

Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for
August – September 2015

Regular events:

Village Walks Tuesday 4th August and Tuesday 1st September at 10.00am on The Green (every 1st Tuesday of the month).

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall on 11th August and 8th September 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 8th September 7.30

Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 15th September 7pm

Circle Dancing (every 3rd Thursday). Contact Joan Gottowik on 760737 for more information.

Culworth House 20th August and 17th September 2pm (every 3rd Thursday). Short Service

Village Cafe Saturday 1st August (every 1st Saturday) in the village hall. 10 - 12

N.B. No village café in September.

Culworth Ladies ; Walk : Wednesday 5th August
Take-Away at Phillida's: Wednesday 2nd September

Other Events

Churchyard working party Monday 27th July from 5.30

Culworth Film Night Friday 7th August *The Theory of Everything*

Plant and Produce Show Sunday 13th September
Culworth Film Night Friday 18th September *Far from the Madding Crowd*

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 August 7th, 21st, September 4th, 18th, October 2nd

Black bin and food caddies: July 31st, August 14th, 28th, September 11th, 25th. All bins and boxes should be put out by 7am on the collection day.

Culworth Film Show

The Theory of Everything (CERT 12A)

In the 1960's Cambridge university student and future physicist, Stephen Hawking (Eddie

Redmayne) falls in love with Jane Wilde (Felicity Jones). CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST DOORS OPEN 7PM

TICKETS £9.00 (FILM & SUPPER) £5.00 (FILM ONLY) TO BOOK CALL JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE 760855 BYO LIQUID REFRESHMENT & GLASS

Cricket players required!!!

As you may have noticed the junior cricket club has been enjoying the lovely Hill field throughout the season. As there is no fete this year I think it would be a nice to hold some sort of social event. I would like to make use of this facility and hold a cricket match there for villagers on Sunday 13th September (the same day as the produce show). This is to be a fun event in which I would like to involve adults and older children. PLEASE, PLEASE let me know if you would like to take part as it can't happen without you!

Sarah Powell-

[sarahandpowell@hotmail.com/](mailto:sarahandpowell@hotmail.com) 01295 768059

Culworth Calendar 2016

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

Culworth Ladies Get Together

Culworth Ladies- is a newly formed group for any lady to meet and socialise with others from the village. We are meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. In July we had a BBQ at Thorpe View which was really well attended and just happened to be the day the temperature reached 32C so we had a lovely evening.

The next two get-togethers are:

5th August,; a walk to either Sulgrave or Thorpe Mandeville. Mary Grice is organising this so if you want to come along please let her know.

2nd September; the delayed take away night at Philida's. Please let her know if you're planning on going.

It would be really nice to see some different faces so if you're tempted please contact me (Sarah Powell) and I will keep you informed of what we are up to! sarahandpowell@hotmail.com

Village Café

Village Hall

First Saturday of every month.

Saturday August 1st Darrell's quiches with coffee.

August; plants and produce table
10 till 12

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

N.B. **NO** village café in September.

Congratulations!

Noah Stone

Noah is the middle of the Stone brothers.

Many of you will remember them performing in the village hall in the New Year concerts



Martin organised. They have now grown up! The oldest, Jacob, a brilliant keyboard player, is reading medicine at Southampton University and now it's Noah's turn to move on.

Having just finished two years on the prestigious Royal Academy of Music Junior Jazz Course, playing at venues such as Ronnie Scott's and Pizza Express Soho, whilst studying for A levels, Noah has gained a scholarship and unconditional offer to study for a BMus(Hons) at Birmingham Conservatoire, specialising in Jazz. He is very much looking forward to starting at the Conservatoire this September where he can indulge in his passion daily!

Noah has also for a second year running achieved a place with the National Youth Jazz Collective (NYJC). Candidates are chosen after a 13 day audition tour the length and breadth of the country, to select the best 20/30 young jazz musicians in England. He will be working with NYJC and attend their summer school at Uppingham School in August, where he will have the opportunity to work with some of the best British and International jazz musicians.

Noah Stone and his band (a group of top notch musicians!) are available to hire for any function/fundraiser/party if you would like to get in touch!

(Mob: 07789605173)

SPLAT is for 5-19 year olds in South Northants run by SNC from Monday 27th July -28 August.

Sports Play Leisure and Arts

www.southnorthants.gov.uk/SPLAT

Unfortunately there are no activities in Culworth this year BUT there are at;

Middleton Cheney Playing Fields 10.30-12.30

30th July and 13th August

Helmdon 31st July and 14th August

Chipping Warden 1.30-3.30pm 3rd August
and 17th August

Booklets also available at Middleton Cheney
Library.

