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Cockfield looked really lovely after the recent Litter Pick, it is such a shame that litter blights our village, unfortunately it is a nation-wide problem and one that can only change with education.

Our school is in the process of becoming part of the All Saints Schools Trust, having a vibrant school community within our community brings life and sustainability to the Village. In a letter to readers on page 5 the Chair of Governors, Dr Norman Kelly, says the Trust was chosen as 'their 'values match those of the Schools', they speak of persistence, resilience, optimism, strength, excellence, etc. please take a minute to read them.,

There is such a lot going on in the village, the Coronation Beacon Lighting, the Art Show and the Summer Solstice Walk are all imminent and are all free to attend, I hope you will be able to join in with them.

Our Footpath Warden, on page 39, speaks of the Countryside Code and generally asks us to show respect for our environment and to others. In education and in our daily lives respect for each other, the village, the wider environment and community is an excellent basis to live by.

Janne

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Chair of Governors: Dr Norman Kelly

Dear Readers,

The Governing Board have completed a strategic review of the school and concluded that joining an Academy Trust is the best option for the long term future of a Good Primary School in Cockfield. On completion of a detailed survey of the possible options (which included visits to other schools), All Saints Schools Trust (ASST) has been selected to be the partner of choice because their values match those of our School. A synopsis of ASST values is shown below.

The staff within ASST serve children and their families first and foremost. As a trust, we believe that our schools are more likely to achieve success when we have:

High Expectations

We have the highest expectations for staff and children in our schools. We aim to overcome any barriers which prevent anyone in our trust fulfilling their potential.

Personal Courage and Optimism

It is recognised that schools face constant challenges. We aim to develop people in our schools who have the persistence and resilience to triumph over these. Our schools endeavour to create a culture of optimism.

Recognising Talent

Leaders in our trust recognise and value talent and we aim to identify individuals who display strengths and excellence.

Objectivity

Our leaders act and make decisions impartially and fairly, using the best available evidence and without discrimination or bias.

Inclusiveness

We recognise that each child is unique and we aim to give them all the very best possible educational experience whatever their starting point.

Accountability

We acknowledge we have a responsibility for the standards, financial management and educational provision of the children in our care. This includes safeguarding and personal safety of the children.

Compassion

Everyone in the trust community has the right to be treated in a humane, dignified and empathetic manner

The proposal has been discussed with all staff, parents and carers. Both online and in person consultations have taken place as well as a public consultation on 17th April. Following the consultations and approval by the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and the Department of Education, the anticipated date for the start of the new arrangement is 1st September 2023.

Cockfield's Celebrations

to mark the



Coronation of HM King Charles III

Saturday 6th May on Great Green Beacon Lighting and Toast to His Majesty

> Gathering at 6pm, Beacon lighting 6.15pm

This is an open event to which everyone is invited.

The event to mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III in Cockfield is being led by the Parish Council in conjunction with other village groups and organisations.

On Saturday 6th May everyone is invited to picnic on Great Green from 4.30pm.

You need to bring your own food and are welcome to pitch a tent or gazebo and to decorate it on a coronation theme.

At 6.15pm our Beacon will be lit and a toast will be offered to the King followed by community singing and the distribution of the Coronation Gift Bags to the children of the village.

To register for a free Coronation Gift Bag for an under 16 year old please complete the form on the flyer delivered with this copy of Green Links or complete the slip over the page and return to Cockfield Post Office, to the Parish Clerk at Greenridge Howe Lane or email to coronation@cockfield.org.uk this must be received by Monday 24th April

A limited number of bags will be made available to residents of the village whose children or grandchildren do not reside in the parish. These are priced at £8.00 each please indicate on the slip if the children are not resident in Cockfield

> If you need any further information please email coronation@cockfield.org.uk or telephone the Parish Clerk on 01284 828987

Careful consideration has been given to the scale of the celebration in the current economic climate and the likely prevailing weather conditions for early May.

In addition to the above there will be an Oak Tree planted in the King's name and an inscribed bench will be sited in a prominent position within the village.



The Coronation Gift Bags will contain a Mug, Pin Badge, Charles III 50p Coin and other themed goodies.

God save the King

To register for a FREE Coronation Gift Bag for an under 16 year old, including those who's 16th birthday was in 2023 or those who are due to be born in the Coronation year, please complete the form below and return the slip to Cockfield Post Office, the Parish Clerk at Greenridge Howe Lane or email to coronation@cockfield.org.uk

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PLEASE PRINT	
Bags will be/will not be collected on the 6th	
Household Surname	
Address	
Children's Full Names including Surname	
Contact phone number or email	

If you need any further information please email coronation@cockfield.org.uk or telephone the Parish Clerk on 01284 828987

Cockfield United Football Club

Match days

Match days are very busy. As the Match Day Services Manager my job is front of house and I make sure that the pavilion is clean and tidy ready to host our visitors on Saturday, whether it be a 1st or a Reserve team game. Most of the cleaning up after a Saturday fixture is done mid week, so on Saturday the Pavilion should be good to go. Tom and I meet at about 9.15 on Saturday morning and the first thing to do is to put the goals up. The 1st team pitch now has box nets and these require stanchions and take about an hour to put up. This can be a miserable job if it is pouring with rain! However, we have been complimented by visiting referees on the high standard of our goals and nets. This is largely down to Tom, since if he left it to me they would no doubt end up wonky!

