

# Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for  
June – July 2015

## Regular events;

**Junior Cricket** Tuesdays throughout the summer. 6.30 on the Cricket Field

**Village Walks** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am on The Green (every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall** on 9<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July from 10 to 12 (every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.30

**Village Hall Committee Meeting** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7.00 pm

**Circle Dancing** 18<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> July (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Contact Joan Gottowik on 760737 for more information.

**Culworth House** 18<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2pm (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Short Service

**Village Cafe** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July (every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) in the village hall. 10 - 12

## Other Events

**Culworth House Garden Party** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Shop and Scoff and Silkscreen print demonstration** Forge 2 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**A choral concert** Thorpe Mandeville Church Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 pm

**Charity race night in Moreton Pinkney village hall** on Friday, 26th June in aid of Mini Meadows Pre-School

**Culworth Film Night** Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> The Imitation Game

**Churchyard working party** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30

## **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** May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Black bin and food caddies:** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>

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

## **VILLAGE HALL**

At the last meeting the committee decided that they would ask for a few volunteers to help spruce up the outside of the hall. Ian has already done a sterling job on painting the front and now we need help in painting the windows.

A provisional date of Sunday 21st June has been set and we would hope to start at about 10am. If there are enough generous people willing to give up a couple of hours it would also be nice to paint the fences at the side and back of the hall. If you would like more information please ring Ian on 01295 760371 or just turn up on the day with your own paintbrush!

Obviously tea and coffee will readily be available.

## **Culworth Ladies Get Together**

The first evening went very well with about 10 people coming to The Red Lion at the end of April. Some had lived in the village for many years and others were fairly new. Thanks to Bronni & Justin for putting out a few nibbles and making us feel welcome. The next one is to be at Phillida's where we will be getting an Indian take away. Please let her know if you intend going- it's the last Wednesday of the month. For anyone else who

would like to be kept informed please let me know-  
sarahandpowell@hotmail.com

## Village Café

### Village Hall

First Saturday of every month.

June 6<sup>th</sup> –plants and produce table  
10 till 12

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

## Culworth Cricket Club

What a wonderful sight to see  
so many helpers to brighten the  
Pavilion today. The children had a  
great time playing happily for  
hours on the field. Mrs Trott  
came to help, David Mumford



provided his usual delicious sausages for lunch. About

20 adults have  
transformed the  
Pavilion for this  
season. Do look at  
the Pavilion- it is  
much better. There  
are so many children  
for cricket coaching  
on Tuesdays. The  
parents were very  
supportive not only



from Culworth but from the other villages around.  
Many thanks to Jim and Sarah Powell for organising this  
great social event.

*Jose*

## Junior Cricket Club Newsletter

At the start of April a group of volunteers which  
included parents of junior cricketers and villagers  
collected to give the pavilion a makeover. It was a great  
collective effort and has made a massive improvement.  
We have forty youngsters signed up between the ages  
of six to fifteen. We meet for practicing on a Tuesday

night and we have entered two teams into the SNCL  
junior  
leagues -  
under  
fifteen and  
under  
eleven.

So far the  
under 15s  
have had  
one draw,  
one loss  
and one  
cancelled



match due to weather. The under 11s have won one and  
lost one.

Special thanks must go to Paul Williams for donating a  
wicket mower, Vernon Phipps for keeping the tractor  
and gang mowers working, Andrew Barnes for rolling  
the wicket, Dave Lewin for mowing the outfield and all  
the parents who have helped mow the ground.

*Jim Powell*

## Culworth School

### Dates:

Summer Concert  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2pm  
6pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day 9.30 am

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Term Ends  
2.30 pm Leavers Service in church



and

## CULWORTH SCHOOL SPRING BALL....

Now that the ball is over and the hangovers and feet  
less sore, we thought we should pen a few words...

It took weeks of meticulous planning, shopping trips to  
wholesalers, tastings (not the most onerous of tasks),  
cajoling, glue gun moments, twitching, blossom  
watching and some brilliant ideas, but the ball is finally  
over and we believe a great many people (98 in total)  
had a grand time. As a result we look set to make in the  
region of £2600 for the CPSA funds, which is fantastic.  
The addition of an impromptu auction by our resident  
auctioneer, Alan Collett, was unexpected and heart-  
warming for the team that had worked so hard, and for  
this we sincerely thank those involved.

We would also like to personally thank the immediate  
planning team of Sharon Ford- Ziemelis, Sarah Garnett,  
Suzy Cubitt and Juliet Nichols, without whom the whole  
idea would have collapsed. Those that helped on the  
day were nothing short of amazing and they are, Sally  
Burgess, Clancy Leadbeater, Helen Richards, Louise

Brooks-Baker, Rachel Smith, Jane Osborne, Big E and Little E and last, but certainly not least, Joseph Nichols.

Although tiring, the event team all had a great night and were still buzzing into the early hours, which just goes to show that organising events can be fun! So if anyone out there wants to join the CPSA and help out – you know where we are!!

Awesome night, awesome people, awesome results

Culworth School CPSA

## Summer Message from Mini Meadows Pre-School

We are holding a charity race night in Moreton Pinkney village hall on Friday, 26th June to raise much needed funds for our fabulous Pre-School. Tickets will be on sale soon but please add this date to your diary so you don't miss out on what is guaranteed to be a great night.

## Holiday Club

Northamptonshire Sports will be holding a GetSporty Summer Holiday Club here in Culworth School from 27th to 31st July for children aged 8 to 12 years. Booking details will be available after half term.

## May Day celebrations in Culworth

On a glorious afternoon on 21<sup>st</sup> May Culworth School celebrated their annual May Day



festivities with a display of country dancing and Maypole dancing. Many of you who have lived in the village a long time will have fond memories of practising those dances yourselves as children.

Donald Knowles, who was headmaster of Culworth School from 1941 until 1965, wrote a book in the late 1970's entitled 'A Village School'. He was able to research the history of the school through original documents and the school Log Book, which was meticulously kept from 1871. It provides a fascinating

insight into the education of children in the village during the past 200 years. Donald died in 1998 and his ashes were interred in Culworth churchyard.