Many other wonderful activities. Do go along after
checking the website.

Culworth Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Club Newsletter



Since our last article, Culworth Junior Cricket has been steadily growing. We now have over 45 members and we have new members in all age groups – Kwik Cricket (under 9s), Under 11s and under 15s.

The under 15s have hit a vein of good form over the last five weeks and look to possibly win their league. The under 11s have played very well, but seem to be losing on the last over by a margin of less than five runs. We took a team to a Kwik Cricket tournament at Byfield recently and the team performed well, but failed to win.

The Tuesday night practice sessions have now finished for the season, but we ended on a high with over 70 parents and children joining in a large game of diamond cricket followed by drinks and cakes.

I would just like to finish off this article by saying a big thank you to the team of parents and helpers who helped on Tuesday nights, assisted on match days and nights. Also a big thank you to the volunteers who helped keep the ground in good order, especially Dave Lewitt for mowing the outfield, Andrew Barnes for rolling the wicket and Vernon Phipps and Clinton King for maintaining the tractor and mowers.

Jim Powell

Message from the organisers of the Two Nuns Cricket Match 13th June 2015

Once again, thanks for having us at lovely Culworth. We all had a wonderful, if moist, day, despite the inclemency of the weather. The rain was kind to us and there was never a time when it was so bad that we couldn't play, and even a few periods when it was actually dry! (clutching at straws a little!). One of our chaps said that he was "opening the bowling from the shallow end!!" Already looking forward to next year and will let you know as soon as we have a date.

NB This team from all over the world- Australia, Middle East and so on, have been coming to Culworth for 19 years and just love it. There were 28 players thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Thank You

The village hall committee would like to thank the following people for giving up their time to help Ian paint the outside of the hall and help keeping it looking good.

Alex
Sarah Powell
Phillida Walker
Charlie & Daryll Timmins
June Oxley
Julie Tinn
Martin Rowling

Speeding through the village... any ideas?.....Answers on a Postcard Please

Once again, the issue of speeding has been raised by a resident. Cars continue to treat the road through Culworth as a race track, and at some point, someone, a child, an adult, a granny, is going to get hurt. To get one of those lovely flashing signs would apparently cost around £10,000 to install, money which the Parish Council really doesn't have. The Road Safety Officer has suggested that education is the key, but we all know that no one from Culworth ever speeds through the village, and that it is people from elsewhere. So, it is our village, and we collectively need to fix the problem. Speedwatch is the other option, but we need ten volunteers, and I understand that a previous attempt to get this going was unsuccessful. If anyone has any good

ideas for ways to slow down the traffic that are legal and inexpensive, I would love to hear them. michelle.koster@btinternet.com

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Councillors present:

S. Rolt, M. Koster, C. Lamb, D. Mumford, B. Leadbeater, M. Rowling and the Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling.

Apologies for absence Cllr Guinness on holiday.

Members of Public present: Moreton Pinkney resident re update on HS2.

Nick King South Northants Volunteer Bureau.- Village Networks, a three year lottery funded project, apolitical and is a separate registered charity is an attempt to provide expert advice on topics such as debt, benefit claims, social concerns to the rural isolated communities. To promote his services he can hire the Village Hall or use the specially set up mobile vehicle. He brings along experts on debt/welfare benefits. Job seeking advice, computer training for the elderly, volunteer opportunities and more.

Residents would know of this opportunity to address their issues in private by leaflets delivered to the homes which Cllr Koster thought her son could deliver with the Villager or failing that with the newsletter delivery staff. The use of Village website, email contact list and through school increases the uptake. He would plan to visit in October /November. He also has a 16 seater community minibus, with driver, for hire to non-profit making organisations. There is a charge. The Chairman, after Mr King had responded to questions, thanked him for his attendance. He will confirm dates of attendance and times with the Clerk.

Items of interest;

Highways. Area opposite Mumfords and the Red Lion entrance have been repaired and reinstated satisfactorily.

The Green Bus Shelter repair carried out by Steve Smith was paid for by member of public.

Giant Hog weed at Eydon turn treated by NCC Highways. Drain at Eydon turn now clear. Overgrown bank opposite Bridge Cottages reported to Street Doctor as hazard for motorists. Solution awaited.

Burial Ground. Stability of headstones confirmed as satisfactory by Cllr Mumford on 20th May.

