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June 2024

The Monthly Village Magazine of Cockfield



Cockfield Parish Council

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National Commemoration of D-DAY 80

on Thursday 6th June 2024 on Great Green

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| 6.30 pm | Gather on Great Green |
| 6.45 pm | The International Tribute
A Toast to 80 Years of Peace
Lighting of the Beacon
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I have been editor of Green Links for over 17 years and there have been lots of changes in the village during that time, one thing however that has not changed is the annual subscription rate for Green Links.

Due to the recent surge in energy and paper prices Green Links' printers have steadily increased their costs until the point has been reached where we can no longer absorb the increases.

From August 2024 the annual subscription for Green Links will be £5.00, you will still receive 12 copies which will be delivered through your door as always.

Please have your £5.00 ready when the August edition is delivered.

I think Green Links is a jolly good read and does the vital job of keeping the village in touch with itself, hopefully you do too and will continue to subscribe.

Janne

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Earls Meadow & Jeffreys Green Report.

After another very changeable but warmer period of weather the growth of everything has been extreme. We have cut Earls Meadow every Sunday so far in May.

Jeffreys Green has been left to give a good show of violets, speedwell buttercups and dandelions. The perimeter has been cut along with a pathway through the middle as a walkway.

Everywhere looks exceptionally green.

Those late April frosts have trimmed some of the blossom but we still have high hope of a decent fruit harvest.

The later warmer weather has encouraged the sticklebacks in the river and our resident kingfisher-as least we think he is-resident-has been spotted flying through the culvert. A flash of brilliance!

Enjoy your visits to the site- it does look a treat.

RM



Photo Steve Ball

Cockfield Village Group Update



COCKFIELD
village group

We will be writing monthly articles in the Green Links, to not only update you on our progress on purchasing the pub, but to promote the shop and post office.

Reopening the Plough and Fleece pub would be an amazing success story for the village. Our progress on the community purchase of the pub had stalled but since the start of 2024, things have really taken off! Engaging with the owner, gaining access into the pub, and undertaking an independent valuation, have allowed us to put in an offer. Please visit our website (www.cockfieldvillagehub.co.uk) and Facebook page for information and updates.

With guidance from Plunkett UK (a charity supporting local business endeavours since 1919), we are walking the 'tried and tested path' for community ownership. Our initial funding requirement is £460,000, this figure includes the purchase price, refurbishment costs, creation of space for the shop and post office, and a meeting place incorporating a cafe. Professional fees, stamp duty and initial stocking are also factored into this amount.

The two primary sources of funding are from grant applications and Community Share Offer. We have applied for a Community Ownership Fund and a decision is expected imminently. The application process is rigorous and the bar is set high. Luckily, there is an opportunity to reapply, where we would use feedback received and Plunkett's support. Obviously, we hope that we are successful the first time around!

We are also applying for additional grants and this is where pledges are important. Although we are not promoting our share offer yet (details will follow soon), we very much need pledges. When the time is right, we will be looking to raise between £150,000 and £200,000 from our initial community share offer.

The total amount of pledges received so far is £58,000, which is over 25% of our upper target. This is good but we need more. It is understandable to be hesitant and we have anticipated likely questions, which can be found by visiting this link: www.bit.ly/cvgfaq.

We need local support for this project to succeed. We have a transformational opportunity to create a Community Hub overlooking the Great Green, which will add another jewel to the crown of this fantastic village! Don't delay, pledge today: www.bit.ly/cvgpledge.

Best wishes,
all from the Cockfield Village Group

Cockfield Parish Council



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 March 2024 at 7.30pm held in the Village Hall, Cockfield.

Present: Cllr Ian Levett (Chair), Cllr Janne Cutting-Keyton (Vice-Chair), Cllr Dale Baber, Cllr Sarah Fletcher, Cllr Andy Golding, Cllr Nic Knight, Cllr Robin Morley & Cllr Ralph Turner.

In Attendance: Suffolk County Cllr Robert Lindsay, District Cllr Paul Clover, 1 Member of Public and the Clerk.

2023/220 Apologies for Absence: District Cllr Margaret Maybury and Cllr Joe Brinkley.

2023/221 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Morley and Cllr Turner declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 8.2 Payments, as the recipients of a cheque from the Parish Council.

2023/222 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

It was proposed by Cllr Cutting-Keyton and seconded by Cllr Knight that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, held on 29 February 2024, be signed as a true record. The proposal was carried.

2023/223 Outstanding Actions:

2022/178: Pavilion Balustrade: No progress since the last meeting.

2023/135.2.1: Safety Sign on Great Green:

Cllrs Golding & Turner have installed the two warning signs on Great Green and the new Cockfield sign on the Felsham Rd.

2023/146.2: Babergh District Cllr Report:

Suffolk County Cllr Lindsay confirmed SCC Cabinet's decision on 27th February to re-introduce the limited use of Glycosulphate to control weeds. Cllr Lindsay was asked to provide a further update at the April PC Meeting.

2023/148.3 & 2023/207.3: Parish Council Investments:

A Cambridge Building Society Parish Council Account has been opened and money transferred from the Parish Council's Barclay Community Account. **(Action Closed)**

2023/195.2.1 & 215.2.1: Greens Management:

The clerk has now received Vertas Group Ltd pricing options for Grounds Management services. It was proposed by Cllr Cutting-Keyton and seconded by Cllr Morley that the 3-year option be accepted. The proposal was carried.

2023/209: Speed Limits on A1141:

The Clerk has written to SCC Highways requesting a meeting on site to discuss the PC's concerns about current speed limits and potential Safety Risks. It was proposed by Cllr Levett and seconded by Cllr Morley that two Cllrs and the Clerk meet Highways in April.

