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The Monthly Village Magazine of Cockfield

December 2020

Annual Carols on the
Green
Unfortunately Cancelled
for 2020



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Christmas Wishes from
Cockfield Community Council

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I am glad to say I managed to include photos of the other winning entries from the Cockfield Show this month, it certainly was a bit of a squeeze to fit them all in but hopefully it will inspire more people to enter next year when I fully expect it will be held back in the hall. I have the benefit of compiling the magazine in colour but you too can appreciate the full beauty of the entries when Green Links is published on line about half way through the month.

The Community Council is looking to next year and 2022, at the time of writing Carols on the Green 2020 has just been cancelled and the switching on of the Christmas tree lights on Great Green will just happen without the planned ceremony but they will be there for us all to enjoy. The best way to check on the final details is through our website www.cockfield.org.uk, which is perfectly placed to publish last minute information, and by our Community Broadcasts, if you haven't subscribed to receive these please visit any page on the website to register.

Christmas in Cockfield will certainly be different for many households this year but we can all look to next year and 2022 when Cockfield, and indeed the wider world, should be back to 'Business as Normal' once again.

The team at Green Links wishes you all a very Happy and peaceful Christmas.

Janne

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Arachnids (Webby eight legs)

'Tis the time of year of mists and dampness, nobody knows if it's that that drives them in but in they come. No matter how clean or well dusted your house is there are always spiders lurking, look in any corner, especially ceilings and they will sit there motionless for hours.

It is when they are on the move that they may become alarming because very quickly you don't know where they've gone! I for one am not afraid of spiders but My Lady finds certain arachnids very disturbing. She is fine with the spindly ones or the garden orb weavers but the big black house and harvest spiders are inclined to make her gibber.

One of the great mysteries of life is how these beasties end up in the bath, there is no rhyme or reason for them being there, nothing to catch, nowhere to hide, no dripping taps so no chance of a drink, just a vast expanse of smoothness.

We in our household do not kill or hurt a spider, we do not throw them out of windows, we seek to catch them and safely place them outside. This is done by selecting a glass of a suitable size and a nice business envelope. The glass is placed over the spider, taking care not to trap its legs, the paper slid under it and the whole shebang is carried to the front door and thence to the nearest flowerbed.

When I say "We" I really mean "I", my lady wife's role is mostly yelling "Spider! Spider in the bath!!" and then staying well out of the way until the eviction is complete.

Everything has a reason for being but in certain circumstances, one has to question why these beasties can't be useful elsewhere.

And there springs to mind an old saying that our mothers used

" If you wish to live and thrive, let the spider stay alive"

RW



Cockfield Community Broadcasts

In February 2015 we introduced a new email system to broadcast information to our community on events, activities and other topics of interest. This system evolved from the original eVine system and has a number of advantages including the ability for recipients to control their own subscription.

Our broadcasts sit alongside Green Links and the website as key methods of engaging with our community. For example when events are published in Green Links, we are able to use the broadcasts to let you know of updates and changes as they happen.

So we really want as many people as possible to subscribe to receive our broadcasts. Of course not all emails will be of interest to every subscriber. But since the introduction of the new system we have issued 135 broadcasts - an average of around 5 per month - so it is not a significant addition to the number of emails you already receive.

To subscribe, please visit our website at www.cockfield.org.uk and follow the link in the footer of any webpage. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at neilka@btinternet.com.

Neil Ashton

Earl's Meadow. Bruff's Line and Jeffrey's Green

Summer is done with, Autumn is on the verge of becoming Winter. Things have looked very good all summer, but now things are beginning to look a bit battered and straggly.. though the leaves and berries are still lovely and there is much beauty to be found in the seedheads. Each season has its charms

It's a balance between keeping things tidy and pretty and leaving enough areas rough for the wildlife.

Brickwork on the culvert is just about complete, and a fine job has been made by a true craftsman.

A lot of work has been done during the summer and thanks. as always, go to the volunteers who work so hard to make these special places a true asset to the village, never has that been more true than this year when so many have needed a quiet green space to appreciate the beauty of life and the fact that, whatever happens in the world, the seasons keep on turning.

RW

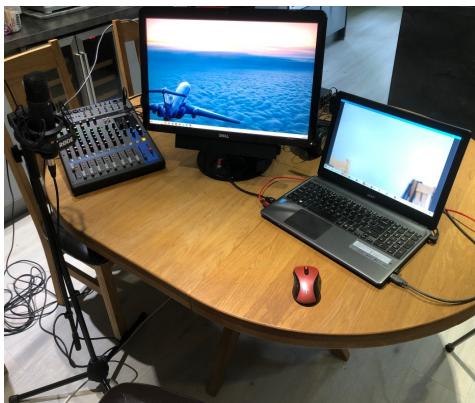
Cockfield SpeedQuiz Live

November 14th

On Saturday November 14th 13 teams took part in Cockfield's first virtual SpeedQuiz. Each team received the questions via Zoom and entered their answer via a dedicated app on their phone or tablet. The team that was fastest entering a correct answer got bonus points.



I was stationed at Quiz Control from where I launched the questions and kept the teams informed of the answers and the overall scores. I was able to spice things up a bit by starting a countdown for each question at a time of my choosing!



