

Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for
December 2015-January 2016

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Regular events:

Village Walks Tuesday 1st December and 5th January at 10.00am on The Green (every 1st Tuesday of the month).

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall on 8th December and 12th January from 10 to 12 (every 2nd Tuesday of the month).

Culworth Gang alternate Wednesdays at 2.15.
Contact: Judith Robbins on 07799 846313 for more information.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday

Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 12th January 2016 7.30

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

Culworth House 17th December and 21st January 2pm (every 3rd Thursday). Short Service.

Village Cafe Saturday 5th December and 2nd January (every 1st Saturday) In the village hall. 10 - 12

Culworth Ladies ; (8th December, ? January)

Other Events

December

Tuesday 1st Forge2 Christmas Garland workshop 10-12.30

Sunday 6th 12 – 3 Xmas Fayre in aid of Starlight Children's Foundation Village Hall

Tuesday 8th Culworth Ladies Xmas Wreath Making

Friday 11th Culworth Film Night

Sunday 13th 11 am Family Christingle
Sunday 20th 5pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve 6pm Carols on the Green

St Mary's Church Culworth Carols and Christmas Readings 20th December 5pm



An ideal way to start the Christmas festivities is with Christmas Carols and Readings, this year at 5 p.m. on Sunday 20th December. Besides the usual carols there will be seasonal readings from all ages in the village. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards and the church will be warm!

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Culworth Village Hall

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Tickets £10 with light supper £5 film only

Call June 01295 768184 or Julie 760855

to book



Culworth Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Club Newsletter

**A BIG THANK YOU - GRASSROOTS
GIVING:
CONGRATULATIONS!**



Thank you for all of you who voted, and got your friends and colleagues to vote for us. As you can see from the email below we were successful in securing the funding. This will go towards coach training courses and new equipment.

If anyone sees any other grant schemes please alert us so that we can apply.

Thanks

Jim Powell

Dear Grassroots Giving winner,

Thank you so much for getting involved in Skipton Building Society's Grassroots Giving initiative and congratulations on reaching the shortlisted stage; we're delighted you and your community group took the time to apply and take part.

We received hundreds of applications from community groups, clubs and organisations from across the UK and we're really impressed with the work that you do. To make it to the shortlist stage you beat off dozens of other applicants and were able to clearly demonstrate the positive impact you make in your local community.

In order to fairly allocate the 162 pots of £500 we asked the public to tell us who they wanted to receive the funding. We profiled you and all the other shortlisted applicants on our

website, www.skiptongrg.co.uk, to help raise awareness of the work that you do, along with promoting your group on our social media channels too.

It's with great delight that we're contacting you today to let you know that your group has received enough public votes to make it into our top 162 winners. We had over 30,000 votes cast amongst the shortlisted groups and competition was really tough.

We'd like to take this time to congratulate your group and for being part of our Grassroots Giving initiative, for sharing with us the fantastic work that you do, and for being so active in supporting your local community.

Our support does not stop here; we have also attached a 'How to Guide' detailing how your group can begin making use of our GrG cluster on Project Dirt. We also have free, downloadable resources available on our website at www.skiptongrg.co.uk. These are full of top tips to help your group to continue to grow and succeed.

We'll also be planning activities in 2016 to further help to support community groups so please join us at twitter.com/SkiptonBS_GRG or Facebook.com/skiptonbs. To further help you celebrate and showcase your status as Grassroots Winners we've created the attached banner for you to add to your website, or use on your social media pages.

Huge congratulations again; you really are a worthy winner! And please remember not to announce this news until our 162 winners are officially revealed on the 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Prenton

Jim Powell

Culworth Ladies Get Together

The Ladies' group in the village is doing well. December is to be a Christmas mas 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!

For more info see end of newsletter.

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Peter and Denise Medhurst moved to Culworth many years ago (about 25 I think,) but for many years they also lived far away because Peter's job as an airline pilot meant that they had to base themselves in Singapore and then Qatar. This year however they have returned to Culworth to live. This is Denise's reminiscences of their Christmases in Qatar.



A QATARI CHRISTMAS

I will always remember my first arrival at Qatar International Airport - it was hectic. Most people were not dressed in a Western fashion; the men were in a long white shirt style dress with head - dress and band. The few women there were clothed from head to foot in black, and many had their faces covered. I discovered that this was the Qatari national dress. I felt out of place.

