



Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for April 2016

Regular events;

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

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall 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 10th May

Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 24th May
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 2nd April and 7th May
(every 1st Saturday) In the village hall. 10 - 12

Other Events

Tuesday 5th April Church Spring Clean

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

Thursday 14th April 7.30 Fete Meeting

Sunday 17th April Cricket Club Spring Clean

Tuesday 19th April Annual Parish Assembly

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

Culworth Fete

CALLING ALL VILLAGERS

As you may be aware Culworth did not host a Village Fete last year due, in part, to family/ work commitments, holidays etc. However, this year the Village Hall Committee and the Church Council would like to revive this village tradition. A date has been set for Sunday 11th September in the afternoon. we could really do with some help with ideas and suggestions so please come along to the village hall on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm. If this date is not good for you, you can contact any of the Committee members beforehand. The more the merrier please!

Julie

SO the first Fete meeting is on Thursday 14th April, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Do please come and offer your help!

Church spring Clean

If you've got a spare hour on Tuesday 5th April, please come and help us clean the church. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! From 10 am.



Litter pick

Many thanks to Jenny and Terry Howse, Gillian Bramwell, Rupert Heseltine, John Duggan, Colin and Mavis Lamb, Mrs Curtis, June Oxley, Rev Brian Fairbank, Paul and Jules Williams, Carolyn Rapolas, Jennifer and Dick Winter, Simon and Diana Langdale, John and Barbara Leadbeater, Charles Buckley and the Rowlings the village was excellently cleaned up. Among the interesting items found were a TV, handbag, can of diesel, saw and an exposed cable belonging to a utility. In spite of some person managed to scatter their litter after the litter pick, at Trafford Bridge!

Lent Lunches

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the lunches. A special thank you to all the ladies who provided soups and the puds including Mary Whittingham, June Oxley, Mary Grice and Diana Langdale. They were much appreciated. £172 was raised and has been given to Banbury Foodbank.

Allotments

Fancy a challenge?
Keep fit and grow
your own!
Now's the time to
get started.



Allotments still available only £15 a year
Site is behind the school.
Email suzannecubitt@icloud.com

Footpaths, Dogs and the countryside

More than 15 million 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.

Who cuts What?

We are lucky enough to be surrounded by green fields and have green open spaces in and around the village. However, as anyone with a garden knows, grass has to be cut. But who cuts what in Culworth?

The Parish council is responsible for several areas in the village; the Village Green and the Recreation Field (the old football field) which are mown twice a month in the summer, the 'new' burial ground and soon, part of Berry Hill Close.

The cricket field is mostly mown by volunteers but the Parish Council pays for the boundary to be cut about 3 times in the year.

The grass verges are the responsibility of the county council and they will be cut twice this year (maximum!)

The churchyard is the responsibility of the P.C.C. and with the help of several volunteers will hopefully be kept neat and tidy.

Dogs' poo Strikes Again!

After months of clean streets someone is now not picking up their own dogs' excreta. There are four poo bins which are very well used, but there is still room for more poo.



They are at the end of the Red Lion footpath, at the entrance to the Cricket Field, by the allotments behind the school and one between Barley Hill and Sulgrave Road. They are emptied every week at a cost of £642 a year. Please use them and not the other litter bins. The ordinary litter bins are not emptied so regularly and are not meant for poo.

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall.

Councillors present: C. Lamb (Vice Chair), M. Koster, D. Mumford, B. Leadbeater. N. Guinness, M. Rowling and the Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling. Apologies for absence Cllr Rolt (holiday). Members of public present: Mrs E. Collins, Mr C. Buckley

Open Meeting Concern re lack of space for dogs and children to play together. A member of public asked for consideration for an area where families could exercise their dogs and children together. Footpaths are muddy, both the Cricket Field and recreation field have sheep.

Minutes of January 2016 minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

No matters arising not itemised separately.

Culworth Castle Site. The final document is with NCC but due to officer off sick and change of solicitor, it has not been signed. Unfortunately, Ordnance Survey searches are now out of date and will need to be repeated. This is in hand. Clerk to contact Scotts. Elkingtons and Cartwrights for quotations. Clerk was instructed to ask all possible new contractors to include mowing village green, recreation field, and cricket field.

