

Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for
October –November 2015

Regular events:

Village Walks Tuesday 6th October and 3rd November at 10.00am on The Green (every 1st Tuesday of the month).

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall on 13th October and 10th November 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 07799 846313 for more information.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th November

Village Hall Annual Meeting Tuesday 27th October 7.30

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

Culworth House 15th October and 19th November 2pm (every 3rd Thursday). Short Service.

Village Cafe Saturday 3rd October and 7th November (every 1st Saturday) in the village hall. 10 - 12

Culworth Ladies ; 1st Wednesday of the month (7th October, 4th November)

Other Events

OCTOBER

Saturday, 3rd – Forge2 exhibition launches Fine Artist Demonstration and Shop & Scoff - All Day

Sunday 11th 6pm Harvest Festival and Supper.

Saturday 24th 10 – 12 Village Hall Charity Event

Friday 30th Culworth Film Night in the Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Thursday 5th Culworth Fireworks

Saturday, 14th - Automata Demonstration and Shop & Scoff - All Day Forge2

Wednesday 18th 11-12 Village Networks

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 : October 2nd, 16th, 30th, November 13th, 27th

Black bin and food caddies: October 9th, 23rd, November 6th, 20th . All bins and boxes should be put out by 7am on the collection day.

Culworth Fireworks

5th November in aid of Culworth Academy on Hill Field. Look out for posters nearer the time with full details. Or check school website www.culworthschool.org.

Allotments

Has Monty Don inspired you to grow your own food? Is your garden not big enough for all those Brussel sprouts your children love? Now is the time to do something about it. There are several allotments available behind the church. Some need more work than others before they will become really productive but now is the time to get started. Digging is a really good way to keep fit and there is nothing like the taste of a freshly dug spud or sweetcorn that was growing only a few minutes before it was cooked. In the past, everyone in the village grew their own vegetables. They had to. It would be great to see more people getting out onto the land and following in their grandparents' muddy boots. If you are interested in a challenge, allotments cost £15 a year.

Contact Suzy (suzannecubitt@icloud.com)



Culworth Ladies Get Together

The Ladies' group in the village is doing well. August was a planned walk but unfortunately the gods put a stop to it as the weather was awful. September saw a takeaway night at Phillida's and this was a great evening- Thanks Phillida. October is to be trip to see a comedy at The Dergate, November will probably be a trip to the cinema and December is to be an Xmas wreath-making workshop. Fancy coming along? Generally we have a get together on the first Wednesday of the month. All are welcome but please email Sarah Powell (sarahandpowell@hotmail.com) if you want to be included in the group emails. We look forward to seeing you!

Ringing for the Queen

This is part of a letter sent to David Laing the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire by Geoffrey Stretton, treasurer of Culworth Guild of Bellringers.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the church bells in the villages of Chipping Warden, Culworth, Eydon and Woodford Halse were rung out in celebration of the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch on Wednesday evening 9th September.

The rings were performed by the following combined band of bell ringers, namely Anne Berrington, Tony Nash, Jenny Howse, Martin Rowling, Barrie Griffin, Gary Denby, Alan Watson, Viv Baldwin, Derek Thornton and myself.

And the reply..

The Lord-Lieutenant is delighted to hear of your efforts and has asked me to thank everyone in the band of bell ringers for their dedication in recognising Her Majesty's achievement on 9th September 2015.

Rupert and Rachel's Wedding



Martin and Jose Rowling thank the many people, especially Jenny Howse, within the village for making Rupert and Rachel's 5th September wedding so very special. Guests arrived at the beautifully decorated church to hear Peter Nardone, from Worcester Cathedral, playing Bach preludes and fugues interspersed with 'Get me to the church on time, Molly Malone and more. Rachel and the bridal party arrived at the Church, courtesy of Edward and Nancy Guinness, via The Old Rectory. As they entered the church for the service taken by Rev Brian Fairbank, the Fiori Musicali Choir and others, led by Dr Penelope Rapson, and with Martin singing, sang Parry's glorious anthem 'I was glad when they said unto me'. During the signing of the Register, the choir sang Mozart's Ave Verum and Moore's Irish Blessing. The bride and groom left to Handel's Entry of the Queen of Sheba, the bells ringing rounds through a cricket bat guard of honour. After drinks and vegetarian canapes on The Old Rectory Lawn, guests enjoyed a vegetarian dinner in a marquee on the Cricket Field, followed by a great ceilidh from Larkrise Ranters. The best man, Jonathan Howse, kept the whole day running smoothly and Rupert's parents in order too. Renewed thanks to all the helpers- it was a spectacular day.