Many people will have heard of Qatar since it is to host The FIFA World Cup in 2022. It is a tiny country, smaller than Yorkshire, on a desert peninsula in the Arabian Gulf, bordering Saudi Arabia. The Al-Thani family has ruled this former British Protectorate for more than 150 years. With a current population of around half a million Qatari's, it has an ever increasing expatriate population of 2 million or more. Overseas workers are employed in building and developing Qatar. It is now one of the wealthiest countries per capita, in the world, the wealth coming from gas and oil. Qatar's faith is Islam, and their religious celebrations take place at a different time of year to our own Christmas festivities. Qatar has

Christian churches, all quietly tucked away in a church compound.

My first Christmas in Qatar was a journey of discovery. To me, Christmas is family and friends coming together to share some delicious food, with the home cosy and festive. I wondered, "Can I buy a Christmas tree and decorations? What about turkey, Brussels sprouts, Christmas pudding and mince pies?" I was beginning to get a little anxious just trying to make a traditional English celebration as I would at home!

Thankfully there are wonderful shopping malls in Qatar. Visiting them in the lead-up to Christmas, I was surprised to find that they were lit up and festive, and also I could find the "Christmassy" items we like to have in England. Marks and Spencer had alcohol free mince pies and Christmas pudding, and there were real Christmas trees and poinsettias in the florists.

On Christmas Eve you can visit the Souk, which is alive with Arabian flair. You can pick up last minute presents such as Arabic sweets, dates and nuts, which are plentiful. You can also pop into one of the perfume shops and have a perfume personally mixed. Selecting a little glass bottle to put it all in adds to the fun!

At last Christmas arrives. It is Christmas morning, which starts with a walk in the sunshine. The sun is always shining in Qatar, and thankfully the temperature is a comfortable 26C. Our favourite walk is along the Corniche; a wonderful promenade by the sea - passing the Emir's palace, and the harbour, which is filled with wooden Dhows used as fishing boats.

Christmas lunch will be eaten al fresco, with a glass of Christmas cheer. Alcohol is strictly controlled in Qatar, although some expatriates are granted a liquor license through their employer, and can buy alcohol at the one and only alcohol shop. Once purchased you must drive with it straight to your home, as it is for your consumption only. Alcohol is sold in the up-scale hotels when dining inside only. The Queen's speech, which we always watch after lunch, is a welcome reminder of home, amidst the Arabian Desert. Family may fly in to our now festive home. We have a turkey and Christmas pudding. Friends pop in and out; it is all very nice - but still it is not the Christmas we would choose. What is missing? We are not at home in Culworth! Well, this Christmas we are - for the first time in many years.



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CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from the MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm in Culworth Village Hall

Councillors present; S. Rolt (Chairman), M. Rowling, M. Koster, B. Leadbeater, D. Mumford, C. Lamb and N. Guinness. The Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling was in attendance. District Cllr Rosie Herring was present

No apologies for absence

No members of public present

OPEN MEETING

Willy Moore Managing Director Aylesbury Mains illustrated the types of modern street lighting, indicating the beam and range of light available from each type. Members asked a variety of questions. The Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

Street Lighting.

Councillors noted the poor beam range of LED and the coldness of the light. Councillors agreed, once Aylesbury Mains had sent their costings, to replace the light adjacent the church which is currently non-functioning with a 24w lantern. This would give the same light as the current 35SOX. It was agreed by all present that Aylesbury Mains should be instructed to carry out a safety inspection, when the costs are known, in particular the metal ornamental pole. Cllr Mumford will be the contact for Aylesbury Mains. Foliage affecting the street lights needed to be addressed. Cllr Guinness, Cllr Rolt and the Clerk will contact householders with overhanging foliage and request them to cut it back.

School Matters.

Cllr Guinness had been in contact with the school. Road safety posters would be produced by them to replace the current NCC Road safety ones.

The school wish to pay 50% of cost of a defibrillator which could be used by the whole village. Location undecided. Cllr Guinness will ask the school to make their offer in writing to Parish Council. Cllr Herring stated that SNC is compiling a list of locations of defibrillators, British Heart Foundation is offering financial support for the purchase. She encouraged residents to become First Responders to assist the emergency services. Training is available via St John Ambulance. Parish Councillors agreed by 4 votes to 2 to consider purchase of a defibrillator.

