



Culworth Newsletter

February/March 2017

Diary dates

Regular events:

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall (every 2nd Tuesday of the month).

Culworth Gang alternate Wednesdays at 2.00.

Contact: Judith Robbins on 07799 846313 for more information.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7pm 14th March

Village Hall Committee Meeting at 7pm 9th March

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

Village Cafe 1st Saturday in the month. (Will resume on February 4th)

Culworth Snappers 14th February 7.30

Other Events

Thursday 2nd February Culworth Book Club.

Tuesday 28th February 7.30pm Shrove Tuesday Quiz in the Village Hall.

Friday 3rd March Culworth Film Night Golden Years

Thursday 23rd March from midday Frugal Lunch Village Hall

Emergency Numbers. Did you know?

New emergency numbers

105 power cuts

101 for Police

111 for NHS

Congratulations

Mrs Mold became the first person from Culworth in over 30 years to celebrate her 100th birthday. Her daughter Pauline gave her a splendid party in the Village Hall on 27th December. Amongst the many cards and

congratulations was one from HM The Queen. Both St Mary's Church and Culworth Parish Council marked this special birthday with flowers presented by Martin Rowling. Mrs Mold has lived in Culworth for a large part of her life.

Congratulations

Rachel and Rupert Rowling have had a baby boy, Archie, born on 27th January. Martin and Jose are delighted!

Defibrillator

Culworth Primary Academy and the CPSA with the Parish Council have provided a defibrillator for use of residents in the village.

The defibrillator is located along the school path, opposite the Burial Ground on the wall.

There is a light above it.

Please read the enclosed leaflet. ALWAYS dial 999 first.

New Altar Frontal

You are invited to the Dedication of the New Altar Frontal for the Lady Chapel, which has been designed and made by Culworth residents, is on Sunday 12th February 2017 at 11.15am. The Dedication service will include a shortened Family Service with Holy Communion, followed by Celebratory drinks and canapes.

RSVP by 10th February please

Jose Rowling

01295760571/Josephine.rowling@gmail.com

The Forge Culworth OX17 2BA

Litter pick

The Annual Litter Pick is on **Saturday 4th March** starting at 10am from The Forge. Hivis jackets bags gloves and more are provided by SNC. Martin will assign an area for you to clear. Full bags of litter can be collected from where you leave them or deposited at The Forge for SNC to pick up. In previous years this has been around 30 bags.

Its good fun and exercise. Children must be over 8 years old and accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Afterwards there is tea, coffee and delicious cakes at the Village Hall

Martin Rowling

Village Hall Quiz

The Shrove Tuesday Quiz will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th February starting at 7.30pm. Bring your own nibbles and drinks. Cost will be £2 per person. Teams of 4 to 6. Any profits will go to the Village Hall and St Mary's Church. Any info ring Jenny 01295 768110

Lent Lunches

There will be 2 Frugal Lunches this year in the Village Hall. The first will be on Thursday 23rd March and the second on Tuesday 4th April from 12 till 2. As with previous years there will be a choice of home-made soup, home-baked bread and a choice of puddings. Cost will be £5 each and all the money will be given to Banbury Food Bank.

Circuit Based Exercise Class

I am a new parent to Culworth primary school as our son started reception in September. I work part time as a physiotherapist at Danetre hospital in Daventry on the inpatient unit. As well as my physiotherapy degree I also have a sports science degree from Loughborough university and I am a competitive runner, having competed the London marathon a couple of times, an ultra-marathon in Cape Town, South Africa and have done too many half marathons and 10k's to mention. I did my Sports science degree from 1994 - 1997 and then worked in a sports medicine centre where I did rehabilitation, personal training and ran circuit exercise classes. I went back to university in 2001 to study physiotherapy after a few years of working and travelling and graduated in 2004 and have been practicing physiotherapy since then. I love running and exercise and know the physiological and psychological benefits of doing it, especially outside. I am thinking of starting a circuit based exercise class on Monday mornings around 9.15 to 9.30 for 45 minutes to an hour. It will be based outside and will only be cancelled if the weather is awful - either on the cricket field or Glebe. I will charge £3-£4 per session and will take payments per half term as I will only run it during term time. Please could you let me know if you are

interested - bridgieshiel2008@gmail.com as I need to know numbers and to see if it is feasible.