Jose

Culworth Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Club Newsletter



The season has now finished, although it petered out before the end as August was a bit of a wash out.

The Under 15s did very well and won their main league. The Under 15s Super Eights competition which runs through August had only one match completed.

The Under 11s team's last two matches were very close and exciting, but unfortunately we lost out in both matches on the last ball. A note has been made to make sure we coach how to close out a match!

We are holding the Annual Awards presentation on Friday 16th October in the Village Hall. It has been a successful season and it will be nice to reward the hard work and improvements made by the children.

We are hoping that some of the children will take part in winter coaching at the Indoor nets at Beachborough School.

Roll on 2016!

Jim Powell

Village Café

Village Hall

First Saturday of every month.

10 till 12

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

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr S. Rolt, Chairman, N. Guinness, M Koster, D. Mumford, C. Lamb, B. Leadbeater, M. Rowling and the Clerk Mrs J.

M. Rowling.
No apologies.

Members of public present Mr and Mrs T Field, Mr A. Field and Mr C. Buckley.

Declarations of Interest Cllr Rowling 20b Land adjacent The Forge.

Minutes of meetings 14th July and 4th August approved by all councillors and signed by the Chairman as true record.

Matters arising.

Highway bank opposite Bridge Cottages which had been strimmed by contractor only improved the visual splay a little.

Recreation Field Goal posts, made by Cherwell Ironworks were erected by Cllr Rowling and Mr Upton.

Cricket Field/ Hill Field- no further update.

Berry Hill Close Land Registry TP1 had been received. Clerk asked to check details with another solicitor Rollasons of Daventry to check if any existing covenants. Cllr Rowling stated that there was no covenant to the Church.

Street Lighting. Cllr Mumford had obtained a written quotation from EON. He will get two further quotations from Gemma lighting and Aylesbury Mains for comparison. Cllr Rolt will produce a questionnaire for every resident to explain about street lighting and to ask if residents really want street lighting. To return by October 15th to Clerk by email telephone call or post through Clerk's door.

School matters (defibrillators, schoolparking and school footpath hazard) Cllr Guinness to meet with Head on Thursday 10th September.

Speeding through village. Cllr Koster reported that School had the matter in hand regarding posters. Road safety officer to be contacted re Vehicle activated signs.

South Northants Council Settlements and Development Policies Local Plan. Cllr Guinness had produces an excellent document which now leads linking with Culworth Conservation

Area Document approved, Housing Needs Survey. She and Cllr Lamb will continue working on this.

Safeguarding Officer. Parish Council saw no need.

Sulgrave Road Bus shelter repairs. One estimate received and another contractor felt the shelter needed minimal repair until new shelter. All councillors to check the state of the bus shelter before the next meeting.

REPORTS

HS2Select Committee has asked HS2 to include the provision and cost (estimated cost £370,000) of sound barriers on the Culworth side.

Village Hall ; Cllr Koster – nothing to report.

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RECEIPTS

Second half of precept due 21st September
Hire of cricket field for parking in April 2015
£50

Hire of Cricket Field for wedding 5/9/2015
£250

Payments since last meeting

JE Mumford Mowing July Burial Ground
£96, Cricket Field £85, Recreation Field £85
Total £266

Mrs S. Sanderson website August £12.99
+£2.60=£15.59

Texprep Newsletters March, June, August
£394.20 Photocopying £18.68 VAT £3.73=
£416.61 Mrs J. M. Rowling Salary July- Sept
£957.55 Use of house as office £100 Broadband
£37.50 Expenses £37.45 Total =£1132.50

HMRC 2nd instalment £239.40

G. Taylor Mowing green 13/7, 3/8 and 24/8
£210

Mrs S Sanderson website Sept £12.99+£2.60
VAT = £15.59

JE Mumford August Burial Ground £59, Cricket
and Recreation Field £135 Total £194

Texprep photocopying £3.24=0.65p VAT
= £3.89

Current Account £7241.29

**Deposit Account £18819.63 including £80.85
annual interest**

PLANNING

Applications

1. Fell one golden leylandi tree Gate House
Farm For Information only

2. Land adjacent to Culworth House Nursing
Home Application to vary Section 106 legal
agreement entered into in respect of planning
permission (5 Terraced house Close care units)
to vary the clauses listed in third schedule of
attached S106 notice (minimum age) Parish
Council Planning committee agree repeat
existing comments.