Adjacent footpath to school and hazards of dripping water and ice. Cllr Guinness will speak to property owner.

Speeding through village

NCC Road safety posters are currently being displayed. Cllr Koster will supply the times she is aware of speeding traffic. Cllr Herring will contact ROAD JAG for their advice

South Northants Council Settlements and Development Policies Local Plan.

NO further local progress. Cllr Herring stated that the current bill progressing through Parliament would reduce planning control. It was noted that Culworth has a current Housing needs number but no land could be found for development and an approved Conservation Area. This document should be a defence against unwarranted development. Unfortunately the New Homes Bonus available to villages could well be severely reduced due to a wish to reduce the amount to District Councils. Community Infrastructure Levy has been adopted by SNC. She advised Cllr Guinness and Lamb to look for development areas within the village for small developments.

Cricket Field/Hill Field. No further developments Berry Hill Close/Culworth Castle site. Copies of 1977 conveyance, and the current TP1 had been circulated to members. It was noted that there was an outstanding matter from that conveyance. A field gate from The Old Rectory into the field should have been replaced with stock proof fencing. Clerk to speak to the Parish Council solicitor forthwith to advise her. It was also noted that the easement over the school land appeared to be of different widths. Although this could be colour marking issue this is to be clarified.

Recreation Field. The Clerk had brought the lease should members wish to examine it.

Reports

HS2 Cllr Rolt had no new updates. Cllr Rowling noted that at the HS2 Ltd Brackley presentation earlier this month, no maps of the area from Greatworth to Chipping Warden were available.

Planning Applications

Determination as to whether prior approval is required for change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings (use Class 3) in respect of Highways impact,

noise, contamination risks on site flooding risks on site, whether the siting and location of buildings makes it impractical or undesirable to change the use, and the design and external appearance of the building Culworth Grounds Farm. Parish Council planning committee had no observations

Continued use of outbuilding as store/workshop (as a separate planning unit and no longer incidental to St Peters House) St Peters House Queens Street. Parish Council No objections

Hardstanding for hay and straw (retrospective) Park Farm. Parish Council comments. .No observations

Variation of condition 2- plans to approved application S/2014/0880/FUL Erection of building for rearing pigs- to change from Yorkshire Boarding to the elevations to Gale Breaker curtains. Change the colour of roof sheeting to farmscape Charcoal grey and the use of roof light sheeting. Parish Council. No observations.

Decisions Approval

Replacement of existing outbuilding with single storey building Herb Cottage High Street

FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL committee 19 Nov 2.15 S/2015/1843/106DV. Application withdrawn



CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting

Minutes of Culworth Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

There were no apologies.

The Minutes of the last AGM were signed as correct

1. Matters Arising: None.
2. Chairmans Report: Firstly I would like to thank members of the Committee for all their hard work and support during the year. Whalebone, a rock/folk group came to give a concert in the Church in December last year and the village hall benefitted from £89.00 from the proceeds. The

refurbishment of the toilets and installation of disabled and baby changing facilities have now been completed. We secured a grant of £2090 from the New Homes Bonus scheme and £2188 from SNC and made up the balance of £4262.41 from savings. The hall has been repainted outside together with the surrounding fencing. The film and supper nights continue to be a regular booking in the hall. We have increased the number of films to one every six weeks or so and have also held them through the summer months. The profit from these films has helped with the running costs of the hall. The Graduate £37, Mr Turner £259, Belle £74.59, The Imitation Game £142.62, The Theory of Everything £184.76 and Far From the Madding Crowd £191.50.