Culworth House Nursing Home

Culworth House was built in the late 18th century. Up until the 1970's it had been a private residence which employed a number of village people as cook, butler Mr Eaton, house staff, maintenance and gardeners. Local builders like Bill Linnell from Thenford sent Gerald Wade out to carry out routine small maintenance.

The house was sold in 1979 to Mr Farley who supplied Theatre Props. He applied for it to become an Old People's Home in 1986 which Mr and Mrs Norman Mathews took on. Mrs Mathews' fine attention to detail meant that every room was very tastefully decorated and colour coordinated, yet allowing residents to personalise their room. The first residents came to Fairacres, as it was then known, in late 1987-8. As they were relatively mobile, they explored the village attending church services and social functions. Fetes continued to be held in the beautiful grounds. The first one held in 1988 was very successful. Mrs Mathews ran the cake stall. She loved the gardens which were kept immaculate. Fresh flowers adorned the communal rooms. One of the resident ladies loved homemade marmalade which she bought from the Cake and Produce stalls. Heaven help us if there wasn't any for sale. Another resident loved animals- she would explore the village stroking dogs and horses as she found them. She was a familiar site scurrying about. Every day, or several times a day, she would visit Fulford Stables. Another resident who explored the village was immaculately dressed in tattersall check shirts and smart trousers- his daughter in law always attended to his laundry.

Cook prepared fresh food for every meal. Som Allen from Eydon, Joan Oxley and the late Marianne Harris did all they could to encourage the residents to eat. Afternoon tea with daily fresh homemade cakes were a speciality. Joan Oxley recalls going in around 7am to make the cakes for the day. Marianne had an exclusive fruit cake recipe which was an essential for the residents and the biennial village fetes. Later on, Susan Oxley knew all the residents likes and dislikes.

Relatives were encouraged to join the resident for meals. My father much appreciated a meal with my mother long after she wasn't able to join us at home.

The advent of the Care Home could have increased the number of burials. The then existing burial ground was getting short of spaces. This led to a rescue archaeological dig before a further extension could be made in to the Glebe Field/ Berry Hill Close. Few residents have actually been buried there. Majority returned to their previous location or had cremation.

Fairacres was a sponsor of the Culworth Cricket Club.

Hugh and Tessa Brace, Mr and Mrs Mathews' son in law and daughter took over the Nursing Home in the Mid 1990's putting in more ensuite and building a new Conservatory.

Blanchworth Care bought the home in the late 1990's.

Many people in Culworth and the surrounding villages found Fairacres, now Culworth House, a haven for our older sick relatives who required more care than could be given at home. It was easy to visit them regularly which was particularly important for the resident. When well enough they could attend family functions or social occasions including the fetes and church services

The activities coordinator enabled the residents to keep up with daily activities be it gentle exercise, quizzes ,keeping up to date with the newspaper, and singsongs. They made Easter Bonnets.

The coordinator organised Christmas Parties and a fete. Various local musicians entertained residents with their accordions. The Culworth school children visited to sing carols. Regular Anglican services were taken by Father Oman, a retired priest living in Sulgrave or recently Rev Brian Fairbank. On occasions, residents had tea at Canons Ashby. The hairdresser visited regularly along with the podiatrist. The local surgery oversaw the health of all the residents.

The House has been a source of local employment. Nurses, care assistants, cooks, cleaners, and handymen could all work. One person has been there most of its time working at the Nursing Home.

Over the years, the types of residents staying have altered. Once many were fairly mobile. Now more require mobility assistance and continuous care. The House has narrow corridors and steps which

make the use of wheelchairs difficult. Older buildings take much maintenance. The care given has been good.

The House closed in January 2017.

What will be the future of the building and grounds?

Jose Rowling

Banbury & District Diabetes UK Launch

To anyone interested in diabetes, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Banbury & District Diabetes UK Group.

It is our aim to provide help and support to people living with Diabetes, their families and friends, in Banbury and the surrounding areas.