The home team arrives at about 1.15pm for a 2.30 kick-off, and if it's the 1st team Tom will gather the team in the Pavilion for the pre- match briefing. This will include a review of the previous game and Tom will outline how he wants the team to approach the game. A lot of this is pretty standard, such as routines at set pieces and so forth, but the talk will include what we know about the opposition. By now the visiting team will have arrived and I'll liaise with them and encourage them to stay for a beer and some food afterwards. At about this time the referee will arrive and will do his or her pitch and goal inspection. At this point I want to give a shout out to dog owners and thank you all for picking up after your dogs, because it's very rare that we find any mess on the pitches, so a big thank you to you all for this. Referees by the way are paid by the home team - £37 for a league fixture.





The teams come in from their pre- match warm ups at about 2.15 to do their final preparation and all being well the game will kick off on time. We have three match balls on hand because they can often end up being kicked some way from the pitch and multi balls help to speed things up. At this point the bar is opened and I get the post match food on the go whilst the coaches are busy with the teams. After the game the lads on the home team have to dismantle the posts and bring everything back to the shed (not forgetting the corner flags, which can happen!) This needs to be done with care because it wouldn't be hard to bend one of the connection sleeves on the uprights out of shape, but the lads know the routine and get it done without any fuss. Once everything is away and the players have showered and changed then it is time to relax in the bar area and I put the food out. Hopefully we will make a few guid on the bar and everyone will go home having enjoyed their football, which is what it's all about. As a club we aim to run a tight ship and we go to great lengths to make sure everything runs smoothly on match days and that everyone who comes here feels welcome. All being well our visitors will leave having had a good experience, and Cockfield will have won! We often get nice comments about the setting of the pitch and how it is the quintessential village green football club. That's always nice to hear. After everyone has gone the cycle starts all over again in preparation for the following Saturday.

Jeremy Gardner

Garden Tips for May 2023

Flowers & Grasses

- Start thinning out hardy annuals which you have sown direct. This will promote healthy and strong growth.
- Trim back spreading plants like Aubretia, Candytuft after flowering to encourage new growth.
- If Forget-me-nots are taking over remove surplus plants to prevent heavy self- seeding.
- Sweet Peas will be making good growth so you should ensure they are supported by plant support rings or tied in to canes.



- Continue to water container plants especially during prolonged periods of dry weather. Start feeding containers with a liquid feed once a week.
- Get the children involved and sow sunflowers directly where they are to flower. They will enjoy seeing how tall they grow.
- Dahlias and Cannas can be planted out once all danger of frost has passed.
- Sow nasturtiums in pots or directly into the border. Not only are they colourful but their flowers can be used to decorate salads and their leaves have a peppery taste.



- You can direct sow poppies, cornflowers and scabious which will attract bees and butterflies in to your garden.
- One of my favourites is Nigella (Love in the Mist) which can also be sown directly. It has lovely feathery foliage, pretty flowers and interesting seed pods. Beware it does self – seed very easily.
- If you are growing lilies in pots watch out for the red lily beetle. Remove and dispose of.

- Vine Weevil larvae can be a real threat to plants grown in containers.

 Check out the various chemical or preferably biological controls available.
- Divide Hostas as they are coming into growth.
- Continue pricking out seedlings and potting on to encourage the production of a healthy root system.
- Now is a good time to take cuttings of tender perennials such as fuchsia and pelargoniums (tender geraniums). Check out YouTube for a demonstration.
- Refresh permanently planted pots/ containers by top dressing with fresh compost.



Fruit and Vegetables

- Protect strawberries with straw. This will help in two ways. It will lift the fruit off the ground and suppress weeds.
- Continue to earth up potatoes; simply draw the soil over the shoots to cover them again.
- Time for rhubarb crumble. Make sure you
 only harvest a third of the total stems at any
 one picking. You shouldn't cut the stems with
 a knife just gently pull and they should come
 away from the base of the plant easily.
- If you have young fruit trees they will be putting on rapid growth so you need to ensure they are well- watered especially in dry weather.
- Hang pheromone traps in plum and apple trees to control fruit and codling moth activity.
- Check gooseberry bushes for signs of green gooseberry sawfly caterpillars and remove.
- Plant greenhouse tomatoes in greenhouse borders or grow bags.
- Thin out spinach, carrot and lettuce seedlings which have been directly sown. You should then water thoroughly.
- Protect carrots from carrot fly by covering with horticultural fleece.
 Planting parsley or leeks close by can also deter this pest.

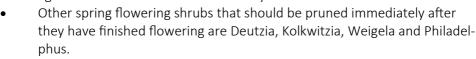
Trees, Shrubs & Climbers

 Ensure that any newly planted trees are watered during any prolonged periods of dry weather. Try to use rainwater or recycled grey water if possible.

 Evergreen shrubs - Prune out any frost damage branches.

 Once Clematis Montana has finished flowering prune back hard. This will ensure that the plant remains under control and encourage strong growth for flowering next year.