3. 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 one 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 Culworth Hovel
Barn Sunnyside Farm Eydon Road Parish
Council concerned re access onto junction
at Eydon turn.

Withdrawn ; Laurel Villa

SNC Consent; None received

Land registry Notice to an adjoining owner of
an application for registration of a person in
adverse possession B149. Land at and
surrounding The Forge. Notification received
as contact address for Clerk to Parish
Council only (NB Application to Land Registry
lodged by Mr and Mrs Rowling) Comments to
be received by 28th August 12noon. Cllr Rolt
supplied comments by telephone to Land
Registry. NB No Parish Council meeting to
collate comments and no hard copy in Parish
Council records.

NCC. One weekend, one county, 20 million steps

NCC Emergency Team

Any other business for November 10th meeting

1. Ownership of Village Green- registered common land

2. Ownership of Recreation Field- Crutchley Estates with lease to Culworth Parish Council

3. Website updating. Cllr Koster to arrange

Meeting closed 9pm

Next meeting TUESDAY November 10th 2015. Please send all items for agenda at least one week before to Clerk



CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15th Sept 2015 at 7pm

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

Apologies: Ruth Gross

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct after the word 'structural' was amended to 'some' in the AOB section.

1. Matters Arising; none

2. Chairmans Report: The last film, The Theory of Everything, was very well attended and made a profit of £184.76. The next film, Far from the Madding Crowd, is on Friday 18th Sept and JT and SP are organising the food. Two more dates, 30th Oct and 11th Dec have been booked for the next films. The New Phoenix is being reorganised which will mean a slight increase to us of about £10 per film and a returns form to be filled in within two days of the showing.

Marion Bullock has given us a quote for the new curtains which is £60 per window (9 in all) and

£140 for the hatch. JT will research wooden poles and the cost of readymade curtains with a blackout lining.

3. Treasurers Report; The accounts show the total amount in hand as £12945.68, a decrease of £119.24 since the last meeting and there is one outstanding invoice of about £180 for the recent electrical work carried out by Mark Mumford. Unfortunately the lack of a village fete this year will also have an impact on the profits for the maintenance of the hall.

Thanks were given to IS for organising the recent Flower and Produce Show and to all those who helped, a profit of £82.90 was made and JO will write a letter of thanks to the two judges, Shirley Trott and Linda Mold.

4. Buildings and Renewals: As reported the electrical work has been completed. A blind is to be fitted to the ladies toilet, IS measured the window and SP offered to obtain the blind. IS will get some more Velcro stickers for the display boards.

5. The Memorial clock is now in situ, JO will thank Tim Scott for putting the clock on the wall and will write to Ken Webster for all his work in making the surround and inscription.

The next meeting will be the AGM and was fixed for Tuesday 27th October in the village hall at 7.30pm.

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

Photographic Competition

Entries for the photographic competition at the plant and produce show produced some beautiful, atmospheric photos. The democratic vote chose some worthy winners which this year will be made into notelets. More information about how to purchase them in time for Christmas will be in the next newsletter.

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.

Culworth School

Thank you to those who donated plants for the maypole event. We raised over £100 for the school on the plant stall.

Suzie



**Open Morning Thursday 22nd
October 2015**

**Please call 01295 760610 to make
your appointment**

**Culworth Primary Academy
The Green
Culworth Oxon OX17 2BB
www.culworthschool.org**

It's Time to Apply for a School Place

School admissions for the September 2016 term at Northamptonshire schools are now open. No child is automatically allocated a place – please make sure you have applied to Northamptonshire County Council by the following dates.

Primary Admissions

If your child turns four before 31st August, 2016, it's time to apply for their primary school place.

Applications should be made by 15th January, 2016 at 5pm.