We were all new to this format but the teams soon settled into the rhythm of the contest and it was game on. The questions, which I acquired from the SpeedQuizzing organisation (so it wasn't my fault...), covered a variety of topics and types of expected answer. As well as the usual single answer, some questions were multiple choice, some were sequences and some included a picture.

The teams entered fully into the spirit of the event and its different style. At the end in a creditable 3rd place was team Simple Minds. Next on the podium in 2nd place was Team Smartacus. The winners of our first SpeedQuiz was team Haircare Bunch. Congratulations to them. All 3 teams won an Amazon gift voucher donated by the Community Council.

Well done and thank you to all contestants.

Our next SpeedQuiz Live will be Tuesday 22nd December – see the announcement elsewhere in Green Links.

Neil Ashton
Quizmaster

Cockfield Community Council Presents
Our second, festively flavoured,

Speed Quiz!

Tuesday 22nd December Via Zoom

Set up from 7 pm, Quiz Starts 7.30

Take part from the comfort of your own home!

Enter as individuals or family teams

Free to enter, prize for the winners

You will need a laptop, desktop or tablet for the Zoom session, plus one smart device per team – phone or tablet – which will be your keypad to enter answers.

Additional information is published on www.cockfield.org.uk and full instructions will be issued to participants.

It's great fun, not technical, typing skills not required

Have a go!!

**To register your interest, or to ask any questions
please contact Neil on 07900 880888 or email
quiz@cockfield.org.uk**

Cockfield Community Council
The Cockfield Produce,
Flower and Craft Show 2020 THE RESULTS MK2

Category Garden

Class 10 A Bush or Shrub in flower

First Julie Goodsman

A Beautiful specimen. Time and effort required to produce a lovely blue colour in Suffolk.



Second Kylie Sheppard

Perfect flowers and healthy foliage.



Third Morag Kelly - *A wonderfully maintained climbing shrub Wisteria*



Highly Commended Susan Metcalf
*Hydrangea Paniculata -
Beautiful blooms and perfect setting*



Class 11 Garden View 1 - a photograph of your garden

First Julie Goodsman

*This photo entices you to explore further.
Pretty foreground with well planned
plant combinations.*



Third Morag Kelly

Clever plant combinations. Good structure and textures with extra colour provided by the plants in pots on the patio.



Class 12 Garden View 2 - a special area of your garden

First Julie Goodsman - Afternoon Tea
Wow! I could happily spend an afternoon sipping tea in this wonderful setting surrounded by an array of beautiful plants



Second Rosie Swiney
Well structured and colourful plant combinations



Highly Commended Jo Day
A fine example of bedding plants and the long season of colour they provide



Second Fiona Quinn - Tranquillity
Perfect title for a special place in the garden.
Excellent plant choices.



Third Deborah Williams
The Guardian of the Garden
Atmospheric, a lovely feature and great talking point



Highly Commended Morag Kelly -
Coffee Time
The perfect place to take a break



Class 13
Neatest Hedge
First Derek Marr

Class 14 A Bird in your Garden - domestic
First Julie Goodsman



Class 15 A Bird in your Garden - wild
First Fiona Quinn



Second Julie Goodsman

Highly Commended LD

Third
Susan Metcalf



Class 16 A Wild Mammal visiting your Garden

First Susan Metcalf

Second Julia Little



Third Gillian Hodge



Class 17 A Butterfly visiting your Garden



First LD

Second
Martin
Moss



Third
Julia Little

**Class 18 Your gardens
Wildlife Corner**
First Julie Goodsman



Second Deborah Williams



Class 19 Biggest Thistle
First Gillian Hodge



Second Village Hall (Kelvin Bailey)

Category Fruit Class 20 Three Eating Apples any variety

First Norman Kelly



Second
Gillian Hodge



Third Martin Moss

Class 21 Three Cooking Apples any variety

First Julie Goodsman



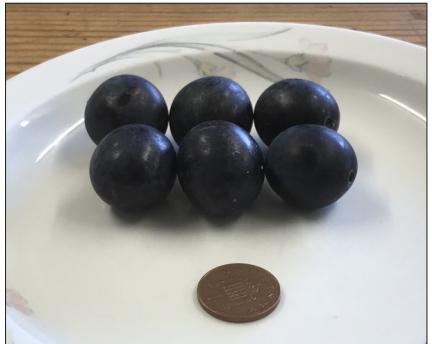
Second Rosie Beales



Third Martin Moss

Class 22 6 Plums

Joint Second Victor Keyton and Kelvin Bailey



Class 23 Three Pears any variety

First Kelvin Bailey



Second Martin Moss

Third Victor Keyton



Category Vegetables

Class 24 Three Carrots any variety

First Martin Moss

Class 25 Three Leeks

First Susan Metcalf
Second Kylie Sheppard



Class 26 Three Beetroot

First Martin Moss



Class 28 Three Potatoes **White**

First Martin Moss



Second Norman Kelly

Third Kylie Sheppard

Class 34 Longest Runner Bean

First Julie Goodsman



Second Martin Moss



Class 30 Four Tomatoes any variety

First Norman Kelly



Second Joe Day



Third Martin Moss

Class 32 Gardeners Choice, a basket containing potatoes and three other vegetables sufficient to feed two people for one meal only