Choisya (Mexican Orange blossom) –
 once flowering has finished hard
 prune. Another shrub, the evergreen
 Viburnum Tinus can also be trimmed
 to maintain a good shape and encourage the formation of flowers for next year.



 Prune wall trained Pyracanthas by shortening new growth to about 3 inches (8cm). This should encourage increased flowering which in turn will provide a great display of berries in the autumn.

 Prune back Lilac trees and bushes once flowering is over. Initially cut back all spent flowers and then remove any crossing branches and any

dieback. Remove any suckers from the base. Mulch and apply a general fertiliser to encourage healthy growth for next year.



• Check Roses for any sign of blackspot. If detected then treat with a systemic fungicide particularly suitable for roses.

• Prune back plums and cherries. Aim to create an open centre to allow plenty of air and light.

Lawns

- Continue sowing lawn seed and repairing any bare patches in the early part of the month
- Feed your lawn with a high nitrogen fertiliser.
- For any brand new lawns you should wait until growth reaches 3 inches or more and then mow initially on a high setting.
- Apply lawn weed killer to established lawns this month.
- Lower mower blades to normal summer height.

General Maintenance and planning

- Clip evergreen hedges early May before bird nesting is in full swing.
- If weather dictates, control heat in the greenhouse with shade paint and automatic vents.
- Hang fly traps in your greenhouse this will help monitor and reduce whitefly and other
 - duce whitefly and other pests. Feed your pond fish little and often.
- If the weather is fine and sunny blanket weed and duckweed will start to



colonise the pond surface. You should remove this (a cane to hook and twist blanket weed and a child's fishing net are great for removing duckweed). Once removed lay the discarded weed at the side of your pond to allow insects and other pond inhabitants to escape and return safely back to the water.

Happy gardening, Kate Ransom

Cockfield W.I.

March's Meeting



We were fortunate this month to be joined by some experienced gardeners from Thorpe Morieux Gardening Club. Questions were collected from members and the session was organised like the radio programme, Gardeners Question Time.



Gardening Question Time Panel, Carol, Derek, Kate and Patricia kept us all interested by answering some of the many questions members had sent to them prior to the meeting. The first question was about peat free soil and Carol said that from next year, there will be a ban on using peat. At present, you can buy 50% peat and 50% peat-free soil. The questions were varied and included what is the latest date you can plant Spring bulbs and the answer was September, but that Tulips can be planted in November. The earlier the bulbs are planted, the longer you will have flowers. We were then given a pruning demonstration on a hardy fuchsia and shown how to cut back old growth. We were also told the best way and time to prune wisteria, which should

be pruned in the summer and in the winter, down to two buds. The question of how to stop Muntjacks eating vegetation in the garden was asked. The panel had several ideas including human hair, moth balls and soap, as they do not like strong smells. Towards the end of April we visited the refurbished Gainsborough House, Sudbury so no report is available until next month! In May we have our AGM, so there is no speaker.

In June we have a garden meeting in one of our member's lovely garden. In July our speaker is Lou Chapman, an artist. A visit to Fullers Mill Garden at Burv St Edmunds is planned for June. It is a lovely well established 7 acre garden. It was voted 2022 RHS Partner Garden of the Year for the Midlands and East of England. It sits between the pines of the King's Forest and the pools of Lackford Lakes (a nature reserve).



'An atmospheric woodland garden divided by the River Lark'.

A visit to the Food Museum at Stowmarket is planned for September. The Food Museum (formerly the Museum of East Anglian Life) is Britain's only Food Museum. It is set in 75 acres of Suffolk countryside and has 40,000 objects and 17 buildings to explore.

The 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 25th May, 22nd June and 27th July, in the Village Hall Committee room.

Our monthly Saturday lunches, offering soup in the winter months and more recently jacket potatoes, have been very enjoyable and well attended. Further lunches are planned for future months. The next one will be on Saturday 13th May, followed by 17th June and will both consist of a summer salad. The lunch in April was based on a warming jacket potato with a variety of tasty fillings and a hot drink for a small contribution of £1 for the food! Please come, we would love to see you!

We would all really 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, haven't felt comfortable going out due to Covid or used to come to WI and would like to think about coming back, please contact Michelle Callinan on WI@cockfield.org.uk

Suzanne Veal and Joan Ball

Cockfield Community Coffee 4th Thursday of the month Hope to see you there

Cockfield Village Hall - Committee Room 10.30am - 12 noon

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

Clean Up Cockfield 2023

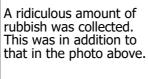
A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this years litter pick and to those who do their bit throughout the year and for Hodge Farms for all their help.

PC Darren Marshall and the Police Cadets joined in too.

Darren says, 'Finds of the year two old Shandy Cans which are probably 1980's or possibly early 90's but the best before date has faded from the base on both. A pristine version of the Schweppes one is currently for



sale on E-Bay for 20 quid!!!... our funniest finds was a fully working Air Horn!!'









