



Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for
February – March 2015

Regular events;

Village Walks Tuesday 3rd February and Tuesday 3rd March at 10.00am on The Green (every 1st Tuesday of the month).

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall on 10th February and 10th March from 10 to 12 (every 2nd Tuesday of the month).

Culworth Gang alternate Wednesdays at Sulgrave Church Hall at 2.15. Contact: Judith Robbins on 01327 860160 for more information.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th March 7.30

Village Hall Committee Meeting Thursday 5th March 7.00

Circle Dancing 17th February and 17th March (every 3rd Thursday). Contact Joan Gottowik on 760737 for more information.

Culworth House 17th February and 17th March 2pm (every 3rd Thursday). Short Service

Village Cafe Saturday February 7th and Saturday 7th March (every 1st Saturday) in the village hall. 10 - 12

Other Events

Culworth Film Nights (village hall)

Friday 6th February: The Graduate (doors open 7pm)

Friday 27th March: Mr Turner (doors open 6.45pm)

Shrove Tuesday Quiz Night (village hall)

Tuesday 17th February 7.00

Frugal lunches (village hall)

Tuesday 24th February 12.00- 2.00

Tuesday 24th March 12.00 – 2.00

Culworth Cricket Club AGM (village hall)

Sunday 1st March 12 midday

Village Litter Pick

Saturday 7th March 10am from the Forge

Bin Collections

South Northants are no longer printing a collection calendar for the waste and recycling bins. There will be a reminder in future newsletters;

Blue recycling, green garden waste and food caddies; February 6th, 20th, March 6th, 20th and April 2nd

Black bin and food caddies; February 13th, 27th, March 13th, 27th, and April 9th

All bins and boxes should be put out by 7am on the collection day.

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Film Night

THE GRADUATE

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY

DOORS OPEN **7PM** TICKETS:

£9.00 to include light supper

£4.50 Film only

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TO BOOK

Culworth is full of surprises! Bellowhead!

Have you heard of the group Bellowhead? They are an English contemporary folk band. The eleven-piece band plays traditional dance tunes, folk songs and shanties, with arrangements drawing inspiration from a wide diversity of musical styles and influences. The band includes percussion and a four-piece brass section, and is particularly renowned for its energetic live performances. Bellowhead's musicians play more than 20 instruments between them; with six members providing vocals. Their concerts in places like Oxford New Theatre and Liverpool Philharmonic are usually sold out months in advance. One of their members, their trombonist, lives a quiet life in Culworth.

Justin Thurgur moved to Culworth in August 2012 with his wife Nicole and daughter Lily.

Justin is a musician most well known as a member of the English folk group Bellowhead, who he has played with since its formation in 2004. Bellowhead have won five 'Best Live Act' awards, two 'Best Group' awards and one 'Best Album' award from the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. In 2014 they signed with Island records for their fifth album 'Revival'.

Justin comes from a background of playing Jazz, various African music and Cuban music and as well as his work with Bellowhead he continues to work in these genres. Since 1996 he has been collaborating with the pianist and composer Kishon Khan. Initially he was a member of Khan's Afro-Latin Jazz group 'The Bonobo Orchestra', then in 1999 they formed the Cuban-Funk outfit 'Motimba' together with the Swiss bassist Patrick Zambonin. Currently Justin is working with Kishon in the pianist's Bangla/Latin/Afro/Jazz project 'Lokkhi Terra'. They are also recording an Afro-Jazz album under Justin's name and working on a collaboration between Lokkhi Terra and the Bangladeshi Baul singer Baby Akhtar. Justin appeared on a sound-track of Khan's for the Bangladeshi movie 'The Last Thakur', for which Khan won a Grand Jury award for 'Best Music' at the South Asian International Film Festival in

New York. In 2010 Justin went with Kishon to Cuba to record an album in Egrem studios with Indian percussionist Pandit Dinesh and various Cuban artists; including Giraldo Piloto, Julito Padron and Changuito.

Since 1998 Justin has been working with ex-Fela and Femi Kuti keyboardist Dele Sosimi. He has recorded, arranged and produced three albums with Sosimi, two under the leader's name and one for the Nigerian poet Ikwunga. A fourth album is about to be released with Wah Wah Records.

As a session player he has worked with the legendary Afro-Beat drummer Tony Allen, Africa Express (specifically Tony Allen, Cheick Tidiane-Seck and Fatoumata Diowara), Tony Kofi, Wara, Osvaldo Chacon and The Selector, amongst others. He was in the band for the National Theatre production of 'Fela'.

Bellowhead's 10 year anniversary tour includes a concert at Oxford New Theatre on 18th April.