Recreation Field management. Cllr Rolt has asked the farmer to remove his sheep. Field could be used as exercise area for dogs but requires dog excreta to be picked up. Parents had requested new goal posts. Came and Co insurance brokers had no issue with galvanised posts as football posts. Proposed by Cllr Lamb and seconded Councillor Rowling that Parish Council accept verbal quotation from Cherwell Ironworks of £500. Help from parents will be required for fixing the goal posts hopefully during the school holidays.

Berry Hill Close Cllr Mumford reported on site meeting with Mrs Lawrence head teacher Culworth School, Ian Shanks NCC and the Clerk to confirm the area of land for use by the school in their 125 year lease from NCC using the Land registry map. Mr Shanks marked the boundaries with small markers prior to the school contractor mowing the whole of the school area. NCC will grant an easement over the school area for PC access to the remainder. Fencing along the school footpath and adjacent the allotments to the end of the school is to be the responsibility of the School. Field gate repairs to be shared with school.

Street lighting ; No further discussion until Cllr Guinness is present. Advice from NALC indicates that present supplier EON charges compare well with other suppliers.

School matters Cllr Guinness will speak to Head teacher after the school holidays.

Artificial External Defibrillator Cllr Koster registered her interest and also that possibly of the School. To await contact from the School.

Cricket Field. The success of children's coaching sessions was noted. Teams have played in S.N.

Cricket League. The Cricket Club raised the need to consider the future of the Pavilion which is in a poor state. The Parish Council agreed in principle to support them.

Speeding through village A resident, supported by Cllr Koster considered speeding through the village a problem. Cllr Koster and the Clerk met with Matthew Clarke Road Safety Team NCC member. Education of need to observe 30mph signs, use of temporary signs for two week period. Vehicle Activated signs would need to be bought by the Parish Council with an average cost of £10000 which includes all the legal documentation.

Report from Clerks Forum SNC 3rd July. South Northants Council Settlements and Development Policies Local Plan. Clerk to provide Councillors with practical size copy of present development boundaries.

To consider Safeguarding policy. South Northants Council is asking Parish Councils to consider having a safeguarding officer to protect vulnerable persons in the village.

REPORTS

HS2 Cllr Rolt reported that the village request for sound barriers on Culworth side had been rejected by HS2.

Village Hall Cllr Koster stated meeting on Thursday 23rd July

RECEIPTS

24/6 HMRC VAT refund for 2014-5 £317.37

4/7 Western Power Distribution Wayleave for substation and cable £5.10.

18/4 Hire of Cricket Field for wedding parking payment awaited.

PAYMENTS prior to meeting

25/6 HMRC 1st payment £239.20 (000616) DM/BL

JEMumford Mowing Burial Ground Apr/May £118(000617)DM/BL

Prysebros Weed control £315 +VAT £63=£378 (000618)DM/BL

G. Taylor Mowing Village Green May £140 (000619)DM/BL

Susan Sanderson Website May/June £25.98+£5.20=£31.18 (000620) DM/BL

14/7/2015 Mrs JM Rowling Salary Apr – June £957.75, Broadband £37.50Use of house as office £100 , Expenses.£41.57 =£1136.62 (000821) DM/BL 1st cheque in new book
EON Street lighting supply Apr- Jun revision account awaited. Increased charge expected
BDO Annual Audit £100 + £20
VAT=£120(000823)BL/DM
JE Mumford Mowing Burial Ground. June £59(000824) DM/BL
G. Taylor Mowing Village Green June £140(000825) DM/BL
Susan Sanderson Website July £12.99+VAT £2.60=£15.59(000826) BL/DM
Current Account £10190.88
Deposit Account £18738.78

PLANNING

Applications. None received

Approval by SNC

Erection of new porch to front elevation Culworth Hall

Front porch, rear glass sunroom, alterations to existing rear conservatory 3 Butts Close.

SPLAT- SNC Child centred summer activities- displayed on Noticeboard and email list

Next meeting Tuesday 8th September 7.30pm in Village Hall unless planning applications

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Planning meeting

A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday August 4th at 7.30pm to make comments on the following applications from South Northants Council. Members of public and press are welcome to attend.

Applications

S/2015/1015/FUL 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.

Application withdrawn

New Applications

- 1) Proposal Replacement of existing outbuilding with single-storey annex Location Herb Cottage High Street Culworth
- 2) Land north of Banbury Lane Culworth (in Sulgrave Parish) replacement agricultural barns and loose boxes
- 3) Barn east of Banbury Lane Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class Q of

Part 3 of the above Order) for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) in respect of: the transport and highways impacts of the development; noise impacts of the development, contamination risks on the site; flooding risks on the site; whether the siting and location of the buildings makes it impractical or undesirable to change the use; and the design and external appearance of the building.