Fund Raising for St Peter's Church Cockfield

The Americans in Suffolk part 3b - Flying the Missions

... The main briefing was an elaborate affair. The doors to the briefing hut would be locked and guarded. The Group Commanding Officer would open proceedings with a pep talk, and then his operations staff would take over and give details of the target, routes, fighter escort, and so forth. The weather forecasters would then have their say, which would likely end in hoots of derision. The Group intelligence officer would detail the likely strength of enemy fighters and known flak (anti aircraft) gun concentrations, which could hurl a high explosive shell four miles into the sky where it would detonate, sending out lethal jagged metal fragments with explosive force in all directions. A direct hit by just one shell could ignite the fuel tanks and the ensuing explosion would tear the wing from the aircraft with catastrophic results and very little chance of escape. Anyone who saw the horrific footage of the midair collision at the Dallas Airshow in November will know exactly what I am talking about.

The German fighters, single engine Fw 190s and Me 109s and twin engined Me110s and Me 410s were an even greater menace. A Fw 190 A8 was armed with four 20mm cannon and two 13mm machine guns. A three second burst with such arma-

ment would send around 47 lb of armour piercing, incendiary and high explosive shells hurtling towards the bomber at 850 metres per second. The thin aluminium skin of a B-17 could be punctured with a sharp pencil and offered no protection for the crew. They couldn't take cover in a foxhole or ditch, or behind a mound of earth.



They just had to sit there and take it while high explosive shells tore through the aircraft, shredding anything in the way. In an age where on some university campuses a raised eyebrow can constitute a "micro aggression", one wonders what the authors of such expressions would call such a fighter attack?

After briefing, the crews would collect their flying equipment - electrically heated suits and gloves, life preservers, parachutes, flying helmets, oxygen masks, heavy shearling trousers and jackets, and the heavy, cumbersome flak vests. Fighters and flak weren't the only hazard. The aircraft flew at heights of 25,000 feet or more, where turbo superchargers were needed in the thin atmosphere. At that height temperatures might plummet to - 30 degrees Celsius. Above 10,000 feet the crews went on oxygen. Their oxygen equipment was notoriously prone to icing up, and their heated suits could, and often did short out. Hypoxia and frostbite were constant companions.

When it was time to take off the aircraft (on radio silence) would taxi in turn to the head of the duty runway (normally the one near Smithwood Green). On the signal from the duty runway controller the aircraft captain would advance the throttles and the grossly overloaded bomber would begin its charge along the mile long main runway. Once the aircraft had reached about 110 mph the pilot would haul back on the control yoke and, all being well, the aircraft would unstick. An engine failure at this stage would be catastrophic. And so would begin another mission. In the classic wartime documentary 'The Memphis Belle', as the bombers cross the English coast bound for Germany the narrator intones "The friendly coast of England slips

by below. It doesn't look like much now, but in a few hours time, when you come back - if you come back this will be the most beautiful sight in the world."

For anyone interested in finding out more about the Eighth Air Force in East Anglia the American Air Museum at Duxford is a great place to start. I would also recommend the 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum at Thorpe Abbots, which has a superb collection of memorabilia and is a mine of information. The documentary 'The Memphis Belle" (mentioned above) can be found on YouTube.



Cockfield Community Council
Raising funds for community projects in Cockfield

Cockfield Art Show 2023

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Summary report of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 February 2023

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

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On-aoina Business:

Local Needs Housing: The Clerk was progressing the application for 'Granting of a new right of common and application for registration of a right in the commons' register. Documentation required witnessing by a JP or practising Solicitor.

Highways & Emergencies: The Parish Council had met with representatives of Hodge Farms and are awaiting a costed proposal for the footpath on their land down Howe Lane from Mill Corner

Playground: Cllr Golding confirmed that he will fill the hollows under the slides of the multi-activity centres when weather conditions improve.

APL Ltd have provided quotes for a new Picnic Table/Bench on Astroturf, and for two options for additional play equipment. Cllr Morley and the Clerk to meet with APL to finalise options.

Parish Paths: Councillors learnt that SCC have inspected the Abbey footpath bridge and consider it safe but will continue to inspect it regularly. This is not acceptable so the Parish Council's safety concerns would be escalated to SC Cllr Lindsay to enable him to pursue the matter internally within SCC.

Cross Green: The Clerk confirmed that an order was placed for Fertilizer and Lime to treat the grass at Cross Green and it had been delivered and would be spread by volunteers from Cross Green. **(Action Closed).**

Precept: The Clerk confirmed that the Precept had been submitted to BMSDC. (Action Closed).

Bus Stop Project: The Clerk confirmed a meeting was now arranged with Dawn Edwards (Orwell Housing Association) on 24/02/23 to inspect the shelter and balustrade for completion together with some issues that had emerged.

Glebe Land: A meeting had occurred with potential allotment holders and tenancy agreements had been issued. Completed tenancy agreements and annual rental payments to be returned to the Clerk.

Headway Suffolk Charity: The Clerk has provided permission for the Headway Mobile Shop to visit Cockfield.

Public Participation Session:

SCC Cllr Lindsay had circulated his report in advance of the meeting. In SCC Cllr Lindsay's absence, items included; Fence at Dukes Meadow, Skirting of parts of footway A1141, Highways contract award, West Suffolk Archives relocation, Fire & Rescue Service's new risk management plan.

District Cllr Maybury highlighted issues from her report that she had circulated in advance of the meeting. Items Included BMSDC House stock maintenance and condition issues, Council tax, attendance at the recent coffee morning on matters raised by residents.