Donald devoted several pages to the celebration of May Day. Here are a few extracts;

*The celebration of May Day has been a feature of D'Anvers School for many years and besides providing a pleasing spectacle it is also a useful and instructive part of the education of all children of the school.....Many of the traditional celebrations have now disappeared in the villages of England but we shall see by the extracts from the School Log Books that the custom of keeping 'May Day' has increased in importance, the focal centre being the school.*

*The earliest entries, dating from 1871, showed the making of Garlands on 1<sup>st</sup> May, seriously interfered with the attendance;*

*1871 'Garland Day. School almost nominal particularly in the morning.'*

*1872 'Most girls absent, begging flowers for and preparing Garlands.'*

*1873 'School attendance short. Girls and younger boys 'May Garlanding'.*

*1877 'Making Garlands was the excuse of the Girls for non-attendance.'*

*From this date the Headmaster realised the futility of battling against custom and the school was closed.*

*1878 'The girls out with Garlands and many of the Boys, useless to go on teaching –Gave a Holiday.'*

*1879 'Garland-day. Only 8 children put in an appearance. Did not open school.'*

*When 1<sup>st</sup> May fell on a Saturday the effect could still be seen.*

*1880 (April 30<sup>th</sup>) 'Only 5 Girls present; most of them being absent getting flowers for May Garland.'*

Similar entries appear until 1899.

*To add to the attendance difficulties at this time of year flowers were used for other purposes.*

*'The attendance from work and cowslipping is very meagre'.*

*'Very few children present today, children being absent getting cowslip and horehound flowers being in great demand for wine'.*

*'Only 4 children present this morning, the principal part being gone to Plumpton Wood to get primroses and others after dandelions'.*

From 1900 onwards, in addition to the usual holiday, a tea was also given and in 1906 this tea was first given in the school. Thus we can see the school gradually taking a more prominent part in May Day celebrations.

In 1909 a significant step was taken which influenced the celebrations for many years afterwards, and also placed them entirely in the hands of the School. First May 1<sup>st</sup> was discarded and Empire Day chosen. Secondly the children paraded the village obviously under the care of the Staff and, thirdly, both a King and Queen were chosen.

25<sup>th</sup> May 'Yesterday was a holiday. May Day festivities were kept up and Empire Day celebrated. The children paraded the village and saluted the flag. Ivy P.. and Jarvis G... were elected Queen and King by the unanimous vote of the children. The children went round the village singing and tea was held on the Rectory lawn. Prizes were given for floral decorations, bouquets and baskets of flowers'.

It was not until 1916 that any organised Maypole dancing was introduced.

'Empire Day. The children assembled and were given an address on the Empire. Afterwards, the Union Jack was saluted and the National Anthem was sung. Organised games and Maypole dancing were the order of the afternoon'.

Up to 1930 the celebrations, always on Empire Day and consisting of garland making, sports, tea, patriotic features and parading the village, seem to have taken place in the field or round the village.

In 1930 May Day and Empire Day celebrations were together performed in the school playground.

In 1931 the programme was established which would last for the next 10 years.

'May Day and Empire Day celebrations took place today. The morning session was given up to first of all crowning the May Queen, followed by the saluting of the flag and the singing of Empire and May Day songs. A number of parents were present. The children played games till dinner time. In the afternoon the weather cleared and the children paraded the village singing songs en route. On the return to school the children gave displays of country dancing and dancing round the Maypole in the presence of a large number of parents. At four o'clock tea was served to the children in the school.

In 1942 Mr Knowles changed the May Day celebrations to the beginning of May to separate them from Empire Day and the whole ceremony of crowning and dancing moved to the School House lawn.

In 1947 the garlands were no longer judged and instead the children brought a simple posy of flowers to be presented to the King and Queen. Also, with the move of the older children to a senior school the procession around the village was ended.

Jenny

## **'Buenos Dias' Alejandro**

I should like to introduce you to Alejandro... easier to call him Alex.

Alejandro Becerra Valenzuela, has been living in Culworth for just over a month. He has come to work on Juliet McKenzie's smallholding as part of the WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) scheme. He is here for the summer and his main aim is to learn English.

Home for Alex is Badajoz, a town in the Extremadura region of Spain near the Portuguese border. He tells me



the region produces some of the best ham in the world because the pigs eat acorns. Alex is 27 years old and studied to

become a vet at Caceres, a beautiful old city in Extremadura, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Since qualifying as a vet Alex has worked for 7 months in Cordoba with horses, cows, sheep and pigs, 3 months in Badajoz working in a clinic with small animals and 2 years in Zaragoza with a herd of five thousand beef cattle.

He decided to come to England to learn English to help him with his career since he would like to become an animal nutritionist. He has not had the opportunity to learn or speak English before. He would really like some English lessons in return for helping out in the garden or any other jobs you may have.

Alternatively he is free every afternoon and at week-ends and is looking for any jobs which might earn him some pocket money. He is already dog walking but could offer gardening, work on a farm or with horses, painting, window cleaning, child minding or any other odd jobs. He has a driving licence and is a competent rider. His family have horses in Spain. He

told me of an exciting trip he had, taking cattle from the winter plains up to the summer mountain pastures, riding horses cowboy style, a trip lasting 2 weeks, camping out at night.

If you feel you could help Alex with his English or employ him during his free time, please contact him on Juliet's number (01295 768131).

Jenny

### Can you help?

Alex will offer practical help in gardening, dog walking, window cleaning, Spanish lessons, odd jobs, babysitting, etc. in return for English lessons or in return for a modest fee.

Ring Juliet 01295 768131

### Equality Statement

Culworth Parish Council aims to serve the needs of all the individuals and businesses resident within the Culworth Parish.

We aim to provide fair and equal opportunities for all and consider all backgrounds and the needs of relevant groups when providing services and facilities within its responsibility.

Should any requirements be lacking, the Council will consider the best possible solution or provision within its regular meetings. Should any issues need to be tackled urgently, individual councillors can be contacted and exceptional meetings may be called.