Litter pick on

SATURDAY MARCH 7th at 10am

starting from The Forge. All equipment provided. Ring Jose (01295 760571) for all details. Come and have a well-deserved cuppa and cake at the Village Hall afterwards!

The Advent windows in Sulgrave

Did anyone go and see these? Each night a group of villagers huddled in front of the nominated house window, drinking mulled wine, to see what was behind the screen. It seems a lovely idea. Houses along the road side were asked if they'd mind decorating one of their windows with a Christmas theme and then at 5pm each evening everyone was invited to go and see the 'opening'. It gave a lovely Christmassy community spirit and I feel it would be a good thing for Culworth to do this December. If you would be interested in decorating a window this year please let me know and I will compile a list. Email me on sarahandpowell@hotmail.com

Sarah Powell

Girls get together

I would like to start a group that meet socially once a month doing things such as a cocktail night, a cinema trip, a summer walk etc. I had hoped to have something in stone by now but time hasn't allowed this. If you are interested send me an email (sarahandpowell@hotmail.com) and I will keep you informed.

Sarah Powell

Village Café

Village Hall

First Saturday of every month.

10 till 12

Free tea/coffee/cake and chat. Please come along and meet your neighbours

CULWORTH FILM SHOW

The Graduate

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Carols on the Green Christmas Eve

Huge thanks are due to Simon Theobald for organising the occasion once again and to Lord and Lady Wilson, Mr and Mrs Martin, and Mr and Mrs Edwards for providing such excellent refreshments for well over 150 people. It was an excellent village event.

Jose Rowling

Carol Service December 21st at Culworth Church

The church was well filled for the service which took on a different form- families were invited to take part by reading both secular and religious pieces interspersed with favourite carols. Some of the congregation said this was the best carol service they had ever attended. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed by the congregation afterwards. The children were delighted to be joined by Father Christmas and members of The Round Table, who were collecting for The Air Ambulance.

Whalebone Concert

If you came you don't need me to tell you how brilliant they were. Hopefully they will come again in the summer... don't miss them next time!

Culworth Solar Farm

Here is some information received from Anesco Ltd, the company which owns and runs the solar farm.

"The solar farm was energised on 22nd December and is a 3.636MWp system comprised of 11,760 solar modules. The system is expected to produce 3,895MWh per year which is enough to power approximately 1,100 homes. Anesco have reinforced the hedgerows around the boundary of the site, planted 6 new oaks trees and have sown a wildflower seed mix across the site to enable local flora and fauna to flourish."

Sarah Hitchcox, Anesco Ltd.

Superfast Broadband for Culworth

Superfast broadband has been enabled in Culworth by BT installing fibre optic cable to the cabinet outside of the Forge. Your current phone line uses the old cables all the way to the exchange in Sulgrave, hence the poor broadband speeds, which for some reached speeds of 5 or 6mb, for others around 2Mb. If you subscribe to superfast broadband, you'll be connected to the new cabinet and will take advantage of the fibre connection, meaning broadband speeds increase dramatically. BT offer two speeds with its Infinity service: 38Mb and 76Mb, so even the lowest is generally 10 times better than your existing speed, as well as being more stable and less prone to interruptions.

There are three packages for BT Infinity: 38Mb with a usage limit, 38Mb with no limit and 76Mb with no limit. All of these are fully capable of supporting online films or TV services such as the BBC iPlayer, although the usage limit on the lowest service could be reached if you watch TV online a lot. You can see more details at <http://www.productsandservices.bt.com/products/broadband-packages>, or via the phone on 0800 100 400.

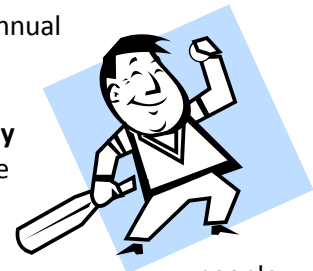
The BT Infinity package is BT only and works across your existing phone line; this is completely separate from Sugarnet, which is a wireless solution that will not be as fast, nor as cheap as the phone based one.

If you don't use BT for your existing broadband package, you need to contact your broadband supplier and let them know that your local exchange is BT Infinity capable and ask what options they have to support that.

