



Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for March/April 2016

Regular events;

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

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall on 8th March
and 12th April 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 8th March

Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 15th
March 2016 7.00pm

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

Culworth House 2pm (every 3rd Thursday). Short
Service.

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

Other Events

Tuesday 1st March St David Day's Quiz

Wednesday 2nd March Culworth Ladies

Friday 4th March Film Night; The Second Best
Marigold Hotel

Saturday 5th March Annual Litter Pick

Thursday 10th March Frugal Lunch

Tuesday 22nd March Frugal Lunch

Tuesday 5th April Church Spring Clean

Wednesday 6th April P.C.C. A.G.M. 6.15 in the
church

Tuesday 19th April Annual Parish Assembly

Friday 22nd April Film Night; The Lady in the Van

Litter pick

The Annual Litter Pick is on **Saturday 5th 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

Lent Lunches

There will be 2 Frugal Lunches this year in the
Village Hall. The first will be on Thursday 10th
March and the second on Tuesday 22nd March,
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.

Village Hall Quiz

Instead of a Shrove Tuesday Quiz there will be a St
David's Day Quiz in the Village Hall on 1st March
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.

Culworth ladies

Had a meal in The Red Lion in February and are
going ten pin bowling at Hellidon Lakes on March
2nd. Please let me know if you would like to come
along. All ages very welcome. Sarah Powell-
sarahandpowell@hotmail.com

Village Café Saturday 5th March; 10 till 12

Theme ; Cakes made with vegetables

John Richard Kilmister

The end of January sadly saw the death of John Kilmister, a lovable eccentric who gave so much of his time to helping local communities. A policeman before becoming a District councillor on his retirement from the force, John was instantly recognisable with his Father Christmas-esque beard as well as his loud voice if ever he felt the public's best interests were being ignored. Resident in Culworth for over 40 years, he first built Pokara, before moving next door to Culworth Court. This house quickly became a store for any number of materials, although often the final purpose for this hoarding never bore any fruit.

An active member of village life, John was a willing helper whenever asked be that tramping the fields to find lost residents in the early days of the Nursing Home or acting as porter for the auction sale of redundant items when the church was refurbished in 1992-3. Indeed, with the enthusiasm of local auctioneer, Barrie Thompson, more than £2000 was raised in less than an hour, including one or two items successfully making their way down the road to Culworth Court.

John's funeral took place at Culworth Church on February 12th. The coffin was made out of oak by his son, local joiner Adrian, and carried into the church by family members and close friends before leaving on the bier, the first time it had been used in more than 60 years (see separate article). Aptly for a man who so loved wood, mourners were asked to throw twigs hoarded up at John's home over the coffin once it was in the ground, rather than earth.

We send our sympathies to Myra, Jane, Adrian and Sara and his four grandchildren Phoebe, Edward, Francesca and Joshua.

Rupert Rowling

The Bier

Culworth Church, in common with others in the locality, has a bier as part of the furnishings that are associated with the building. But, first what is a bier?

The Dictionary indicates that the word has an old English background derived from old Teutonic, a German language, and has the meaning 'to bear'. In a simple form it is a framework with four short legs and four handles; it resembles a stretcher or hand barrow. However, I would suggest that all biers are now fitted with wheels, thus making them quite easy to move from place to place. In this form they are in effect a four wheeled hand cart designed specifically for carrying a coffin.

Today we have undertakers whose business it is to conduct funerals, but historically most of the arrangements would have been made within the parish. Whilst the sexton, a parish officer, would have dug the grave the coffin would be made by the local joiner.

In some cases, the local builder was engaged in undertaking with Wootton at Sulgrave, Taylor at Culworth, Kench at Eydon and Cherry at Cropredy a few examples in the immediate vicinity of this hybrid business. Within the firms there would be different men capable of digging the grave and fashioning the coffin.

Hence, prior to the burial, the coffin containing the corpse would rest in the front room or parlour of the house where the deceased had dwelt. Then on the day of the funeral it would be moved to the church using the bier as the method of conveyance. After the church service the bier might be employed again to carry the coffin to the graveside.