2023/211: Allotment Allocations:

Cllr Levett has provided the two new leaseholders with tenancy agreements and requested payment of their annual allotment fees. One tenant has already returned a signed agreement and payment. **(Action Closed)**

2023/214: BMSDC Consultation Paper on Car Park Charging Policy: The Clerk submitted the PC's response to BMSDC's proposals on-line. **(Action Closed)**

2023/215.1: Maintenance Calendar: The new Maintenance Agenda format was used for this meeting. **(Action Closed)**

2023/215.2.1: Greens Management: The high-level loose bark on tree adjacent to playground has been removed. **(Action Closed).**

2023/215.2.3: Earls Meadow: It was proposed Cllr Morley and seconded by Cllr Knight that the quotation of £166.67 + £33.33 VAT from Curry's Service Centre, BSE for an engraved stainless-steel plaque on a hardwood base and steel legs for the School Tree be accepted. The proposal was carried.

2023/215.2.6 Village Hall Car Park: Cllrs Cutting-Keyton and Morley undertook a Maintenance inspection of Car Park. It was proposed by Cllr Cutting-Keyton and seconded by Cllr Morley, that a local Contractor be instructed to clear out the build-up of silt. The proposal was carried.

2023/215.2.7: Parish Paths: Cllr Baber has provided SCC contact details to enable the Clerk to write about the condition of the footpath between Howe Lane and the Church.

2023/215.2.9: Other Assets: The Clerk has requested a quotation from Anthony Creasy to strim around the Bus Shelter base.

Ian Dowling is happy to raise the Flag of Peace for 7 days to commemorate D-Day 80. **(Action Closed)**

Cllr Morley will contact Hodge Farms about lighting the Beacon for the D-Day 80 Event.

2023/216.3: Police/Fire: Cllr Cutting-Keyton circulated the Policing Model to Cllrs after the 29/02/24 meeting. **(Action Closed)**

2023/224 Public Participation Session:

2023/224.1 Suffolk County Councillor's Report:

Cllr Lindsay circulated his report to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. Cllr Lindsay highlighted the backlog in repairing potholes. Cllrs asked Cllr Lindsay to update them on SCC's new policy for the uses of Glycosulphate. Cllr Cutting-Keyton advised that the scheduled visit by the SCC Weedkilling team to Cockfield was 3rd June 2024.

2023/224.2 Babergh District Councillor's Report:

Cllrs Clover's report was circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. Cllr Clover confirmed that BMSDC Cabinet were meeting in early April to debate BMSDC's proposed Car Park Charging Policy changes and the 3,000+ signature Anti-Charging petition that had been submitted. Cllr Clover advised that Babergh had been voted District Council of the Year.

2023/224.3 Public Participation Session: Nothing raised.

2023/225 Planning:

2023/225.1 Applications Received: It was noted that the following applications had been referred to the Parish Council:

DC/24/00690: Householder Application - Conversion of part of outbuilding into additional living accommodation including construction of dormers: South Barn, Cross Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 OLG **(The Parish Council OBJECTED to the Application).**

2023/225.2 Decisions Received:

DC/24/00355: Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/20/00128 - Increase in the footprint of the property by 1.05m length in the direction of the NE gable and approx. 20cm in the width of the main part of the house. The marginally increased span would result in an increase in the ridge height of approx. 5cm. This amendment would only affect the dimension of Bedroom 1 and the lobby space, no changes result in the overall room layout in the updated plan: Windsor Green Farmhouse, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 OLY. **(Amendment Detail APPROVED)**

DC/24/00170: Householder Application - Siting of temporary structure to create home office / occasional guest accommodation. Jaydam House, 8 Great Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 OHQ. **(Planning Permission has been REFUSED)**

DC/24/00266: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/23/03375 - 4 (Facing and Roofing Materials Shortfalls), 5 (Materials and Insulation), 6 (Eaves and Verges), 7 (Insulation and Internal Floor Finishes), 8 (Finishes between adjoining Barn), 9 (Bricks and Mortar), 12 (Windows and Doors), 13 (Roof Lights), 14 (Flue), 15 (Rainwater Goods), 18 (Great Crested Newt Method Statement), 19

(Biodiversity Compensation and Enhancement Strategy) and 20 (Wildlife Sensitive Design Scheme): Buttons Green Farm, Buttons Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 OJF. **(Split Decision: Conditions Refused and Conditions Approved).**

DC/24/01122: Discharge of Conditions for DC/22/06014 - Conditions 14 (EPS Licence for Great Crested Newts), 16 (Wildlife Sensitive Design Scheme) and 18 (Tree Protection): Land Adjacent to Plough and Fleece Inn, Great Green, Cockfield, Suffolk. **(Decision: Conditions Approved).**

DC/24/01179: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/23/03375 - Condition 5 (Materials and Insulation), 6 (Eaves and Verges) and 8 (Finishes): Buttons Green Farm, Buttons Green, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 OJF. **(Decision: Conditions Approved).**

2023/226 Finance:

2023/226.1 Financial Statement:

No Financial Statement was submitted.

2023/226.2 Payments & Income:

It was proposed by Cllr Golding and seconded by Cllr Cutting-Keyton that the schedule of payments as presented be approved. The proposal was carried.

2023/227 Village Website:

Cllr Baber confirmed that Cockfield Parish Council now owned the website domain which has been migrated onto the OneSuffolk platform and both the Clerk's and Chairman's email have also been transferred from Names & Co to OneSuffolk. There are still a number of legacy issues with forwarding emails to resolve, which will be undertaken after training which is scheduled for either 15th or 22nd April. The Working Group to convene to determine website policy and protocols.

2023/228 Parish Cllr Email Addresses:

The Clerk had circulated the NALC briefing Note to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Cutting-Keyton and seconded by Cllr Baber that all Cllrs should use a Cockfield.org.uk email account, rather than a personal one. The proposal was carried.

2023/229 Bio-Diversity Expenditure Initiative:

Cllr Levett circulated a briefing note to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Levett and seconded by Cllr Morley that they should meet with BMSDC's Richard Parmee and visit a potential Bio-Diversity site behind Jeffreys Green. The proposal was carried.

2023/230 Earls Meadow/Bruffs Line/Jeffreys Green Signage:

On 29/02/24, Cllrs approved a budget of up to £500 for signage at Earls

Meadow, Bruffs Line and Jeffreys Green. Cllr Morley and Cllr Turner have looked at various signage schemes and have ordered a trial sign which they will try at various locations.