Secondary Admissions

You must apply for a secondary school place for your child. It is time to do this if your child:

* has their 11th birthday between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (Year 6 in primary school)

* has their 13th birthday between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (Year 8 in middle school outside of Northamptonshire), or

* has their 14th birthday between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (Year 9 in secondary school) and wants to transfer to a Northamptonshire University Technical College

This includes all secondary schools in Northamptonshire, including East Northamptonshire schools who have now moved to a two-tier system to match the rest of the county.

Applications should be made by 31st October, 2015 at 5pm.

How to apply

Everything you need to apply is available on the school admission section of Northamptonshire County Council's website. This includes the application form to be submitted online, guidance, information about how school places are allocated, the entire schools directory with contact details, Ofsted information, and each school's admissions policy, and information about how to get help.

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

The Culworth Gang

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.

October 14th Culworth Village Hall

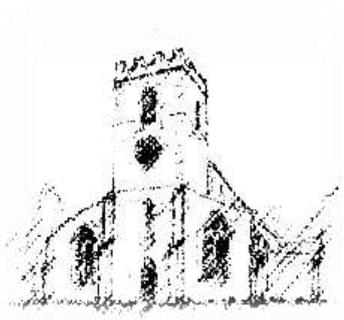
November 11th Culworth Village Hall..

Remembrance Day talk by David Mold on the village men lost in WW1.

Members Subscription is £16.00 for 2015

Non Members £3.00 each visit.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 07799 846313



News from St Mary's Services for

October and November

October

Sunday 4th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 11th 6pm. Family Harvest Celebration

Sunday 18th 10 am Matins

Wednesday 21st 10am Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

November

Sunday 1st 10 am Benefice Holy Communion

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 8th 10.30 am. Remembrance Sunday

Wednesday 11th 10am Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 15th 10am. Matins

Sunday 22nd 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th 10am Benefice Holy Communion

Church Vestry

This summer it was decided to redecorate the church vestry. It had not been decorated within living memory and was decidedly shabby. We took advice from Tim Scott who advised us on some special paint, cleared the room and also took down several wall plaques and a very ancient clock which is not in working order. One of the wall plaques is made of cast iron and represents The Last Supper. I had thought that maybe we had a rare treasure on our hands which could be sold for thousands. So before I rushed off to the next Antiques Road Show I did some research

The Coalbrookdale Company first began manufacturing Last Supper cast iron plaques in the 1840s, and many hundreds if not thousands would have been produced throughout the 19th century and, in lesser numbers, into the 20th century. A Coalbrookdale Company price list collection reveals that they were being sold for £0.18s.0d. in 1860,

though by the 1870s this price had gone up slightly to £1.0s.0d. each. . With the real quality ones you can actually see the apostles' toe nails, and that is an incredible amount of detail.

How did Coalbrookdale, which is associated with iron bridges and railways and steam engines, come to be making plaques of Da Vinci's Last Supper? Coalbrookdale had peaked by the 1820's. It had done a great many firsts in iron making. The foundry found itself in the doldrums. Francis Darby, a descendant of Abraham Darby who started the iron foundry in 1709, had a great interest in art, collected a huge archive of design ideas, and visited the iron foundries in Czechoslovakia and Bohemia. They were experimenting with using cast iron for decorative purposes, and one of the things they produced was a plaque of the last supper. He came back to Coalbrookdale and started decorative casting, including the huge gates of London's Hyde Park, art castings, fireplaces and fire grates and our Last Supper Plaque. Cast iron almost became the plastic of the Victorian age.

As to the value? About £30 on ebay!

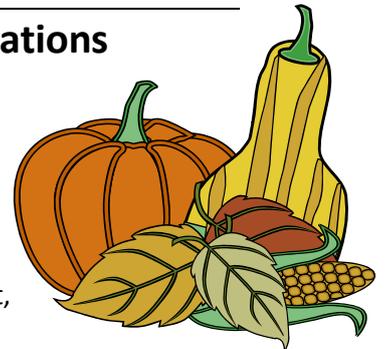
We have yet to find out if the clock has any value.