## Culworth Parish Council

### . CULWORTH ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday April 14th 2015 at 7.30pm in Culworth Village Hall

Extracts from the meeting

### Defibrillators

Michael Hickman Manager St John Ambulance Banbury and Hazel from St John Ambulance talked about Automated External Defibrillators and their use in local communities. These machines will only work when the patient requires it. It is a fixed voltage unlike those used

in hospital. No harm can be done. He clearly explained the difference between heart attack and cardiac arrest. AED's are used in the latter case but only three minutes elapses before brain damage. Vital to call 999, check there is no hazard like live electric cables, can gas be smelt, before attempting Cardio pulmonary resuscitation. It is very tiring to carry out. Essential to have patient flat on firm surface. Keep a clear airway. He demonstrated the use of an AED. All AED's need maintenance. Those present, after a number of questions felt that a course in First Aid would be preferable. He was thanked for his attendance.

### Culworth Parish Council Chairman's report.

I would like to start by thanking councillors who have retired or are retiring on May 7th. Alan Seeds, whose analytical mind has guided us on planning and many other issues, and who has also been a driving force in our work on HS2, James Stewart. Simon Martin and Charles Buckley.

I am pleased to be able to say we have had four nominations, Michelle Koster, David Mumford, Barbara Leadbeater and Colin Lamb. With seven PC members, we do not need an election on May 7th. After struggling to find councillors I am very pleased with this commitment from members of the village.

Our Finances remain stable. We have managed to maintain the tradition of keeping the same precept of £15000. The accounts are available for all to see, and if interested please see the Clerk after the meeting, but of course we would welcome any questions.

HS2 has not gone away, and I will report on the Culworth Parish Council actions later in the meeting.

As of 2012, the PC has a fifty year lease in the cricket field, which is sublet to the cricket club from late April to end August. We wish them well in their efforts to get matches played, and we hope they can find a way to provide a proper cricket pavilion. The working party on the pavilion did a great job last Sunday and thanks to all who turned up to help.

We have looked hard at potential cost savings on our street lighting and there remains much to consider in terms of investment cost, payback time and in particular, what sort of lighting does a rural village want. The new PC members will provide fresh views on this issue, which is a live debate.

NCC hope to do further work on the new kerb and mud patch opposite Mumfords in late June –early July 2015. BT have installed high speed Infinity broadband, for most of the village, although some cannot get it but for most people this is good news.

**Financial Report.** Copies of the accounts were circulated. The bank statements, receipts and payments, and budget are available. Please speak to the Clerk.

**HS2 update** Cllr Rolt Your Parish Council has been active in the last year seeking mitigation from HS2,

through the formal petitioning process that has been available to, and used by, local authorities and individuals who can show they are affected by the railway. After much consideration, and with huge and invaluable input from Alan Seeds, we sent our petition to the Parliamentary select Committee. It was accepted as a bona fide petition. This then gave us the opportunity to appear in front of the Select Committee at Westminster, where we were able to put our case for sound barriers to be installed on our side of the line, replicating the barriers on the Thorpe Mandeville side, which had already been designed in. HS2 promised to consider our request, and have committed to an answer by the end of April. We also asked HS2 to reconsider their planned complete closure, for ever, of the Culworth road out of Chipping Warden. This request was rejected on grounds of cost.

**Village Hall Report.** Mrs Julie Tinn Chairman At the Village Hall AGM in November, all the representatives and trustees agreed to stand again and the officers were re-elected.

We continue to hold regular film and supper nights showing Saving Mr Banks, Philomena, Captain Phillips, The Graduate and more recently last month Mr Turner when the hall was at nearly full capacity. The Hall also continues to be used for regular fixtures as well as being booked for children's parties and other private social events. In October the Hall hosted the Harvest lunch and in November a lunch for Japanese visitors organised by Mary Whittingham. Jenny Howse put on two Frugal lunches in February and March in aid of the Banbury Foodbank.

The Village Fete was held in September in conjunction with the Flower and Produce Show. Our valiant crew stuck up their hands again to help on the stalls but we managed to persuade a few newcomers to help also. There was a live band and Morris dancers and the dog show was a popular attraction again. Everyone said the atmosphere was great and that it was one of the nicest fetes we have held. There was the usual auction of entries for the Flower and Produce Show at the end of the fete and the winning entries for the photographic competition were included in a calendar designed by Joan Gottowik and Margaret Watts.

Since the Village Markets have ceased Jenny Howse has started up a monthly coffee morning to encourage people to get to know one another and find out what is going on in the village. In November she organised an evening of songs, poems, memorabilia and stories from WW1 which was a fitting tribute to all those who sacrificed their lives during the conflict and particularly those who came from Culworth.

The folk/rock band Whalebone came to give a concert in the Church in December and this was enjoyed by all, the profit being shared between the Village Hall and the Church.

We have been able to refurbish the toilets having secured funding from the SNC and the New Homes Bonus Grant via the Parish Council. There is now a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities.

We have been left a most generous gift of £5000.00 by the late Brian Harris to be spent on the Village Hall. After much consideration we have decided to wait until a worthwhile project demands such a sum of money. In the meantime the Committee will choose something to put in the Hall as a memorial to him and Marianne; they were after all a very community spirited couple. The Committee decided at the AGM not to increase the hiring rates for the Hall. This means that Culworth Village Hall remains a very affordable and well-appointed venue and an asset to the community.

**POLICE** In summary, Brackley Police station has now closed for customers although it remains a base for one sergeant, four police and two CPSO's to cover Brackley Town and 32 villages over 24hours coverage 7days a week. Emergency response will continue to come from Towcester. Please contact SCT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk with any queries. During the year, no serious crime had been reported.