2023/231 Community Shop & Post Office: Cllr Fletcher confirmed that the Cockfield Village Group had commissioned a Property Survey, Valuation and Viability Report, that they have a solicitor working on their behalf to submit a formal offer. The Group are exploring funding opportunities.

2023/232 D-Day 80:

Cllr Cutting-Keyton outlined the activity programme for the event. It was proposed by Cllr Cutting-Keyton and seconded by Cllr Levett that a Budget of £200 (from Section 137) be allocated to fund refreshments and the purchase of a 'Flag for Peace' for the event. The proposal was carried.

2023/233 Enforcement Action EN/24/00080 on Planning Application

DC/22/06014:The Clerk provided a verbal update on the Enforcement Action. A Resident's letters of complaint had been answered and copied to the BMSDC Enforcement Officer, who has responded.

2023/2334 Maintenance Schedule and Asset Management:

234.1 Maintenance Calendar: Maintenance Calendar (Full Review, February, June, October only). To undertake full review of 2023/24 Maintenance Requirements for budget preparation purposes

234.2 Maintenance Matters by exception:

234.2.1 Greens Management (Including Bandstand): Cllr Golding confirmed the Great Green was in good condition. The grass has had its first cut, trees and playground trimmed and tree surgery carried out (pond clearance and trees pollarded).The Clerk confirmed that the land drain and sump had been pumped out and cleared.

234.2.2 Glebe Land (including Allotments): Cllr Fletcher confirmed that work was being undertaken to prepare the water tanks for the coming allotment season.

234.2.3 Earls Meadow/Bruffs Line/Jeffreys Green:

Cllr Morley advised that SEH French (Orwell Housing Association's contractor) had replaced the fixed gate post at the entrance from Old Stonepit Way, with a lockable removable post, which will allow access for maintenance. The Parish Council's mower had been serviced and used for the first grass cut at Earls Meadow and Jeffreys Green in preparation for the Easter Duck Race.

234.2.4 Cemetery: Cllr Turner had completed the tri-annual Cemetery Rates Valuation questionnaire, which the Clerk has returned to the Rates Valuation department. The cemetery has received its first grass cut of the year.

234.2.5 Playground: Cllr Knight confirmed he had carried out the monthly play equipment inspection. The Clerk advised that our Play Equipment Inspector is retiring in April, so he is sourcing a replacement Inspector from the RPII Register, who needs to be approved and appointed before September. The Clerk will seek advice from our current Inspector and will submit a recommendation to the next meeting.

234.2.6 Village Hall Car Park: Cllr Cutting-Keyton and Cllr Morley undertook a maintenance inspection. A contractor needs to be appointed to clear the build-up of silt.

234.2.7 Parish Paths: Cllr Baber has received SCC's report stating that repair work to footpaths Nos.3 & 6 had been completed, however he has reported that the sleeper on the bridge on footpath 3 is in a poor condition and needs urgent repair.

A member of the public highlighted the slippery condition of the bridge on the footpath in Old Hall Lane and reported slips and falls. Cllr Baber requested evidence that he could submit with his defect report to SCC.

234.2.8 Pavilion (including storage shed): Cllr Golding highlighted problems with the locks on the Pavilion entrance doors. The Clerk would investigate the cost of a pair of replacement suited locks to both doors.

234.2.9 Bus Shelter: None

234.2.10 Notice Boards & Benches: Cllr Levett to review maintenance register for scheduled dates to rub down and clean all benches.

234.2.11 Village Signs: None

234.2.12 Speed Indicator Devices: None

234.2.13 Other Assets: None

2023/235 Third Party Liaison:

By Exception, to receive any reports from lead members on matters which need to be brought to the attention of the Council and to take actions appropriate:

235.1 Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC): Cllr Knight attended the SALC meeting on 12th March. He highlighted the huge increase in the number of electric vehicle charging points that have been installed in the borough and advised that funding was available. The SALC CEO complimented Cockfield for its 'total village engagement' during their Village of the Year Event.

235.2 Highways and Emergencies: None.

235.3 Police/Fire: Cllr Cutting-Keyton advised that she is not able to attend the

Police Forum Event on 22nd April at Lawshall Village Hall but invited Cllrs to attend in her place.

2023/236 Correspondence:

The correspondence Register was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Gallagher's have issued their Annual Pre-Renewal Insurance Questionnaire. The Clerk will update the Asset Register and return the Insurance Renewal Questionnaire.

2023/237 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council either for information or for inclusion on the agenda of a future Ordinary Meeting:

Cllrs Cutting-Keyton and Golding gave their apologies for the April Parish Council Meeting.

2023/238 Next Meeting:

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday in the Village Hall (Main Hall) on 25th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

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

**Cockfield Community Coffee
Run by Cockfield WI
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

The St Peter's Recycling Stall

St Peter's Plants, Books and Bicycle stall will open again this spring at Northside Howe Lane.

If anyone in the village has a once loved bicycle loitering at the back of a shed that would like a new home, please donate it to St Peter's Church.

Donations will be gratefully received at Northside.

Please contact Norman Kelly



St Peter's, Cockfield

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25 May	Coffee morning and plant sale in the church yard.
Saturday 3 August	Simply Saxophones & Guests
Sunday 1 September	Summer Lunch at Milton House.
Saturday 16 Nov	"Craft and Artisan Fair" in the church.
Sunday 18 Jan 2025	Winter lunch in the village hall.

Cockfield W.I.

Report for May

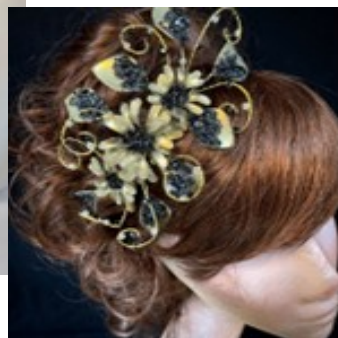


Our May meeting was also our AGM at which members of the local WI Committee are proposed and elected and in particular it is essential to appoint a President for the following year. We are very fortunate that Michelle Callinan was supported and agreed to continue to be our president. Our Committee all agreed to continue too and another member was also happy to join us! Our WI have had a very happy and enjoyable year, having come out the other side of the Covid emergency! The many speakers we have had have been both educational and entertaining. We are looking forward to many more interesting speakers.



