

CARPET BOWLS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Coveney Bowls Team for winning the last game of the season, meaning they have won the league cup and promotion into the top division!

If you would like to find out more about the bowls team, contact Phil
pwenn@live.co.uk



KEEP FIT

Wednesdays, 6.15-7pm, Coveney Village Hall

A new evening exercise class was introduced to Coveney in February. You will find Becca running her **TOTAL BODY CIRCUITS** class from 6.15pm to 7pm on Wednesday evenings in Coveney Village Hall. Circuit training includes a variety of resistance, endurance and high intensity aerobic training using various equipment. Improve muscular strength, cardiovascular fitness, endurance, and most importantly any exercise is great for your mental health and wellbeing.

Single class £7.50

6 class pass £36 (£6 per class)

Contact Becca on 07904 747384 for more information and to book.



HALL HIRE

Coveney Village Hall is available for hire for parties and events. For availability, prices, booking and other information, contact Kathy on kathyhomes@btinternet.com.

PARISH WHATSAPP GROUPS

The Parish has a few WhatsApp groups that help keep people up to date and notified about various things going on. If you would like to join any, you can scan the codes below on your smart phone camera. Or alternatively, contact Chris on 07595 155900.



WhatsAppning In Coveney

A friendly place for sharing news about parish activities, and requests for help with day-to-day things.

Pre-Loved in Coveney

A group dedicated to upcycling, and finding new homes for unwanted items.



Coveney Parish Watch

A Neighbourhood Watch Group, also for sharing local issues such as utilities and highways.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd - Wardy Hill WI, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wednesday 3rd - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Friday 5th - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney Village Hall

Sunday 7th - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church

Sunday 7th - DIY Day, from 10am Coveney VH

Monday 8th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wednesday 10th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 14th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Wednesday 17th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH

Thursday 18th - Coveney Village Hall AGM, 8pm Coveney VH

Sunday 21st - Forest Church, 3pm

Sunday 21st - Annual Meeting (APCM), 4pm St Peter's Church

Wednesday 24th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 28th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Monday 29th - Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

MAY

Wednesday 1st - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Friday 3rd - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney Village Hall

Sunday 5th - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church

Wednesday 8th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Friday 10th - Youth night, 6-8pm Coveney VH

Saturday 11th - Quiz Night, 7.30pm for 8pm Coveney VH

Sunday 12th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Monday 13th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wednesday 15th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH

Sunday 19th - Forest Church, 3pm

Wednesday 22nd - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 26th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Wednesday 29th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

JUNE

Friday 7th - Community Bar Night, 7pm Coveney Village Hall

Sunday 2nd - BCP Communion, 9am St Peter's Church

Wednesday 5th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 9th - Climate Sunday Forest Church, 3pm Churchyard

Sunday 9th - Church Tea Party, 4pm St Peter's Church

Monday 10th - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Coveney VH

Wednesday 12th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Wednesday 19th - Soup Lunch, 12 noon Coveney VH

Sunday 16th - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Wednesday 26th - Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.30pm Coveney VH

Sunday 23rd - Church Service, 10am St Peter's Church

Coveney Connections

APRIL 2024

with Wardy Hill & Way Head

EASTER BINGO

Saturday 23rd March, from 7pm

Come and join us for our **EASTER BINGO** Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

Children welcome with the first three numbers for children on every game. **Donations of prizes welcome!** All proceeds to the Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL DIY DAY

Sunday 7th April from 10am

Any volunteers would be most welcome to help with maintenance of the Coveney Village Hall including tidying outside, cleaning and minor repair jobs inside the hall. Just turn up on the day!

VILLAGE HALL

Community **BAR NIGHTS** are back in full swing. They are usually on the first Friday of every month, from 7pm and are a great chance to come and meet some of your neighbours over a drink. Dates for the next three: 5th April, 3rd May and 7th June.

The next three **SOUP LUNCHES** are 17th April, 15th May and 19th June from 12 noon. Pop along to our popular monthly community lunch and enjoy some homemade soup/light lunch, pudding and tea/coffee for £5 per person. No need to book.

Our regular **COFFEE MORNINGS** run every Wednesday (except when the soup lunch is on) from 10.30am-12.30pm. Pop in and say hi!



YOUTH NIGHT

Friday 10th May 6-8pm



A new youth night for the younger members of our community! This will be an evening of supervised fun for anyone under 16. Music, table tennis, pool, games, tuck shop. Free to come along, but bring some change for tuck! The bar will be open for any parents/carers who want to stay (children under 8 are welcome, but please bring a supervising adult along too).

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

Thursday 18th April, 8pm

Please join us for a chance to have your say about the events and activities you would like to see at your village hall. If you have an **IDEA FOR AN EVENT**, we would love to hear it! The committee could help you bring it to fruition. We are also looking for **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**, who are re-elected every 12 months. In particular, we are looking for people to take on the roles of **CHAIR** and **TREASURER**. No experience is needed. The people currently in those roles will provide a handover and you will be shown all you need to know.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Review of 2023 activities
- Summary of finances
- Election of Committee members
- Discussion of 2024 activities

Everyone is welcome, so please just turn up! If you'd like more information about what's involved in joining the committee, or any of the roles, please contact our Chairman: pwenn@live.co.uk

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 11th May, from 7.30pm

It's our ever popular quiz night with Coveney's favourite Quizmaster Steve. With a great variety of rounds, there is always something for everyone and it's always a fun evening. £3 per person, teams of up to 6 people. If you don't have a full team then still come along, as we often have others willing to make up a team. The bar opens at 7.30pm with the quiz starting at approx. 8pm. Prizes and trophy for the winners and the coveted wooden spoon for last place!



PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 29th April, 7.30pm

The annual parish meeting will take place on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in Coveney Village Hall. This is an opportunity for residents of the parish to hear updates from various groups in the parish on their activities over the past 12 months, and to ask questions. There will also be a **presentation** by Jill Merchant, **Witchford Tree Warden**, and Richard Braund, leader of **Witchford Open Spaces Group**, about how volunteers are working for nature in their parish.

EASTER TRAIL

In the **Community Orchard**, we are planning to have an Easter Trail for children - more details will be published on the Parish Council website shortly. If you subscribe to updates by following the link on the Parish Council website home page, you will be automatically updated when the information is posted.

CORONATION OAK TREES

We have recently appointed Miles Foster as the Parish Tree Warden, to provide advice on tree planting and care. He is **looking for locations** in the parish which might be suitable for planting trees and increasing biodiversity. In the short term we have the opportunity to plant a number of oak trees under the coronation oaks scheme (<https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/content/coronation-oaks-communities>). If you own any land which might be suitable, or are aware of any, please contact him at enquiries@peregrinetheatre.co.uk.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

There are **two vacancies** on the Parish Council. There are no specific skills required, and the time commitment is as much or as little as you can spare. Being a parish councillor is hugely rewarding and gives you a chance to be involved in shaping how the parish is managed. You might have a particular interest in highway safety, or the future development of the parish through reviewing planning applications, or improving infrastructure such as the play areas.

POND REGENERATION PROJECT

Enclosed with this issue of Connexions is information about the pond regeneration project. We really want to hear from you! Please do read through and let us have your thoughts and comments on the priorities for this area of the parish.



MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Sandra Thompson

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If you want to raise any issues, make a complaint or request information, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council has a great website where you can find news and information about what is going on in the area. You can also find details of upcoming events, copies of minutes of Parish Council meetings, copies of past Connexions newsletters and more.

Remember that you can subscribe to the parish council website (www.coveneyparishcouncil.co.uk) to get automatically updated when news and events are posted. You can find the link on the home page.

WARDY HILL WI

A lively friendly group of ladies usually meeting on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm** in Coveney Village Hall. The next meet is on **2nd April** and will include a talk from fascinators and tiara designer Amanda Sutherland about her experience of fashion, costume, crafting and business skills.

Always welcome to new members! If you'd like any more information, or fancy coming along, please contact any of the following Committee members:

Marilyn - 07821 834 375

Janice - 07511 131 729

Jackie - 07704 848 436



ST PETER'S CHURCH



OPENING HOURS

The church is open most days until dusk. If you need access out of these times please contact us using the details below.

REGULAR SERVICES

Weekdays Monday-Friday, Morning Prayer: 8am
With prayers for the community and the wider world.

Sundays

- 1st Sunday: 9am **BCP Communion**
- 2nd & 4th Sundays: 10am **Morning Worship**
Followed by refreshments
- 3rd Sunday: 3pm **Forest Church**
*A very informal, inclusive outdoor based service for all ages, and all church experience.
Keep an eye on the noticeboards and other messages for location each month!*

ANNUAL MEETING (APCM)

Sunday 21st April - 4pm

Held in the Church (following Forest Church). All people resident in the Parish are able to come and vote for their Churchwarden. This is also your chance to come and hear about what we've been up, ask questions or voice concerns.

CHURCH COUNT ON NATURE

Saturday 8th – Sunday 16th June 2024

We'll be running some fun nature counting activities during this week for the local community and other groups. Anyone can get involved by using their smartphone to record the things they find in the Churchyard. Keep an eye on WhatsApp and other notices for future information.

CLIMATE SUNDAY

Sunday 9th June

As part of the Count on Nature we will be holding several events on 9th June:

Climate Sunday Forest Church Service - 3pm

A special all-age service to mark Climate Sunday, in the Churchyard.

Church Community Tea-Party - 4pm

Following on from Forest Church, our chance to thank all those who have helped us enhance and maintain the Churchyard, and to meet some new faces.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Let's get growing! The Parish Council has generously donated an allotment plot so the village can create its own pumpkin patch for 2024. It's simple and fun to get involved.

- Sow some seeds! Come along to St Peters on **Easter Saturday (30th March) 9-12pm** to sow your seeds. Or if you can't make it collect them later and grow at home.
- Help prepare the Pumpkin Patch at the allotment (April, dates and times t.b.c.).
- Plant out the Pumpkins at the allotment (May, dates and times t.b.c.).

Contact Chris for more info 07595 155900 and keep an eye on future announcements on WhatsApp and noticeboards.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Sunday 24th March 10am
Palm Sunday Procession & Communion
Starting from John's Wood, all ages are welcome to join us for this special service for Palm Sunday.
- Thursday 28th March 8pm
Maundy Thursday Communion
A special Eucharist to commemorate the Last Supper, followed by the Watch Vigil.
- Friday 29th March 7:30pm
Stations of the Cross
A sequence of devotional readings and music as we walk through the Stations of the Cross in the Church
- Sunday 31st March 10am
Easter Sunday
Celebrate Easter with us at this all age service, with Communion

CHURCH CONTACTS:

CHRIS WARNER (CHURCHWARDEN)

Feel free to contact Chris with any day to day enquiries or pastoral concerns.

phone: 07595 155900

email: stpeterscoveney@gmail.com

Or drop-in at 4 Park Close, Coveney

REVD. MARK HAWORTH

Mark is the interim Priest-In-Charge of our 11 rural villages and is also available to speak to anyone needing help or advice.

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