HS2 update

Following the petitioning process conducted by the Parish Council, HS2 Ltd were directed by the Parliamentary Select Committee to investigate what measures could be taken to reduce noise intrusion for the dwellings just to the east of the line between Lower Thorpe and Culworth. HS2's investigations came to the conclusion that any such insulation measures were not good value for money and advised the Select Committee accordingly.

The Select Committee considered this advice, rejected it and directed HS2 Ltd to provide sound mitigation as follows:

A 2m (above rail level) absorptive noise barrier from the north end of the viaduct as far a Ch105 +900(a distance of 500m) . The viaduct barrier would remain at 1.4m above rail level as per Environmental Statement but would have noise absorbent treatment to the inner face .

Stuart Rolt Chair of Parish Council, thanks everyone who helped so much with the petitioning process and on the day the Select Committee visited the area. All that hard work has proved worthwhile.



CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting

Thursday 23rd July 1915 at 7pm

Those Present; June Oxley(Secretary) Margaret Watts, Joan Gottowik, Julie Tinn(Chair) Sarah Powell, Ruth Gross, Martin Rowling and Ian Simonsen (Treasurer). Apologies; Michelle Koster.

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising: None
2. Chairmans Report: The last film, The Imitation Game, made a profit of £142.62 and was well attended. Many

thanks to the people who provided the food.

The next film will be The Theory of Everything on Friday 7th August and Far From the Madding Crowd has been booked for Friday 18th Sept.

3. Treasurers Report; The Accounts show funds in hand to be £13064.92 and there are no outstanding Invoices. The booking revenue was £991.00 of which £688.00 came from Pilates and the last two films made a profit of £289.64.

4. Buildings and Renewals: The cost of the materials for decorating the outside of the hall came to £106.38 and has now been completed thanks to help from the following: Alex (the Spanish student staying with Juliette McKenzie) Phillida Walker, Sarah Powell, Martin Rowling, June Oxley, Julie Tinn, Charlie Timmins and the outside catering by Daryl Timmins. Apologies if anyone was missed.

There was a window broken during a recent party but the hirers paid £25 towards the repairs which have been carried out along with the replacement of a further four cracked and damaged windows plus re-puttying of others. The glaziers cost was £120 and the windows were cleaned professionally at a further cost of £40. The electrical inspection has been done at a cost of £180 and this now allows for the Building Control to be signed off. The electrical inspection showed some minor works required including a new RCD unit and a defective light fitting in the store room. Matt Mumford has been asked to carry out this work.

The flush on the disabled toilet does not work properly, Paul Davies has done a temporary repair and is waiting for Tim Scott to return from holiday to purchase a spare part from the manufacturers.

5. Memorial Clock; the Memorial clock has been bought and Ken Webster has kindly offered to make a cabinet from black walnut and will only charge for the materials used. The committee were shown the drawing for the cabinet and also asked to select from various text and fonts. It was decided to insert the inscription onto a plaque of wood to be sited under the clock. The chosen font style and size was Copperplate 28 point and the wording "Marianne and Brian Harris, Always Ready To Help, Remembered With Gratitude and Affection, 2014. A vote of thanks was given to JG and MW for their research and commitment to this task.

6. AOB: IS reported that the recent decorations to the outside of the hall had revealed the fact that structural repairs would need to be undertaken which resulted in lengthy discussion regarding the future of the hall.

The forms for the Flower and Produce on 13th Sept would be included in the next Culworth Newsletter.

The next meeting was booked for Tuesday 15th Sept 2015 at 7pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Culworth Calendar 2016

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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.

Culworth School



School leavers had their barbeque on the Cricket Field on Monday 20th July.

glorious sunshine, the children and parents celebrated their time Culworth School.



In

at

The Culworth Gang

Day Trip to Tewkesbury

Wednesday 5th August £15 each

Organised by the Culworth Gang

Leaving Culworth at 8.45am.

Returning from Tewkesbury at 4.30pm

This is a lovely town with so much to see and do

Walk by the river and, or a boat trip

Cafes and Shops, The Abbey and Old Baptist

Chapel, Museums and Alleyways

Look at their website

www.visittewkesbury.info

Call Judith Robbins on

01327 860160 or 07799 846313

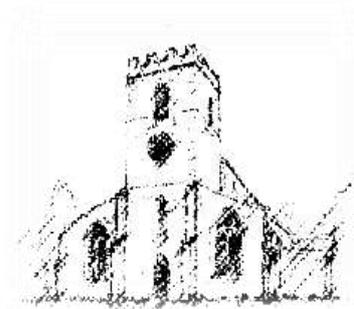
The Culworth Gang meet once a fortnight on a Wednesday afternoon from the beginning of March to the beginning of December.