If you would like to join our group or receive information on future events, then please send an e-mail to:

banbury.district.diabetesuk@gmail.com

Our website address with all events and news is below

<http://banbury.diabetesukgroup.org/>

We look forward to meeting you, and welcome you to our launch meeting on

Launch Meeting

Wednesday 22nd February

19:45 - 22:00

Hanwell Fields Community Centre

Rotary Way

Banbury OX16 1ER

Culworth Film Night Golden Years

Arthur and Martha Goode won't take the loss of their pensions lying down. It's time for these retirees to rob some banks and take back what

was theirs in the first place. Starring Virginia McKenna, Simon Callow, Alun Armstrong.

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM TICKETS - £10 TO

INCLUDE LIGHT SUPPER £5 FILM ONLY CALL

JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE 760855 TO BOOK

BRING YOUR OWN LIQUID REFRESHMENT &
GLASS

Dates for the diary -
21st April - film night
9th June - film night

Culworth Book Club

The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd February at 7pm. The book to be discussed is Golden Hill by Francis Spufford.

Culworth Snappers

Culworth Snappers met on Monday 16th January with 11 members attending. Last month's topic was winter trees with 45 images submitted and discussed.

Next month's meeting is on Tuesday 14th February at 19.30 hrs. The topic for this month is Patterns.

For further information contact John Emmett on 01295 768285.

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

2. No apologies for absence

3. Members of public present. Messrs S. Theobald, T. Curtis.

Defibrillator-Mr Theobald spoke of the defibrillator courses once his daughter Dr Hannah Theobald has the practice equipment from the British Heart Foundation. The dates will be forwarded to the Clerk who will convey to Parish Councillors and arrange the venue. Cllr Guinness was in receipt of an invoice of installation costs of the defibrillator which the Parish Council should pay half to the CPSA (not the school). Clerk will obtain location signs for defibrillator from the appropriate website. These will be placed on school gate, Forge 2 Parish Council Noticeboard, and Village Hall at a cost of £24 each plus VAT and packing. All councillors in favour. Notice on front of newsletter will inform village of location and use of the

defibrillator. Clerk to supply the information to the Newsletter Editor for February/March edition. Cllr Guinness spoke of problems with the defibrillator installation and condensation. She will confirm that the school will do the routine maintenance.

b. Planning meeting minutes. Email received had questioned the minutes, the working of the Parish Council and the Planning Committee report. The Chairman after discussion amended the Minutes to read 'The Planning Subcommittee recommended objection on the grounds of odour, increased traffic and design of building'. These were agreed as correct and inserted in the Minutes by the Chairman and signed by him. Mr Curtis will receive following the meeting the Planning Committee report by email. In future, all Planning Committee documents to be circulated to the email contacts with the agenda and minutes.

Culworth castle. Cllr Mumford and Rowling to review the winter work required to the overhanging vegetation from the allotment field. This will include cutting of ivy on Burial Ground fence. It was agreed to seek quotations from Paul Lewis and Gordon Phipps. Complete Weed Control to quote for further weed control near Animal Shelter for the noxious weeds. Cartwright Landscapes to confirm the cost of mowing the field.

Recreation Field. Councillors were aware on the extra cost of mowing from April to October. Mr J. Mumford to confirm his charges for this. A new red dog excreta bin has been installed which is being well used.

Play area- Cllr Koster reported that due to circumstances, there was no progress on this. It hinged on the location of the Pavilion.

Cricket Field update. Cllr Rolt reported on the joint meeting of the representatives of the Cricket Club, Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council on 3rd January 2017. Both the Village Hall and the Cricket Club would meet to discuss their requirements.

Cllr Rolt had written to the landowner, following that meeting, to ask for confirmation on a site in the northeast corner would be acceptable with a new entrance onto Queen Street. A copy of this letter to be circulated to all councillors.

Highway maintenance. It was noted that the gullies and drains were in the process of being lifted to match the new height of the road following the microasphalting. A resident had

complained that the pavement and road were similar height in places eg outside Westhill House. Clerk to report to NCC but Councillors felt that NCC would not respond with any solution. Two missing kerbstone in layby in High Street to be reported. Also Sulgrave Road pothole. Excess leaves between Crown Houses and Bankcroft will be swept up by the Chairman. Cllr Rolt to speak to the landowner of Fulford House regarding the hugely overgrown beech hedge causing vehicles to drive up the bank on the opposite side. Moss outside Nursing Home- doubtful if StreetDoctor will respond.

Public rights of way. Cllr Koster was unsure when she would have time to install way markers and check state of them.