This year we had no fete-we had asked in the Newsletter for volunteers to organise and run the fete but nobody came forward. This has made a difference to the income for the hall and we have therefore not been able to put any money towards any further refurbishments. The Flower and Produce Show in September made just over £82. We ran our usual photographic competition, this year the theme was 'Seasons', and from a number of entries the winning photographs were included in this year's calendar compiled by MW and JG. The regulars still use the hall, Pilates, Coffee and Chat and Circle Dance and these and a number of hirings contribute to the running costs of the hall. The monthly Village Cafe continues to get people together in the hall. We thought hard about what to do with the legacy Brian Harris left the hall and felt the donation should be invested until it was required for a fitting project. The Committee agreed that there should be a memorial to both Brian and Marianne and a clock has been installed in the hall with a plaque. In September the Committee received a letter from Ian Simonsen saying that he would like to step down as Treasurer. Ian has been on the Committee for many years as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer and has given a lot of his time to the hall in one way or another. I am sure I speak for the whole Committee when I say that he will be much missed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work, commitment and loyalty over the years. I have a feeling that if we asked him very nicely he might be back to help us with certain things in the hall and maybe even the next Fete! As Emily Collins did not want to clean the hall any

more we now have a new lady. I think you will agree that the hall is being kept in good order to be enjoyed by everyone.

3. Treasurers Report: Nov 2014 to Oct 2015.

Opening funds stood at £15871.63 and are now £13008.22 and there is one outstanding Invoice of £80. The income for the last year was £10249.23, a decrease on the year of £1136.05. Booking revenue was £2724.10, an increase of £266.63 on last year, the 7 film nights made a profit of £1035.89 and we have received £4278.00 in grants. Outgoings were £13112.60 of which £9205.61 were repairs and renewals including the new toilets. Mr Richard Winter has agreed to audit the books on the resignation of Ian.

4. Nomination of Village Representatives and Trustees: JT proposed and MW seconded that these should stay the same.

5. Election of Officers; MW proposed that JT should stay as Chair and JO as Secretary and this was seconded by RG. Jane Field and Phillida Walker have put their names forward for the role of Treasurer and JT will contact them both in the near future. We still need to recruit a male member to fill the role of Vice Chair, MR volunteered to write an article for the next Newsletter to encourage any village resident to fill this slot.

6. Hiring Rates: It was agreed that the regular rates should stay the same and MR proposed and JG seconded that the casual rates should be increased to £12 per hour. It was suggested that Committee members should research the rates charged by other local villages. MW proposed and RG seconded that the Election Rate be increased to £300 for the whole day.

7. Review of Health and Safety and Risk Assessment: the policies were read through, updated where necessary and signed.

8. Repairs and Renewals: The Electrical work has been completed and signed off and the account paid. JT agreed to purchase an extra washing up bowl for the kitchen sink.

9. AOB: It was decided not to produce calendars this year but JG and MW have researched notelets depicting the winning photographs and produced quotes from local printers. After some discussion it was decided to buy 100 reasonably priced cards to sell singly at village hall functions and in the Church. SP offered to find a price from Vistaprint online. As the charges for the films have been increased JT proposed that the film tickets should

go up to £10 including supper. Thanks were given to Mary Whittingham and her daughter for the gift of a coffee maker complete with instructions. Val Webster has contacted JT to say she has access to some very old photos of our area taken in Victorian times and wondered whether the Committee would be interested in displaying these in the hall. JT will follow up.

The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 7pm in the hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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

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.

Now available at the next Village Christmas Café on 5th December.

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 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. The meetings for 2016 restart in March.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 07799 846313

Culworth Christmas Fayre

Sunday 6th December 2015 12-3pm

Stalls, refreshments and crafts for children Over 18's £1 with free entry into the raffle. All profits will go towards
Starlight Children's Foundation

News from St Mary's



Services for December and January

December

Sunday 6th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden

6.00 pm Evensong

Wednesday 9th 10am Benefice Holy Communion Culworth

Sunday 13th 11am Christingle Service for the whole family

Sunday 20th 10 am Matins

5.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Culworth

January

Sunday 3rd 10 am Benefice Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 10th 11 am Family Service

Wednesday 13th 10am Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 17th 10 am. Matins

Sunday 24th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 31st 10am Benefice Holy Communion Culworth

Christingle Service Sunday 13th December 11.00am



For many years Culworth School have had a Christingle service as part of their end of term Christmas activities. We thought it would be lovely if *all* children from Culworth could have the opportunity to take part in this lovely service. Christingle means 'Christ Light.' The Christingle can be traced back to Germany in the 18th Century but it wasn't until 1968 that it was popularised in the United Kingdom as a way of raising funds for the Children's Society. It is especially suitable for small children who love the oranges, candles and sweets... which they can eat afterwards! Please come and join us to start Christmas celebrations. The collection will go to the Children's Society which you can find out about on www.childrenssociety.org.uk.