**Culworth School.** As reported in previous years, Mrs Sue Lawrence and her team at Culworth School continue to provide an excellent and varied education for the children of Culworth and surrounding villages, in a happy and relaxed environment. After our Ofsted inspection last year we had the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) which is carried out by The Diocese of Peterborough, and are very proud to report that we achieved Outstanding across the board. As part of the South Northants Church Schools Multi Academy Trust, and in federation with Boddington CE Academy, we continue to work closely with the other Church schools in the Chenderit cluster and with the South Northants Village Schools Multi Academy Trust and the Community schools. A Local Collaborative Trust has been formed across the two "MATS". The Rev. Brian Fairbank continues to visit school regularly, taking assemblies, and the children attend church for all the Christian Festivals during the year. Our pupils are compassionate individuals and keen to raise money for many charities. They visit Culworth House Nursing Home during the year to entertain the residents with songs and music. As always, Maypole dancing and Sports Day are very popular annual events at which members of our communities can, and do, join in. We are very grateful to our PTA, Culworth Primary School Association, who have worked hard throughout the year to raise funds to help buy much needed extra resources for us. The school are also very grateful for the support we receive from people in our various village communities. We will continue to provide the very best education we can for the children in our care, helping them to achieve their best and turning them into

rounded and confident individuals. As we have an "Open Door" policy, we encourage visits from prospective parents and other interested parties. Please contact our Secretary, Mrs. Susan Watson on 01295 760610 in the first instance, or visit our website

[www.culworthschool.org](http://www.culworthschool.org) Gill Nunn Chair of Governors Culworth & Boddington Academies Federation April 2015.

**Charity Report** Mr M Rowling reported that at Christmas 2014, 21 households received a cash benefit from the Charity. After the deduction of agents fees the net rental income amounted to £2120. The rent is derived from a parcel of arable land in Wappenham Parish and a small paddock used for grazing within Silverstone Parish near to the racetrack. The trustees are Rev B. Fairbank, Mr S. Langdale, Mrs J. Howse and Mr M Rowling.

**St Mary the Virgin Culworth** Mrs Phillida Walker 2014 was a peaceful year for the church. Regular services continue as before, Matins, Evensong and the Family Service are lay-led. There have been several, varied, social and fundraising events in the year – a coffee morning, quizzes, frugal lunches, Harvest Lunch and a concert by Acoustic Band, Whalebone. Many people helped with these events but Mrs June Oxley and Mrs Jenny Howse were always around. The organ was repaired in October at a cost of £800. This should last for some time but eventually a full overhaul will be needed. The life of the church is dependent on the many people who give their time and skills. The sidesmen, flower arrangers, organised by Mrs Langdale, Mrs Wade, who keeps the linen laundered, the army of cleaners, the organists and those who maintain the churchyard. More help is always welcomed, especially with the churchyard mowing..

**District Councillor Mrs Mary Anne Sergison Brooke** reported that SNC has moved to The Forum in centre of Towcester. This splendid new building incorporates the library and the Registration Office. To reduce costs, hot desking is used for staff. 99% of waste is recycled. We have the lowest rate of unemployment in County. Planning policy to prevent urban sprawl and good design encourages more requests to live here. SNC continue to be against HS2. Andrea Leadsom MP works hard in Parliament to present the difficulties and issues to the residents. Ian Morris had persuaded NCC to contribute to Chipping Warden bypass. NB Old council offices have been sold for redevelopment at housing.

**County Councillor Report** Ian Morris Silverstone County Councillor also gave an Annual Report to the 2015 Parish Council AGM for Culworth Village which included information on Friends Life Women's Cycling Tour Last May, the new 'Race to the Top' strategy to raise educational attainment, the Tri County Alliance, the new Infrastructure Programme, and the new county council's HQ

For more information on our council plan see our website

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Council/performance/Pages/plans.aspx>

Empowering Councillors Scheme Councillors scheme is as popular as ever. Countywide we have funded well over 2500 community projects to the tune of over £2.5million. In my district I made sure my money has made a positive difference by helping to fund various projects in my Division. I have £7k Pa annum to spend and have yet to be asked to help with anything in Chipping Warden. The money has to be shared across 14 Parish's and goes pretty quickly so please get your requests in ASAP.

If anyone wishes to contact me about any relevant matter they can contact me on 07710198272 or e-mail me on [IMorris@northants.gov.uk](mailto:IMorris@northants.gov.uk) or you can follow me on twitter Cllr Ian Morris@aussielover100.

**Any other business.** Request for litter bin at Sulgrave Road layby. It is unlikely that SNC would empty it as outside village boundary.

.Meeting closed 9.15pm

## Culworth Parish Council Minutes of AGM and General Meeting 12th May 2015

1. Present: Cllrs S. Rolt, M. Rowling, M. Koster, C. Lamb, D. Mumford, B. Leadbeater and the Clerk, Mrs J. M. Rowling.
2. Member of public present: Mr C. Buckley.
3. Apologies for absence Cllr Guinness (sick)
4. Welcome to new Cllrs Koster, Lamb, Leadbeater and Mumford by present Chairman Stuart Rolt
5. Statutory Declarations and Register of Interests were collected from all councillors.
6. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
  - a) Election of Chairman-Cllr Rolt proposed by Cllr Rowling and seconded by Cllr Mumford. Statutory Declaration signed.
  - b) Election of Vice Chairman- no appointment
  - c) Responsible Financial officer The Clerk
  - d) Internal Controller- bimonthly check of accounts Cllr Rolt
  - e) Internal Auditor currently Mr C. R. Winter
  - f) Signatories to account currently Councillor Rolt. Cllrs Leadbeater and Mumford will complete Bank mandate.
  - g) Planning applications and large documents- subcommittee Cllrs Koster and Lamb. Master planning document to be supplied by Clerk
  - h) Burial ground and Berry Hill Close subcommittee Cllr Rowling, Mumford and the Clerk. Burial Ground regulations noted. Fees are fixed according to Church Commissioners currently.