First Martin Moss



Second Kylie Sheppard

Class 35 Novelty Vegetable - judged on its comic effect only

First Jo Day



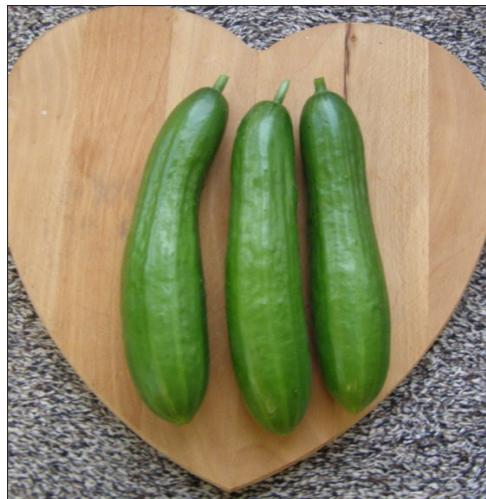
Second Martin Moss

**Class 36 Three of one kind of vegetable
not mentioned above**

First Martin Moss



Second
Kylie Sheppard



Third Kelvin Bailey

Class 37
Bunch of mixed
Culinary Herbs

First Martin Moss



Second Julie Goodsman

Category Design Class 38 A Decorated Cake on the Theme of Lock-down which will be judged on the decoration only.

First Kelvin Bailey



Great Green Adventure Playground

I am sure you will have noticed that the new adventure playground is taking shape on the Green. Unfortunately, our contractor has been impacted by Covid restrictions and difficulties with his scheduling and resources, therefore the work has taken far longer than we originally anticipated. However, progress is being made and will soon be at a conclusion, although the situation remains fluid with the lockdown. Nevertheless, when completed hopefully in early December, the equipment will be available for use. We continue to liaise with the contractor and will monitor government directives that influence this.

We are not yet sure how we can facilitate an official opening event to celebrate the efforts put into securing funding, getting the project underway and finished. I would like to thank all those involved in what has turned out to be a challenging period.

The Parish Council does remind users that at the time of writing; From Thursday 5 November national COVID-19 restrictions apply to England, although this allows that outdoor playgrounds can remain open.

In general, you must not meet with another person socially or undertake any activities with another person. However, you can exercise or meet in a public outdoor space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person.

You should minimise time spent outside your home. When around other people, stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household - meaning the people you live with - or your support bubble. Where this is not possible, stay 1 metre apart with extra precautions (e.g. wearing a face covering).

The Parish Council are not able to micromanage, provide direct supervision at the playground, or implement a continuous cleaning regime. We ask all users to consider their own wellbeing and that of others during the use of the equipment and note following:

We remind users, parents, guardians and carers of the need for social distancing.

We strongly recommend the wearing of face coverings. Current government guidance states that face coverings should not be used by children under the age of 3 or those who may find it difficult to manage them correctly. Parents should be aware that wearing a face covering in a playground setting could pose an additional safety risk and should use their judgement on whether their children wear a face covering.

Users are to dispose of used face coverings by taking them home for disposal.

Cleaning of equipment by users, parents, guardians and carers, particularly where there are clear touch points such as swing rockers and see-saws will improve the safety of all users.

We encourage parents to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands.

We encourage hand hygiene with including washing/sanitising hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and water or approved gel and foam sanitiser, particularly at the beginning and end of play.

We remind the children not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths and not to touch their faces.

The consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned due to the risk associated with transmission.

We hope circumstances improve and that everyone can enjoy the new facilities we have been able to provide to the village and local community.

Derek Southgate - Chairman Cockfield Parish Council

Cockfield Parish Council

Notes



Summary report of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 29th October 2020 held by Skype Video Conference

Mackenzie Place Bus Shelter Action: The CIL Working Group had investigated what repairs are required to the Bus Shelter at MacKenzie Place. This has concluded it is beyond economic repair. The Working Group would report on replacement options at the November Parish Council meeting.

Cutting Grass on Verges Action: The council discussed the inadequacy of SCC Highway to resolve these issues. SCC Highways are not proposing to take any action to trim back the overgrown pavement from the Old Windmill to Mill Corner as it didn't breach standards. However they will be contacting the owners of Abbey Farm to ensure the hedge that is overgrowing the pavement would be cut back. Cllr Lindsay agreed to provide an update prior to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of complaint to Suffolk Highways if there is a lack of progress.

Safe Walking Route from Mill Corner to the School: Suffolk County Council representative Paul Horne is unable to meet the Parish Council on site due to Covid restrictions, but offered to meet via a virtual Zoom meeting. The Clerk was asked to postpone the meeting until all the Parties are able to meet on site.

Noticeboards: AJ Joinery have provided a quote for manufacturing a new Notice Board at Cross Green. However, it was agreed that an economic alternative quotation to refurbish the existing Noticeboard be sought from C Limmer.

Neighbourhood CIL: It was noted that the Contractor had completed further repairs to the brick Culvert at Earls Meadow. Cllr Morley advised that the Parish Council should budget for a limited amount of brick pointing as part of its annual maintenance regime.

Public Participation Session:

Suffolk County Cllr Lindsay circulated his report prior to the meeting, from which he highlighted updates on A1141 overgrown footways; the potential new footpath in Howe Lane; verge cutting, a motion for a 20mph default limit in villages & towns in Suffolk; details on division boundary changes & SCC's Covid spending gap.