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



News from St Mary's Services for August and September

August

Sunday 2nd 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Sulgrave

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 9th 11.00 am Family Service

Sunday 16th 10 am Matins

Wednesday 19th 10am Benefice Holy Communion (Culworth)

Sunday 23rd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 30th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville

September

Sunday 6th 10 am Benefice Holy Communion
Moreton Pinkney

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 13th 11 am. Family Service

Wednesday 16th 10am Benefice Holy
Communion Sulgrave

Sunday 20th 10am. Matins

Sunday 27th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Wanted

Has anyone any small children's chairs and a table they no longer need? We are developing a small children's area in the church. We already have a few toys and books but need a small table and chairs where bored(!) children can be occupied during services and weddings with colouring pencils etc.

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 20th August and 17th September

Culworth Churchyard

Thank you to everyone who helped with the first working party of the year. We need another one when the grass can be strimmed and collected. This was delayed because of the mass of wild flowers and grasses growing in June. The next working party will hopefully be on Monday 27th July.

Culworth's Church Wardens' Records

A few weeks ago a chap called Bill Franklin was wandering around the church and taking a few pictures. I discovered he was taking pictures to go with an article he has written about Church Warden records in the Tudor times. Apparently only 3 churches in Northamptonshire have church warden records dating

back to the Tudors and Culworth's are the most complete. This is a rare piece of good fortune since as a rule parish accounts, once they were settled, tended to be destroyed. They are now kept in the County Record Office.

Bill has spent some years pouring over them. He showed me some photos on his laptop and to me they were indecipherable but he said after a while you find it easier to work out the words. He has written an article due to be published next month for Northamptonshire Record Society's magazine called Northampton Past and Present about the records during the Tudor times. So hopefully we can get a copy to find out more.

The principal revenue of the parish was from the parish ales! These were parish events, gatherings with food, drink, music and dancing, especially May games, Plough Monday and a hobby horse night.... they danced in most years (this was between 1531 and 1547) with painted clothes, on the evening of New Year's Day. They were usually held in the churchyard or in a building known as the churchhouse nearby. Villagers were encouraged to drink as much as they could to boost the parish funds!.

The church produced its own ale with barley which was grown on land between the large open fields Other sources of revenue included the sale and hire of parish stock, the proceeds and sale of wool and hides, rent of the church lands, hire of the parish grindstone and collections made by the 'young men' at the time of the games and dances which took place around the village cross.

The churchwardens' accounts provide us with an overview of the roller coaster of changes that took place in the parishes at the time of the English Reformation and I hope to include more information in the next newsletter.

Jenny

Beware of the Giant Hogweed!

You may have seen the sign at the bottom of the hill near the Eydon



turning. That might sound like something from Harry Potter and his Herbology lessons, but it's a very real warning. The pesky plant has been causing trouble over the last few weeks, with reports of children being severely burnt and blistered by its menacing touch.

Giant hogweed, or *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, to give it its full name, is part of the carrot family.

Also a close relative of cow parsley, it can easily be mistaken for common hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*), with its white flowers and thick stems. Giant Hogweed is a hairy biennial, and can grow to five metres tall. Its dark green toothy leaves go with the white flowers, which are produced in large umbrella-like clusters. To top it off, each plant can produce approximately 50,000 seeds.

Why it has suddenly appeared in Culworth is a mystery. The seeds can survive in the ground for 7 years until conditions are right for germination.

The giant hogweed was first brought to Britain from Central Asia at the end of the 19th century as an ornamental plant, but has since escaped domestication. Now, it is mostly found growing alongside footpaths and riverbanks, but can also be spotted in parks and cemeteries. It is considered to be an **'invasive' plant**. These are non-native species that can cause harm to the environment or to human health. In this case, if the sap comes into contact with the skin, it can cause severe burns, and make your skin more sensitive to strong sunlight.

Toxic components can be found in the leaves, stems, roots, flowers and seeds, which makes it all in all something to avoid. The toxicity can be transferred to the skin by touch - a brush with it can be enough. If you have a bad reaction to it, significant blistering can occur within 48 hours and often these heal very slowly, making it an extremely painful process.

From there, they can develop into phytophotodermatitis, also known as Lime Disease (not to be confused with Lyme Disease), which makes skin hypersensitive to ultraviolet light. If the sap comes into contact with the eye, you can be at risk of blindness.