- i) Finance subcommittee Chairman Cllr Rolt, Cllr Mumford and the Clerk. Meet annually in November
  - j) Cricket Field Subcommittee members Councillor Rolt, Mrs. S. Trott, Member of Cricket Club, Mr Ed Guinness as member of village and the Clerk.
  - k) Village Hall representative Cllr Koster
  - l) Tree warden voluntary post – Cllr Leadbeater
  - m) Footpaths - voluntary post. Cllr Koster. Clerk to supply maps of Rights of Way and waymarkers.
  - n) Newsletter Mrs Jennifer Howse
  - o) Website Mrs Susan Sanderson
  - p) Meetings for 2015- bi -monthly on second Tuesday
  - q) Equality statement circulated to all householders in newsletter
  - r) Financial regulations agreed and signed by Chairman
  - s) Confirmation of adoption of Code of Conduct 12.2 and Code of Conduct
  - t) Standing Orders noted and signed by Chairman
7. Meeting closed 7.55pm

### General Meeting

1. Declarations of Interest. None
  2. **OPEN MEETING** Mr Buckley answered members questions re S/2015/0944/FUL
  3. Minutes of meeting on 10th March 2015 were signed by the Chairman as correct
  4. Matters arising not already on agenda.
- Highways.** Roadworks completed satisfactorily in March.
5. **Highways other.** Muddy area opposite Mumford's butcher's shop. Work scheduled for late June/ early July. Cllr Mumford to liaise with NCC/KierWSP to check that proposed works will address the traffic issue.
- Pavement repair at Red Lion driveway entrance** for work at same time. Complaints re gravel on footpaths referred to Highways at NCC/Kier.  
Drain at Eydon turn blocked. Clerk referred to Street Doctor.
6. **The Green Bus Shelter**- roof repair required. Cllr Rolt requested Cllr Mumford to contact Steve Smith (builder) re cost of repair
7. **Street Enhancement Gang.** No date for siding out footpaths on Green received.
8. **Cricket Field.** Tree report on Holm Oak now complete. Clerk to apply for 'works to tree with Tree Preservation Order'  
Patching of pavilion has been carried out by volunteers from Cricket Club. Cricket field subcommittee to convene at request of landowner. Clerk to arrange date
9. **Berry Hill Close** Update received from Ian Shanks NCC. NCC provided a report for their delegated decision which proposes transfer of the legal title and responsibility for future management to Culworth Parish Council for £1. NCC would cover the legal costs. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to all Councillors. A further Parish Council meeting to be called for 19th May

to discuss this more fully with new members. Clerk to request from NCC potential liabilities and costings

10. **Recreation Field** (licenced from Crutchley estates) Cllr Rowling had obtained a verbal quotation from Cherwell Iron works of £500 for two galvanised metal goalposts painted white. Clerk to check with Came and Co insurance brokers if these would be suitable. Cllr Rowling identified poor condition of part of wall with adjacent field which may require repair in the near future.

11. **Street Lighting.** Eon issues for unmetered supply. NCALC is assessing the large price increase from May 2015 and providing costings of alternative suppliers. LED Lighting deferred until Cllr Guinness present. Letter from resident read out with concerns rechange to LED.

12. **School parking** Cllr Guinness deferred

13. **Update from Annual Parish Assembly** . Cllr Rolt noted the St John Ambulance presentation on Artificial External Defibrillators. Those present had shown no enthusiasm for local purchase.

14. **WNJPU**(West Northants Joint Planning Unit) Joint Core Strategy- to note Rural areas which could affect the village. Document available on WNJPU website.

### 15. REPORTS

a. HS2 Cllr Rolt stated that the Parish Council had petitioned for noise barriers this side of the proposed line. He hoped for a response by Friday May 15th.

b. Village Hall Cllr Rowling- no report

### 16. FINANCE

a. Budget agreed at January meeting and attached .

b. Financial Statement for 2014-5 available at Annual Parish Assembly and attached to agenda. This has been audited by Internal Controller with full examination of all records. Form for External Auditor BDO completed and signed by the Chairman. Notice of Audit scheduled for 8th June 2015 displayed on Parish Council Noticeboard.

c. RECEIPTS since March. 21st

i. SNC BACS Precept half –£7500 on 21 April 2015

d. Payments since last meeting( all included in budget)

ii. 14th March Mrs Susan Sanderson website March £12.99+£2.60VAT=£15.59 ( 000605) SR/SM

iii. Cheque 000606 Void

iv. 5th May NCALC Annual Subscription £255.36 (000607) SM /SR

v. Culworth Village Hall Hire Sept 2013-April 15 £192 (000608) SM /SR

vi. Broker Network 2nd year of three year contract for Insurance £265 (000609) SM/SR

vii. G. Taylor Mowing Green 9 and 22 April £140 (000610) SM/SR

viii. EON Unmetered supply Jan – Mar £129.27+££6.46 VAT=£135.73 (000611)SM/SR

ix. Texprep Photocopying £4.32+.86p VAT=£5.18 (000612)SM/SR

- x. Mrs S. Sanderson Website April £12.99 +£2.60+£15.59 (000613)SM/SR
- xi. Anglian Water Meter provision Cricket Field 22/1/2015-27/4/2015 £15.23 (000614) SM/SR
- xii. ACRE Annual Subscription £35 (000615) SM /SR
- xiii. VAT refund claim for 2014-2015 of £317.37 forwarded to HMRC.
- xiv. Current Account £11,187.39 at 30th April 2015
- xv. Deposit Account. Bank statements available. £18738.78 at 30th April 2015

#### 17.PLANNING

##### c. Applications

3 Butts Close Front porch, rear glass sunroom alterations to existing rear conservatory.Parish Council had no objections

Agricultural building for hay and straw Land at Park Farm Banbury Lane Parish Council had no objections

Erection of new porch to principal entrance of Culworth Hall Parish Council no objection

##### Decisions received from SNC

29 Barley Hill two storey and single storey extension and parking space approved.

Culworth Grounds farm Agricultural Building Prior approval not required.

. The Manor House- fell leylandii and one horse chestnut and other tree work Approved.

#### 18.Correspondence.

a.NCALC courses emailed

b.Wings of Life on Sunday May 2015. Clerk to advise organisers, if same route next year to provide signage for top of Banbury Lane of road closure at Sulgrave Road/Barley Hill. Only two runners reached Culworth 19.Any other business for July meeting- none noted

20.Meeting closed at 9.30pm

### CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of extra meeting held Tuesday 19th May 2015 following Village Hall meeting at 8.15pm

Councillors present:S. Rolt( Chairman),D. Mumford,M. Koster, M. Rowling, N. Guinness and the Clerk Mrs J. M.Rowling

Members of public present: Mrs M Whittingham, Mr Edward Guinness

Declarations of Interest- Cllr Guinness Berry Hill Close as neighbour

#### OPEN MEETING

Parish Council noted that existing residents of 5 sheltered units did not receive the personal assistance advertised for these units from the main Nursing Home. All assistance had to be bought in.