Plans are in place for varied and interesting speakers each month now to take us through to our next AGM in May 2025! In June our speaker will be Suze Bowers, a tour guide, who will share her adventures working in Spain, France and England. In July we have a visit and talk from Amanda Sutherland on 'My creative journey in fashion, costume, crafting & creative business skills.'

In August we will have our Garden Party meeting in a member's beautiful garden and have arranged this year to include a speaker for the first time! Our visitor is a poet/author, which we are looking forward to very much. (Further details to follow).



In September we will have a speaker, Wendy Smith with a talk entitled 'Tales Beyond Wimbledon'. We are currently finalising our outings for this year and hope to visit the Suffolk Food museum soon. Other visits will include our final choice of garden to visit in the summer.

It is likely, at the present time, when things have not quite returned to normal, that small groups may choose to visit different gardens, depending on their other commitments. The Yum Yum Fudge factory (who may now be asked if they can visit us next year) is still a possibility, as is a visit to the Suffolk Distillery at Stoke by Nayland, during the summer, by a few members, who could join a tour.

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 coffee morning is from 10.30 am until 12 noon on a Thursday towards the end of June, in the Village Hall Committee Room. Following that there is one towards the end of July. The monthly coffee mornings will continue throughout the year until there is a short break in December!

The monthly Saturday lunch will return in the autumn/winter, which will be advertised nearer the time. The lunch is available for a small contribution of £1, for the food! Teas and coffees are also available. Please come when it returns, we would love to see you then! Please look out for the return of the Saturday Lunch later in the year and come and join us then!

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

Visitors are welcome to attend up to **three meetings** before deciding about joining or not! **There is no obligation! If you need transport we will help too!**

Joan Ball

Tips & Recipes for Barbeques

*Suddenly,
There's nothing to do
And too much –
The lawn, paths, woods
Were never so green
White blossom of every
Size and shape – hydrangea,
Chinese dogwood, mock orange
Spill their glistening –*

Midsummer's day is traditionally on the 24th June. An ancient tradition marks the mid-point of the growing season (half way between planting and harvest). In some cultures it is one of the quarter days. Astrologically, summer begins on the solstice, which this year will be on Thursday 20th June when the sun reaches its highest northern most point in the sky.

We can only hope for good weather and consequently I have chosen to look at barbeque recipes this month with summer salads and picnic recipes to follow for the rest of the summer!

The following bbq sauce can be used on sausages and burgers

Ingredients

1 small onion, chopped	1 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
3 cloves garlic, crushed	55g dark brown sugar
Olive oil	50ml dark soy sauce
1 red chilli, finely chopped	300ml tomato ketchup
	Salt and pepper

Method

Fry the onion and garlic in olive oil with the chilli, fennel seeds and sugar. Add the soy sauce and ketchup and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil and simmer for a few minutes to combine the flavours. Use as a dip or to coat spare ribs, chicken or sausages....

Easy Chicken Kebabs

A very flexible recipe which can go with or on a couscous salad or stuffed into a pitta. Swap the coriander for any other soft herbs or just leave out. Kebab skewers will be needed if using your barbeque.

Ingredients

3tbsp low-fat natural yogurt
1 tsp garam masala or curry powder
1 tsp chilli powder
2 tsp lemon juice

2 tsp fresh chopped coriander (optional)
1 fresh chilli, finely chopped (optional)
4 150g chicken breasts, cubed
Green salad
Pitta breads or other accompaniment

Method

Mix together the yogurt, garam masala, chilli powder, lime juice, coriander and red chilli. Marinate the chicken in the mixture for 5 minutes at least.

Preheat your barbeque to hot or (in unreliable weather) cook under a hot grill. Thread the chicken onto the kebab skewers and cook until tender and cooked all the way through. Serve with salad, pitta bread

If you are using wooden skewers soak them in water for 30 minutes.

Easy Barbeque Chicken

Ingredients

Chicken Joints – perhaps 6 legs & 6 wings

Marinade –

2 tbsp clear honey

3 cm piece of fresh root ginger, peeled and grated

1 garlic clove, crushed

1 ½ tsp Chinese five-spice powder

2 tsp soy sauce

3 tbsp orange marmalade

½ tsp grated orange zest

1 tbsp sesame oil

Method

Slash the drumsticks and place in a non-metallic bowl with the wings. Mix together all of the marinade ingredients and pour over the chicken. Leave to marinate for at least 2 hours, or overnight if you can, turning occasionally.

Place the chicken on the barbeque over medium hot coals and cook for about 20 minutes. (Turn frequently). Monitor as the sugars in the marinade can burn easily. Move to a cooler part of the surface if it is colouring too quickly, cooking more gently. To ensure it all cooks through close the lid to create a roasting environment.

Check with a skewer to ensure the juices run clear. A temperature probe would indicate an internal temperature of 75C, if cooked. Cook in the oven on a roasting tray as part of a picnic at 200C/180C F/Gas 6. This needs to be cooked for about 50 minutes, turning and basting with the juices and marinade until thoroughly sticky and golden. Then either eat when hot or cold!

Easy Halloumi Burgers (Serves 2)

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
2 portobello mushrooms, wiped clean and stalks removed
200g halloumi cheese, thickly sliced
2 brioche buns, cut in half
2 tbsp finely chopped onion
2 tbsp finely chopped tomato
2 tbsp finely chopped cucumber
2 tbsp finely chopped mint
1 lime, juice only
4 tbsp hummus
1 large tomato, thickly sliced
4 romaine lettuce leaves, roughly torn
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

Heat a griddle pan or the barbeque until hot. Brush oil over the mushrooms and season well. Cook for 6-8 minutes, turning halfway through cooking.

Brush the remaining oil over the halloumi slices and the cut side of the buns.

Cook for 2-3 minutes, or until lightly charred.

Mix together the chopped onion, tomato, cucumber and mint with the lime juice and season well.

To assemble, put the mushroom on the bottom half of the bun (dry a little, if necessary with kitchen towel) and spread over the hummus. Top with the sliced tomato, lettuce, and halloumi. Spoon over the onion and tomato relish. Top with the other half of the bun and eat straight away!