St Mary's Church Culworth Carols and Christmas Readings



20th December 5pm

An ideal way to start the Christmas festivities is with Christmas Carols and Readings this year at 5 p.m. on Sunday 20th December. Besides the usual carols there will be seasonal readings from all ages in the village. Mince pies, mulled cider and wine will be served afterwards and the church will be warm!

If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, on either 18th (after the school's end of term service) or 19th December, please give Diana a ring (760222).

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 December 17th and January 21st.

Culworth Church is a collection point for BHYP (Banbury Young Homeless Project) and also a drop off point for Emily's Refugee collection.

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.

Recipe of the Season

There were 6 different cakes and biscuits at the last village café, all made with apples. This one is my favourite.

Dorset Apple Cake

225g self-raising flour

2 tsp ground cinnamon

115g unsalted butter, diced and chilled, plus extra for greasing

115g light brown sugar

1 large egg, beaten 6-8 tbsp milk

225g Bramley or Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced

100g sultanas

2 tbsp demerara sugar (optional)

1. Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/ gas 4. Grease and line a deep 20cm cake tin with baking parchment.

2. Mix the flour and cinnamon together in a large bowl. Add the butter and rub into the flour using your fingers, until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the light brown sugar. Beat in the egg followed by 6 - 8 tbsp of milk – you want to achieve a smooth, thick batter.

3. Add the apples and sultanas and mix to

combine. Scrape the batter into your prepared tin and gently level out. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar and bake in the oven for 30-40 minutes or until golden and a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.

4. Allow to cool in the tin for 15 minutes and then carefully turn out onto a wire rack to cool further. Best served still warm with a little custard

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

Village Networks' experts: coming to Culworth soon!

Wednesday 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

RUBBISH!

Northamptonshire Waste Partnership has this month launched an incentive prize draw scheme to encourage residents to use their kerbside food waste recycling bins more regularly. The South Northamptonshire district is taking part.

Reducing the amount of food waste sent to landfill is important because food waste tends to be heavy, and sending each tonne of waste to landfill costs the county around £100 in fees and taxes. In addition, food waste can be recycled to either create fuel through anaerobic digestion, or turned into a compost-like material for fertilisation.



Are you in to Win? Enter the prize draw by recycling your food waste
Residents in South Northamptonshire Council area could win some fabulous prizes as well as helping the environment by recycling their food waste. People who put out their food waste caddies for collection each week can register for the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership's I'm In to Win scheme – and the chance to win prizes ranging from free leisure centre passes, experiences and days out as well as vouchers for local shops and restaurants. All residents need to do is register their details online at www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk and then make sure they put out their food waste caddy for collection as normal each week. I'm In to Win is fully funded by a Government grant and runs over the next three years, during which time everyone who registers to take part and regularly presents their food waste caddy for collection has a chance of winning a prize. Every month there will be a winner from each of the four council areas who are taking part in the scheme: Corby Borough Council, Daventry District Council, East Northamptonshire Council and South Northamptonshire Council. The lucky winner from each area will be notified by email, inviting them to choose a prize that suits them best. Winners' names will also be published in the NWP's monthly newsletter and online at www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk.
How to take part in I'm In to Win: * Register online at www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk.
* Once you have registered your details you will be sent a registration pack – including an "I'm In" sticker for your food waste caddy and a leaflet reminding you of all the food waste you can put in it.

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

From the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

I am pleased to announce that the number of Special Police Constables recruited by Northamptonshire Police has now passed the 500 mark! This is a huge achievement giving Northants Police the largest Special Constabulary per head of population and the largest ratio of Specials to regular officers, in the country. This is testament not only to the hard work of the Force, but also the fantastic support of local people who want to give something back their community.

Want help finding a Parish Special Constable for Culworth?

The ambition over time is to have a Parish Special Constable in each and every village. We would like to help you find a Parish Special constable for your village by inviting you to invite us to carry out a 'knock and drop' event. Knock and drops involve every house in a community being visited by PCSOs, Special Constables and other volunteers. We invite residents to attend a locally-held recruitment event, usually on the forthcoming Saturday at a venue such as the local pub or village hall. These events provide residents the opportunity to learn more about the role of Special Constables and how to apply, but also allows them to raise any wider policing concerns they may have locally.