Berry Hill Close It was noted that the neighbouring residents wanted to be kept informed of any changes. Parish Council comments

**Variation of condition 6 ( occupancy age) of S/1993/0923/P Erection of seven single storey sheltered dwellings and conservatory) to regularise**

#### **and reduce the occupancy age from 65-55years ( all other exceptions apply) Culworth House Queen Street.**

PC decision agreed by all present was to object

- a) Could SNC please note – only 5 two storey dwellings with conservatory are built with one allocated parking space.
- b) Does not comply with SNC definition of older person's housing
- c) The handbook advertising support on a daily basis from the Culworth House main house is not available and never has been. Any supervision has to be bought in from outside agencies.
- d) The application examples are for a nursing home and residential home with community facilities. Each sheltered unit at Culworth is self -contained.
- e) There is no warden control
- g) There has been no local need. All past and current residents have bought the properties by separate house agents and relocated from other areas of the country.
- h) Younger residents are more likely to be in work, create more noise, and have more vehicles. The original application includes the words 'sheltered units'. This implies peace and quietness.
- i) The sheltered units are not 'run in conjunction with the adjacent Nursing Home and shall not at any time be sold or relet separately'. On vacancy of these properties, the next of kin are responsible for selling using any house agent they choose.
- j) The Parish Council is not aware of any Section 106 agreement in 1994. It would be interested to know what the Section 106 agreement would be for this application.

#### **Berry Hill Close**

The Parish Council is aware of the mowing costs. NCC had provided their figure of £3300 per annum for three to four cuts. A previous local contractor quoted £300 per cut at the current rate. NCC would continue to mow the field until the transfer took place. All fences, gates, trees and animal shelter had undergone repairs, and maintenance over the last two years with the transfer in plan. Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust had paid for local contractor to remove scrub and replace with post and rail fencing on north eastern boundary with Culworth Hall and the Water trough had been reconnected to the water supply with the provision of a meter.

Interpretation board may need updating. Clerk to check on any increase in premium from Insurers.

Parish Council agreed after long discussion to accept the NCC offer to transfer the legal title and responsibility for future maintenance to the Parish Council for £1. NCC would meet the legal costs. This was proposed by the Chairman Cllr Rolt and agreed by all councillors present. NB Cllr Guinness took no part in voting. Clerk to check on legal cost of transfer to Parish Council if NCC does not pay their costs too.

## Strange coincidence

Film goers who enjoyed the recent film night showing 'Belle' might have been inspired to do a little research into the story and characters, as I was.

I found that J.M.W. Turner painted 'Slave Ship', one of his most celebrated paintings, which was based on the Zong slave massacre - we had the film 'Turner' in Culworth in March.

I also found that the King's Bench Appeal where the insurers of the Zong applied to Lord Mansfield to have the verdict of the first trial set aside and a new verdict was reached, was heard on 21 -22 May 1783 - and here we are exactly 232 years later showing the film of that appeal!

Julie

### The Imitation Game

Story of Nazi code breaker Alan Turing, starring

Benedict Cumberbatch

**CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 27 JUNE**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7PM**

**TICKETS: £9 (WITH SUPPER) £5 (FILM ONLY)**

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## CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

### Minutes of the village

#### Hall Committee

#### Meeting

**Tuesday 19th May**

**2015 at 7pm.**

Those Present: June

Oxley(Secretary) Michelle Koster, Joan Gottowik, Margaret Watts, Ian Simonsen(Treasurer) and Martin Rowling.

Apologies: Ruth Gross, Sarah Powell and Julie Tinn (Chair).

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising; IS is still waiting for the building contractors to process the paperwork to sign off the refurbishment. The matinee performance of Frozen is still to be given a suitable date. Hywel Lloyd has not yet replied to the invitation to talk on the Ascent of Everest.

2. Chairmans Report: Firstly my apologies for not being present tonight. We welcome Michelle Koster as the Parish Council representative on our committee.

I attended the Annual Parish Assembly on 14th April and gave a report on the village hall activities during the year (copy attached).

At our recent film night we showed Mr Turner and this seemed to grab everyone's attention as the turnout was really good. At one point I thought we might run out of chairs. Our

catering quartet gave us a wonderful meal and I think we picked up a few followers on the strength of this.

The next film is on 22nd May and we will be showing 'Belle'. 'The Imitation Game has been booked for Sat 27th June.

Since my notice in the last Newsletter regarding the village fete, I have not had any phone calls of support.

Jenny Howse has suggested to me doing a village get together with BBQ and games but it boils down to the same old thing- it will be the same people organising it. If the Committee agrees that we ought to do something I could ask Daryl and Charlie Timmins if they would be willing to help and maybe members of the Committee could think of others to ask. Last but not least, could I have a vote of thanks for Ian for all the hard work he has done on the outside of the hall. It looks really good. Should we organise a working party for the painting of the windows?

3. Treasurers Report: Funds in hand stand at £12675.07 with one outstanding Invoice of approx £100 for the film 'Mr Turner' which raised £359. As reported, there was an error in the accounts of £117.92 which has been traced back to a book keeping mistake in 2013 of £130 which leaves an amount of £12.08 less in the accounts. This small amount has been written off as "historical errors" and the accounts now balance. As always the village hall accounts are available for anyone to view by appointment.

4. Buildings and Renewals: The grant from New homes Bonus of £2090 for the toilet refurbishment has now been received. A provisional date of Sunday 21st June has been set for volunteers to help paint the windows starting at 10am. If there is enough time and volunteers it would be nice to paint the fence at the side and back of the hall.

5. AOB: JG volunteered to contact Ken Webster to ask him if he would be interested in making a case with an inscription plaque for the clock that is in the pipeline to buy for the memorial of Brian Harris. It is still to be decided on Roman or Arabic numbers.

The photographs for the competition in Sept are to be landscape and 6x4 inches, not 5x7 as stated in the last Newsletter.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 23rd July at 7pm in the hall. There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.



## How are your Russian Giants?

What do sunflowers, Marmite, poodles and Jeremy Clarkson have in common?

Apparently you either love them or hate them. I love sunflowers... they make me smile, but I love



Marmite as well... not sure about the other two.