Fingers crossed for good weather!

Joan Ball

NORMAN GREGORY MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE



SATURDAY 13TH JULY **St Peter's Church**

Church Lane, Cockfield, Suffolk, IP30 0LA

Three Routes:- 9 miles with Guide, 20 miles or 29 miles

All Rides Start at 10am

Register from 9.30 am

Entry £5.00 Adults, Under 16's Free

Under 16s must be accompanied by an Adult

Entry includes refreshments

All monies raised will go to The RAF Association

All types of Bikes & E-Bikes Welcome

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For more information please contact:-

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Garden Tips for June 2024

Flowers & Grasses

- Once the leaves of snowdrops and bluebells have started to go yellow you can lift and divide the clumps.
- Fuchsias – Pinch out the tips to promote a bushy habit. This will also encourage the production of more flowers.
- Thin out drifts of directly sown hardy annuals.
- Once you have hardened off (this means moving plants outdoors for a portion of the day to get them acclimatised to different amounts of light, air and in particular night time temperatures) you should now be able to move hanging baskets and containers out of the greenhouse to their final positions in the garden.
- Don't forget to water hanging baskets and container grown plants either first thing in the morning or in the evening. Depending on the weather you may have to water hanging baskets twice a day.
- Sweet Peas – pick as soon as they flower to encourage the plant to produce more blooms.
- Once Oriental poppies have finished flowering cut the foliage back to ground level. They will soon recover and produce a fresh mound of foliage.
- Towards the end of the month you can also re-invigorate Hardy Geraniums by trimming back to encourage new foliage and flowers. 'Roxanne' is a particularly long flowering variety with bright blue flowers.
- Make sure all tall plants such as Delphiniums, Sunflowers are fully supported. Also stake and tie in Dahlias as they grow.
- Delphiniums are very hungry plants so you should aim to feed with a balanced liquid fertiliser which can be seaweed based or alternatively you can use Tomorite every 2-3 weeks.
- Cut back Pulmonaria and feed with a slow release fertilisers. You can also divide congested clumps and replant now.
- Cut back any hardy geraniums which have finished flowering. This will encourage new foliage and flowers.
- Divide and replant primulas, primroses, polyanthus and cowslips.
- Keep on top of weeding your borders.
- Consider Ornamental grasses for dry areas of the garden and for use in containers with summer bedding.



Fruit and Vegetables

- Tomatoes – Pinch out the side shoots of your tomato plants. Lightly spray the tomato flowers with water this will help the fruit to set. Start to feed once the first truss is setting fruit.
- Harden off and plant outdoor tomatoes.
- Harvest salad crops and sow seeds every fortnight to ensure a continuous supply of leaves
- First early potatoes should be ready for harvesting. Nothing quite like home grown potatoes with lashings of butter.
- Make sure you protect soft fruits from the birds and wildlife with appropriate netting.
- If you are growing soft fruits in containers they will benefit from a high potash liquid feed.
- If you grow blueberries in containers make sure you only water with rainwater.
- If you haven't done so already harden off and plant tender vegetables such as courgettes, squash and sweetcorn.
- Protect crops from carrot fly by covering with horticultural fleece.
- Once the leaves turn yellow and start to die back on your onion and garlic that's the time to start harvesting.



Trees, Shrubs & Climbers

- Remove any reverted green shoots on evergreen shrubs such as *Elaeagnus* and *Euonymus* to prevent the whole shrub losing variegation.
- If summer rainfall is scarce then I would delay planting any containerised trees or shrubs until autumn.
- *Viburnum Tinus* can still be trimmed back this month
- Don't forget to tie in twining climbers like honeysuckle and summer flowering clematis to their supports.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible. This restricts sap flow and causes more side shoots to grow along the length of the stem. This will result in the production of more flowers.
- Regularly deadhead your repeat flowering roses.



Lawns

- You can still apply a lawn fertiliser if you didn't get round to it in May.
- It's a good idea to spike the lawn in hot weather this will enable any rain to penetrate down to the roots.
- If weather has been very dry raise the blades on the mower to reduce stress on the grass.
- During prolonged periods of dry weather water established lawns and especially any newly seeded or turfed lawns.
- Re-cut lawn edges or install lawn edging available from garden centres/hardware stores to assist with future maintenance.



General Maintenance and planning

- Weeds will be growing at an alarming rate. I try and wander out in to the garden preferably on a daily basis to nip off dandelion and daisy flowers before they have a chance to set seed and takeover completely.
- Check plants in greenhouse daily and water if the soil/compost dry.
- Don't forget to keep the greenhouse well ventilated and shaded in hot weather. In the evening I use my watering can fixed with a rose to spray the base of the greenhouse with water. This helps deter red spider mite.
- Keep bird baths topped up in hot weather.
- Turn compost heaps every month to keep well aerated.
- Check for vine weevils in pots. They look like C shaped maggots among the roots. Treat with nematodes which can be purchased online or at good garden centres.
- Don't let pots dry out as this will encourage ant infestation.



Happy gardening
Kate Ransom

The Suffolk Spitfire Part 1 – The aircraft

Recent visitors to IWM Duxford might have seen a Spitfire wearing distinctive USAAF 'Star and Bars' markings from World War 2. This certainly makes it stand out from the other fourteen or so Spitfires that are habitually stabled at Duxford. This is Spitfire RW 382 (its RAF serial number), also known as the *Suffolk Spitfire*. It is owned and operated by George Haye who is from near-by Whepstead. I caught up with George back in February to talk about his aircraft. However, a bit of background is first needed to get to know a bit about the aircraft before we hear from George.

RW 383 was built in Castle Bromwich as a 'low back' LF Mk XVIe. What does that mean? First of all, the 'low back' Spitfires had the rear fuselage cut down in order to accommodate a bubble canopy affording 360 degree vision, a priceless asset for a fighter pilot. We can see this from the black and white photo of it at RAF Uxbridge. To compensate for the adverse effect on directional stability created by the low back fuselage the fin was slightly enlarged and had a pointed, rather than a rounded tip.



