

CUSOP PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2019

St. Mary's Church, Cusop

All our church services are displayed on the church notice boards. You can also find them on the St. Mary's Church pages on the parish website: www.cusop.net. Please join us for these special occasions leading up to Christmas. More details can be found on the church pages on the website or in "The Link" magazine. If you would like "The Link" magazine delivered to your home, please contact Celia at celiacundale@aol.com.

Friday 20th September at 7.30pm: Community Harvest Supper at Cusop Village Hall. Tickets £10 from Penny (07890-456481) or Jane (07775-928304)

Sunday 22nd September at 4.00pm at Cusop Church: Family- Friendly Harvest Festival followed by refreshments. Everyone very welcome!

Friday 4th October at 7.30pm at Cusop Church: "Fair Rosamund" – performance by the Monday Choir. Tickets £5.00 from Pat (01497-831660) or Celia (01497-820396) or on the door. In aid of St. Michael's Hospice.

Friday 11th October at 7.30pm at Cusop Church: Astronomy Evening, "Stars in their Eyes" with astronomer and science presenter, Martin Griffiths. Tickets £6.00 from Sue (01497-822523) or Celia (01497-820396) or on the door.

Friday 29th November onwards at Cusop Church: Christmas Tree Festival – all trees beautifully decorated by local groups.

Saturday 7th December: WW2 Concert with renowned 40's soloist singer Jayne Darling and the St Andrew's Singers.

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm at Cusop Church: "Carols and Candles" – our most popular service of the year!

Welcome Booklet

In conjunction with Cusop Village Hall and the Parish Council, Cusop Church has produced a Welcome Booklet and we have already started delivering this to new residents living at Bookers Edge. The booklet contains a wealth of useful information about amenities and activities in and around Cusop. If you want to view it, log onto www.cusop.net and you'll find it on the Useful Links page under Home.

Cusop History Group

Cusop History Group is starting research work on Cusop Castle and a small team has been put together to work on the project. Our next meeting will be a joint event with Hay History Group on **September 29th** in Hay Parish Hall. Visit our website at <http://cusophistory.wix.com/cusop> or call Sue on 01497 822523

HayDay Café provides a great opportunity for people on their own and particularly those living with dementia. It meets on the first Monday of the month at Cusop Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Contact Sue Hodgetts on 01497 822523 for more details.

The risks of overhanging trees.

The weather this summer has encouraged the growth of greenery, so it is a good time to think about the risks of trees on your property near to public roads, or indeed to anyone else's property. Trees, and other plants including roadside boundary hedges, remain the owner's responsibility even where they overhang a road, and if they cause any damage or injury, e.g. by toppling or shedding a limb, the owner will probably be liable. So it would be a good idea to check the condition of any trees near your boundary and take action if they could be dangerous or a nuisance.

Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council have the power to cut back any growth overhanging the highway boundary and will do so if it is a problem (you may then be charged). The usual rule is that there should be clearance of at least 7 ft. above footways and 17 ft. (roughly the height of telegraph poles) above roadways. The material cut back remains the property of the plant's owner and will be placed inside the owner's boundary.

Village Hall.

'Tea at Three' will re-start when the clocks go back. Meet neighbours and make friends, free entry, everyone welcome at Cusop Village Hall on Sunday 27th October from 3:00pm until 4:30pm.

Friday Night is Boule/Petanque Night at Cusop Village Hall.

A court has been constructed at the village hall and everyone is invited to turn up any time after 6pm.

Tuition and guidance will be given to anyone who hasn't played before and equipment will be provided.

The BBQ stove will be available for you to cook your own dinner whilst you play or spectate, so bring your own drink and BBQ ingredients and don't forget your sense of humour!

Let's see if we can get a good social evening going in the company of friends and neighbours.

Salvation Army Clothing Bank.

A clothing bank has been installed at Cusop Village Hall to take clothing and shoes for re-cycling.

Don't put your old or unwanted clothes and shoes into landfill where they will produce a range of greenhouse gases while biodegrading, put them in the clothing bank to raise money for the Village Hall and help the Salvation Army to support projects throughout the country.

- An estimated £140 million worth (350,000 tonnes) of used clothing goes to waste in landfill every year
- For every tonne of textiles reused rather than sent into landfill, carbon dioxide emissions – a major cause of global warming – are reduced by 7 tonnes
- Extending the average life of clothes by nine months would save £5 billion in resources used to supply, launder and dispose of clothing

If it is full, please don't leave your donation beside the bank but ring the number provided on the side of the bank so that it can be emptied.

Meet Your Ward Councillor.

Jennie Hewitt, the new Ward Councillor, will be at Cusop Village Hall at 7pm on Friday 18th October 2019.

She was elected to be our representative in the Local Government Elections of May 2nd this year.

Come along to meet her and welcome her into the fold. Talk about the issues that concern you and the policies that she is going to promote at Herefordshire County Council.

All welcome!

Road works updates.

Road works scheduled for the county roads over the next few months are announced by Herefordshire Council via their website. To avoid being held up by a build-up of traffic or by a lengthy diversion it is worth looking at the website occasionally when planning a road trip www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/234/roadworks

Extracts from this website could be e-mailed to people registered with cusop.net if someone was prepared to monitor the site and send the details to our website administrator. It isn't an onerous task so please tell the clerk if it is something that you would like to do to help the community.

Police Newsletter.

Our local Police Team based at Peterchurch produce a monthly e-mail newsletter with useful details about recent crimes in the area, scams, crime prevention tips etc. If you would like to receive a copy, e-mail the Team at goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk and ask to be added to their mailing list.

Parish Council meetings.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is at 7pm on 20th November at the Village Hall, thereafter it is the third Wednesday of each month.

More community information can be found on Cusop's website - www.cusop.net. In addition, after a simple registration procedure, you can access a community directory and noticeboard and receive news alerts.

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