District Cllr Arthey enquired if the council were aware when Orwell Housing would be erecting a 'Jeffreys Green' sign at the entrance to the housing development. Further noted the on-going Factory Site Appeal hearing progress, also suggested that the BMSDC "LC Wip" (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) scheme might support footpath funding for Howe Lane.

Julie Goodsman introduced herself as the new chair of the Community Council and was hopeful that the Community Council could work with the Parish Council on village projects such as the Kings Coronation.

Planning Application from BMSDC for consultation:

DC/23/00384: Erection of workshop building following demolition and removal of existing buildings. Land At Corner Farm, Lawshall Road, Cockfield, IP30 0JP. (The Parish Council felt that it is not appropriate to comment as this application is not within Cockfield).

DC/22/06142: Planning Application. Erection of stables and two-storey outbuilding. Refurbishment of existing outbuilding. Stationing of temporary outbuilding for storage. Additional detail as per Design Access and Heritage Statement. The Hermitage, Bury Road, Shimpling. IP30 0JL (The Parish Council felt that it is not appropriate to comment as this application is not within Cockfield).

Planning Decisions notified by BMSDC Received:

DC/23/00036: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Crown reduce 1No. Silver Birch (T1) by 3-4 meters in height and reduce aides by 1-2 meters. Fell 1No. Walnut (T2). Reduce 1No. Holly by 3m and reduce sides by 1m. Reduce side branches of 1No. Beech by 1-2 meters. Old Mill House, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG. (**Decision: BMSDC Does NOT wish to object**)

DC/23/00037: Application for Works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order WS200/T4 - Reduce low lateral branches of 1No. Sycamore (T1) by 3m back to boundary wall. Old Mill House, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG. (Decision: Consent has been Granted)

DC/22/06241: Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following refusal of DC/21/00124 and subsequent appeal AP-P/D3505/W/21/3277336 dated 14/02/2022 - Erection of 2No detached five-bedroom dwellings, rearranging the car parking relating to the public house. Creation of vehicular access drive to serve the two dwellings (following demolition of the existing double garage together with additional landscaping) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - To vary Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) reduced plot sizes and improved parking layout/separation from public house. Three Horseshoes, Stows Hill, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0JB (Decision: Planning Permission has been Granted)

DC/23/00163: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/05222 - Condition 3 (Contamination and Final Verification) (Part Discharge for Plots 1 and 9 Only): The Former Garage, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk. **Decision: Conditions Approved.**

Greens Management: Councillors agreed the contract with Vertas Group Ltd for cutting Great Green be extended for another 12 months.

Community Council Summer Fete: It was agreed that approval be given for the Community Council to use the Pavilion and Great Green for the Summer Fete on 16th July 2023

King Charles Coronation: Councillors were updated on the working group's proposals & timetable for the Coronation event on Great Green on 6th May 2023.

Proposals included agreement to expenditure on a commemorative bench and oak tree.

Rural Coffee Caravan: Councillors agreed that the "Rural Coffee Caravan" be invited to add Cockfield to its route.

Pavilion Balustrade: Councillors agreed that to avoid continued ongoing maintenance The Clerk would obtain estimates to completely replace the balustrade with a more robust installation. This would be funded from Neighbourhood CIL.

Shower Flooring: The Parish Council would ascertain whether

members of the football team could replace the timber raised floor in the Away Changing Room showers. The Parish Council would fund the cost of replacing the Altro Safety Flooring.

Damage to Great Green/Verges: Councillors noted the construction site had already received BMSDC planning enforcement visits. However, the issue has now been raised with Simon Bailey, BMSDC Head of Enforcement who agreed to visit Great Green, straight after the Planning Appeal Hearing on 9th March 2023. District Cllr Arthey advised that the Parish Council should await Simon Bailey's response before escalating. However, damage to the green and traffic issues are not conditional within the planning approval given, so strictly speaking there is no contravention and Planning enforcement may have little authority to leverage the contractor.

Glebe Land: The hard standings and track were now complete, the central path had been laid and all 10 allotment plots had been reserved.

Village Hall Car Park: The Parish Council understands there are difficulties with the school's maintenance contractor, and they had not undertaken any of the car park maintenance on the Parish Council's agreed annual maintenance schedule. This would be escalated.

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 25th May and Thursday 29th June at 7.30pm in Cockfield Village Hall



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Norman Gregory Memorial Cycle Ride 8th July 2023

Norman Gregory's friends in Cockfield, Thorpe Morieux & District would like to remember our much loved icon by arranging a sponsored cycle ride in his memory.

The idea is to both commemorate Norman, the Cockfield Icon, as well as raise money for deserving causes.

The focal point will be St Peter's Church, Church Lane IP30 oLA and the start time will be 10am

Two routes will be planned and signposted, one of about 1 ½ hrs and one of about 2 ½ hrs,

Price: £5 per rider, under 16 free (when accompanied by an adult) including post ride refreshments.

All types of bikes and e-bikes are welcome. For more information please contact.

TIPS AND TRICKS

How to Store & Use Left-over Pasta Safely!

Pasta can be kept and used but please follow some simple 'rules'. **Use within 3** or 4 days!