If your skin comes in contact with it wash the affected area well with soap and cold water as soon as possible, and cover it up. Keep the area away from sunlight for 48 hours, but see a medical professional if you have a reaction to it.

Five children in the Greater Manchester area were badly burned by hogweed earlier this month. One girl was left with a permanent scar after her arm touched a hogweed plant during a walk in Clifton Country Park in Salford, while four teenage boys have suffered chemical burns after coming into contact with hogweed in Moses Gate Country Park in Bolton.

If you're not an expert, it's best to avoid it entirely, but if you find yourself in charge of removing some giant hogweed, don't touch the plant with your bare skin.

Instead, use long waterproof gloves and cover up around it, wearing eye protection in case the sap splatters out. Avoid working with the plants while the sun is bright. After sunset is an ideal time when trying to control the plant.

Fortunately S.N.C.C. has dealt with it, killing the parent plant and small plants that were growing along the side of the road.

Footpaths

New Footpath Warden

For my sins, I thought it would be a good idea to stand for Parish Council, and would you believe, I was successful. I have now also been volunteered as the Footpath Warden for Culworth, a job I got as I walk the lovely Angus round the paths of Culworth every day. We have been in the village for 20 years now, and I have to say that the path network was an attraction when we



moved. Sadly, some of our favourite routes have been closed off over the years as different landowners move in and rescind the tacit permission we once had to walk lanes etc. However, there are still lots of good paths out of the village, and I am now responsible for making sure that they are in good order. So, if you notice that a path is becoming very overgrown, or inaccessible for some other reason, please let me know

(michelle.koster@btinternet.com). I also have a definitive map of the footpaths of the village, if anyone wants to consult it (please email first). For anyone who wants to explore with a group, Jenny Howse runs a guided footpath walk on the first Tuesday of every month (dogs welcome if they are able to cope with stiles). Do get out and explore the countryside around us.

Michelle Koster

Quote from The Ramblers Association;

'Britain's network of paths is one of our biggest assets, and the envy of walkers around the world. These paths, our rights of way, are used by thousands of people every day, from the useful little cut-through that saves you time on your walk to work, to the mighty South

West Coast Path which attracts millions of tourists from Britain and all over the world.'

Footpaths are open only to walkers; bridleways are open to walkers, horse riders and pedal cyclists. There are 117,000 miles of rights of way in England. All rights of way are shown on legal "definitive maps and statements" which are looked after by the relevant council. The highway authority (county council or unitary authority) has a duty to look after rights of way and to ensure that they are well maintained, unobstructed and well signposted.

There is concern that many of our footpaths are now becoming so overgrown that they have become impassable and will soon be lost. Certainly if, like our local post offices, they are not used, they will be lost.

However the landowner does have a duty to maintain them. There are many rules and regulations about their duties regarding footpaths and bridleways but here are some of the more relevant ones;

"If you need to cultivate a cross-field footpath or bridleway, you must make sure that the path:

1) remains apparent on the ground, to at least the minimum width, and not obstructed by crops



2) is made good to at least the minimum width, so that it is reasonably convenient

This footpath is no more than 50cms. Should be a minimum of 1 metre.

to use, within 14 days of first being cultivated for that crop, or within 24 hours of any subsequent cultivation (unless a longer period has been agreed in advance in writing by the highway authority)

Minimum width of PROW

Unless stated in the definitive statement held by the local authority, the minimum width you need to keep clear by law is as follows:

1.5 metres for a field edge footpath, or 1 metre for any other footpath

3 metres for a field edge bridleway, or 2 metres for any other bridleway

3 metres for any other type of PROW across your land

Where a stile or gate on a PROW is your responsibility, you must maintain it so it is safe and reasonably easy to use."

If you experience a problem with a PROW you need to contact the rights of way section of the [highway authority](#) through whose area the route passes, in the case of South Northants using their Street Doctor

service, either on line or ring 0300 126 1000 or our footpath warden, Michelle (see above for email address.)

The Ramblers charity is launching what it calls the "biggest-ever footpath survey" to examine the state of the path network in England and Wales.

It is asking people to use a mobile phone app to record problems found on rights of way, such as blockages or fallen trees, and send them in.

The Big Pathwatch will then allow the Ramblers to protect the path network.

The survey closes at the end of the year with findings to be released in spring 2016.

The simple act of walking paths helps keep them open – regularly walked paths are less likely to become overgrown and fall into bad condition.

Dogs and footpaths

There is no law which says that a dog must be kept on a lead when using a public right of way, but local authorities can make orders under section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to make it a requirement on specific paths. Like its owner, a dog should remain on the line of the path – an act of **trespass** may be committed against the landowner if it wanders away from the official route.