If you would like any further information on becoming a Parish Special Constable please contact the Specials Recruitment Team at SpecialsRecruitment@northants.pnn.police.uk or phone 01604 888113.

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

Collection for Refugees

Thanks to all who have donated items so far for the refugee camps in Europe. The response has been fantastic. I will be collecting for as long as things are needed and they will be going to out to camps in either Calais or Macedonia. Please note we are now collecting women's and children's clothes too.

Items needed:

Sleeping bags, tents, tarpaulins, warm winter clothes, suitable shoes, boots/wellies, waterproofs, camping equipment, socks and candles.

Drop off point at the church or contact Emily on 07710271531.

BHYP

A big thank you to all the children, parents & staff at the school for their generous donations of food at the harvest festival.

If you would like to donate anything I will be taking my next collection to the centre in mid-December ready for Christmas. Non-perishable food and toiletries only please. Drop off point in the church.

For more details of what BHYP do visit bhyp.org.uk

Thanks,

Emily

JOYOUS @ FORGE 2 GALLERY

Events for your diary ;

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

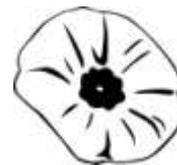
After the brilliant spring floral workshop, Sarah is back as promised to run a Winter Garland workshop. Coffee, home baked cake and your garland to take home! Limited places so please book early - £35 per person!

Please remember: FORGE 2 closes at 2 pm on Christmas Eve. Forge 2 Gallery & Shop Culworth Oxon OX17 2AZ 01295 768440 www.forge2.org.uk
info@forge2.org.uk

Open Weds - Saturday 10am - 5 pm

Poppy Appeal

"The British Legion would like to thank everyone in Culworth who contributed to the 2015 Poppy Appeal.....together we raised almost £430. Special thanks to David Mold, the Red Lion, David Mumford Butchers, Culworth School and Culworth House Nursing Home."



The Remembrance Day collection at Culworth Church, which always goes to the British Legion, also raised £206.

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Culworth Junior Cricket Club Newsletter Report December 2015

We had a very successful awards evening. Nearly 90 people attended.

Firstly Jim Powell thanked the helpers. These were Dave Osbourne, Ruth Derbyshire, Colin Hall, Emma Upton, Phil & Suzi Cubitt, Andy Reynolds. Sue White & Ewan Shinton, Sam Wilson, Ed Frewin, and Moses Harrison for the Tuesday night coaching.

Also Big Dave (Lewit), Dave Osbourne, Ed Guinness & Sarah Powell for helping with the outfield mowing and Andrew Barnes for helping with rolling and Ewan Shinton & John Harrison, Beth & Samuel Powell for helping to mow the wicket & pitch. The parents were also thanked for their help on match days.

We also thanked those who helped to give the pavilion a spring clean. It was a massive effort from everyone, and the pavilion looked miles better.

The voting has now closed for the Skipton Building Societys Grass roots giving scheme. Thank you for all who took the time to vote, and we even had Matthew Hoggard (ex England cricketer) vote for us. We were successful in the vote and we will receive £500, which will go to help train extra coaches during the winter.

Everyone was asked to keep an eye out for opportunities like that to get funding for the club, as that opportunity was spotted by Andrew Barnes who rolls the wicket. Now the club is larger, we need more kit, training for parents and better facilities. A review of each age group was given.

Kwik Cricketers

The numbers swelled during the year and it was nice to see so many young children enjoying learning the starting skills of cricket. Maybe sometimes they enjoyed it a little too much, but once we set some ground rules the evenings went better and thank you for all the parents who helped. This age group is new to the club, and we are learning all the time, as well as the children, but I felt on the whole it went well and by the end you could see some real improvements.

There were so many children but we were lucky enough to take them to Byfield Cricket Club for a Kwik Cricket tournament, and yes I do mean lucky enough. It was a lovely sunny evening, considering it was their first experience of competitive cricket they all played very well.

Now for the main awards for the under 8s.

The helpers who oversaw the training, were all very impressed with the children. It is very difficult to pick particular children as everyone had their individual qualities.