In many parishes including Culworth, it has been necessary to either create an extension to the existing churchyard or to arrange for burials in a new separate area. In both cases it is inevitable that the grave will be some distance from the church building and thus the bier may be usefully employed.

At John Kilmister's recent funeral, although the coffin was brought to the church on a motor vehicle it was carried from the church to the grave on the bier in a dignified procession. Despite the fact that funerals are by their nature sad occasions, it was satisfying to see the bier being used for the purpose for which it was designed.

From the enquiries I have made I am fairly confident that the bier has not been used for about 60 years although interestingly a new cover was purchased for it in May 1950. Sometimes within a churchyard a building was purposely constructed for housing the bier, as is the case at Eydon.

However, at Culworth, as far as I am aware the bier has always rested within the church. Consequently it has remained mechanically sound and in good condition.

For the record the inscription reads 'In memory of Victoria the Good 1837-1901 St Mary's Church Culworth 1901.'

As a fine example of the skill of the wheelwright it was fitting that the bier was used at John's funeral, a man who had a great appreciation of craftsmanship.

Martin Rowling

Footpaths, Dogs and the countryside

You have the right to access some land for walking or certain other leisure activities.

You can:

- 1) use public roads and pavements or [public rights of way](#), eg footpaths or bridleways
- 2) [use your right to roam](#) on open access land including mountains, moors, heaths, downs, common land and some land around the England Coast Path
- 3) If neither of these apply, you may still be able to access [private land](#) if either:
the landowner has given permission ('permissive access')
- 4) there's a local tradition, or right, of access.

However, the right to roam does not exist around Culworth. There are some areas of 'set aside' land around the village where the landowner receives subsidies for encouraging wild life e.g. ground nesting birds and wild flowers, only if the land is not used by the general public. Please respect this and only use the public footpaths and bridleways.

The NFU has joined forces with The Kennel Club to make countryside dog walks safer and more stress free for both pet dogs and farm animals, by creating new footpath signs which encourage responsible dog ownership.

The signs, which farmers can display on fences and gateposts, have been launched at the world's biggest dog event, Crufts. This marks a new partnership with The Kennel Club that aims to help dog owners enjoy the UK's landscapes while

avoiding causing unintentional injury or distress to sheep and cattle.

The signs reinforce the year-round need to keep dogs on leads around livestock and emphasise that it is safer to release a dog if threatened by inquisitive cattle, so that walkers and dogs can get to safety separately.

1. Keep your dog close, under control, in sight and on a short lead around cows and sheep
2. Cows are nosy and may come to investigate, especially if you have a dog with you
3. Don't panic or run if cattle follow you – stay calm and walk quickly and quietly around the herd
4. Remember cows can be protective of their young. Never get between cows and their calves – go around the herd and rejoin the path as soon as possible
5. If you are threatened by cattle release your dog so you can both get to safety separately
6. Dog poo can spread disease to farm animals. Bag it and bin it wherever you are, in any public waste bin
7. For the health of your pet and farm animals, prevent your dog from getting into water troughs and follow your vet's advice on worming

More than 15million ewes will give birth to lambs this spring. Please keep your dog on a lead around livestock

PLEASE could you pick up dog excreta and put it in the bins located at end of Red Lion footpath near the concrete road, by the allotments at the back of the school and on the corner of Sulgrave Road/Barley Hill.

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from the MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th January in Culworth Village Hall;

Culworth Castle site/Berry Hill Close.

The Chairman and Clerk had signed the TP1 at the Parish Council solicitors Rollasons on Wednesday 6th January. Once signed by NCC, and the Land

Registry complete, the Parish Council will then own the land. Management regime to be discussed at next meeting.

Street Lighting

Cllr Mumford reported that Aylesbury Mains had attended to two lights and were to inspect a further two for safety.

Overgrown foliage remains a problem. Cllr Guinness to contact two householders. One of the Parish Councillors and a resident may be able to attend to another.

Complaint had been received about the poor quality of light at top of Banbury Lane and further down High Street.

Recreation Field. Cllr Rolt will attend to the problem. Councillors were concerned at the cost of mowing of the football playing area. The rank grass to the rear is currently being managed by sheep.