Walkers with dogs should take particular care when crossing fields where animals are being grazed. Section 1 of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 makes it an offence for a dog to be at large, 'that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control', in a field or enclosure containing sheep.

It's also an offence for dogs to attack or chase livestock and farmers are allowed to shoot dogs that are worrying, or are about to worry, farm animals. This is set out in section 9 of the Animals Act 1971, which also states that the farmer isn't liable to compensate the dog's owner in such circumstances.

Despite the fact that a dog is a 'natural accompaniment' to users of rights of way, the law doesn't require stiles to be 'dog friendly' as it's the dog's keeper who has the right of passage, not the dog. They are footpaths not paw paths.

Any comments about this sign noticed half way down the High Street?



Does this make the rest of the village indecent?

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.

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 60th 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 12th**

More information in the church.

Eliot, a young Frenchman, 22, engineering student, here for the summer, would like to offer his services in the afternoon/at weekends to help people with gardening, painting, dog walking, French lessons, odd jobs, etc. Reasonable rates. He is staying at Ivy Cottage and can be reached via Juliet on 01295-768131.

Recipe of the Season

Do you only use your microwave for heating up meals? Here are some other suggestions;

- 1) Soften sliced onions in tiny amount of oil, instead of frying, before adding to casseroles.
- 2) Warming a lemon or orange in the



microwave will produce more juice.

- 3) Cook beetroot in microwave – really quick and easy.
- 4) Bacon(!) Cover with paper towel (absorbs the fat) and cook for 2 or 3 minutes.
- 5) Dry herbs and flowers. Once again between paper towels to absorb moisture

Quick and easy microwave brownies;

- 150g butter
- 65g cocoa powder
- 200g sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1teasp vanilla
- 100g plain flour

Melt butter. Add sugar, cocoa and vanilla. Mix well. Whip eggs and add. Add flour and mix well.

Spoon mixture into Microwave dish. Cook on high for 4 to 5 minutes, depending on the power of your microwave. The less time the gooier the brownies. Rest for at least 10 minutes before cutting.

You can stir in chocolate chips and/or chopped nuts. They get the thumbs up from my chocolate loving grandchildren.

Great with some fresh raspberries.

Food 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.

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

First Job club at The Forum

People trying to get back into work will have access to more services after the Towcester Job Club moved to The Forum.

Since 2011 the Towcester and Brackley Job Clubs run by South Northamptonshire Council have helped 266 people back into work.

The Job Club takes place every Tuesday, alternating between Brackley Town Hall, and up until this week, Towcester Town Hall.

On Tuesday, 7 July, Stephen Clarke SNC's portfolio holder for economic development, regeneration and housing led a cake cutting ceremony to mark the first Job Club at The Forum in Moat Lane.

Cllr Clarke said: "The town hall has served us well, but job searches are being conducted online now and The Forum provides the wifi access to take full advantage of that fact.

"Also with the Library on hand, the CAB here every Tuesday, and other rooms available it gives us the

capacity to expand the services we and our Job Club partners can offer people.”

The Job Club offers free, confidential advice and support on a wide range of topics to help people find their way back into work, training or education.

The Council’s acclaimed SNC Job Match service, held at the same time, provides access to a tailored service for members and local companies, with a free and confidential service that can assist businesses in finding suitable people with the skills and experience required. Regular Job Club partners include Job Centre Plus, Connexions, Tony Peace Business Partner (CV and covering letter specialist), Service and South Northants Volunteer Bureau.

The next SNC Job Club takes place at Brackley Town Hall on Tuesday, 14 July between 11.30am and 1.30pm SNC Money Advice.

For further information on SNC’s Job Clubs visit www.southnorthants.gov.uk/jobclub, or email jobclub@southnorthants.gov.uk or call 01327 322087.

SNC tops collection rate tables

South Northamptonshire is at the top of the tables following the publication of the Council Tax rates for authorities across the country.

In the latest figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) is shown to have collected 99.13 per cent of its Council Tax demand. Just six other councils out of 326 do better. Councillor Peter Rawlinson, SNC’s portfolio holder for finance and procurement said: “South Northamptonshire is a great place to live and a good collection rate helps protect frontline services as well as helping us freeze the SNC portion of the Council Tax demand for five years running .

“And a firm but fair collection policy, utilising all available recovery methods, ensures those that don’t pay are not a burden on those that do.

Across the whole of England, local authorities achieved a national average in-year collection rate for council tax of 97 per cent in 2014-2015.

£130,000 boost for community projects

The positive impacts of housing expansion are beginning to build after South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) approved £130,821 worth of grants for community projects.