District Cllr Maybury circulated her report prior to the meeting, which was circulated to Cllrs.

District Cllr Arthey confirmed that a Suffolk Waste Partnership Recycling leaflet will be issued shortly, detailing what can be recycled; that the JLP will be published for consultation on Monday 2/11/20, that the response to the White Paper Consultation will be published shortly; that he had visited the Jeffreys Green Development with Cllr Morley and had inspected the Culvert; that the latest Planning Application

for housing behind the Plough and Fleece confirmed the inclusion of 11 No. Affordable dwellings. Cllr Arthey advised that both the Howe Lane Safe Walking Route and the new MacKenzie Place Bus Shelter should be eligible for CIL 123 Bids.

The Applicant for Planning Application DC/20/04060; Both the applicant and agent were able to explain the rationale behind the application.



Planning: Applications Received for consultation:

DC/20/03116: Planning Application - Erection of new workshop building with the existing access to the site from the A1141 upgraded. Location: Land to The East Of, Sudbury Road, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LN. Reason(s) for re-consultation: Additional Supporting Statement received 25.09.20 (Consultation Response Deadline 12/10/20, Extended until 01/11/20). **The BMSDC Case Officer has agreed that the Parish Council can defer its consultation response until the November Parish Council Meeting, as a further re-consultation will be issued once BMSDC receive the Applicant's Environmental Report**

DC/20/04060: Planning Application - Erection of 1no. self-build dwelling and associated works. Land Adjacent to Gambrel, Chapel Road, Cockfield, Suffolk (Consultation Deadline 12/10/20, Extended until 30/10/20). **The Parish Council objects to this application. (Full details of the Parish Council's response can be seen on the BMSDC Website).**

DC/20/04185: Application under S73 for variation or removal of conditions relating to approved DC/19/04576 dated 06/12/2019. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. - Condition 2 (Approved Plans and documents) to enable repositioning of bungalows and parking spaces as per drawing No19 1622 01A. Condition Number (s): Condition 2 - Minor Material Amendment Conditions(s) Removal: Reposition bungalows further from the boundary with 16 Mackenzie Place to prevent future pressure to remove / cut back existing boundary hedge. This also involves the re-positioning of a parking space. Replace approved drawing 19 1622 01A with drawing 19 1622 01B. Land to The North West Of, Mackenzie Place, Cockfield, Suffolk. **(Consultation Response Deadline 19/10/20, extended until 01/11/20). The Parish Council supports this application. (Full details of the Parish Council's response can be seen on the BMSDC Website).**

DC/20/04312: Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of damaged main bedroom ceiling. Stows Hill House, Stows Hill, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0JB. (Consultation Response Deadline 23/10/20, extended until 01/11/20). **The Parish Council supports this application. (Full details of the Parish Council's response can be seen on the BMSDC Website).**

DC/20/04361: Full Planning Application - Change of use of part of existing agricultural building to self-storage facility. New Barn Farm, Lavenham Road, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0HX (Consultation Response Deadline 27/10/20, extended until 01/11/20). **The Parish Council supports this application. (Full details of the Parish Council's response can be seen on the BMSDC Website).**

DC/20/04440: Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 for DC/18/00474 to vary Condition 1 (Approved plans) to facilitate replacement of the approved layout plan with the submitted phasing plan drawing 908/73. Land At Bury Road, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG (Consultation Response Deadline 30/10/20). **The Parish Council supports this application. (Full details of the Parish Council's response can be seen on the BMSDC Website).**



Decisions Received:

DC/20/03798: Application for works to tree/s in a Conservation Area - Fell 2No large and 4No small Lawson cypress trees and grind stumps, as roots are close to septic tank potential risk of damaging drains, and excessive shading. Branches from the two smaller trees regularly fall and damage the shed roof, two large trees cause excessive shading. Tudor Cottage, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0LG. **Decision: BMSDC does not wish to object.**

Appeal Ref: APP/D3505/W/20/3251308: Planning permission for the erection of 2 no semi-detached dwellings on land North of 4 Hedgerow Cottage, Windsor Green, Cockfield in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref DC/19/03793 dated 8 August 2019. **Decision: Appeal allowed and Planning Permission Granted.**

DC/20/04207: Application for a Non-Material Amendment - Change of approved brick to Forterra Chelsea Smoked Soft Red Bricks. Land To The West Of Plough And Fleece Inn, Great Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0HJ. **Decision: Amendment Details Approved.**

Maintenance Calendar: Due to the full Agenda and late time, Cllr Levett offered to work with the Clerk to finalise the Maintenance Schedule to facilitate the preparation of the Budget.

Glebe Land: Cllrs Morley and Webster attended Module 1 of a virtual Allotment Management training course run by SALC and will be attending two further modules. It was agreed that our paid contractor Shepherd & Son be appointed to 'top' the Glebe meadow (subject to a maximum cost).

Playground: Cllr Morley advised that the contractor had vacated the Adventure Playground site over the Half Term week due to a prior school commitment. The remaining work is scheduled to take approximately 12 days to complete. Cllr Southgate agreed to write an article for Green Links containing details about the 'opening' and any Covid restrictions. The Clerk enquired whether the memory of Mrs Bird (whose legacy contributed towards the new Adventure Playground) might be recognised in some way at the Playground. Cllrs agreed that it should, but no details were discussed.