Cricket Field/Hill Field. Further meeting awaited. HM Her Majesty the Queen 90th birthday celebrations weekend June 10-12 2016. In principle the Parish Council unanimously supported assisting with this event. Section 137 could be used to provide funds. It is thought that the Village Hall committee and the Parochial Church Council would also be in favour. (A village meeting is to be held on 16th February at 7pm in Village Hall - fixed after PC meeting).

Litter Pick Saturday March 5th 2016 starting at 10am from The Forge.

BUDGET.

NO comments received from email or notice on Parish Council Noticeboard. Chairman proposed precept of £16800 to cover estimated expenditure. All councillors were in favour.

School matters. Cllr Guinness will contact school temporary Head. Mrs S. Lawrence retired in December. New Head Oliver Johnson takes up post in April 2016.

Speeding issues. Following November meeting, District Councillor R. Herring had contacted and forwarded an email from RoadJag which had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. The Chairman proposed this be removed from agenda as Culworth did not match any of the criteria.

Artificial External defibrillator. Cllr Guinness will continue to ask school to formally agree to fund half the cost.

Annual Parish Assembly 19 April 2016 in Village Hall. Possible topic Cricket Pitch in Village.

Statement of Community Involvement (Draft) emailed to PC in December.

South Northamptonshire Council has drafted an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2015. It sets out how we will involve and ensure engagement with the community in preparing its Local Plan part 2, other planning policy documents and in processing planning applications. It will replace the previous SCI which was adopted in 2006. Since then there have been a number of changes to the planning system and legislation, in addition, technological advances including the increased use and availability of electronic communications has changed the way public consultation is carried out. These changes have been reflected and are incorporated into the new drafted SCI. An 8 week consultation seeking representation on the drafted updated SCI will take place from Monday 14th December 2015 to the 5th February 2016. Parish Council comment - Noted that Joint Core Strategy is currently with Northampton Borough, Daventry District Council and South Northants but South Northants and Cherwell are one unit. Cherwell planning application which affect South Northants parishes are not notified to those parishes. Non computer literate residents and older residents are disadvantaged. SNC review is not delivered to all properties in Culworth

PLANNING

ApplicationsS/2015/2928/FUL First floor side extension and single storey rear extensions 5 Walnut Close PC NO observations
S/2015/2999/FUL Variation of condition 2 (plans)
S/2013/1429/FUL (Removal of open fronted hovels and construction of stables) to build the two wings of the building as open access and to use demountable timber stables within. Culworth Grounds Partnership PC Proposal an improvement.
S/2015/3062/FUL Conversion of existing barn and stables into a dwelling. Retention of mobile home until building works complete Paddocks Products The Paddocks Sulgrave Road OX17 2AP PC were against proposal. a) outside village boundary setting precedent. b) Not thought to be sustainable holding c) ribbon development
S/2016/0036/FUL and 037LB Laurel Villa PC NO observations
Decisions from SNC Refusal S/2015/2619/FUL
Date of Next scheduled meeting 8th March 2016 to be chaired by Cllr Lamb

Alan and Gaynor Seeds

We say farewell to Alan and Gaynor Seed this week. During his time here, Alan was instrumental in advising the village on the issues of HS2. He spent many hours reading and researching the endless documents. His technical knowledge was invaluable in putting forward our case at least for noise abatement this side of Lower Thorpe. On any planning issues as a Parish Councillor he gave considered opinion. Both participated in the Annual Litter Pick ensuring the Banbury Lane was spotless. Thank you both for your contribution. We have benefitted from you both. Good luck to you both in your new home.