The LF designation means that this variant was optimised for operations below 20,000 feet, where most combat took place. Some LF versions, including RW 382 had 'clipped' or squared off wingtips to afford better roll rate at low altitude. Sadly, this ruined the iconic look of the Spitfire wing!

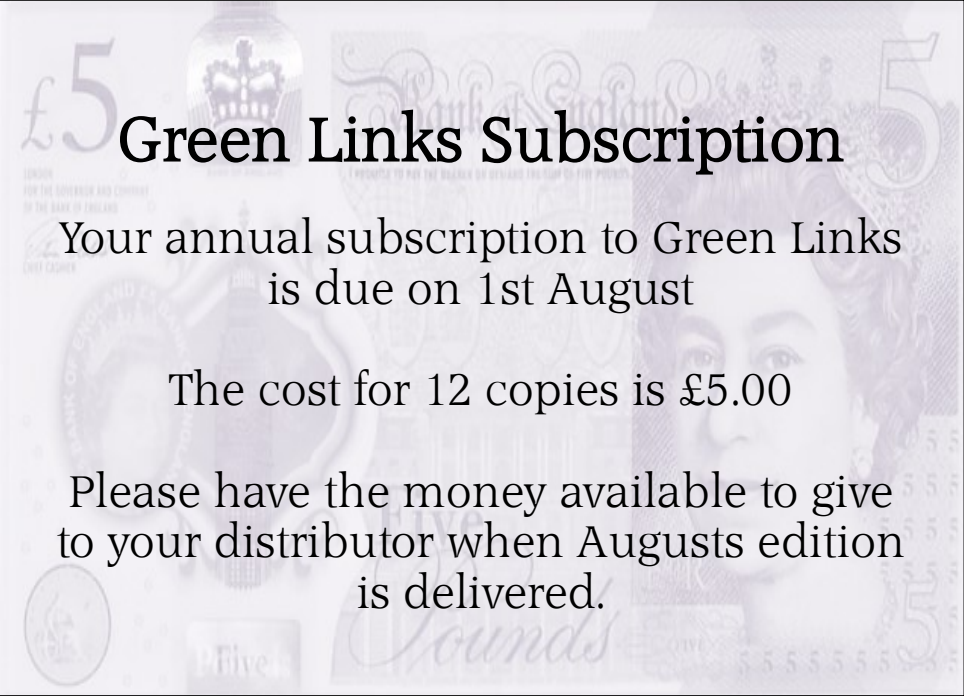
Let's have a closer look at what that jumble of letters and Roman numerals means. The Mk is short for mark, or version in other words. There were 24 marks of Spitfire by the time production stopped! The 'e' designation means that each wing was fitted with one 20mm Hispano cannon and one .5 inch calibre M2 machine gun, so that's two cannon and two machine guns – a pretty decent mix. The 'a' wing had four Browning .303 machine guns in each wing (not really adequate), and was the type in use during the Battle of Britain. The 'c' wing was fitted with one 20mm Hispano cannon and two Browning .303 machine guns (a good compromise). The M2 '50 cal' was the machine gun of choice for American fighters, by the way. The 'e' wing was the standard fit by the later stages of the war. The Mk XVI version differed from the iconic Mk IX only because it had an American built Packard 266 in place of the Rolls Royce Merlin 66. I hope that's cleared that up!

RW 382 was delivered to the RAF in July 1945, too late to see service in the war. She was struck off charge in December 1954, marking the end of her flying career. She then spent some years as a 'gate guardian' (ie on display at the main entrance) at RAF Leconfield, before being taken down from its pole to serve as static set dressing in the 1968 film 'Battle of Britain'. After this RW 382 ended up once again doing gate guardian duties at RAF Uxbridge, and there she stayed until 1988. She was removed and restored to flying status in July 1991, and was subsequently shipped to a new owner in the USA, but was sadly involved in a bad crash in California in June 1998. Not good!



The remains were shipped back to the UK and RW 382 was painstakingly rebuilt as a 'high back' by Peter Monk at Biggin Hill and an original RR Merlin 61 was fitted. It was also fitted with the classic rounded tail appropriate to a high back Spitfire. You can clearly see this in the colour photo. It was around this time that she changed hands again and she received her American markings of a Mk IXc (remember what the 'c' means?) of the American 309th Fighter Squadron of the 31st Fighter Group which operated out of Italy in 1943 and which was flown by Lt Robert Connor. The green and grey camouflage scheme was common to RAF Spitfires at this time and was known as the day fighter scheme. The American markings were chosen in honour of the close American ties to Suffolk that have existed since the arrival of the Americans back in 1942. It was at this point that RW 382 was acquired by George Haye and given the name *The Suffolk Spitfire*.

In part 2 we'll hear from George about his association with *The Suffolk Spitfire*
JG



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May 2024 Newsletter

This term has been full of wonder and awe. We are all so very proud of our talented and inquisitive children here at Cockfield school. The school halls and classrooms have been filled with smiling faces, giggles and positivity while the sun begins to shine down its summer warmth upon us.

I would like to start this newsletter with another thank you for a generous donation. Cockfield Parish Council have kindly added to our school library project. We now have the plans back from the designing company and we are waiting for the furniture to arrive.





Lime and Oak

Oak and Lime really enjoyed our day out at Colchester zoo! From getting up close to the tigers and snakes, to laughing at the sealions as they whizzed through the water upside-down we had a fantastic day. We also extended our learning about habitats and how animals are adapted to their places that they live in. Limes had a fun 'Dear Zoo' workshop which took their learning outside the classroom and brought it to life! Huge thanks to FOCSA for helping with the cost of the travel there.



Willow and Birch

Willow class have been taking inspiration from the positive change in weather and have created holiday brochures to entice people to visit different countries. They have also picked up their clubs and taken to the school field for their weekly golf lessons... FORE! SATs are now complete and a big round of applause must be had for our hard working year 6 children. Birch class are now eagerly awaiting their residential trip to Hilltop. Teachers, catch up on your sleep now while you can!

Does anybody with computer experience have some time to spare?

Green Links magazine requires a volunteer to take over as Treasurer and Advertising Manager.