Jenny

Harvest Celebrations

**Sunday 11th
October 6pm**

This year our Harvest Festival will be a family celebration of Harvest, similar to the very popular Christmas event we had last year. Along with poems and readings from all ages and countries, we will have traditional harvest songs and hymns. As with our Christmas event this will be followed by a buffet Harvest supper in the church. We do hope you can join us in this village event.



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 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 15th October and 19th November.

Culworth Churchyard

Once again thank you to everyone who helped with the second working party of the year in July, and especially to Brian who strimmed the whole area by himself. The rewards of this hard work are obvious especially in the Spring months.

In the Parish Council minutes you may have seen information regarding Berry Hill Close. The following information about Berry Hill is taken from 'An Inventory of the Historical Monuments in the County of Northamptonshire, Volume 4 Originally published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London, 1982. '

The Castle Ringwork at Berry Hill, Culworth, is one of seven surviving ringworks in Northamptonshire and has documentary evidence for its origins. The site also forms part of an unusual cluster of ringworks, as Culworth, Weedon Lois, Canons Ashby and Sulgrave, all lie within 5kms of each other. The earthworks survive well and the monument will contain evidence concerning the development of the site and its relationship with the other ringworks nearby.

The castle ringwork at Culworth is situated at Berry Hill. It is located at the south eastern end of the village and lies immediately to the north of St Mary's church, which has Norman origins. The ringwork has a roughly circular bank about 3m high which encloses a central area about 25m across. The interior of the ringwork is slightly raised above the surrounding ground level and has some irregularities suggesting the presence of buried structures. On the western side, the ringwork bank is lower which may indicate the entrance to the interior. The ringwork is encompassed by a ditch 2m deep and up to 6m wide. The ditch has been altered in the south east corner by work on the Old Rectory garden in the last century and the churchyard has cut into the western ditch. On the northern side of the ringwork there are traces of a slight outer bank. It is recorded in Domesday that this area was held by Landric of Ghilo. It is known too that he held part of Sulgrave, and that Sulgrave was associated with Weedon Lois. Ringworks are preserved at all three sites.

The field in which the ringwork stands was known as Bury Close in 1839.

In 1991 an evaluation dig revealed traces of an early

Iron Age site dating from 700 to 400BC. The major dig later on that year, necessitated by the extension of the grave yard, unfortunately revealed little information. It cost £19,000, funded by the County Council. (Thanks to Anne Whitely for a newspaper cutting from 1991.)

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 Ride and Stride

Thanks to Brian for representing Culworth on Saturday 12th September.



Recipe of the Season

WARNING!

After my last suggestions on how to utilise a microwave it was mentioned to me that using paper towels in a microwave was potentially very dangerous. They can catch fire. ... I pass on the warning.



Hopefully no problems with June's delicious soup recipe.

Courgette and Cumin Soup

12oz courgettes
½ oz butter
1 med onion, chopped
Garlic clove, crushed
1 teaspoon Cumin
5oz potatoes, peeled and cubed
Salt and pepper
¾ pt chicken stock
½ pint milk,

Method;

1. Thickly slice courgettes
2. Melt butter in large pan and gently cook onion and garlic for 5 mins. Add cumin and cook for 1min. Add potatoes, courgettes and seasoning and cook for 2mins.
3. Add stock and milk, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 15mins.
4. When cooked puree or blend in liquidiser and serve hot or cold.

Food collection in the church is now for BYHP

Emily Collins is now collecting for BYHP. There is a box in the church where you can put your donations.

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

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

Help for those who want to rent updated

A scheme that can help people get a privately rented home is being re-launched by South Northamptonshire Council.

The Deposit Guarantee Scheme (DGS) was first introduced in 2010 and has helped over 60 households to move into privately rented homes.

These include families and individuals in low paid work, as well as those who are unemployed and young people who need to move into a place of their own.

The DGS offers a 'guarantee bond' to private landlords, underwriting the sum required when customers do not have savings to cover the upfront cost of a deposit.

The new scheme extends the upper limit of deposits from up to four weeks' worth of rent to eight weeks. It will also encourage tenants to save so they can pay the deposit themselves if they remain in the property for more than 36 months.

Councillor Stephen Clarke, portfolio holder for economic development, regeneration and housing, said: "The need to pay upfront charges makes it difficult for low income households to access the private rental sector.

"High rent levels across our district can make it difficult for low income households to save the upfront deposit charges they need to access private rented sector properties.