On Monday, 6 July the SNC Grants Panel gave the go ahead to 24 grant applications, ranging in size from £947 for street lighting in Stoke Bruerne, to £19,980 for

an extension and refurbishment of the community lounge at the Towcestrians Sports Club.

The vast majority (just over £105,000) is funded by the New Homes Bonus (NHB), a grant paid to local authorities by central government for every new home built in their area.

SNC has awarded £932,429 NHB Community Grants since adopting the scheme in the summer of 2013.

Councillor Peter Rawlinson, SNC’s portfolio holder for finance and procurement said: “South Northants, like areas up and down the country, is gaining benefit from the housing expansion.

“By taking advantage of the NHB and distributing the money to the community we can maximise the benefits of housing growth and ensure our communities are better places to live and are more sustainable.”

SNC Community Grants are available to organisations located in the district or associated with the district. A wide range of projects and activities may be eligible for help, including capital projects (buildings and infrastructure), as well as smaller projects such as supporting the purchase of much needed equipment or the delivery of local schemes.

Other major grants approved during the July meeting include: £19,000 for the Brackley Youth Hub, £12,000 for play equipment in Deanshanger, £15,187 for improvements to Greens Norton Village Hall and the installation of a hearing loop and £6,942 for street lighting in Yardley Gobion.

A range of smaller grants of £1,000 and below were also approved, many for community events and in support of art and entertainment in the district. They include: The Greens Norton Community Choir - £200, Tiffield Midsummer Festival - £995, Towcester Midsummer Music Festival - £300, Grange Park summer event - £1,000, Blisworth Canal Festival - £600, Centre Screen Rural Cinema - £995, Middleton Cheney Summer Ball – £1,000, Pattishall Summer Swimming - £900, Castle Ashby wooden benches - £1,000, Towcestrians Cardio Tennis - £908, and £600 to three talented performers from the district.

Applications for the next round of grants for more than £1,000 should be submitted before the end of August. SNC can offer grants for a range of purposes, including training grants and event funding.

For more information on what type of grants are available from SNC and how to apply for them visit the SNC Community Grants page website

(www.southnorthants.gov.uk) or contact the SNC Grants Officer Katie Arnold on 01327 322216 or viagrants@southnorthants.gov.uk.

To browse the projects that have already received grants, visit <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/2652.htm>, which includes an interactive map detailing previous grants.

Village Networks' experts: coming to Culworth soon!

Wednesdays 18th November and 9th December at 11.00-12.00 in Queens Street

Experts are on board a unique outreach vehicle to help you with money matters (welfare benefits, debt, pensions, Universal Credit); finding cheaper deals for gas & electricity (bring your utility statement along); basic computer lessons; volunteering, and job-seeking support.

Do drop in and do please pass the word to any others in the village who you feel may gain from this unique project and its free and independent advice.

Village Networks is managed by the South Northants Volunteer Bureau and funded by The Big Lottery. For more information contact Nick King at **snvb on 01327 358264** or email villagenetworks@snvb.org.uk

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

The NAB Unit (Northamptonshire Association for the Blind) will be located at the Piazza outside Brackley Town Hall on 5th August (Wednesday) and 2nd September (Wednesday) between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and information.

Helpline: 01604 719193

Email: helpline@nab.org.uk

www.nab.org.uk

Free to deserving homes or causes:

HP C5280 Printer/Scanner/Copier - works perfectly, needs ink cartridges. Note - USB not wireless.

Doro triple handset DECT answerphone system.

Needs 6 x rechargeable AAA batteries.

19 inch Hanns-G colour VGA monitor. Works perfectly. VGA no HDMI.

Will go in the skip if nobody wants them!

Contact Andy Barnes by email on walnut6@btinternet.com

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

Welcome to the August 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 October edition is Wednesday 23rd September. Suggestions for the Newsletter can be put in a box in the Church porch.

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come along and meet your neighbours

SPLAT link;

For more information download the SPLAT
brochure from SNC’s website -

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/SPLAT.htm> or

follow the SNC Leisure Facebook page -

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Culworth Film Nights

Friday 7th August

The Theory of Everything

Friday 18th September

Far From the Madding Crowd

Neal’s Yard Organic Beauty Products.

Saturday October 17th.

Come along and enjoy coffee with cakes at
Culworth Village Hall 10-12pm. Entry £2.50.
There will be demonstrations and a chance to
try, test and smell all the products as well as
order from the whole range with Xmas gift
ideas.

This is a charity event with a chance to spoil
yourself.

Diana Cliff