This does not take up much time.

It involves creating or amending new adverts to send, at the correct size, to the editor by 15th each month, currently using MS Word.

It also involves sending annual and ad hoc Invoices to advertisers using whatever invoicing package you prefer. The current system uses an Access database with two tables keyed on Company Name. These could be exported to .csv files for import to another system.

Invoices are paid by the advertisers, using BACS.

Other income for Green Links is the Annual subscription fee of £5.00 collected from all Green Links readers, by various deliverers around the village and given to the treasurer for banking.

Another responsibility is to pay the printers each month. Payments are made online.

The end of year books, done at the end of November each year, is just a case of doing a spreadsheet showing income and expenditure and reconciling the bank account. The books are looked at by the rest of the committee at the Annual AGM and signed off by the Chairman.

If you would like to take on these functions, please contact Sue at sue.harrison42@gmail.com

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In conjunction with other village organisations
invite you to join the
National Commemoration of D-DAY 80
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6.30 pm Gather on Great Green

6.45 pm The International Tribute
A Toast to 80 Years of Peace
Lighting of the Beacon
Community Singing

A paid for bar will be run by Cockfield Football Club

The Cockfield Community Events

The days are getting warmer and gardens throughout the village are bursting into colour, and plans are in full swing for

The Cockfield village fete on Great Green.

The date is **Sunday July 21st and will open at midday.**

This year we are having an Olympic theme. Do you fancy trying to reach or even beat a Guinness book of world records score? Hopefully you do as we are having our own Cockfield Records Breakers event where you can give it a go. How many toilet rolls can you stack without them toppling over, or how about how many socks can you get on one foot in 30 seconds. Now you know the type of challenges you can maybe practise at home. Also don't forget to get your family together for Family Olympic Races which include a relay and space hoppers. In addition to this we have Pooches on Parade, consisting of fun competitions for dogs and their owners. Wondering what your dog might have to do, well there will be a doggie marathon, doggie peanut lick and doggie ball and spoon dash. Last year we had a good turnout of very well behaved dogs so we are hoping to have a good number this year as it really was fun not only for those taking part but also for those watching. We also have over 40 craft stalls and side shows along with live music and entertainment during the afternoon which includes a traditional Punch and Judy show, there really will be something for everyone regardless of age. Keeping with tradition we will end the afternoon with tug-of-war. Naturally to keep everyone refreshed we are having a BBQ, Beer tent, Teas, Coffee and cakes as well as food stalls and Ice-cream.

And of course we have a fantastic prize draw. Prizes include tickets for Ab-beygate cinema and the new Everyman cinema in Bury St.Edmunds. A Dog grooming voucher from Vanity Fur, meal vouchers from The Manger and The Horseshoes, a back stage tour at the Theatre Royal, a hamper full of locally produced foods, afternoon tea at The Shoulder of Mutton tea rooms, and 3 fantastic top prizes, consisting of £100 cash, 2 West Ham tickets for any game next season or a Beef box from Hall Farm in suffolk. Tickets are now available from any Cockfield community trustee and the community shop, or alternatively can be purchased on the day at the fête. Tickets are £5 per book of 5 tickets or can be purchased at £1 for a single ticket.

This event takes a great deal of organisation and on the day itself helpers are a great asset. If you feel you could spare some time to help we would be very grateful. You can contact Pauline on 07921151111.

A Saturday night in August - village Bash on Great Green. Music and dancing in the open air, complete with a licensed bar and a BBQ. Date dependent on weather. Initially scheduled for the first Saturday in August, but if the weather isn't suitable it will go to second Saturday in August and as a last resort the third Saturday in August.

September - 50's Hop in the village hall - date to be confirmed.

Friday 11th October - second cash bingo night in Cockfield village hall.

Saturday 16th November - second quiz night in Cockfield village hall.

Friday 29th November - Cockfield community AGM in Cockfield village hall.

December - Carols by candlelight - date to be confirmed.

As you can see we have a lot being planned for this year. These events help raise much needed funds for various village projects but this is only possible with your support, so please take some time to look through the list and consider coming to one or more of these events. We are sure you will have a good time and a great way to meet new people.

More details of events are advertised in Green links, on village notice boards and the community broadcasts as the date gets closer.

Don't forget we also have the monthly cinema in Cockfield village hall. Held on the 4th Friday of every month. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm screening. No booking required simply pay on the door where you can also get raffle tickets for the draw which is held during the interval. The bar is always open for alcoholic and soft drinks, ice cream and snacks and the kitchen for tea, coffee and cakes.



The image shows a business card for 'Julie's Cottage Cakes'. On the left, there is a photograph of a three-tiered pink cake decorated with strawberries and white flowers. The text 'Julie's Cottage Cakes' is written in a cursive font above the cake. To the right of the cake, the following text is displayed in a green, serif font: 'Cupcake Bouquets', 'Buttercream Celebration Cakes', 'Cakes for that Special Treat', 'Gluten Free Available', '5 Star Rated Kitchen', and 'Fully Insured'. At the bottom left, there are icons for a telephone, Facebook, and an envelope, followed by the phone number '07815 497952', the Facebook name 'Julie's Cottage Cakes', and the email address 'julesdursogoodsman@gmail.com'. The background of the card is a light green color with a floral pattern in the top right corner.

THORPE MORIEUX AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

April 2024 meeting

Our meeting on 15th of April was due to be a garden visit to Windrush Farmhouse, the garden of the artist Mossy Kennedy, Unfortunately, due to various garden problems we had to cancel the visit.

However Mossy came to our monthly meeting at Thorpe Morieux Village Hall and gave a talk on the new Mental Health Therapy Garden that she has helped to create at the Norfolk and Suffolk foun-



ation trust's Wedgewood House situated at the West Suffolk Hospital. The official opening is June 2024.

Mossy was project leader and explained all the hurdles she had to go through to get permission for this garden, in addition to having to raise the £190,000 funding.

The project transformed green wasteland into a sensory garden to be used by patients, staff, carers and vulnerable members of the community to promote good mental health and provide a place for reflection and recovery. There will also be workshops where mental health patients can learn all about horticulture, arts and crafts.