Village Hall Car Park: The Clerk has written to the Head of School Governors confirming the Parish Council's decision to assume the maintenance responsibility for the Village Hall car park hedge.

Parish Paths: Cllr Turner confirmed that fallen tree belonging to Upper Church Farm that was blocking the footpath, has been removed by Philip Bowcher.

Other Assets: Cllr Turner has purchased and fitted replacement new batteries in two SIDs.

Pavilion Update: Cllr Levett advised that he had written to the Loss Adjusters agreeing to the latest scope of repair work. The Clerk has asked the Contractor to schedule the work (expected to commence around December/January). The Contractor will be forwarding a mandate to the Clerk for the Parish Council to sign and return, agreeing to pay our contribution (23.96%) towards the final cost.

Re-opening Pavilion: The Chairman agreed that the Football Club could use the pavilion as they had necessary risk mitigation measures in place. It was noted that there had been a 4th recent break-in at the Pavilion Shed. Details had been provided to Cllr Cutting-Keyton to raise with our Community Engagement Officer.

Local Needs Housing: Cllr Morley confirmed there was another article published in Green Links and that build phase 1 is still scheduled for a March 2021 completion.

Highways and Emergencies: The Clerk reported that he had chased the BMSDC Case officer within the Enforcement team to investigate and progress the Parish Council's complaint about Contractor parking on the A1141 (in breach of Planning conditions). Cllr Cutting-Keyton had reported a blocked drain in Mackenzie Place.

MacKenzie Open Space Meadow: Work was on-going to progress replacing the steel beams and provide some new sleepers .The Clerk is compiling a new CIL123 Bid to fund the outstanding project works (Bridge refurbishment, Gazebo, Picnic furniture) which will be submitted to BMSDC by the October deadline.

New SID and Additional Proposed Locations: It was agreed that Cllr Turner obtains alternative quotations for a new SID and 3 No. Support posts in improved locations.

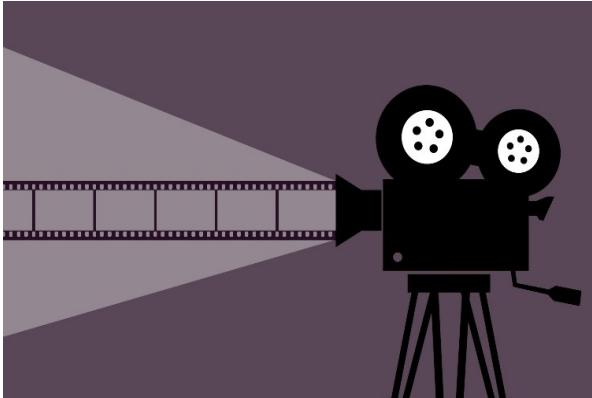
Parish Councillor Vacancy: The Chairman confirmed that he has spoken with Andy Golding, who has expressed an interest in filling the Cllr vacancy. It was agreed that Andy Golding be Co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Bandstand: Cllr Cutting-Keyton has attempted to raise the problems of increasing litter and unacceptable behaviour at the Bandstand and the Village Hall, with the Community Engagement Officer, but had been unable to meet him. Cllr Levett advised that he is not prepared to continue to litter pick the Bandstand until the current problems are resolved.

Village Minibus Cllr Southgate agreed to arrange a meeting with all interested parties before the next Parish Council meeting, to discuss the future of the Minibus.

The Parish Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Steve Ball by email at parish.council@cockfield.org.uk or 01284 8258987

Next Meeting - The next Ordinary Meetings of the Council will be held on Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7.30pm



Cockfield Cinema

Keep the date free:
Friday 18th December, 7 pm

At the time of writing we are in the middle of lockdown-2 with no certainty about what will follow from December 2nd. But we are keeping open the possibility that the village hall might be able to re-open, and that the rules at the time might allow our cinema to open for business before Christmas.

With that in mind, for now we are just asking you to pencil in the evening of Friday 18th December. A film has not yet been selected but we are inclined to choose a nice feel-good Christmas classic. We will keep you posted on developments via the website and the community broadcasts (sign up to receive community broadcasts via the link in the footer of any page of the village website).

Stay safe and we hope to be able to welcome you on the 18th.

The Cinema Team
cinema@cockfield.org.uk
www.cockfield.org.uk

Cockfield United Football Club

I hope that you, your family and friends are all managing to stay safe in these ever-turbulent times. As was the case with the first Lockdown, Lockdown 2.0 has brought around the suspension of amateur football once again. Hopefully this will be just for the four weeks but we await confirmation. That being said I still have action from five games across the four sides to bring you.

1st Team

Only the one game for the 1sts since my last report but a well anticipated one at that with a derby against local rivals Thurston. With a healthy crowd for both sides the game started in nervy fashion with no one really taking control. Increasingly though we were finding joy down the flanks, utilising the pace of Ryan Goulding well. The pressure eventually told and the leagues top scorer, Luke Spivey, scored a quick fire first half hat trick. After a verbal dressing down during the break it seemed Thurston may come out with some fight, Alfie Bullett quickly put pay to that though and scored a hat trick of his own, including a fine 25 yard strike, to finish off the visitors. There was time for one last goal as Nick Garrad comically scored using his back-side after a goalmouth scramble, those of you who have met Nick will know it's a goal only he could score.