So how are **your** Russian Giants? It really isn't too late to sow them. The ground has warmed up nicely ... just put them in now if you haven't already. I know some people are getting really competitive and have already started staking them and feeding them. But their sunflowers could peak too early. So get your seeds out of their packet, dig a big hole, put some muck in, fill in the hole with compost and sow those seeds. They will soon catch up with the ones Ian has planted outside the village hall. (Incidentally he can't enter for the competition since he measures them.)

**The Plant and Produce Show is on 13<sup>th</sup> September.** Can you beat last year's winner? (Margaret Claridge grew a 10ft 2in giant!)

However the world record for a sunflower is 28 feet 8 inches, grown in Kaarst, Germany in 2013.

*Jenny*

## Culworth Calendar 2016

Topic is 'The Seasons.' Keep snapping! These should be in and around Culworth. **DO NOTE;** Size 6" x 4" landscape.

### 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](mailto:j.russell2006@btinternet.com).

There are a few **CULWORTH BAGS FOR LIFE** still available at £3.50 each. Made of Hessian with a waterproof lining and featuring a photograph of a Culworth view on one side (see picture) and a design by the children of Culworth Primary School on the other. Very useful for shopping, welly boots or present bags. If you would like one please contact one of the Village Hall Committee members.



## The Culworth Gang

### The Culworth Gang Calendar.

The Culworth Gang meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon from the beginning of March to the beginning of December.

Meetings are in Culworth Village Hall and Sulgrave Church Hall. Please come along to any of the dates below, we look forward to meeting anyone new who is interested in an afternoon out.

Members Subscription is £16.00 for 2015

Non Members £3.00 each visit.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 01327 860160

**June 10<sup>th</sup>;** Sulgrave Church Hall 2pm -4pm. Tea Chat and Floor Skittles

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Please come and join our celebration  
At  
**CULWORTH HOUSE**  
On  
Saturday 13th June 2015  
2-4pm  
BBQ  
Tombola  
Music  
Proceeds in aid of Culworth House  
Residents Fund



## News from St Mary's Services for June and July

### June

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Benefice Holy Communion 11.00 am**

**6.00 pm Evensong**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am Family Service**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am Matins**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

### July

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 10 am Benefice Holy Communion  
Moreton Pinkney**

**6.00 pm Evensong**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 11 am. Family Service**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am. Matins**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion**

## Culworth Churchyard

Two years ago we entered the Northamptonshire Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme. We decided 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 which is now in constant use by children walking through the churchyard to school. Nesting boxes have been erected. Each summer we have had several evenings when some willing volunteers have helped tidy the area. The first this year will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30 onwards.

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!

**Everyone** appreciates the village looking at its best and at this time of the year it looks beautiful. Can you imagine what the centre of the village would look like if there were no volunteers to keep the church yard and the cricket field neat and tidy? The cricket club now have a willing band of volunteers but we still need help with maintaining the churchyard. Part of it is a wildlife conservation area and needs minimal maintenance on a couple of evenings in the year.

The rest needs regular mowing in the season to keep the grass down.

Ideally we need a couple of people with a few hours to spare, approximately twice a month to help mow the Churchyard during the growing season but if you could just help out now and then, that too would be useful. We have our own mower which at the moment is kept at The Forge, having had several stolen from the locked shed in the past few years.

If you feel you could help, please ring Martin on 01295 760571 for instructions.

***Consensus Vocalis will be presenting  
'A Journey through Europe in song'.***

***Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30 Thorpe  
Mandeville Church***

***Founded in 1976, the Consensus  
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numerous churches, cathedrals and  
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***Admission is £10 in support of  
Thorpe Mandeville Churchyard  
Fund.***

For more information contact Maurice Cole  
(01295 711042)

## **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](mailto:jmoxley@fsmail.net).

## Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Northamptonshire has a remarkable array of medieval churches, as well as many fine churches and chapels from later centuries. As John Betjeman described it: "Northampton above all counties has variety, originality and elegance in its architecture." There is hardly a medieval church in the county which is without beautiful stonework, and, of course, those soaring spires.



Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. It exists to make grants for the care of churches in Northamptonshire. It is part of a network of independent trusts in each county, which together lobby nationally for our unique heritage of places of worship.

This year the Ride and stride event takes place on **Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>**

### Food Bank collection in the church is now for BYHP

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

Emily received this letter from BYHP (Banbury Young Homeless Project.)

*Dear Emily,*

*Once again many thanks to the people of Culworth for their generous donation of food. Your kindness will help greatly with our work at BYHP and will supply nourishment to vulnerable young people who often struggle to find a meal.*

*Last year BYHP offered housing advice and support, family mediation and an employability training course. We also have our social enterprise project, BYHP's On a Roll which is situated in Church Lane, Banbury to help young people who are Not in Employment, Education or Training to improve their career prospects through our Unlocking Potential training project. The shop sells delicious lunch time snacks and also caters for business lunches.*

*As you know we are a voluntary organisation and as such rely heavily on donations and the good will of the community and contributions such as yours are so very much appreciated.*

*Many thanks for your backing. Without the support of the local community BYHP would not be what it is today,*

*Kind Regards,  
Tricia Foley,  
Office Coordinator*

More information about BYHP can be found on [www.byhp.org.uk](http://www.byhp.org.uk)

### Recipe of the Season

Another recipe from Mary Whittingham, this time one she made for the film showing of Turner. It comes from an 18<sup>th</sup> Century manuscript found at Canons Ashby.

A Fricassee of Chickens or Rabbits



*'Cut the chickens or rabbits out and lay them into cold water to soak, or if you are in haste warm and wash them well so set them over in water in a stew pan on the fire till they are boiled enough, then take them out of the liquor and strain it through a sieve that it may not be discoloured so wash the stew pan and put in the meat with the liquor that you strained with 3 or 4 blades of mace.*

*Set on the fire then having ready a cup of cream, the juice of half a lemon, 2 yolks of eggs, beat up together very well with a little salt, take a little of your hot liquor about a spoonful and mix with it and by degrees put it all in and either shake or stir it with a spoon till it is thorough hot to serve up.'* (the sentences are a bit long in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century recipe books!)