Storing cooked pasta in the fridge!

Cool it quickly (should be kept for less than 2 hours at room temperature). Store in an airtight container.

Drizzle with a little olive oil or mix with a small amount of butter.

Storing cooked pasta in the freezer! It can keep for 3 months but best within 2 months.

Cool it quickly (as above).

Store in a freezer bag.

It is best to thaw the pasta in the fridge, which will take a few hours.

Use the pasta straight from the fridge which can be reheated by dropping it in a pot of rapidly boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds, just until it is hot. (Not overcooked)

Recipes

Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake

Prep: 10 mins Cook: 20 mins Serves 4

280g Penne 280g Broccoli 25g Butter 25g Plain Flour 300ml Milk

1 tbsp Wholegrain Mustard

140g Mature Cheddar Cheese (or more)

Cook the pasta, adding the broccoli for the final 4-5mins, cooking until tender. Drain well, then heat the grill.

Meanwhile heat the butter in a saucepan and stir in the flour. Cook for 1 minute and then gradually add the milk, stirring well between each addition. Bring to the boil, stirring, then simmer for 2 minutes, before stirring in the mustard, half the cheese and seasoning.

Mix the pasta and broccoli into the sauce and spoon into an ovenproof dish. Scatter over the remaining cheese and place under a hot grill until golden and bubbling.



Spaghetti Puttanesca

2 tbsp Olive Oil

1 Onion, finely chopped

2 large Garlic Cloves, crushed

½ tsp Chilli Flakes (optional)

400g can chopped Tomatoes

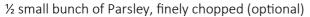
5 Anchovy Fillets, finely

chopped

120g pitted Black Olives

2 tbsp Capers, drained

300g dried Spaghetti



Heat the oil in a non-stick pan over a medium-low heat. Add the onion along with a generous pinch of salt and fry for 10 mins, or until soft. Add the garlic and chilli, if using, and cook for a further minute.

Stir in the tomatoes, anchovies, olives and capers. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook, uncovered, for 15 mins. Season to taste.

Meanwhile, bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Cook the spaghetti, following the pack instructions, then drain and toss with the sauce and parsley. Joan Ball

Cockfield Allotments

The ten plots on the new village allotment site have now all been rented. There is a possibility that further plots could be created, although these are unlikely to be available before the 2024 growing season. The plots would be around 65 square metres, providing plenty of space for growing vegetables, but not too big to manage for first time allotment gardeners. The site is close to Jeffreys Green on the road to Lavenham and the rent for the existing plots for this year is £20.

To help the Parish Council assess the demand for additional plots a waiting list has been started, so if you would like to have a go at 'growing your own', please send an email to register your interest to: allotment@cockfield.org.uk

Mark Webster on behalf of Cockfield Parish Council



Cockfield Community Council News

Can you believe how quickly this year seems to be going, Easter has been and gone and we now head into a busy May with several bank holiday weekends. The community council have held another two events. The first being a very enjoyable and fun quiz evening run in the traditional way with pen and paper and the swapping of answer sheets for marking as well as a lovely Fish and chip supper served half way through. Don't worry if you missed this event as we have another quiz evening planned for November. Our second event was the annual Easter duck race held at Earls Meadow on Easter Saturday. As usual the British weather kept us guessing during the week before as we went from cold wet and windy to thankfully some warm sunshine on the day meaning the event could go ahead. This event also gave residents a chance to see how wonderful the Earls Meadow and Bruffs line area is looking and for this we are grateful to all the volunteers who continually give their time to maintain the area for the whole community to enjoy.

Saturday May 6th is the kings coronation. Residents are invited to picnic on Great Green from 4.30pm. At 6.15pm the beacon will be lit and a toast offered to our new King followed by community singing and distribution of coronation gift bags for the children in the village.

Friday May 26th - Monday May 29th Cockfield Art Show in the village hall. Daily from 10am - 4pm. Hand made refreshments will be available.

Saturday June 24th to celebrate the summer solstice why not join us for a guided walk around the village starting at 5pm followed by a summer social in the village hall where there will be a BBQ and Bar.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS? COCKFIELD VILLAGE FETE IS BACK THIS SUMMER!

Plans are now progressing very well for the return of the village fete on Sunday July 16th on Great Green between 12 midday and 4pm. Make sure you note the date and tell family and friends as this is sure to be a great afternoon. In our raffle we have a fantastic top prize of a gliding lesson from Rattlesden gliding club along with many other fabulous prizes. Details of how to get your raffle tickets will be published next month as will details of how to enter the produce show with categories for home baking, home made

preserves and wine and garden flowers. There will be a selection of side stalls and activities as well as arena events to watch. Teas, cake, ice-cream, a BBQ and a licensed bar will all be available throughout the afternoon. For those that are feeling energetic we will be holding a knockout rounders tournament, so gather your team, young or old it's all meant to be FUN!. Details of how to enter will be published soon, so keep a look out, but in the meantime start trying to get your team and supporters together. The trustees of the Community Council are really hoping that this is going to be a real community event, bring back memories of the past for residents that have lived in the village for a long time and an opportunity to meet new people for those residents that are new to the village. Anyone who would like to help on the day, your assistance would be gratefully received and you can register your interest with Barbara at the village post office.

