk</u> or call Sudbury and District Citizens Advice on 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, <u>https://www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact</u>

We are providing advice by telephone and email Monday – Thursday, 10am – 1pm.

Cost-of-Living Crisis

If you are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis there is local welfare support available. Sudbury and District Citizens Advice is encouraging anyone having difficulties to call 01787 321400 or email <u>advice@sudburycab.org.uk</u>. An adviser will call or email you to consider your situation and look at all the options.

We currently provide telephone advice between 10am and 3pm Monday to Thursday. A message can be left at any time, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please leave a brief message telling us what the issue is, together with your name and telephone number. We will attempt to call you three times. Please expect a call from a withheld number.

Cockfield Community Council News

As we say goodbye to 2022 and welcome in 2023 the Community Council trustees have been busy putting together a program of events for everyone to enjoy. With people starting to get back to a more 'normal ' life after the restrictions of the last couple of years, the trustees hope that 2023 will be the year to bring people back together in a social environment. A chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

We start the year off on January 1st with the Hangover Hike. A guided walk around the village lasting approximately an hour and a half, meeting in the village hall car park at a very sensible time of 10.45. Everyone is welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult and dogs kept on leads. The walk will end back at the village hall where those that have worked up an appetite can buy bacon rolls, cake, tea and coffee. Last years walk was very successful, lots of enthusiasm and definitely lots of chatter, plus it's a great way to blow away the cobwebs and start the new year.

Friday February 17th will see a **Family Cash Bingo** night in the village hall following the success of our first bingo night in October 2021. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday March 25th will be a **Quiz Night** again in the village hall, so plenty of time to get your team organised!

Saturday April 8th (Easter Saturday) family fun at the annual Duck Race held at Earls Meadow.

Saturday May 6th is the **Kings Coronation** and it is hoped to organise an event but is still in the planning phase.

Saturday May 27th - Monday May 29th Cockfield Art Show in the village hall.

Saturday June 24th to celebrate the summer solstice join us for a guided walk around the village followed by a **Summer Social** in the village hall.

A Village Fete is being planned for July.

Dig out your gingham ready for a **Barn Dance** in **September.**

Another chance to win with Family Cash Bingo in October

Test your knowledge with a Quiz Evening in November.

Cinema screenings will continue on the evening of the 4th Friday of each month in the village hall. But the **May Cinema Screening** will be a week earlier on **Friday 19th May** and the **December Screening on Friday 15th**.

A full program to mark on your new calendars and diaries.

More details for each event will be advertised in Green Links, on village notice boards, on posters around the village and on the community broadcasts as the date gets closer.

If you would like to help out at events but not commit to being a trustee you can register on the helpers list by email - <u>communi-</u> <u>ty.council@cockfield.org.uk</u> or phone our secretary Janne on 01284828264

Community broadcasts can be received by visiting <u>www.cockfield.org.uk</u> and following the link in the footer of any page. The broadcasts provide general information for residents including reminders of upcoming events and any last minute changes.

Report JP



Cockfield Remembered

Poppy Appeal Collection Cockfield

Church	box number 185235	£ 84.46
Post office	box number 185234	£177.52
School	box number 185233	£42.89

Remembrance Church Collection	£310.00
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Total Collected

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Thank you all for your help and support.

Ray Cook Long Melford, Cavendish, Cockfield and Districts Poppy Appeal Organizer (EJA29)



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Would you like to grow your own?

Since the acquisition by the Parish Council of Cockfield's former Glebeland, located between Mill Corner and Jeffreys' Green, work has been taking place to create a new village allotment. It is expected that 10 allotment plots will be available, hopefully by the end of the year, or early in 2023 at the latest, which will enable plot holders to prepare for next years growing season.

If you are a village resident and would like to register your interest for a plot, please do so by emailing <u>mark.cfield21@btinternet.com</u> by 30th November. Further information will be provided to applicants in the coming weeks, but if you have any initial questions please include them in your email - thank you.

Mark Webster, on behalf of Cockfield Parish Council

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Children's Page January 2023

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So in the hope that it does snow here's how you go about painting it! You will need food colouring and spray bottles or a pot and a paint brush or both, add a few drops of food colouring to some water the more colour you put in the deeper the colour will be, put the coloured water into the spray bottle or the pot or both, then spray or paint away. You can paint the lying show, snow balls or



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The difficulty with writing magazine articles in advance of being published is that you can't be sure about the hot topics in the world will be in a month's time! However, what is certain is that by the time you read this we will be in 2023. The start of a new year is often a time when we look back on the previous year and evaluate what we have (or have not!) achieved. We do this both personally and in the groups to which we belong.

As I look back on what we have been doing in Cockfield Church I have some lovely memories of the events and services that have been held in the building during 2022. We began with a lovely 12th night concert and feast of pulled pork rolls, where the church was almost full, and we had various local people perform for our entertainment. It was a fun evening! Later in the year whilst I was on sabbatical, 'Julie's flutes' group performed in the church, and then we had the local band 'the Emergers' in for a concert in October, which again was well attended.