HS2

excerpt from HS2 final report of HS2 Select Committee

Chipping Warden and Aston-le-Walls 78. On our visit to this area, Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP noted a number of traffic safety concerns. We are pleased that, under AP2, Chipping Warden will benefit from provision of a bypass. Furthermore, construction traffic will reach the railway trace without unduly intruding on the small nearby habitation of Aston-le-Walls. Our interim report of 2014–15 directed provision of a roundabout at the intersection of the A361 and the Welsh Road. These improvements will together offer an important legacy of road improvements in the area. 79. We heard remaining concerns about substantial existing flood risk in the Chipping Warden area and the possibility that tunnel construction will exacerbate it. We have directed a high-level study of drainage needs. Culworth and Lower Thorpe 80. The Promoter accepted our recommendation to provide better noise protection for Culworth by means of a noise barrier on the north side of the Lower Thorpe viaduct. Provision has been made in AP4. Radstone 81. Our 2014–15 interim report sought consideration of a lateral movement of the line away from Radstone. The Promoter told us that the challenge was to avoid consequential adverse effects on Turweston, to the south. 82. Since the Radstone Residents Group appeared before the Select Committee in February 2015, the Promoter and the residents group have worked collaboratively to agree changes to the scheme that offer increased noise and visual mitigation for

the residents of Radstone. This includes an 800m-long, 5m-high trackside noise barrier as the route passes the village, and a commitment to lower the railway's vertical alignment and to increase the height of earth bunds. On that basis, the group withdrew its petition against the Bill. We are pleased with this improved outcome. 83. We note that, in Greatworth, construction of HS2 may present an opportunity to improve the local footpath network.

If you would still prefer to stop HS2 and spend the money on a national long term flood-defence strategy follow this link to a related petition to parliament.
[/petition.parliament.uk/petitions/117184](https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/117184)

It appears that last week heavy lorries taking equipment onto the old Great Central branch railway line may have something to do with investigative work associated with HS2. The equipment is in a compound and apparently has a round the clock security guard. Since the actual HS2 will be about half a kilometre from this site it will be interesting to see where the work will progress. In the meantime the entrance to what was a small farm track at the bottom of the hill near the Eydon turning has been considerably churned up.



CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the Village Hall Committee Meeting
Tuesday 5th Jan 2016
at 7pm.

Those present: June Oxley (Secretary) Colin Hall, Jane Field, Joan Gottowik, Margaret Watts, Julie Tinn (Chair) Michelle Koster, Sarah Powell and Martin Rowling.

Apologies: Ruth Gross.

The Chairman opened the meeting wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming Jane as our new Treasurer and Colin who has agreed to become Vice Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising: The research into the new

curtains and poles is still ongoing.

2. Election of Officers: The formal election of the new officers took place, JO proposed and JG seconded JF as Treasurer and SP proposed and JT seconded CH as Vice Chair. The bank signatories need to be amended and JT will investigate a new bank for the current account but leave the savings account as it is with a view to protecting Brian's legacy (£5K) in a separate account. SP proposed and MW seconded that the signatories should be JT, JO and JF.

3. Chairman's Report: The film, Gravity, only made £16.10 due to the expense of the fish and chip supper, but the last film, 100 Foot Journey, made £230.24 (less the outstanding Invoice for about £110) The next film will be 45 Years on 29/01/16 and two more dates have been scheduled, 04/03/16 and 22/04/16. It was suggested that one of the films should be The 2nd Marigold Hotel. JT has confirmed that we no longer need a Premises Licence for the hall.

4. Treasurers Report: The accounts show total funds of £13311.16 which is an increase of £302.94 since the last meeting. The breakdown is Savings £11066.04, Current account £2180.40 and £64.72 in Petty Cash, copy attached. The Electricity contract ends on 1st April and JF will investigate alternative suppliers. JF proposed that the Current Account should be changed to Lloyds and JT seconded. The accounts prior to the election of the new Treasurer have been audited by Dick Winter and JT will write to thank him for this and offer two free tickets for a film night in the future.

5. Buildings and Renewals: The white lines on the entrance steps need to be repainted and it was decided to wait for better weather to do this. The guttering outside the back door needs some attention and JG said she would contact a local handyman to attend to these small jobs.

6. AOB: JT proposed and JO seconded that we need to become a member of ACRE in our own right. A vote of thanks was given to MW and JG for the notelets produced and have now all been sold. The suggested date for the Fete this year was Sun 11th Sept subject to avoiding other villages dates and will be included in the next Newsletter for volunteers to run/help with this event. Jenny Howse has advised that she would like Culworth to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday in some way and the village hall committee agreed they would like to be involved in this.

The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 15th March at 7pm in the hall and, there being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

Royal 90th Birthday Celebrations Sunday 12th June.. keep it free!