Reserve Team

Again only one game here as we made the short trip up the "14" to Claydon. The game started in monsoon like conditions and the home side seemed to take to the conditions better, racing in to 2-0 lead. We looked to utilise to height of new recruit Gus Beecroft from set pieces and it proved fruitful following a long throw from Tom Calver, the big man flicked on to centre half partner Joe Brinkley who (spectacularly) stabbed home from all of 3 yards. With the leaked news of the lockdown coming through at half time both teams threw caution to the wind in the second half in a great spectacle for those few brave souls that came to spectate with the game finishing 4-3 to Claydon. Our second half goals came from Reece Gooderham and Josh Mealey who were both on debut, Reece's goal the standout with a cracking overhead effort.

Sunday Side

The only game for the Sunday side came in the Open Cup with a trip over to the Suffolk Essex border at Stoke by Clare.

Unfortunately we could not sign off with a win. In an uncharacteristically poor performance we came away on the wrong end of a 4-1 score line, Callum Brown with the consolation goal.

Veterans Side

Two home games for the Vets before the break. Firstly against Hadleigh United who we knew would prove tough opposition. After a fast start we went into a 2-0 lead, after 30 minutes a fine reaction save from Kristian Keymer seemed to have kept the score at 2-0, unfortunately Keymer is our centre half so the team had to play the remaining hour with 10 men. They all dug in brilliantly to come away with a credible 3-3 draw, Chris Stewart got all three goals for a brilliant game saving hat trick. We then signed off for the break against Taydal Old Boys, a bit of an unknown outfit, but we came away with the three points in a tightly fought game which finished 3-2, with goals coming from Barry Budgen, Tristan Plumb and another for Chris Stewart.

Joe B

If there is anyone interested in joining the club, in either a playing or other capacity please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach us either through social media Twitter - @CockfieldU or Facebook – Cockfield Fc, or by contacting the club Secretary via joebrinkley90@gmail.com

Cockfield W.I.



November lockdown restrictions meant cancelling plans for any future mini meet-ups but let's hope they can resume when circumstances improve. The Committee and Book Group have both had successful video meetings on Zoom. If any members have access to Zoom and would like to meet up with others over the Christmas period for a chat, then please contact me so that I can set it up. Congratulations to members Kylie Sheppard, Susan Metcalf, Gillian Hodge, Morag Kelly, Trudy Mann and Sylvia Wright who received awards for their entries to the Cockfield Show.

On behalf of the committee I'd like to wish all our members a safe, healthy and Happy Christmas.

Brenda C



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Dear Green Link readers,

I hope you saw the article in the Bury Free Press celebrating the children's amazing achievement in raising money for feedingbritain.org? The good news is we raised £1629 once all the money was counted! A fabulous effort.

Primary school punches above its weight

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A rural primary school has punched above its weight and raised £1,400 for a charity which wants to 'eliminate hunger in the UK.'

Pupils from Cockfield Primary raised the money after each class came up with a different activity to engage in over a 20-minute period.

Some classes ran, others danced and some were tasked with staying quiet for 20 minutes, a task headteacher Mrs Harkin assured was a 'real challenge.'

All the money raised through donations went to charity Feeding Britain, which wants to address hunger among children, and its underlying causes.

Mrs Harkin said: "We are very proud that everyone wanted to do something, every donation is precious and some children have raised hundreds of pounds for an amazing cause."

Meanwhile Birch Class have been to West Stow as part of their studies on the Anglo-Saxons. Meryl discovered that their life spans were very short due to a lack of medicines and the average age to die was 30. Lottie Mae was surprised to learn that the Saxons had many different Gods but then they converted to Christianity. Chloe described a 'hall with a main chair for the leader'. Also how they would sleep on animal fur as it was soft. Several children found it interesting that the families would gather in the 'hall' when a horn was blown. Kayley told me how the Anglo Saxons took glass and tiles left by the Romans and shaped it into jewellery. All the children were amazed by the different styles of houses and their favourite was the Sunken House with its pit underneath. They were full of enthusiasm for the subject which has ignited their interest in their learning.

This half term, Lime Class are learning about celebrations around the world. On Thursday 12th November, they had a Diwali dance workshop.

"We heard a story about Rama and Sita." "We did a dance to tell the story."

"Sita got kidnapped by a demon." "The monkey king helped Rama find Sita and rescue her."

"They followed the lights to find the way home." In the afternoon, the children made their own diva lamps from clay. Once they are dry, they will paint them in bright colours.

Friday 13th November we saw the children raise money for another good cause, FOCSA. This is our PTA who raise valuable funds for the school. A Break the Rules Day saw the children wearing all manner of things and being known as a famous person. The teachers had quite a challenge to remember all their new names. I took advantage and became Her Majesty for the day!

We are delighted that we have some new pen pals, members of the local community with whom we have shared some letters. It was lovely to hear from them in return.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harkin



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Self-isolation support payments for low-income earners in Babergh



Residents on low-incomes and unable to work because they have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, can now claim a £500 payment to compensate for loss of earnings.

As part of a nationwide Government scheme, residents in Babergh who are on low incomes and are unable to work because they have been told by NHS Test and Trace that they have to self-isolate can now apply for a lump sum payment from their local councils. Money will be paid into their accounts within days of their applications being verified, to relieve immediate financial hardship.