The best batting award goes to someone who protects his wicket very well, and when he connects, he connects. That person is Max Garnett

The Best bowling award goes to someone who has a lot of talent and was one of younger ones who took the big step up to hard ball cricket for the under 11s and took a wicket. That person is Noah Cloete.

The best fielding award goes to a very good all-rounder who is always alert and a talented sportsman. He is also always willing to help. That is Albert Buckley. We had **four** most improved awards who go to children who have improved during the season. They are Charlie Wilson, Oliver Loftus, Heidi Upton & Emilia Case.

Under 11s

This was the children's second competitive season and it did show. There was an understanding in the team that they knew what to do, they did not always achieve it, but it will come. The Under 11s had a better season and we won a few matches and the ones we lost, apart from one against Westbury were exceptionally close and were only lost on the last ball!. What I also liked was the fact that we were able to blood a few of the younger members of the club. Finley

and Noah Cloete and Oliver Loftus played and did very well. Noah managed to get a wicket and Oliver kept wicket very well.

The batting award goes to someone who consistently batted well, For the second year in a row she has been the top scorer for the team She is energetic (we are still working on the decision making as to when to go for a run) , but she has good technique and always scored runs, and is ultra competitive. The award goes to India Harrison

The bowling award goes to someone who got the most amount of wickets in the season, and did get wickets nearly every match. He bowled straight and batsman found him difficult to bat against. The award went to Charlie Waite.

The team's fielding improved this year. A lot of the catches stuck and one person especially stood out from all others as **the best fielder**. He never dropped a catch, and we played him in the short catching position because of this, my award goes to Jack Shinton.

The most improved award goes to someone who only joined half way through the season, but by the end was bowling really good line and length and could be trusted to bowl and not give away many runs and even got a wicket. He also batted well, with a strong swing, he could hit it hard. That person is James Hamblett.

The champagne award goes for a very comical moment against Radway. Tommy was batting and he hit the ball, but his bat came out of his hand and flew about five yards to his left. He was then left in a quandary, what to do, take the run, stand in his crease, or retrieve his bat. He opted for the latter, and then the fielding side did not know what to do, some shouted to throw the ball to the wicket keeper to stump him. We were all shouting to stay where he was. In the end he just managed to pick up the bat and run back to his crease before the wicket keeper got the ball.

Under 15s

The under 15s had a slow start to the season, but improved after an influx of extra players and they managed to finish first in their league.

The best batting award went to Henry Miles, **the best bowling award** went to Sam Lee. **The most improved** went to James Waite for his batting, and the **Champagne moment** went to Tom Rodgers for an outstanding over with the bat when he scored 20 runs. The best allrounder went to Charlie case for his all round ability and for his captaincy.

We now look forward to next season. If any children are interested, you can contact Jim Powell on 07860 638557 / 01295 760779.

Culworth Ladies

In October a few of us had a very entertaining evening when we went to see a Jeeves & Wooster comedy at The Derngate. We had planned on seeing the film Suffragette the next month but unfortunately due to not being able to find it on when most of us could go means we will have to have a DVD night when it comes out! On December 8th we are having a wreath making evening when Lauren's sister will be coming to show us how! If anyone is interested in coming along please let me know. The next one after that will be January 6th when we will be having a drink/meal at the pub. If you're new to the village or would just like to meet other people why don't you come along. Just contact me and I will keep you informed of what's going on. Sarah Powell
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Help needed for the newsletter.

I realise my editorial skills are limited. If you feel you could help in any way, from getting interesting photos, persuading others in the village to contribute, to setting out the newsletter in a more colourful and improved modern lay out please let me know. If you would like to take it over I should be delighted.

Jenny

Welcome to the December 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 February edition is Wednesday January 28th.

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The Hundred-Foot Journey (CERT PG)

Starring Helen Mirren
Culworth Village Hall
Friday 11 December

Doors open at 7pm

Tickets £10 with light supper

£5 film only Call June 01295

768184 or Julie 760855 to book

If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, on either 18th (after the school's end of term service) or 19th December, please give Diana a ring (760222).

Village Christmas Café, Bring and Buy and Market

Village Hall

Saturday 5th December

10 till 12

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

This month besides the free coffee/ tea/ mince pies, there will be stalls selling Xmassy things and a Bring and Buy stall.