"The Deposit Guarantee Scheme plays an important part in incentivising landlords to work in partnership with the Council to provide access to privately rented properties, and in helping low income households to remain housed in the District.

"I am pleased the Council has extended the scheme so that it continues to contribute to the prevention of homelessness."

The Council's Housing Options Team works with potential tenants to ensure the property is suitable for them and provides a point of contact for any management issues.

The Council has worked successfully with a number of local landlords and letting agents but is keen to work with others who may be interested in using the scheme to rent their properties.

Anyone who needs help from the DGS to rent a property in the area should contact SNC to arrange a Housing Options Interview.

For further information contact the Housing Options Team on 01327 322374 or email them

at: housingoptions@southnorthants.gov.uk or look for more information

at <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/5936.htm>

£19K Community Grant for Brackley Youth Hub

A unique service for young people in and around Brackley has received a £19,000 boost thanks to a South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) Community Grant. Run by volunteers and the YMCA Northamptonshire, The Youth Hub provides a safe haven for young people aged between 11 and 20 where they can socialise, develop their learning, and access local support services. Over the last two years attendance at the Hub has grown by 300 per cent each year, and with more homes on the way demand is expected to grow.

Money for the Community Grant comes via the New Homes Bonus, money paid by developers to mitigate the impact of new homes.

The Hub in High Street, Brackley is a dedicated space for young people, is equipped with games consoles, a pool table, has a snack bar and is free to access.

Among other things, it is hoped the Community Grant will help expand the number of sessions, develop a programme of holiday camps and increase the number of one-off themed sessions on topics such as music, art and health awareness.

CLr Peter Rawlinson, SNC's portfolio holder for finance and procurement said: "The Hub's motto is 'for young

people, by young people' and it is an important means by which young people are empowered to make decisions for themselves.

"With more new homes on the way it is more important than ever that we use the benefits of housing expansion to grow services like this one."

The Hub's Youth Coordinator, Adam Carmody said: "We are absolutely delighted to have had such a successful year working with over 300 young people per week to have received this vote of confidence from SNC, enabling young people and confirmed by the number that attend our sessions each week."

The next SNC Grants Panel meeting will be held in January 2016 and the deadline for applications for this meeting is Monday, 30 November 2015.

For more information on what type of grants are available from SNC and how to apply for them visit the Community Grants page of our website (www.southnorthants.gov.uk/grantscommunity.htm) or contact the SNC Grants Officer Katie Arnold on 01327 322216 or via grants@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.

SPLAT comes to October half-term

For the first time young people will be able to enjoy South Northamptonshire Council's (SNC) SPLAT programme of children's activities during the coming October half-term.

The summer SPLAT programme (Sport, Play, Leisure and Arts) has attracted hundreds of bookings each summer for the last few years and includes a wide range of physical and creative activities, and exciting day trips. The programme has been so successful it has been extended to cover the shorter school holidays.

The half-term SPLAT Activity Hub takes place at Brackley Leisure Centre and is available to all children aged between five and 15.

Highlights of the programme include Xplorer Orienteering sessions, a Halloween special, inflatable fun at Brackley Swimming Pool and a visit from a Northampton Saints Coach and Bernie the team mascot. Other activities include: dodge ball, tag rugby, basketball, a bouncy castle, capture the flag, cricket, jewellery making, messy painting, and a mini Olympics. SPLAT sessions take place between 9am and 5pm on every day during the week commencing Monday, 26 October. Registration opens at 8.30am.

Children can attend all or part of the session and parents can either book a place in advance or turn up on the day.

A full day (9am to 5pm) costs £17.95 (£89.75 for a full week) and a half day (9am to 3pm) costs £13.95

(£69.75).

Drop-in rates are £3 for one hour, or £5 for two hours.

Please note midday to 1pm is lunch-time and there will be no activities.

Parents can save 10 per cent if they book their child in for the whole week, £80 for a week of full day sessions, and £60 for week of half day sessions.

All activities are delivered by qualified and DBS-cleared Activity Leaders.

Children should bring their own snacks, lunch, drinks and suitable clothing.

Booking lines open Monday, 5 October and will remain open between 9am and 5pm until the end of half-term.