Precept capping- HM Government will not cap Parish/Town Councils in 2017.

Transparency Code. NALC had notified the Council that the application for £442.50 had been granted for a new computer for Clerk. This would be in Council account by end of January. Cllr Lamb to advise and to report on next stage.

Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 4th March 2017 at 10am at The Forge. SNC will supply equipment and arrange collection of the rubbish.

Annual Parish Assembly April 25th Chairman and Clerk to arrange agenda. Any suggestions welcomed.

Culworth Nursing Home is to close in February 2017.

Community Enhancement Gangs. Clerk to apply for sign cleaning, siding out along Danvers House, missing kerb outside Falkland Cottage.

Community Governance Review – Councillors did not request any change.

FINANCES

Budget 2017-8. All councillors agreed a precept of £18400 for 2017-18. SNC require details by 20th January 2017. Clerk to advise SNC.

Payments since November meeting - information on parish council notice board

Planning

a) Applications none

b) Decisions from SNC – none received

Correspondence mostly emailed a) Clerks Councils Direct, b) Update c) Offer of land for Community Garden at Sulgrave Road

Any other business for next meeting on March

14th at 7pm- None

Meeting closed 9pm.

Jose has a village network list of emails. She sends any news or information out to all people on that list, including missing dogs, break-ins, 'What's On' etc. etc. in fact anything to do with village life.

If you would like to be included, please email her...
Josephine.rowling@gmail.com

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting

Tuesday 17th Jan 2017

Those Present: June

Oxley(Secretary)

Margaret Watts, Joan

Gottowik, Rose

Courtney, Julie

Tinn(Chair) Jane

Field(Treasurer) Martin

Rowling and Sarah Powell.

Apologies; Ruth Gross, Colin Hall and Michelle Koster.

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising: Thanks go to SP for repainting the white lines on the outside steps. The old photographs suggested by Val Webster were deemed to be too expensive from English Heritage so were declined.

2. Chairman's Report: The Health and Safety and Risk Assessment forms have been updated and signed.

The BFG was well attended and it was good to see some young people enjoying the film which made a profit of £160. The latest film 'Eye in the Sky' was reasonably well attended and £250 was taken but we still need to pay for the film itself. The Golden Years has been booked for 3rd March and also dates for future films. The suggestions for further films are United Kingdom and A Street Cat Named Bob.

In December Mary Whittington hosted a group of Japanese tourists in the hall. They visited the Church for carols and then were treated to a traditional Christmas lunch. £207 of the profit made was given for village hall funds. A letter of



thanks will be sent to Mary.

I would like to bring you up to speed on the plans for a new Community Hall. We have had casual meetings with Councillor Rosie Herring and the Highways Authority in November and December to discuss the new site for the hall at the north-east corner of the cricket field. Councillor Herring is in favour of the project and the Highways Authority felt that an opening at the start of the wall would be preferable to the existing gateway. The steering Committee met on Jan 3rd and Stuart Rolt has since written to Shirley Trott to get confirmation that she is happy with the new location. It was suggested at the meeting that, in the meantime, the VH Committee and the Cricket Club get together to discuss what they would like in the new hall.

It has been brought to my attention that we may not be conducting the elections of Officers and co-option of Trustees correctly at the AGM. The Trust Deed is rather vague on this subject and so, to make sure we are transparent and doing things properly, I would like to suggest that we take a vote, after proposing and seconding the relevant parties at the next AGM. We will discuss this in AOB.

In my report at the AGM I said I welcomed the different opinions of the Committee, I do but, at the same time, I would urge you all to present a united front when facing the rest of the community. If we appear fractured we will not have the respect or backing of the village when needed.

3. Treasurers Report: Funds in hand are £18692.83 made up of £17133.01 in National Savings (this includes £5k of Brian's estate), £1453.94 in the Current Account and £105.88 in petty cash. Booking revenue was £379 and outgoings were £342.13, we are still in credit with the Electricity but this may not be so next time.

4. Buildings and Renewals: The extension rail has been made and will be fitted shortly. JO to buy an air freshener for the toilets. JO to ask Tim Scott to check and order any replacement grills which are quite easy to fit. Thanks go to Josie Rowling for de scaling and cleaning the urn.