There was no competition this month.

Our next meeting is on May 20th and there will be a talk on hostas by Melanie Collins from Mickfield Hostas.

Please note in your diaries that our Annual Plant Sale at Thorpe Morieux Village Hall is on Saturday, June 1st from 10 am to 11:30 am.

On Saturday 22nd June there will be a coach outing to Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough.

We welcome potential new members and guests to any of our meetings held on the third Monday of every month at Thorpe Morieux Village Hall. **Patricia Everitt**

Photo shows inauguration of the Mental Health Sensory garden W.S.H. opening June 2024



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Dear Reader,

Everyone loves a willing volunteer. Unfortunately following the pandemic, and in many of our organisations, volunteers are getting harder to recruit. What with safeguarding procedures (what used to be known as Child Protection), Health & Safety and training that is designed to protect both volunteers and the public, it is understandable that people are reluctant to volunteer. Having said that, I am so proud of the volunteers that we have here in Cockfield, both in our Church and on the various bodies that exist in the village. Sometimes it might seem that we are very small in number, but great things are often achieved by a few people!

When we think about the beginnings of the Christian Church, it started off with a small group of disciples, followers of Jesus, in fact there were 12 of them. And look what has happened to Christianity since that time – a world wide faith, where Christians in all walks of life work with each other, worship with each other and love one another as they are called to do by God.

One of Jesus' first disciples was Peter. His name was originally Simon, and Jesus renamed him 'Cephas' (which is Greek for Peter) and means 'the Rock'. Our church in Cockfield is named after Peter, who is probably one of the most famous of the disciples. Peter was very close to Jesus, but his journey of faith was not without trial and tribulation.

When Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities – prompted by the local Jewish religious leaders, Peter denied Jesus three times because he was afraid to show that he had been associated with him. This caused him great pain and had been predicted by Jesus before his death. Following the resurrection of Jesus, Peter became a great speaker and leader of the new Christian movement, and certainly made up for his lack of courage in those dark days. It is thought that Peter was martyred for his faith in Rome, and the great church of St Peter in Rome is said to be his burial site.

St Peter is celebrated every year on 29th June along with St Paul. Two great saints who died for their faith, a great example to us all.

Yours in Christ,

Sharon

Rev Canon Sharon Potter, revsharon2@gmail.com,
01284 828599 or 07825 086063

Cockfield Benefice Services & Events June 2024

Sunday 2 June Trinity 1	9.30am Communion - Stanningfield 11am Communion - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham
Sunday 9 June Trinity 2	10am Morning Prayer - Cockfield 10.30am Communion - Bradfield St George 6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham
Sunday 16 June Trinity 3	9.30am Morning Prayer - Stanningfield 10am Praise God together - Felsham 10.30am Communion - Cockfield 6pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 20 June	2-4pm Village Friends - over 65's club at Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 23 June Trinity 4	9.30am Morning Prayer - Stanningfield 10am Praise God Together - Felsham 10.30am Communion - Cockfield 6pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare
Saturday 29 June	2-4pm 'Knit & Natter' venue tbc, contact Sharon for more details on 07825 086063
Sunday 30 June Trinity 5	9.30am Communion - Gt Whelnetham 10am Communion - Gedding 10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George
Sunday 7 July Trinity 6	9.30am Communion - Stanningfield 11am Communion - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is usually held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am.

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



We're booking a summer holiday to Spain. It's been a while since we've gone on holiday, and we really don't want anything to go wrong. What can we do to protect ourselves and prepare for the unexpected?

The chances are you'll have the relaxing holiday you deserve, but there are a few things you can do in advance to help your holiday go smoothly. That includes the golden rule of getting travel insurance and brushing up on what your rights are if something goes wrong.

The first thing to do is check if your passport is in date. Renewing can take several weeks so you don't want to leave this until the last minute. You can check the validity of your passport for your trip on GOV.UK by seeing the entry requirements of the country you're travelling to.

This is especially important if you're flying to Europe as EU countries no longer accept passports that are more than ten years old. If your passport was issued pre-Brexit then the expiry date might be more than ten years from the issue date, but if it's older than ten years, you'll need to get it renewed for EU travel - even if it's still in date.

Flight delays and cancellations could happen to any of us, so it's worth knowing what your rights are if this happens. If your flight is delayed long enough, your airline has to give you access to food and drink vouchers, phone calls and emails, and accommodation if you're delayed overnight. If your flight is cancelled, you have a legal right to a full refund or replacement flight to help you get to your destination.

Bags going missing is another classic holiday nightmare. But you do have a right to compensation if your airline delays, loses or damages your checked-in luggage. The Citizens Advice website shows you how to do this.

You might also get compensation for other things, like a day trip getting cancelled, or if you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one. This will depend on whether you booked a package holiday, made 'linked travel arrangements' or organised the holiday yourself as an independent traveller, so it's worth checking to see what compensation you can get.

Finally, Citizens Advice says you should get travel insurance, as it can cover many of the things already mentioned, like flight delays and lost luggage, but also things like a holiday cancellation and medical emergencies. You should get insurance as soon as you book a holiday to make sure you're covered from the get-go but check first to see if you're covered for what you need through an existing insurance policy or through your bank account.

Hopefully you won't face any problems while on holiday, but early planning and preparations can go a long way. If something goes wrong and you need advice on a consumer problem, check the Citizens Advice website.

www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call Sudbury and South Suffolk Citizens Advice on 01787 321400 and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. Alternatively, get in touch by using the contact facility on our website, <https://www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact>

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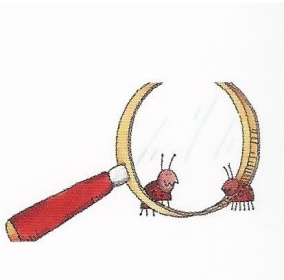
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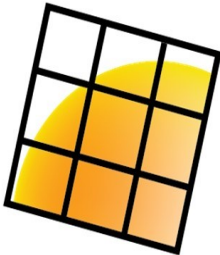
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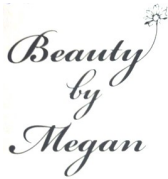
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