For more information

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

email leisure@southnorthants.gov.uk, or call the

booking line on 01327 322277.

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 the first Wednesday of the month between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and information.

Helpline: 01604 719193

Email: helpline@nab.org.uk

www.nab.org.uk

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Village Café

Village Hall

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10 till 12 Free tea/coffee/cake and chat.
Please come along and meet your
neighbours

Culworth Film Nights

Friday 30th October ; film and fish and chips

Friday 11th December

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

There is a vacancy for **Treasurer** for the Village Hall Committee starting after the AGM in October.

Simple accounts required to be kept and presented once every two months at committee meetings and annual accounts at the AGM.

We are a friendly bunch, the meetings usually last about an hour often accompanied by a glass of wine and we are looking for someone who would like to help with all aspects of the running of the Hall.

Applications to Julie Tinn, The Stable Cottage,
Sulgrave Road, Culworth
Jules.tinn@gmail.com

Collection for Refugees

I am collecting and taking items for refugee camps to local collection points ready to be distributed in Calais and across Europe. People are in desperate need of tents, sleeping bags, camping equipment, tarpaulin, candles, men's /women's/ children's clothing, socks and shoes. If you would like to donate anything or want to know further details please contact me on 07710271531 or email me at ecogreenting@gmail.com.

A massive thank you to all who have donated so far,

Emily.

Neal's Yard Organic Beauty Products.

Saturday October 24th.

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



JOYOUS @ FORGE 2 GALLERY

Events for your diary over the next three months:
Saturday, 3rd October - exhibition launches
Fine Artist Demonstration and Shop & Scoff - All Day

Jane Hamilton trained at City and Guilds School of Art, London and is a member of The Society of Portrait Sculptors. She has been sculpting professionally for about 35 years, mainly portrait heads and occasionally figures and animals. Her work is renowned for its energy and pathos.

Indulge in home baked cake, tea or coffee, whilst casting your eye over our latest discoveries sourced entirely from artists and craftsmen from throughout the British Isles. Paintings, hand crafted prints, ceramics, glass, jewellery, toys, stationery and more provide the answers to your gift decision dilemma.

Saturday, 14th November - Automata
Demonstration and Shop & Scoff - All Day

Ian McKay joins us to demonstrate the art of making Automata. We have been selling Ian's wonderful creations since Forge 2 began - always very popular and guaranteed to make you smile!

Tuesday, 1st December - 10 am - 12.30 pm Winter
Garland workshop with award winning florist,
Sarah Horne

After the brilliant spring floral workshop, Sarah is back as promised to run a Winter Garland workshop. Coffee, home baked cake and your garland to take home! Limited places so please book early - £35 per person!

Please remember: FORGE 2 closes at 2 pm on
Christmas Eve. Forge 2 Gallery & Shop Culworth
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info@forge2.org.uk
Open Weds - Saturday 10am - 5 pm

DENNY ELLIS

The death has just been announced of long-time resident of Culworth, Denny Ellis, at the age of 93. His funeral will be at St Mary's Church, Culworth at **2pm on Monday 5th October**. Denny had lived in Barley Hill in Culworth since 1963. Although a very private man he is remembered with affection by his family and friends.

Welcome to the October 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 December edition is Wednesday 25th November. Suggestions for the Newsletter can be put in a box in the Church porch.

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

STREET LIGHTING IN CULWORTH

Your Parish Council is considering what to do about our street lighting.

There would be considerable savings in running costs if we were to change to LED bulbs, but this would also mean a major one off financial outlay to change every light. We also need to look carefully at the type of lighting, colour and brightness to be sure it is suitable for our village.

Before we make a decision on this, we thought we should ask your opinion on whether we need street lighting at all. There are many rural villages like ours that have no street lighting, and some people might prefer this. Any saving in electricity charges would of course be used for the benefit of the residents in other ways .

Please let us know your views by replying to the following question with a simple YES or NO.

Do you wish Culworth to keep street lighting?

Answer :

Name :

Address:

Answers please by email j.rowling@tiscali.co.uk or by phone call to Jose Rowling on 01295 760571 or by returning this form to Jose at The Forge The Green Culworth OX17 2BA by October 15th 2015

Thank you,

Stuart Rolt
Chairman
Culworth Parish Council