Dave Sussman

Culworth Cricket Club

Culworth Cricket Club Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 1st March 2015 at 12midday** in the Village Hall. Please do come along to support our



enthusiastic young people and their coaches. New members of the Club are most welcome. Adult members much needed. The Cricket Field is available for hire for matches. Help is required to maintain the wicket. Please do contact Jim Powell or Jose Rowling

Junior Cricket Club

Hopefully, weather permitting, this will be starting again in April. We would LOVE some help to keep the only cricket teams in the village going. Firstly, if you have any children (boys & girls!) over 6 years old who are interested in coming along please let me know. It runs on a Tuesday evening from 6pm-8pm. We also need more adults to help us with the training- this can range from basic catching and throwing with the youngsters to more specialist skills with the teenagers. Most Sunday mornings & Monday evenings we have a match and are always short of scorers and finally the grass needs mowing. Let me know if you can help in any way- we would be very grateful.

Jim Powell (jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk)
07860 638557

Jim Powell

Culworth Parish Council

**Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Issues raised included;

Highway state in High Street opposite Butchers shop.

A number of residents had complained that the refurbished area with concrete base, earth and

grass bounded by kerbs was most unsatisfactory. This area had always been used for vehicles to pass. This is compounded by parked vehicles overhanging the Butcher's driveway making it difficult for vehicles to access and depart from the premises.

KierWSP regulations team and Helen Howard Kier, WSP SouthNorthants Manager to meet Cllr Stewart, the Clerk and Mr Mumford to seek a resolution.

Drift Road. The Chairman had tried to contact landowners to discuss repair costs without success. A letter will now be sent.

Highways Scheduled works for early December were cancelled due to complaint from one business. It is hoped that this work will be carried out in late March/early April unless poor weather delays the current programme.

Siding out of road edges. Working party to deal with this.

Blocked drains in High Street reported to Street Doctor again.

Litter pick on SATURDAY MARCH 7th at 10am starting from The Forge. Equipment ordered from SNC.

Local highway matters- school path has been leaf swept and weeded. Winter pruning is complete on all small trees in village where required.

School issues regarding use of Cricket Field/Hill Field for parking. The lease doesn't permit this. Cllr Seeds and Guinness will report back to the school with other suggestions. Cricket Field/ Hill Field Councillors Rolt, Stewart and Rowling will assess any work due for this season.

Recreation Field. Old broken goalposts removed by Chairman. Sheep now grazing all of the field. Clerk to ask those parents who would like goalposts renewed to select robust style which

the parents will be responsible for, Parish Council will purchase chosen style.

Street lighting Cllr Guinness is continuing research on change to LED.

Berry Hill Close The Chairman noted the email contents from a neighbour to this land including possible options. After lengthy discussions, it was agreed to pursue through Ian Shanks NCC the transfer of land to Parish Council with the opportunity to offer a lease to a neighbouring property which would include complete maintenance as at present but without the need for fencing and sheep. Clerk to convey this to Ian Shanks NCC.

Defibrillators. It was agreed that St John Ambulance should be invited to Annual Parish Assembly to discuss this and Community First responders. This would assess the support for this in the village. The Chairman will speak to the resident who raised the matter and invite him to lead the fundraising group.

Annual Parish Assembly Tuesday 14th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. St John Ambulance to be invited. Dates to be given to residents via newsletter and website, District Councillors and County Councillor.

REPORTS

HS2 Local group working towards presentation of petition, centring on noise mitigation, to Select Committee after NCC SNC have presented theirs. This could be late January early February. This group will present a petition on behalf of residents at Chumscote and Culworth grounds as well but exclude Thorpe Mandeville.

Village Hall. Toilets for use by disabled now installed.

PLANNING

Conditional applications for Park Farm (approval of details reserved by Condition) - agreed to wait until hard copies received or otherwise.

Letter to SNC from local resident regarding conditions noted.

Next scheduled meeting. Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.27pm

As always the full minutes for the last Parish Council meeting can be found online at www.culworthvillage.co.uk and hard copies are available from Jose Rowling, Clerk to the Parish Council at The Forge, The Green

It should be noted that Parish Council elections will be taking place in May 2015 when all Parish Councillors and any others will need to complete nomination forms to Cherwell and South Northants Council.

Parish and District Council and Parliamentary Elections, 7th May 2015

On Thursday 7th May 2015, polling stations will open for Parliamentary Elections but also for District and Parish Council elections. Culworth Parish Council consists of seven councillors. Existing councillors will need to complete a nomination paper too. Anyone on the Electoral Register of Culworth or who has land in the village or their business is in the village can apply. South Northants Council or the Clerk to Parish Council Jose Rowling The Forge, has a current copy of the Register.

TIMETABLE

Not later than 30th March Publication of notice of election

Nomination papers will be available from South Northants Council or the Clerk to Parish Council BUT

Completed Nomination papers MUST be returned to SNC by 4pm by each individual on Thursday 9th April.