Dig out your gingham ready for a barn dance in September date to be confirmed.

Another chance to win with family cash bingo on Friday October 13th in the village hall.

Test your knowledge with a quiz evening in November. Date to be confirmed.

Carols by candlelight to be held at the village church with a candlelight procession from the village hall car park to be held just before Christmas to get everyone in the festive spirit. Date to be confirmed.

Cinema screenings will continue on the evening of the 4th Friday of each month in the village hall.

Note the May Cinema screening will be a week earlier on Friday 19th May and the December screening will be on Friday December 15th.

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 - communitycouncil@cockfield.org.uk or phone our secretary Janne on 01284828264

Community broadcasts can be received by visiting www.cockfield.org.uk 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



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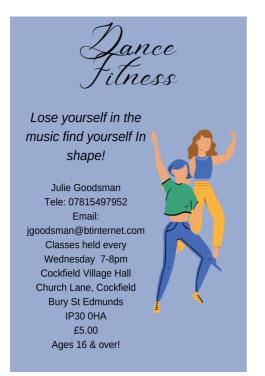
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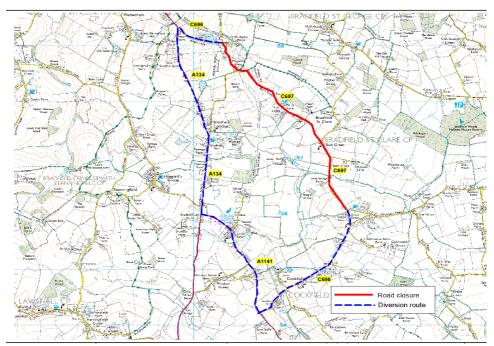
For your information, we are planning to carry out pre surface dressing road repairs and associated work along C697 Bury Road, Bradfield St Clare and C697 Bradfield Road, Cockfield. The works are programmed to take place between 9 and 15 May 2023. The roads will be closed each day to ensure that we can carry out our works safely.

For the duration of the road closure, traffic will be diverted via Great Green, Cockfield, Chapel Road, Cockfield, Howe Lane, Cockfield, A1141, A134, Water Lane, Little Whelnetham and vice versa.

As we plan roadworks in advance, we schedule extra days to allow for bad weather or other delays beyond our control. If we need to make major changes to our work dates, we will update the information signs on site.

A plan showing the diversion route for these works is attached to this email. When we close the road and put a diversion in place, the route needs to be accessible to vehicles of all shapes and sizes. We make our diversions as clear as possible by placing appropriate signing along the route. The latest updates on our works can be found on our website at "Temporary road closures for Suffolk Highways roadworks" and on One.Network website.

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Children's Page May 2023

Our King, Charles III will be crowned on the 6th May, this will be the first coronation for 70 years. Special object are used for the service, called the Coronation Regalia they are sacred and secular objects which symbolise the service and responsibilities of the monarch. The Regalia have played a central role in Coronation Services for hundreds of years.



How many words can you make out of the letters in Coronation Regalia

Cockfield Community Duck Race

On Easter Saturday 72 stalwart ducks sallied forth to meet the tempestuous might of the omnipotent River Brett. Ok, that might be overstating the case a bit for artistic license.

We were fortunate in that it was a fine morning with the river running merrily, one moment it looked as though nobody was going to turn up, and the next, the place was full, to the extent that we ran out of ducks. I'm not sure how many people attended as they didn't stay still long enough to be counted but it was undoubtedly the best attendance yet, all ages, from babies to great-grandparents.

We set the ducks off in the stream by the newly cleared river banks of





Jefferies Green. Mel, bare-legged despite the chilly water, chivvied them along the exciting course, under the sleeper bridge through the tunnel and racing for the line to be scooped out by Albie. We held two races and though the prize winners went away happy, nobody left empty-handed, there were Faster Treats for all.

It was lovely to see so many new faces and to welcome so many new residents to the village.

A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event a success, to all of those who work all year to keep the meadows looking lovely and of course, to all who came along. RW

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS

As the spring weather warms up and we have more sunny days more people will no doubt be out enjoying a walk on one of the many footpaths in the village. If you spot a problem with a footbridge, or a missing or damaged finger post sign please let me know by sending an email to footpaths@cockfield.org.uk

In the past couple of years I have recorded a few footbridge issues on the Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way online reporting tool (which anyone can use). Whilst the timescales for any remedial action can vary, if I become aware of any problems I will follow these up, particularly in the case of a footbridge that might be unsafe. I am currently compiling a list of missing and damaged footpath signs and will report these in due course.

It is also the time of year to ask all footpath users to observe the Countryside Code and please keep dogs under control to prevent disturbing ground and hedge nesting birds and other wildlife, such as hares; also to avoid damaging farmer's crops. Hearing and seeing skylarks is one of the great pleasures of walking our footpaths and their ground nests are particularly vulnerable to disturbance. Your co-operation during the spring and early summer seasons is appreciated. Please also take bagged dog mess and any other litter home with you - thank you.

For any new residents in the village you can find a copy of the footpath map in the Welcome Pack on the Cockfield website.