Mary did not use the egg yolks in the one she prepared for the film night.

### Gardens open for NGS

7<sup>th</sup> June Preston Capes and Little Preston Gardens  
13<sup>th</sup> June Broughton Grange

14<sup>th</sup> June Middleton Cheney Gardens

28<sup>th</sup> June Adderbury Garden

26<sup>th</sup> July Broughton Castle and Broughton Grange

## **Mikron Theatre Company**

You may know of Mikron Theatre Company. Briefly they are based on a narrow boat and perform at venues along canals. This is their 44<sup>th</sup> year of touring by canal, river and road.

This year, being special to W.I. one of their plays is based on the W.I.

Performances locally are on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1.00 pm at The Canal Museum Stoke Bruerne (no tickets required); 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm at Wharf House, Cropredy, (tickets £12, concessions £10 from 01295 750633); 12<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm at The Great Western Arms, Aynho (no tickets required); 13<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm at The Pig Place Adderbury; 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at The Wharf Inn Fenny Compton (no tickets required).

*Joan Gottowik*

For more info [www.mikron.org](http://www.mikron.org) uk

## **SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS**

### **New Leader and Cabinet at South Northamptonshire Council**

A new Council Leader was appointed and a new Cabinet was announced at South Northamptonshire Council's (SNC) Annual Meeting on Tuesday 20 May.

Councillor Ian McCord was appointed to replace Councillor Mary Clarke as Leader after she decided not to seek re-election. Both are members of the Conservative Party.

Councillor Clarke was Leader of SNC from 2010, and has been ward member for Old Stratford for four years before which she represented Towcester. She said: "Serving as Council Leader has been a great honour and something that I will always be proud to look back on. I am indebted to the public for electing me to the Council and to the members for electing and supporting me as Leader."

Councillor Clarke had also served as director of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, and chaired the West Northants Joint Strategic Planning Committee. She has also represented the Council as a director of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), a role which she will retain in a private sector capacity.

Councillor McCord has been a member of SNC's Cabinet since 2010, most recently as portfolio holder for resources, and has represented Cosgrove and Grafton since 2007 He said: "This is a great district with greater

potential, constantly rated as one of the best places to live in the UK.

"But we won't just sit back and enjoy it. Whilst I welcome the return of a Conservative majority Government I have no doubt that the challenges that lie ahead will be no less than those we have faced in the past.

"I will continue with partnership working and extend that to be wider and deeper and ensure that the Council has as sound and secure future."

At the Annual Meeting, Councillor Phil Bignell was appointed Deputy Leader and portfolio holder for transformation and governance, and a new Cabinet was announced by Councillor McCord consisting of a further two new Cabinet members and three previous Cabinet members.

Councillor Rosie Herring remains as portfolio holder for community engagement and wellbeing, Councillor Rebecca Breese remains as portfolio holder for planning and environment, Councillor Dermot Bambridge stays on the Cabinet and takes over the portfolio for environmental services.

New to the Cabinet are Councillor Stephen Clarke who takes over the portfolio for economic development, regeneration and housing, and Councillor Peter Rawlinson who takes over as portfolio holder for finance and procurement."

### **Community building cafe serving fresh local food now open**

A cafe based in South Northamptonshire's new community building, The Forum, will be opening next week, selling homemade food using fresh local produce. The Forum Café, on the ground floor of the new building in Moat Lane, Towcester, will be serving full breakfasts, light lunches and a range of hot drinks from Tuesday (May 26th) onwards. The café will be open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm and Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Fresh fruit and vegetables, where possible grown across the district, will be supplied by Northampton based company Browns, which was based in Towcester for more than 30 years.

SNC Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Regeneration, Cllr Stephen Clarke, said: "This is another great step in the regeneration of Moat Lane, drawing visitors into the wonderful new community facility. I am delighted that we can support the growth of the local economy by employing local people and using local suppliers.

"We hope that people visiting the new building to use our self-service kiosks or the library will make use of the café and that it will become a hub for people in the community to get together."

Manager, Anne Jenkin, who has run a range of catering facilities in the district, said: "People will love the beautiful setting, looking straight out onto the river and Watermeadows."

Regular customers will be able to make use of the café's loyalty card scheme – buy seven meals or hot drinks get the eighth one free. There is also a meal deal and customers will benefit from a 20% discount on their first order. Just call into the café and ask for a coupon.

## You can do it online

Report highway problems online or use your mobile phone, 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Problems such as potholes, overgrown verges and cracked pavements can all be reported online in just 5 easy steps and you will receive regular updates.

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

## The Youth Ambition Awards are back!

Nominations are now open for our third annual Youth Ambition Awards.

This is your chance to nominate a special young person for an award in recognition of the great things they do either at school, at home or in their local community.

The Youth Ambition Awards are held jointly with Northamptonshire Newspapers' education awards and the winners will be announced at a special ceremony taking place at Wicksteed Park pavilion on Wednesday 8th July.

The five categories are:

Young Apprentice of the Year

The Arts Award

Young Role Model of the Year

Project or Campaign of the Year

The Taking Charge of Your Life Award

Find out more about each category by visiting our [Youth Ambition Awards](#) section.

### Make a nomination

To nominate, please

email [et.exhibitions@northantsnews.co.uk](mailto:et.exhibitions@northantsnews.co.uk).

The deadline for nominations is Friday 5th June.

**The NAB Unit (Northamptonshire Association for the Blind) will be located at the Piazza outside Brackley Town Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Wednesday) and 1<sup>st</sup> July (Wednesday) between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and information.**

To access the new village website, Google 'Culworth Village'. Website address is [www.culworthvillage.co.uk](http://www.culworthvillage.co.uk)

Welcome to the June 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](mailto: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 August edition is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. 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.

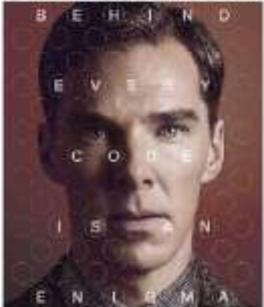
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For more information contact Maurice Cole  
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**Village Café**

**Village Hall**

First Saturday of every month.

June 6<sup>th</sup> –plants and produce table  
10 till 12

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