DEADLINE for withdrawal of nomination is 4pm 9th April

Publication of statement of persons nominated 4pm Friday 10th April

If your name is not on the Electoral Register and you wish to vote the last date for receiving applications is MONDAY 20th April

Deadline for receiving new postal and postal proxy applications to 5pm 21st April

Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy 5pm 28th April

Publication of Notice of Poll not later than Tuesday 28th April

POLLING DAY 7am- 10pm 7th May 2105. Your polling card will advise you of the venue CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

This is an outline only. Any queries please contact Electoral Services at Cherwell and SouthNorthants.

Culworth Parish Council meetings are held every two months on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There may be extra planning meetings. The Parish Council depends on the village residents to put themselves forward for this small piece of community service. It requires residents who are interested in all aspects of the village. Please don't let Culworth be a dormitory village.

HS2

Stuart Rolt Chair of Culworth Parish Council will be appearing before the HS2 Select Committee in the House of Commons on Wednesday morning February 4th presenting the perceived problem issues for this village should the HS2 go ahead. He and Cllr Alan Seeds have spent much time in the preparation. It is hoped that the Committee appreciate the problems. Other people affected locally also attend the Select Committee this week at different times.

**Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget! (Kipling)**

“The British Legion would like to thank everyone in Culworth who contributed to the 2014 Poppy Appeal.....together we raised more than £500 with special thanks to the Red Lion, David Mumford,



Culworth School and Culworth House Nursing Home

David...you were the top collector....great job!!

David Mold £154.42

Simon Theobald £141.46

School £115.84

Red Lion £51.06

Nursing Home £29.29

David Mumford £20.44

Simon Theobald

The display about David's research into the men on the Roll of Honour is now in a folder on display in the church.

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thurs 15th Jan 2015

Those Present: June Oxley(Secretary) Joan Gottowik, Margaret Watts, Martin Rowling, Ian Simonsen (Treasurer) Sarah Powell and Julie Tinn(Chair)

Apologies: Ruth Gross.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising; There are ongoing discussions and research regarding new curtains.
2. Chairman's Report: The next film will be 'The Graduate' on Friday 6th Feb and JT is contacting 2 to 3 different people to help with the food. The next Film Night has been booked for Fri 27th March with two suggestions for the Film, 12 Days A Slave or Mr. Turner. SP suggested a matinee performance of 'Frozen' for the children. JT will look into this possibility for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The last Film made a profit of £78 and the



Whalebone concert £89.

3. Treasurers Report: The funds in hand at the moment are £7233.56 which is a decrease on the opening balance of £8638.07. However, the refurbishments to the toilets has been completed and paid (£8540.41) and there are no outstanding Invoices and we are awaiting the Grant money of approximately £3k.

4. Buildings and Renewals: IS to repair the spring ball catch on the inner hall door and to replace the floor strip between the kitchen and the hall. The Building Control Officer is still to come and sign off the building work.

5. Culworth Calendars: 50 Calendars were ordered and it was felt that the quality was not as good as previous years but there were still only 2 unsold which are being donated to the Church and to Pilates. A recent raffle also raised £23 to be added to the sales. MW and JG have done extensive research into an alternative product for 2016, the most popular being notelets with envelopes and calendars with a tear off postcard photograph. This year's topic for the photograph competition will be 'Seasons' and everyone is urged to start taking their photos as soon as possible.

6. AOB: The Risk Assessment and Health and Safety forms were all signed off and replaced in the kitchen. JO advised that we now have a new regular booking from the School in the form of a Gym Club which meet every Wed during term time for an hour 12.15 till 1.15pm. A special hiring fee of £10 per session was agreed.

Brian's Bequest: After some discussion JT proposed and MR Seconded that the £5K should not be included in the basic VH accounts but should be kept in its entirety in a special interest bearing account until such time it is needed for a large project. IS will research an appropriate account. In the meantime, JG has investigated the purchase of a commemorative clock which will have a wooden plaque made locally with a suitable inscription for the hall and has found several in a local kitchen shop. Some of the Committee have undertaken to visit the shop and give their opinions. The budget suggested

was £100.

The next meeting was fixed for Thursday 5th March at 7pm in the hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm.

Village Hall

If you are looking for a local venue for your party, celebration lunch, meetings or any other get-together, why not think about our Village Hall? The hall is well equipped with all crockery, plates, glasses, etc. and is kept very clean and warm. Our rates are very competitive at only £10 per hour for occasional bookings. To book just ring me (June) on 01295-768184.

The village hall is now used 5 times a week by Julie Russell and her Pilates class. For more information phone Julie on 07778 673677 or email j.russell2006@btinternet.com.