5. AOB: JG asked if we still had the indoor bowling equipment as interest had been shown from several people. JT suggested JG organise a taster session in the evening for those interested. SP will laminate a notice stating that no children under

the age of 14 should be allowed in the kitchen. JT read out the relevant part in the Schedule for the voting process in Committee Meetings and it came to light that, in the past, a majority vote should have been taken after a member had been proposed and seconded (especially if there were more than one candidate). JT proposed and MR seconded that this policy was adopted at the next AGM. The motion was carried with 7 votes to nil. At the last AGM Culworth Snappers were invited to have a member on the VH Committee, MW was proposed by JT and seconded by SP and was carried unanimously. After standing down as School Representative SP was proposed by JT and seconded by MW as the Cricket Club representative, 6 members voted so the motion was carried. We are still hoping to recruit a representative for the School. As there were several members absent it was decided to defer any discussion regarding the new hall to a later date. JT agreed that the Culworth Snappers could store their display boards in the VH.

The next meeting was fixed for Thursday 9th March at 7pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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

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.

Village Café Saturdays 1st Saturday of the month, in the Village Hall.
Free coffee, cake and chat.

Will resume on February 4th

The Culworth Gang

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

Message from Joan Gottowik

Sorry!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the expected Photographic Display will not now take place. However the Culworth Snappers may have plans to offset your disappointment.

Short Mat Bowls

Is there anyone interested in playing (or learning to play) this game? We have the equipment in the Village Hall.

News from St Mary's



Services for February and March

February

Sunday 5th 10 am Benefice Holy Communion
Sulgrave

6.00 pm Evensong

Wednesday 7th 10am Mid Week Holy
Communion Moreton Pinkney

Sunday 12th 11.15 Family Service and Holy
Communion followed by the Dedication of the
Lady Chapel Altar frontal

Sunday 19th 10am Matins

Sunday 26th 9.30 Holy Communion

March

Wednesday 1st 6.00 pm Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 5th 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion
Moreton Pinkney

6pm Evensong

Sunday 12th 11am Family Service (Includes
talk from Children's Society)

Wednesday 15th 10am Mid-week H.C
Chipping Warden

Sunday 19th Mothering Sunday 10am Matins

Sunday 27th 9.30 am Holy Communion

April

Sunday 2nd 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion
Edgcote

6pm Evensong

Carol Service

£240 was raised at the carol service for the Hands Up Foundation which raises money to help provide doctors and prosthetic limbs for people in war torn Syria. Thanks also to everyone who took part in our international carol service and to Ed and Nancy for providing refreshments at the Old Rectory afterwards.

Help needed to mow the churchyard!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to mow the grass last year. The rota worked really well and all slots were filled. We now need volunteers for this year.

Would you be prepared to be on a rota to mow the churchyard? Takes about an hour (from experience some cuts in the summer take a bit longer!) Top of the range motor mower provided. Please help. Each volunteer to be responsible for 2 weeks in the year.

Please fill in the rota on the table in church.

Wanted Rugs and Wraps

Have you got any spare rugs or wraps we could use in the church when the temperatures are a little less than tropical? If you have any, please leave them on the chest at the back of the church.

Thank You

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.

Japanese visitors for Christmas

About 20 Japanese ladies were entertained to a traditional British Christmas lunch in the village hall at the beginning of December. After carols in the church, Christmas lunch was served along with crackers and Christmas songs. To them everything was new; from the size of the turkey to the extraordinary sight of flaming Christmas pudding. The ladies particularly enjoyed ringing the hand bells to Silent Night, the one Christmas carol they know. Father Christmas brought them gifts and they ended their day buying gifts of their own from Forge2. They thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Over 8 ovens scattered around the village were used, we were all exhausted but the village hall and the church benefitted to the tune of over £400 and a party of Japanese ladies had a unique experience of an authentic village Christmas.



Martin conducting a Japanese Silent Night!

Culworth Snappers

Interested in Culworth's own camera club? We meet once a month. If you are interested in joining us, please call Colin Lamb on 01295 760169 for further details

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

You can do it online;

Report highway problems online or use your mobile

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

NB the phone number in the Culworth Directory appears to be out of date. Sorry. Try 033 126 1000



Police Update No CONTACTING NORTHAMPTONS HIRE POLICE IN SOUTH NORTHANTS

999. For a crime or incident in progress, or where someone is immediately at risk of harm, you should always dial 999. You will not be criticised for a well-intentioned 999 call. Furthermore, if we think the call doesn't warrant occupying an emergency line, we'll ring you back on a non-emergency line as we try to keep the emergency lines clear.