Following a meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16th February, a group of people from the village decided to move forward with preparations to celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth as a village.

These are provisional plans. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know. (jenny_howse@hotmail.com etc)

Sunday 12th June

11.00am Service of Thanksgiving in St Mary's Church

12.30 onwards... Big Lunch on the cricket field.

This is to be a 'bring and share' event. If the weather is great, it will be on the field but if not we will use the village hall. Bring your own picnic tables and chairs and also your own liquid refreshments. We propose to have a royal toast during this... and maybe cut a village cake.

From 2pm onwards we hope to have games and a rounder's tournament, as we did for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations 4 years ago.

There will also be some sort of quiz during the day based on the 90 years of the Queen's life. We have already an offer from somebody to coordinate this.

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 Saturday March 5th

Theme; Vegetable Cakes

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

News from St Mary's



Services for March and April

March

Sunday 6th (Mothering Sunday) 10.00am
Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden

6.00 pm Evensong

Wednesday 9th 10am Benefice Holy
Communion Culworth

Sunday 13th 11am Family Service

Wednesday 16th 10.00am Mid- week H.C.
Sulgrave

Sunday 20th 10 am Matins (Palm Sunday)
24th Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and
Devotional 6.00pm Culworth

Sunday 27th Easter Day 11.00am. Holy
Communion Culworth

April

Sunday 3rd 10 am Benefice Holy Communion
Moreton Pinkney

6.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 10th 11 am Family Service

Sunday 17th 10 am. Matins

Wednesday 20th 10am Mid- week H.C.
Chipping Warden

Sunday 24th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st May 10am Benefice Holy
Communion

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 17th March and 21st April.

Help needed to mow the churchyard!

Would you be prepared to be on a rota to mow the churchyard? Takes about an hour. 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.

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.

Things to do in the garden in March

1. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 2 Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 3 Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4 Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5 Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6 Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7 Cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8 Weeds come back in to growth - deal with them before they get out of hand
- 9 Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
- 10 Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days

Recipe of the Season

Pasta with purple sprouting broccoli

This year I have netted my purple sprouting broccoli and so am hoping for a bumper crop. This recipe is really tasty... and easy!



Ingredients

1kg/2¼lb [purple sprouting broccoli](#)
1 medium sized fresh red [chilli](#) (not too hot)
2 cloves [garlic](#), peeled
1 small tin of anchovy fillets in [olive oil](#), drained
good quality [olive oil](#)
350g/12oz pasta, such as fusilli or penne
4 tbsps freshly grated parmesan
salt and [pepper](#)

Method

Put a large pan of water on to boil with a little salt. Trim the outer leaves and woody stalks from the broccoli. Wash the good bits and chop into 1cm/½in sections. Cut the chilli in half lengthways and scrape out the seeds and the attached pith. Chop the chilli flesh, the garlic and the anchovies finely.

In another large pan warm four tablespoons of olive oil over a medium flame and add the chilli, garlic and anchovies. Gently fry these for a minute or so and add the broccoli, season with a little salt and pepper, then continue to cook gently while the pasta boils.

Drop the pasta in the boiling water and stir immediately. Cook until just bit tender. This could take anything between 7 and 12 minutes depending on the type of pasta you choose. When the pasta has nearly finished cooking, transfer a small ladle of the cooking water to the broccoli and continue to cook over a high heat until tender.

When cooked, drain the pasta. Add another two tablespoons of oil and the cheese to the broccoli. Toss with the drained pasta and serve immediately.

Village Café Saturday 5th March

Theme; Cakes made with vegetables.
Free coffee, tea, cakes and chat
10 till 12. First Saturday of the month in the Village Hall

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

Council given £30,000 to road test food waste campaign

Food waste recycling messages will appear across the district after South Northamptonshire Council was given £30,000 to road test campaign material. The funding came from WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) and is aimed at finding out the best way of communicating the food waste recycling message.

Stickers and leaflets will be delivered direct to 37,000 South Northants homes, adverts will be placed on petrol pumps, buses, mobile billboards, and in local papers and magazines.

SNC recycling officers will be appearing at school assemblies, posters will be displayed in public areas, and Brackley Town Football Club and Towcester Racecourse will also host campaign banners.