The Culworth Gang

The Culworth Gang raffle this year raised £316. Thank you to everyone in Culworth who supported the raffle with special thanks to Jose Rowling who helped with tickets sales. Nine of the twelve prizes were won by Culworth residents or Gang Members with the remaining three prizes going to Gang Member's family. Part of the money raised has already been used for the Gang's Christmas Meal. The remainder will be put towards activities during 2015.

Culworth Gang meet once a fortnight . Details of activities and days out will follow soon. If you would like to know more call Judith Robbins on 01327 860160

Culworth Calendar 2016

Topic is 'The Seasons.' Keep snapping! These should be in and around Culworth.

DO NOTE; Size 6" x 4" landscape.

Culworth House Care Home

There is a short service at Culworth House at 2pm every third Thursday of the month conducted by the rector. A few very familiar hymns are sung and the residents would be delighted if you could come and join them. The next services will be on 19th February and 19th March.

News from St Mary's Services for February and March

February

Sunday 1st 10 am Benefice Holy Communion Sulgrave

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 8th 11.00 am Family Service

Sunday 15th 10 am Matins

Wednesday 18th 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service Edgcote 6pm

Sunday 22nd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

March

Sunday 1st 10 am Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 8th 11 am. Family Service

Sunday 15th 10am. Matins (Mothering Sunday)

Sunday 22nd 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th 10am Palm Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote

Monday 30th 6.00pm Devotional Culworth

Culworth Churchyard

Thanks to Robert Tustain for a large quantity of daffodil bulbs. With June Oxley and the Rowling's help they have been planted in the cricket field and the churchyard.

Two years ago we entered the Northamptonshire Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme. We decide to create a conservation area in the south west area of the churchyard. Since then that part of the

churchyard has had a path mown through it to persuade children walking through the churchyard to school to venture from the hard path. Nesting boxes have been erected. The grass has been strimmed and picked up in the late summer to encourage wild flower seeds and effort has been made to generally increase the variety of wild flowers by seed sowing and planting. Each summer we have had several evenings when some willing volunteers have helped tidy the area. At the moment the snowdrops and primroses are coming into flower. Please take the opportunity to wander round and enjoy. This year we hope to make a bigger effort to record all the flora, fauna and wildlife in the churchyard.

If you would like to take on any of the work, please contact Jenny (01295 768110)

Volunteers needed more than ever!

Could anyone spare a couple of hours approximately twice a month to help mow the Churchyard during the growing season? We already have one volunteer but another pair of hands would be very helpful. If you are interested please ring Martin on 01295 760571 for instructions.

The Parish Magazine, Now We Are Six
This goes out to all 6 villages in the Benefice and so is read by a lot of people. If you would like to advertise your business in this, our rates are very competitive and start at only £60 for a whole year. For more information please ring June Oxley on 01295 768184 or Email jmoxley@fsmail.net.

Food for thought!

The impression can be gained that the survival of the parish church and its congregation are the concern of the local congregation, its incumbent and other interested members of the local community. But the question must be asked:-

“Does it matter to the nation as a whole if many village congregations reach an advanced state of fossilisation, or go broke, and ultimately the buildings have to close, be moth balled, fall into a state of disrepair or be converted to some other use, and the influence of the ministry in the area, clerical and lay is lost?”

Put this question to the majority of non-church going parishioners – the answers would often be vague. Few would be anti- church; most of them would support the survival of the building but regard the survival of the congregation as a matter for its members. To be frank, it’s a problem that few of them would ever have addressed

But how high in its priorities does the State put the survival of the rural churches and their congregations? Until recently the majority of Members of Parliament of all parties have given the impression that the future of church buildings and congregations is a matter for the church authorities, hardly a matter for government. Anyway the numbers of voters in most congregations would not be significant at the next General Election! But why should it be any different?

Firstly the State should be asking –“What part are rural congregations playing in the rural social economy as a whole?”

Secondly, the building, their contents and church-yards are a vital part of our national heritage.

The Nation’s heritage of church buildings include hundreds of buildings of all shapes and sizes, in many locations, that are architectural gems of great historical importance, some of them going back a thousand years.

What would the Americans make of such a heritage?

Stained glass windows, some of it great age and great beauty, many relating to biblical or local history, of great quality equal to any in the world.

Unique records kept in the church safe or county archives.

Antique furniture and gold and silver vessels of such value that many of the latter see the light of day, locked in the bank vaults because they are too valuable to insure.

The Village church-yards having great environmental importance, little islands of surviving wild life in areas where modern farming has taken its toll. Grave stones that reflect the history of the locality – if they can be found amongst the undergrowth!