We held our regular monthly pattern of services, where numbers have dropped a little as there are now more parishes in the benefice so more of a choice for worshippers! However, our fundraising events such as the summer lunch and the coffee morning and plant sale did extremely well with the local community's support.

As well as church services and events, we do offer pastoral support to anyone that needs it. And we don't just visit or support people who go to church. If you know of anyone who needs a visit then please do let me know, as we have pastoral visitors as well as the clergy team (myself and two curates) who are always willing and able to support people in our community.

I do hope that 2023 is a good year for us all, and I look forward to meeting with you at a service or event very soon.

Yours in Christ, Sharon Rev Canon Sharon Potter revsharon2@gmail.com 01284-828599 or 0782508

Cockfield Benefice Services & Events January 2023

Sunday 1 January 2 nd Sunday of Christ- mas	10am Benefice Communion CW – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 8 January Epiphany Sunday	9.30am Said Communion BCP – Cockfield 11am Communion CW – Bradfield St George 4pm Praise and Worship – Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2	9.30am Communion CW – Stanningfield 10am Family@Church – Felsham 11am Communion CW – Cockfield 4pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3	9.30am Communion CW – Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together – Bradfield St George 10am Communion BCP - Gedding
Saturday 28 January	Messy Church welcomes all families to come and join us for crafts, story, song and a delicious tea. Starts at 3pm and finishes around 5pm (venue tbc) For more details contact Canon Sharon at <u>revsha- ron2@gmail.com</u> .
Sunday 29 January Candlemas/Growing Younger Sunday	10am Benefice Communion - Felsham

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

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am A prayer group meets via zoom every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom. For more details contact Canon Sharon at <u>revsharon2@gmail.com</u> tel: 01284 828599 or 078250 086063



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Contact Details

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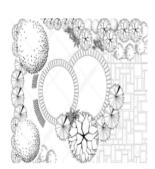
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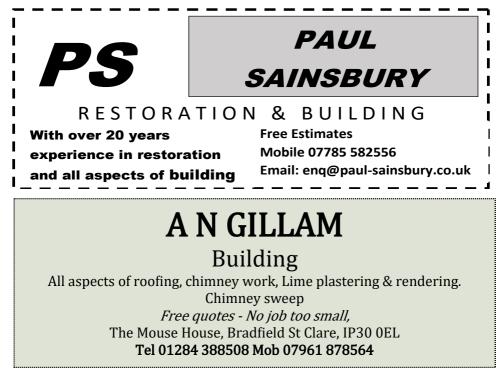
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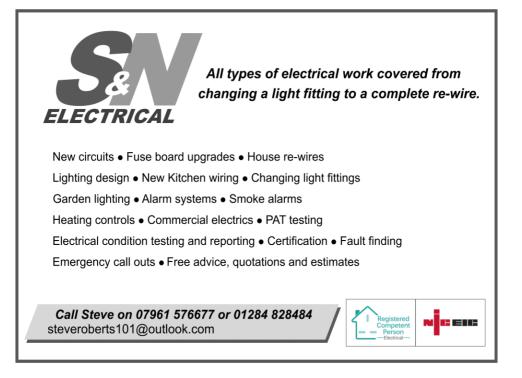
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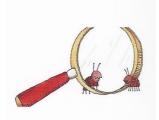
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The book is named after its main character who was a real person (Ezekiel 14:14 and James 5:11) and so, he was not merely an imagined character as some have assumed. He lived, according to some scholars, between the time of Noah and Abraham and may have been the man Jobab named in Genesis 10:29, who lived in 2200 BC or thereabouts. The authorship of the book is uncertain; although some bible scholars believe it to have been written by Moses, who lived in or about 1500 BC (when we were still in the Bronze Age here in Britain), but others believe that it is much older - which is why it is sometimes called "the book of antiquity".

The book was written to illustrate the faithfulness of Job and tells us that he was a wealthy man (Job 1:3), who lost everything (Job 1:13-20); but nevertheless he remained faithful to God despite all of his trials and tribulations, going so far as to say: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him"(Job 13:15). What faith in God that displays.

The patience of Job is legendary, and he is still used today as illustrative of one who bears adversity with fortitude. Job did this even though his friends tried to persuade him that he had brought all that happened to him upon himself because of something that he had done to offend God in his past. Even Job's wife encouraged him to give up and: "curse God and die"(Job 2:9) and thus end his misery.

Thankfully Job did not follow his wife's advice and died at a good old age (Job 42:17), having by that time received from the God double for all that he had lost (Job 42:10) and having an end to his life that was, " better than his beginning" (Job 42:12).

The patience of Job and his faith in God is an example to us all, as we go into another year with all the ups and downs that may be before us. In all this, may we affirm along with him "I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand on the earth" (Job 19:25). And that soon to happen event is something to which we can all look forward with expectant anticipation.

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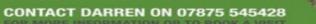
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Cockfield Community Council

New Year's Day Hangover Hike Sunday 1st January 2023

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Meet in the Village Hall car park at 10.45am - the walk will last about an hour and a half, refreshment will be available on our return to the Hall.

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