Enjoy your walking in the beautiful Cockfield countryside.

Mark Webster, Footpath Warden
On behalf of Cockfield Parish Council

Dear Friends,

May is beckoning, and so hopefully is the better weather. I have just spent a few days off after the Holy Week and Easter services clearing and cleaning the house and garden. Sweeping away cobwebs in the garage is not my most favourite task, but it needed to be done!

Thinking about this has made me remember the parable of the lost coin. Jesus was a master storyteller, and the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are filled with his stories. They entertained, connected with and taught whoever heard them, and they continue to do so today.

Jesus used them to reach his listeners in a powerful way. The parable of the lost coin tells a basic and wonderful truth about God's love. It is meant to encourage us in our faith - and I find that it always encourages me.

The story is found in Luke chapter 15, verses 8-10. In it, a woman who has ten silver coins, then loses one. She lights a lamp, sweeps the house from top to bottom and searches carefully until she finds it. And when she finds it she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin'.

In this parable, the woman's coins are very valuable to her, just as we are valuable to God. It reminds us that every one of us is precious to God, and will never give up on us, no matter what!

Sometimes we can be a bit like that lost coin, we may feel far away from God and a bit lost. But God is always there for us to turn to. We are not forced to turn to God, but the invitation to do so is always there. If you want to know more about God's invitation, don't hesitate to get in touch!

with every blessing

Sharon Rev Canon Sharon Potter revsharon2@gmail.com, tel: 01284 828599 or 07825086063

Cockfield Benefice Services & Events May 2023

Sunday 7 May Fifth Sunday of Easter Coronation Weekend	9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield 10am Morning Prayer CW - Cockfield 11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Celtic-Style Communion - Felsham	
Sunday 14 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30am Said Communion BCP – Cockfield 11am Communion CW – Bradfield St George 6pm Praise and Worship – Gt Whelnetham	
Thursday 18 May Ascension Day	11am Holy Communion - Felsham	
Church Saturday 20 May	Crafts - Food - Story All children welcome with carer/parent. 3-5pm. Bradfield St George Village Hall	
Sunday 21 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.30am Morning Prayer CW – Stanningfield 10am All-age Worship – Felsham 11am Communion CW – Cockfield 6pm Evening Prayer – Bradfield St Clare	
Sunday 28 May Pentecost	9.30am Communion CW – 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 <u>www.cockfieldbenefice.com</u>

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am
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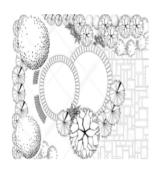
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Advice Column



I recently started a new job where my boss has told me I'll have to work on bank holidays. This was never the case in my old job. Can my employer really make me work on a public holiday, and should I get paid extra if I do?

Congratulations on the new job and wonderful to hear you're enjoying the work.

Unfortunately, when it comes to bank holidays, whether or not staff have to work is up to their employer, and you don't have to be paid more if you do. The situation will vary from job to job and may depend on a number of factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and crucially, what your contract says.

Take a look at your contract, if you have one, to find out what your personal situation is. Your contract might say you will always get bank holidays off but it might say you may sometimes be required to work them or will always be required to work. If your place of work is normally open on a bank holiday you'll probably be asked to work at least some. But if your contract says you get bank holidays off you shouldn't be asked to work.

Your contract might say something like: "In addition to bank and public holidays, your annual entitlement to holidays is X days". This means you get public holidays off in addition to your annual leave entitlement but it might not mean you're entitled to take the specific days off. You may be required to work a bank holiday, in which case you should get another day off instead.

Alternatively, it might say something like: "Your annual holiday entitlement (inclusive of bank and public holidays) is X days" - this means you have to take bank holidays off as part of your annual leave entitlement. Bank holidays will either be deducted from your annual leave allowance (so you'll have to book all bank holidays as paid time off) or counted as additional holiday days.

A common misunderstanding around bank holidays is that employers have to pay you extra for working them. This is not the case. Unless your contract says you'll be paid extra you will just be paid your normal amount. If your contract says you are entitled to bank holidays but you're asked to work, you should be able to take a different day off in lieu. Your employer has to follow what's set out in your contract, if they don't, you should raise this with them.

If you don't have a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can or can't take time off. If you'd like to request a bank holiday off, use the normal method for requesting time off.

If you find you need to resolve an issue with your employer, first ask for an informal chat, where you can raise your concerns. If this doesn't get you anywhere, you may need to raise a formal grievance. If you need advice on this, contact your local Citizens Advice.

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African Drumming Workshop



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The church began in Jerusalem, where Jesus had told His apostles to remain and await the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4); which event occurred on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon them as a "rushing wind". The immediate effect of this was that they were able to speak in foreign tongues, which were understood by the multitudes who had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:2-4).

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The opponents of Jesus, who transitioned into the opponents of the apostles, tried to stop them from spreading the gospel message, but Gamaliel, one of the Council members, said: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this work be of men, it will come to nought, but if it be of God you cannot overthrow it, lest haply you be found to fight against God" (Acts 5:38 & 39). He was right and, being the work of God, this became an unstoppable force; which continues to spread throughout the whole world today; and will continue to do so no matter who or what tries to stop it (Matthew 16:18).

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