Attractive to Tourists. In many areas the potential of the village churches to feature in local tourism is being developed, which is good and very much in keeping with the promotion of the countryside within the context of the national heritage.

Places of Quiet and Spiritual Refreshment. Man is by nature a spiritual being. In spite of the apparent indifference of many to all things spiritual he needs a place where he can go, if he wishes, to meet this need, and charge his batteries before he has to face the world. Many find this in the quiet and simplicity of a village church, a place where he can escape the stress of modern life. Many have found relief in a church, not because they are deeply religious but they have experienced for themselves: "Be still and know that I am God".

Sadly, because of theft and vandalism, many churches have to be kept locked. Some are open on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer, the locals, not necessarily all churchgoers, laying on tea and cakes, and surprised by the number of walkers and cyclists who just 'look in.'

The Church as the village centre

While the village churches are an important physical element of the rural scene, the part of the church can play in the life of the village and the community as a whole is even more significant.

The distant supermarket has replaced the shop. Children are bussed to a school, miles away, almost before they can walk. The local doctor has been replaced by a central practice and the friendly pub has become a restaurant. The church with its congregation is one of the few survivors from a past, when the vicar and congregation played a vital part in the caring life of the community as a whole.

In many villages this is still the case, villages where the church is thriving, with goodly numbers in the congregation. A lively, popular vicar, even if he does have several parishes, can be as popular with the non-churchgoers as with his immediate flock, the church taking an active part in the life of the village and, with others, presenting a caring face wherever there is need.

In these days it is so easy to presume that the welfare state, the voluntary organisations and others will cope. 'They' will meet every need. It is easy to be lulled by the beauty of the countryside into thinking that there is no deprivation or loneliness there. This is far from the truth and many churches have recognised the needs of their immediate areas and tried to do something about it, serving the nation as they do so. What these churches, and consortia of like-minded folk, are doing today, other villages can follow tomorrow – but they won't if the church building is in mothballs because the congregation cannot afford its upkeep.

Extract from 'The village Church in the next Millennium, Fossilisation or Resurrection' by Canon Peter Buckler OBE.

Shrove Tuesday Quiz

Carrying on from last year, Teams of 4 to 6 are invited to take part in a light hearted quiz on Shrove Tuesday i.e. 17th February, in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Info on the village notice board or ring Jenny on 01295 768110

Frugal Lunches

We intend to have two 'frugal lunches' this Lent following last year's very successful lunches. The first will be on Tuesday 24th February 12 – 2.00 and the second on Tuesday 24th March 12 – 2.00. There will be a choice of soup and a pud. All for £5. All profits will go to Banbury Foodbank.

Food Bank collection in the church is now for BYHP

Emily Collins is now collecting for BHYP. The PCC has decided to join forces with her. There is still a box in the church where you can put your donations.

The NAB Unit (Northamptonshire Association for the Blind) will be located at the Piazza outside Brackley Town Hall on February 4th (Wednesday) between 10.00 and 12.30 and 1st April (Wednesday) between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and information.

Litter pick on

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starting from The Forge. All equipment provided. Ring Jose (01295 760571) for all details. Come and have a well-deserved cuppa and cake at the Village Hall afterwards

Recipe of the Season

I made these for the last Village Café using last season's raspberries from the freezer. I can recommend them!



White chocolate and raspberry blondies Ingredients

150g (5oz) white chocolate
100g (4oz) butter
3 eggs
175g (6oz) caster sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla essence
200g (7oz) self-raising flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
175g (6oz) raspberries
75g (3oz) white chocolate, melted to decorate

Method

Preheat an oven to 180°C, 350°F, gas mark 4. Line an 18 x 28 cm (7 x 11 inch) roasting tin with a large piece of non-stick baking paper, snipping diagonally into the corners so that the paper fits snugly over the base and up the sides of the tin. Break the chocolate into a bowl, add the butter and set the bowl over a saucepan of gently simmering water and leave until melted. Whisk the eggs, sugar and vanilla in a second bowl with an electric whisk for about 5 minutes until very thick and the mixture will leave a trail when the whisk is lifted up. Gently fold the melted chocolate and butter into the egg mixture then the flour and baking powder. Pour the mixture into the lined tin and sprinkle with the raspberries. Bake for 30-35 minutes until well risen, the top is crusty and the centre still a little soft. Leave to cool in the tin then lift the paper and blondies out of the tin and put on to a chopping board. Drizzle with the melted chocolate to decorate then leave to set. Cut into squares and peel off the paper to serve.

Jenny

P.S. There will be different cakes each month.