Your call will first be answered by the Emergency Operator who will ask you which of the emergency services you need (i.e. fire, police or ambulance). When you say it is the police you want, your call will be routed to the nearest and most available police emergency line. In most cases, this will be the Northamptonshire Police control room. In some cases, where lots of 999 calls are being received at the same time, or where you live near a county border, the call can be redirected to the nearest police force which will take your details and pass to Northamptonshire immediately.

When the police operator answers, you will be asked to say what the emergency is. Please be

prepared to give your details and the exact location of where the police are needed. Remember that the operator may not know the location as well as you. Think about how to describe it best, giving landmarks if possible – especially for rural locations or where house numbering may not be obvious.

101 This is the number that has been introduced nationally so that people don't have to know the individual telephone number of each of the 40+ police forces. The Northamptonshire Police telephone number is 03000 111222 but you don't need to remember that, because if you dial 101, the system will ask you to confirm which police force you want connecting to, and then connect you to the 03000 111222 number for Northamptonshire requests.

101 will connect you in the same way as the 03000 number. After the Chief Constable's recorded welcome, you follow a brief set of scripts where you can either report an incident, or give the name of the person or department you want to speak to. The system has voice recognition to assist.

Most of the 999 and 101 calls will be attended by our response teams – we always prioritise calls where people (as opposed to property) are at risk of harm, which may explain why other calls attract waiting times. Some calls do not receive a response from an officer, and we may set up an appointment to come and see you.

The public tell us that one of their biggest frustrations, in being able to get through to police, is when there is not an immediate incident ongoing, or when you just want some advice from your local officer when next available. In the old

days, you might have visited your police station or local office to obtain this.

Much of this business can be handled by my officers on the community team. Community teams are smaller in numbers, but have the skills to know about and deal with the ongoing issues that are local to the neighbourhood. You may know your local officers (details as at January 2017 are below) but if you don't, we offer the following advice.

South Northants community teams still operate from the police stations in St James Road, Brackley and Watling Street, Towcester. The response team is currently based at Towcester Police Station and provides 24/7 coverage for the whole of South Northants.

Brackley and Towcester Police Stations no longer have front offices for the public to visit. These closures have long led to the myth that the sectors are also not staffed by Police. Daventry Police Station still has an active front office and its opening hours are set to match demand. These are Mon-Sat 10am to 4pm. The front office team can be contacted via 101 on extension 341010. The team there have access to community team officer duties, are helpful and well-trained to assist and advise. They can also arrange for your local officer to contact you by simply identifying the officer and emailing them.

Alternatively you can email any concerns or queries (not crimes or urgent incidents) directly to the team that cover your area. An email to the generic team address can then be picked up by any team member and passed to the most appropriate person to deal with the matter. This avoids delays when individual officers are off duty.

YOUR LOCAL POLICING TEAM

Based at Brackley with South Northants district-wide supervisory responsibility: Sergeant Michaela

Simons micki.simons@northants.police.uk Twitter
@BrackleySctSgt

*Rural Intervention Vehicle based in South
Northants – Police & Fire collaboration* PC Gez
Shillito gez.shillito@northants.police.uk Twitter
@GezShillito105

*Wildlife & Rural Crime Officers based in South
Northants* PC Chloe Gillies
chloe.gillies@northants.police.uk PC Abbey
Anstead abbey.anstead@northants.police.uk

Based at Brackley
Team email: SCT-
SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk

PC Mac McConnell PCSO Graham Suppiah PCSO
Colin Brooks PCSO Jen Harrison

Team Twitter @BrackleySCT

Based at Towcester
Team email: SCT-
SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk

PC Chris Bird PCSO Charlotte Morris PCSO Tara
Cooksammy PCSO Steph Bacon PCSO Peter Firth

Team Twitter @TowcesterSCT

*Please do not report incidents and crimes via
Twitter as these may not be monitored 24/7 or
when already dealing with incidents.*