People who receive notification from NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate because they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, will be entitled to a £500 support payment if they meet all of the following requirements:

- They comply with the NHS Test and Trace notification to self-isolate
- are employed or self-employed
- are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result

AND are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

Universal Credit - Working Tax Credit - Income-based Employment and Support Allowance - Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
Income Support - Housing Benefit - Pension Credit

Discretionary payments may also be available in exceptional circumstances to individuals who meet the main qualifying criteria (i.e. low-income and unable to work because they are self-isolating) but are not in receipt of qualifying benefits and are facing severe financial hardship.

The scheme is being administered on behalf of the local authority by the Shared Revenue Partnership - with a fast and simple application form now available on the councils' websites together with information about how to easily provide evidence required and further details about the scheme.

To apply and find out more:

Babergh residents: www.babergh.gov.uk/benefits/coronavirus-money-and-benefits-advice/

Claims must be made within 14 days of a period of self-isolation ending. Residents are also reminded of the launch of the Suffolk Support and Advice Service earlier this month to help people access information or support relating to debt, benefits, housing or employment.

Citizens Advice Suffolk Alliance, which includes the eight Citizens Advice Bureaus across Suffolk, and Anglia Care Trust and Ipswich Housing Action Group are delivering advice and support to people through a single phone line.

The phoneline is funded by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders and has been developed by Suffolk-wide partners on the Collaborative Communities Covid-19 Board, which is part of the Suffolk Resilience Forum.

People can contact the Suffolk Support and Advice Service on 0800 068 3131 between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or go to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/>

Children's Page

December Christmas

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Cockfield Community Council News

December 2020

First of all a big thank you to the teams who participated in the Virtual Speed Quiz on Saturday 14 Nov. The feedback received on the evening was very positive about how to use the Speed Quiz App and a fun evening it was for all. We are all grateful to Neil Ashton for arranging this Quiz, and Neil we look forward to the next one which will be held just before Christmas on Tuesday 22nd December full details are on page 7, we hope you can join us this time.

Secondly , with regret, due to the COVID 19 restrictions we have had no alternative but to cancel the Village Cinema that was due on Fri 27 Nov. At the time of writing (mid Nov) we hope to be able to resume the Cinema on Fri 18 Dec, please watch out for any announcements on the Website, Noticeboards and Community Council Broadcasts.

At the time of writing the final arrangements for the Annual Carols on the Green have not been finalised hopefully they will have been before Green Links has to go to the printers if not please check on www.cockfield.org.uk.

As ever the Community Council continues to monitor all government announcements regarding COVID 19 and we are committed to only organising any event if it is within the rules which we will always follow in full.

Finally a reminder that we will again have a Xmas Tree on the Great Green in December. Once finalised we will publicise the day and time the lights will be switched on.

Christmas wishes to you all from your Community Council, lets all hope we can do more together in 2021.

Report Ian Levett

Computer Corner

Round up of Common Scams

Scams which try in some way to get you to part with your money have increased during the pandemic. On top of all that in the run up to Christmas there are likely to be more occurrences as the level of online purchasing activity increases further. So it's a good time for a reminder to be on the lookout.

I'm not attempting to list every specific scam doing the rounds. There are plenty of websites which do that and there are always too many to list. To protect yourself as best you can, there are a few enduring techniques you can follow and principles you can adopt:

- Buy, use and keep up to date any mainstream antivirus and internet security suite. This software does a good job in protecting you from attempts to install rogue software on your computer and warns of attempts to access unsafe websites.
- Security software will also trap fake emails and move them to your junk folder. But it's not a perfect science and sometimes a rogue email, often purporting to be from BT or a bank, will find its way to your inbox. Some are obviously fake – bad spelling or grammar, or where the real email address is obviously fake. Others look quite convincing. In that case always remember that no reputable organisation will ever solicit from you any personal or financial information.
- Where it is available, opt for what's usually called 2 factor authentication to access your website accounts.. This is where you enter your userid and password as usual, after which a numeric code is sent to your mobile phone. You only gain access to the website once you have entered the code. This method is far more secure than the basic userid and password, especially as many people use the same 1 or 2 simple passwords across many websites.

Common Varieties of Scam:

- Be wary of unsolicited phone calls that tell you you have a computer problem, or that your bank account is subject to a fraud investigation, or of an investment opportunity. The caller is often very plausible. They are adept at getting you to reveal fragments of information which they later play back to you to try to convince you of their authenticity.
- Other common phone scams include telling you you've signed up to Amazon Prime and asking you to key 1 to cancel. This results in your being bounced onto a very expensive premium rate call.

- TV Licensing scams include telling you you are entitled to a refund or there is a problem with your payment. There will be an attempt to solicit personal information from you.
- In the run up to Christmas and an increased level of on-line shopping, be wary of emails supposedly from courier companies wanting to contact you about a delivery problem.
- Many scams have been created or adapted to exploit the pandemic situation. These include:
 - Fake websites offering non-existent holiday accommodation or bogus cancellation refunds
 - Fake websites offering coronavirus resources (useless face masks and hand sanitisers), anti-virus kits etc.
 - Doorstep cold calls offering to do shopping
- With phone calls the best first line of defence is to be suspicious of any cold call. If you are in any doubt, hang up and, if possible on a different phone, call the company in question.