DOGGY TALK! Have heard of no moans for this newsletter... hooray!

where you live or to report incidents and crimes that do not require an emergency response

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS



South Northants Brackley

I have listed below the Crime incidents reported for December 2014
27th-28th, Burglary of a House (Handbag

Stolen), Chipping Warden
26th-27th, Burglary of an outbuilding (Quad Bike Stolen), Banbury Lane, Thorpe Mandeville
22nd-23rd, Theft of Diesel from a farm in Syresham
21st-23rd, Theft (Gravestone), Banbury Lane, Thorpe Mandeville
20th-22nd, Burglary of a Garage (Wallet Stolen), School Lane, Eydon
17th-18th, Theft (Heating Oil), Butlers Close, Aston Le Walls
15th-17th, Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Spare Wheel), Milthorpe, Lois Weedon
9th, Theft by an Employee (Sat Nav), Appletree Road, Chipping Warden. Suspect identified
9th, Possession of a Controlled Drug, Appletree Road, Chipping Warden. Suspect identified
6th, Theft from a Motor vehicle (Number Plates), Station Road, Helmdon
1st – 3rd, Theft from a Motor Vehicle (Handbag), Wappenham Road, Helmdon
ASB
No known reported serious Anti Social Behaviour Issues in your village locations.

Clive Ashmore (Brackley Safer Community Team)

Useful Contact Details To report: Fly-tipping Tel: 01327 322344 Noise problems Tel: 01327 3222323 Stray dogs Tel: 01604 862239 Action Fraud Tel: 0300 123 2040

The Council out of office hours telephone number is 08001601022

101 is new non-emergency number for Northamptonshire Police Call 101 to speak to your local officers, discuss concerns you have about

Paying council tax does not automatically register you to vote

Residents who move house are being reminded that registering for council tax does not automatically register them on the electoral roll. South Northamptonshire Council and Cherwell District Council are urging anyone who has recently moved or who is planning to move prior to this year's May elections to ensure they register to vote before the 20 April deadline. Although it is not a legal requirement for people to vote, it is a legal requirement to submit details for the register and failure to do so may result in a £1,000 fine.

Sue Smith, electoral registration officer, said: "The electoral register is about more than providing people with a right to vote. It is used for jury service selection and to perform credit checks for things such as mortgage, mobile phone and credit card applications and if details are not up to date, it could affect people's credit ratings.

"It is a common misconception that registering for council tax means people are registered to vote but that is not the case. People will need to submit their details specifically for the register either online or over the phone. Those who have moved into a new build house may find their address is not yet recognised online but by contacting us we can help resolve the situation which means they won't miss out on their chance to vote."

Following last year's elections the Government rolled out a new voter registration system, known as Individual Electoral Registration (IER) which will use information held by the Department of Work and Pensions to validate voter applications and cut down on electoral fraud.

This year, depending on where people live, they could be entitled to take part in up to three elections. All eligible voters will be entitled to take part in the general election to elect their MP. In many areas, district council seats will be

also be up for election. Furthermore, elections will also take place for some town and parish councils.

To register to vote visit www.gov.uk/registertovote. Alternatively for assistance or to request a form in the post to register a new build address call Cherwell District Council on 01295 227005 or South Northamptonshire Council on 01327 322128.

Ask elections team for advice

A series of drop in sessions have been organised in South Northamptonshire and Cherwell to assist voters with any questions regarding this year's elections which are taking place on Thursday, 7 May 2015.

The shared elections team at South Northamptonshire and Cherwell District Councils will host the events to coincide with National Voter Registration Day on 5 February.

The drop in sessions will provide residents with an opportunity to confirm or provide their details on the new electoral register, explain the different ways to vote in May and promote the opportunity to work at the forthcoming elections.

Sue Smith, electoral registration officer for Cherwell and South Northamptonshire, said: "Last year the Government changed the way in which people register to vote by introducing Individual Electoral registration which makes each voter responsible for registering their own vote. In conjunction with that, National Voter Registration Day is a Government initiative to remind people to include their details on the new electoral register in time for this year's elections.

"Our drop-in sessions are an informal opportunity for residents to approach the elections team direct to ask any questions regarding the forthcoming elections and receive advice or assistance where necessary. What's more, people can find out how to earn money during the elections by working as a poll clerk, presiding officer or count assistants in either Cherwell or South Northamptonshire."

Individual Electoral Registration (IER) involves each eligible voter confirming their own details on the electoral register, as opposed to the

previous system which required one person confirming all residents within that household. The aim of IER is to cut down on electoral fraud by using information held by the Department for Work and Pensions to confirm residents.'