The NAB Unit (Northamptonshire
Association for the Blind) will be located outside
Brackley Town Hall on the first Wednesday of the
month between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and
information. (next one sare 1st February and 1st
March) There is everything from talking watches
and clocks, big button telephones and mobile
phones to large print diaries, writing aids and
electronic magnifiers. There are also a number of
booklets and information leaflets on eye
conditions, equipment and services available. No
need to book an appointment. Just drop in and see

Fred. Helpline: 01604 719193
Email: helpline@nab.org.uk www.nab.org.uk

Local Volunteering Opportunity Befriender/Home Visitor

Do you have a couple of hours free once a fortnight to become a home visitor/befriender for a visually impaired person in your area? This small- time commitment can make a huge difference to a visually impaired person's life. People with sight impairment may become isolated or lose confidence and this role could help them to regain and retain their independence and well-being.

Volunteers can help with:

- Fortnightly home visits to offer companionship and a chat.
- Assistance with reading mail, newspapers or correspondence.
- Accompanying people on short walks, visits to the GP or hospital.
- Occasional shopping trips.
- Assistance in labelling food and household items to increase safety.

* Please note that this is not a domestic or personal care role *

Are you enthusiastic, compassionate and patient. willing to understand about visual impairment, able to make a commitment on a regular basis?

If so, please contact us to have a chat about this rewarding opportunity. We offer ongoing support and specialist training, all mileage and telephone calls reimbursed and we will complete a DBS.

Contact: Rachel Cave Volunteer Co-ordinator
Email: rachel@nab.org.uk Mobile: 07889 411274
or Head Office: 01604 719193 Address: NAB, 37
Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2
7BB

Forge2 The Gallery is now closed. They will re-open on Saturday 1st April and look forward to welcoming you to their Spring Exhibition.

LOIS WEEDON FLOWER CLUB

Do you love flowers, arranging flowers or would you like to learn how to arrange flower? If so, then please join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall. Or, if you simply want to relax watching flowers being arranged, we would love to see you.

The afternoon usually involves a floral arrangement demonstration by a NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) demonstrator followed by tea and homemade cake and biscuits.

The Club's other activities include workshops and garden visits.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Banbury Young Homeless Project is a charity that offers support and guidance to vulnerable people between the ages of 16-25. Many young people are at risk of homelessness, often through no fault of their own.

As well as supporting homeless young people and those at-risk of homelessness, BYHP also offers counselling, employability training courses, family mediation and a job club.

To support this local charity, I am collecting non-perishable food and toiletries. Items needed include; UHT milk, cereals, crackers, tinned fruit/meat/pasta, soups, crisps, biscuits, instant noodles/rice, pasta and pasta sauces, also shampoo, soap, shower gel, sanitary products, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Please leave items in the collection box at the church or alternatively contact me on 01295760335 to arrange collection.

To find out about the amazing work that BYHP does or to make a direct donation please visit www.byhp.org.uk

Emily Collins

Village Hall Quiz

The Shrove Tuesday Quiz will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th February starting at 7.30pm. Bring your own Nibbles and drinks. Cost will be £2 per person. Teams of 4 to 6. Any profits will go to the Village Hall and St Mary's Church. Any info ring Jenny 01295 768110

Culworth Film Night Golden Years

Arthur and Martha Goode won't take the loss of their pensions lying down. It's time for these retirees to rob some banks and take back what was theirs in the first place. Starring Virginia McKenna, Simon Callow, Alun Armstrong.

**CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 3RD
MARCH DOORS OPEN AT 7PM TICKETS - £10
TO INCLUDE LIGHT SUPPER £5 FILM ONLY
CALL JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE 760855 TO
BOOK BRING YOUR OWN LIQUID
REFRESHMENT & GLASS**

Lent Lunches

There will be 2 Frugal Lunches this year in the Village Hall. The first will be on Thursday 23rd March and the second on Tuesday 4th April from 12 till 2. As with previous years there will be a choice of home-made soup, home-baked bread and a choice of puddings. Cost will be £5 each and all the money will be given to Banbury Food Bank.

Welcome to the February edition of the Culworth Newsletter. If you have anything that you think might be of interest, please send any articles/information by email to jenny_howse@hotmail.com or post any hard copy articles through my door at Bankcroft (last house before the Eydon turn).

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