Many of those ordering a takeaway in the district over the next few weeks will also receive campaign messages via specially printed containers supplied to restaurants.

All activities will be supported online via the SNC website and social media feeds; <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk>, www.facebook.com/SouthNorthantsCouncil, and @SNorthantsC.

Councillor Dermot Bambridge, SNC's portfolio holder for environmental services said: "It is somewhat of a privilege to be chosen by WRAP for this research. We do have a good recycling rate of around 60 per cent, but we know a lot more food waste can be recycled.

"Putting waste food out for collection each week in the caddies we provide is not only good for the environment but it also helps keep down the council's costs. The food waste produces gas to power electrical generators as well as fertilizer for farmland. This is much better for the environment than putting it in expensive landfill sites. I encourage everyone to put their food waste in the caddies for us to recycle rather than in the black bin."

The majority of the promotion will take place during the first two weeks of March and every home should have received something by Friday, 11 March.

Campaign messages include:

Food waste breaks down in landfill creating methane, a harmful greenhouse gas

No amount too small. Start by recycling your teabags and coffee grounds

Food waste is recycled into energy to power our homes

To measure the success of the campaign recycling officers will be closely monitoring food caddies in the build-up, during and after the promotion, and door-to-door research among a representative sample of properties will take place once it has ended.

For advice on how to make the most of the SNC food waste recycling system visit -

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/foodwaste.htm>, or call 01327 322344.

From our MP Andrea Leadsom

Vote on the EU Referendum

Now that the Prime Minister has concluded his negotiations over the terms of our membership in the European Union, I wanted to make sure that my constituents were the first to know what my position is and how I will be voting in the upcoming referendum.

I want to be absolutely clear – I will be voting to leave the EU. This is not a decision that I have made quickly or easily, as I have been a strong advocate for reform within Europe for many years. I have written an open letter to all of my constituents in South Northamptonshire which sets out why I am voting to leave in detail.

To find out more – www.andrealeadsom.com

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 (2nd March and 6th April) between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and information.

We have one specially adapted vehicle which is we call our Mobile Sight Centre, which travels the county parking up at central locations.

The specially adapted vehicle is a free service for everyone, bringing advice, information and support to visually impaired people and their carers.

Regular visits are made to towns and villages across Northamptonshire, as well as outlining hospital eye departments and clinics. Fred Cannon, our Mobile Information Officer also gives regular talks and demonstrations on request to care homes and sheltered housing, day centres and community groups. We carry a large display of practical specialist aids and equipment on the unit, designed to help alleviate the everyday difficulties visually impaired people encounter.

You will find aids to help with reading and writing, cooking, telling the time, large print items and many more.

Helpline: 01604 719193

Email: helpline@nab.org.uk

www.nab.org.uk

Village Directory

It is some years since the village directory was updated. Many people find this invaluable especially if they are newcomers to the village. If you wish to be included or be deleted, please let Jose know. (01295 760571 or Josephine.rowling@gmail.com)

We intend to reprint this in the next month.

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.

Welcome to the March 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 next edition is Wednesday 27th April. The newsletter is financed by Culworth Parish Council and distributed free of charge. The opinions expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily those of the parish council.

St David's Day Quiz



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Starts 7.30

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Any info ring Jenny 01295 768110

Village Directory

It is some years since the village directory was updated. Many people find this invaluable especially if they are newcomers to the village. If you wish to be included or deleted, please let Jose know. (01295 760571 or Josephine.rowling@gmail.com) We intend to reprint this in the next month

Culworth Film Nights



The Second Best Marigold Hotel (CERT PG)

The sequel to the hilarious 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' with Richard Gere joining the original cast.

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM – BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & GLASS

TICKETS - £10.00 Film & light supper
£5.00 Film only

RING JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE 760855 TO BOOK

22nd April The Lady in the Van starring Maggie Smith

Lent Lunches

Thursday 10th March and Tuesday 22nd March, from 12 till 2 in the Village Hall

Choice of home-made soup, home-baked bread and a choice of puddings

£5

All the money will be given to Banbury Food Bank.