The drop in sessions will enable people to check if their details are included on the new register, receive details of how to register online or be registered by a member of the elections team if they do not have internet access. Residents can also receive details of how to vote at a polling station or how to apply for a postal or proxy vote. Application packs will also be available for people to take away if they are interested in working on the election.

At the Cherwell events, residents will also be able to receive information across various subjects from recycling to housing from the council's outreach team.

The drop in sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 3 February 10.30am – 12.30pm at Market Place Brackley (South Northamptonshire)
- Tuesday 3 February 1pm – 3.30pm at Waitrose car park in Towcester (South Northamptonshire)
- Wednesday 4 February 11am – 1pm in Sheep Street, Bicester (Cherwell)
- Thursday 5 February 11am – 1.30pm outside Marks and Spencer, Banbury (Cherwell)

For more information about the drop-in events in Cherwell call 01295 227005 or for details about the South Northamptonshire sessions call 01327 322128.

Towcester household waste recycling centre

The hours for the Towcester household waste recycling centre will change from 1st February 2015. The centre will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but will be open Thursday – Mondays 10 – 6.

The Farthinghoe Recycling centre

Is there anything Farthinghoe does not accept?

Yes - the site will not accept: General rubbish, Plasterboard, Paint, Wood/Timber, Food waste, Pyrex, Carpets, Gas cylinders, Asbestos, Polystyrene, Hazardous waste, Drinking glasses, Kitchen Units. *Soft furnishings and mattresses must have fire labels*

If you have any doubt if something can be taken to Farthinghoe then please contact us before you visit the site. You can ring the site office directly on (01295) 713782 or you can email us.

Can I buy compost from the site?

Yes, sacks of compost are available for purchase at £4, or 3 for £10. Please ask the staff on site for assistance.

Where is Farthinghoe Recycling and Reuse Centre?

The recycling centre is located on the A422 between Brackley and Banbury. The centre is about one mile west of the village of Farthinghoe. It's signposted from the road, so you can't miss it, but there is a **map** on our website too.

When is the site open?

Farthinghoe Recycling and Reuse Centre is open seven days a week, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Winter hours (October-March): 9-4.30pm

Summer hours (April-September): 9-6pm

FOR SALE

6 foot long pine table and chairs £40
6 foot high pine corner display unit with glass door £50
Cast iron dog grate for open fire 24 inches wide x 12 inches deep £15
Contact numbers
Mobile 07870652301
Home 01295760450

To access the new village website, Google 'Culworth Village'. Website address is www.culworthvillage.co.uk

Welcome to the February edition of the Culworth Newsletter. If you have anything that you think might be of interest, please send any articles/information by email to jenny_howse@hotmail.com or post any hard copy articles through my door at Bankcroft (last house before the Eydon turn). Closing date for the April edition is Wednesday 25th. March. This is a village newsletter and it would be lovely if more people and groups contributed. If you have any contributions or suggestions for **the Newsletter there is a box in the Church porch where you can put them.**

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Film Night

THE GRADUATE

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY DOORS OPEN 7PM

TICKETS:

£9.00 To include light supper

£4.50 Film only

BRING YOUR OWN LIQUID REFRESHMENT & GLASS

CALL JULIE 01295 760855 OR JUNE 768184 TO BOOK

FRUGAL LUNCH

Join us for a social frugal lunch in Culworth Village Hall

Tuesday 24th February 12pm - 2pm

Delicious home-made Soups,
Puddings

Tea, Coffee - £5.00

All welcome.

In aid of Banbury Food Bank

Contact Jenny Howse 01295 768110

SHROVE TUESDAY QUIZ

Culworth Village Hall

Tuesday 17th February 7.00pm

Teams of 4 to 6

£2 each person – proceeds to St
Mary's Church, Culworth

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

To book a table phone 01295 768110



CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Film Night

MR TURNER

FRIDAY 27th MARCH
DOORS OPEN 6.45PM

TICKETS:

£9.00 To include light supper

£5.00 Film only

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GLASS

CALL JULIE 01295 760855 OR JUNE 768184
TO BOOK

Litter pick on

SATURDAY MARCH 7th at 10am

starting from The Forge. All equipment
provided. Ring Jose (01295 760571) for all
details. Come and have a well -deserved cuppa
and cake at the Village Hall afterwards

CULWORTH NEEDS YOU!

Parish Council elections

Thursday 7th May.

Nomination papers must be
received by SNDC by 4pm 9th April



We need you to come
forward

And

volunteer

Contact Jose (01295 760571)

or j.rowling@tiscali.co.uk

Village Café

Village Hall

First Saturday of every month.

10 till 12

Free tea/coffee/cake and chat. Please
come along and meet your
neighbours