Again, no reputable organisation will ever ask you for confidential or personal information on the phone or by email. If on the other hand you made the call in the first place, the organisation will of course ask you to confirm some security information to check your authenticity.

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At the time of writing this article Advent is two weeks away but I am now planning the final details of our Christmas services. Planning has been made a little difficult this year due to the pandemic, and although there is light at the end of tunnel with the good news of the vaccine, the times ahead remain uncertain. Our hope is that we will be able to gather together to celebrate the season as we normally do - albeit in a slightly different way this year.

What we are unable to do at the moment is to sing together. I know that folk have missed congregational singing more than anything else at our services. There's something about singing familiar hymns and songs that brings people together. Singing together allows us to express our feelings and emotions in a way that nothing else does. You only have to visit a football match or a pop concert as well as a Church service to know this. The physical, spiritual and emotional effects of singing are well documented. I could blind you with the science, but basically singing makes us feel good, and is good for us!

I'm afraid we still can't have congregational singing in Church until the danger of Covid-19 has passed, but that does not mean that singing will stop in our Churches altogether. This year a small group of singers will be singing the familiar carols that we know and love at our Christmas services. You will see from the rota that I have named these services: 'Celebrating Christmas Carols'. I do hope that you will be able to join us at a service to hear the carols, to hear the familiar story of the birth of Jesus, and to pray together for the life of our nation and our community.

I know that for many Christmas will not be the same, but I also know that our Lord will be with us, sharing our joys and our sorrows.

So may I take this opportunity to wish all readers of Green Links a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

yours in Christ,

Sharon

Reverend Canon Sharon Potter, Rector of the Cockfield Benefice,
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Cockfield Benefice Services – December 2020

please see website for updated information should the lockdown continue past 2nd December

All morning services will be made available on the benefice facebook page via

<https://www.facebook.com/cockfieldbenefice/posts>

For services with * please contact Rev Sharon or the relevant Churchwarden if you wish to attend the service for social distancing purposes.

6th December - 2nd Sunday in Advent	10am Morning Prayer, Cockfield
13th December - 3rd Sunday in Advent	10am Communion, Cockfield
Tuesday 15th December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Cockfield*
Wednesday 16th December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Bradfield St George*
20th December - 4th Sunday in Advent	10am Family@Church 4pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Gedding*
Monday 21st December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Lt Whelnetham*
Tuesday 22nd December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Felsham*
Wednesday 23rd December	7pm Celebrating Christmas Carols, Bradfield St Clare*
Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve	3pm Christingle Crib Service, Cockfield 9pm Holy Communion, Felsham
Friday 25th December Christmas Day	10am Christmas Day Communion - Bradfield St George* 10am Christmas Day Communion (BCP) - Gedding

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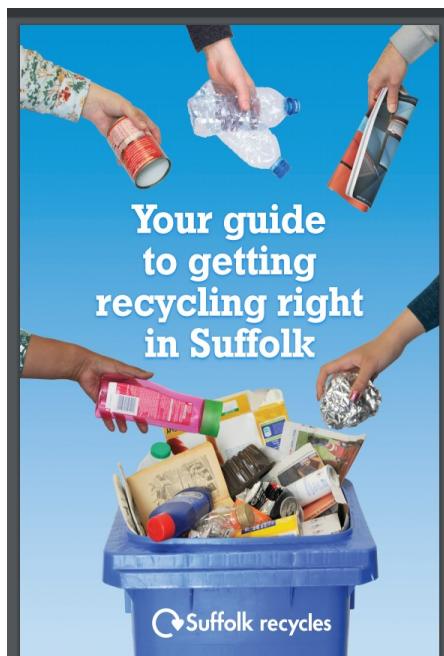
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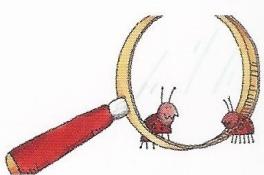
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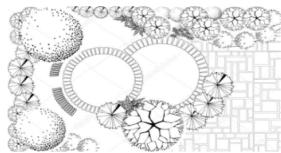
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The Bible tells us that light comes from God (Isaiah 45:7) which is exemplified in the opening verses of the Bible, where we see that before the dawn of history: "The world was without form and void and darkness was on the face of the deep". But then we see that God said: "Let there be light and there was light". God approved of this because as we read further we see "He saw that it was good" (Genesis: verses 2 to 4). And who would disagree with this? Imagine what it would be like if we had darkness all of the time. I know that we have artificial light that we can use but this is no substitute for natural light which is freely available to us all and abundant.

The Bible often uses darkness as a metaphor for rejection of God and separation from Him. But just as God has gifted to us natural light to benefit us, He also gave us the Lord Jesus Christ who is the "Light of the World" (John 8:12) and is the one of whom Isaiah prophesied, hundreds of years before His birth, saying: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isaiah 9:2). And just as we are thankful for the natural light from which we benefit we should also give thanks for the light of the world who is ready willing and able to free us from spiritual darkness that would otherwise entrap and enfold us.

As someone has written: "God is light we share His glory as we live and love in Him. We can walk in holy freedom as He lives and grows within. Lay aside your deeds of darkness – let eternal days begin." And when those eternal days do begin there will be no need for any other light because believers will bask in His glorious radiance for all eternity (Revelation 21:23). And what a wonderful prospect that is to which all believers can look forward.

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