Cricket Field/Hill Field. Thanks were expressed to a neighbour who had provided free a new water and electricity supply to the Pavilion.

Recreation Field Noted the concern of a member of the public over the sheep in the field and the lack of play space for dogs and children together

HM Queen Elizabeth 11 90th birthday celebrations Sunday 12th June. The small subcommittee led by Mrs Howse had decided to hold a church service followed by a Big Lunch on the Cricket Field if fine and if wet in Village Hall .Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to provide 100 medals at£1.99 each, a Culworth mug filled with chocolate either eggs or buttons for children's games. Cllr Lamb would check with local wine shop owner costings for a celebratory drink.

Village Maintenance- winter prunings had been completed.

Village Litter pick was the most successful in numbers. 22 people scoured the village of rubbish making a total of 41 bags, one TV, handbag etc. SNC didn't supply gloves this year. Hi vis jackets were in short supply. SNC collected rubbish on Monday 7th March

School matters Cllr Guinness will wait until new Head has started in April before any further dialogue.

Street lighting Cllr Mumford reported on safety checks on two metal lampposts and repairs as necessary. Cllr Guinness reported that foliage overhanging lights outside Ivy House and Old Rectory would be removed shortly.

Annual Parish Assembly April 19th at 7pm. Both District and County Councillors know of the date. To decide on exact format by email. One topic- Heritage groups
Village Directory is being updated.

PLANNING Matters

Applications

Myrtle Cottage Yew tree on Corner of front garden – to reduce crown by approx. 1 metre overall. Wheatsheaf Barn Fell leylandii and cherry trees. Crown raise and reduce robinia and walnut trees.

Falkland Cottage High Street Variation of condition 2 (plans, drawing no 2) of planning permission (Two storey rear extension) to increase the height of the proposed extension, insert window in side elevation, change the positioning of rooflights, omit chimney and make changes to the internal lay out.

SNC Decisions

Paddocks Products Sulgrave Road – Approval
Consensus agreed to contact SNC re this decision

SNC Licence Application Fulford Farm for sale of alcohol 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm. No objections raised.

Any other business for 10th May meeting. Any item to be raised at this meeting must be given to Clerk to add to agenda three days prior to meeting.

Notice of Annual Parish Assembly

This will be held on **Tuesday 19th April** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will be chaired by Stuart Rolt Chair of Culworth Parish Council. This is the time when residents can make any suggestions and comments on the running of the Village. District and County Councillors hope also to be present. Do come along to speak about any issues.

HS2

The activity on the old Great Central branch railway line is all about ground investigation work to assess the geology along the route of HS2. There are currently no plans for the farm track to be used by HS2 construction traffic

Incidentally the Department for Transport estimated the cost to be £43 billion; a study by the Institute of Economic Affairs suggested a total cost of £80 billion.

The vote to give the go ahead to HS2 was passed on Thursday 23rd March in the House of Commons by 399 votes to 42. It will now be sent to The Lords for debate before being sent back to The Commons.

Is it now too late to reverse this idiotic venture?

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)

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL



Minutes of the Village
Hall Committee
Meeting
Tuesday 15th March
2016
Those Present: June
Oxley (Secretary) Jane
Field (Treasurer)

Margaret Watts, Joan Gottowik, Martin Rowling,
Julie Tinn (Chair) Sarah Powell.

Visitor: Rose Courtney

Apologies: Ruth Gross, Colin Hall and Michelle
Koster.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.
2. Matters Arising; The form has been sent to alter the signatories on the Santander Current A/C. Thanks to MR for clearing the guttering of chippings from the flat roof, the white lines on the steps are to be left until better weather in the summer.
3. Chairmans Report: We are now fully paid up members of ACRE in our own right. We have had two films, 45Years made £264.40 and The Second Best Marigold Hotel £320 (less the Invoice and some expenses). The next film is Lady in the Van on 22nd April and should prove very popular and a suggestion was made that the new Dad's Army should be shown soon.
4. Treasurers Report; The funds in hand show an amount of £14501.26 made up of £11133.01 in National Savings (which includes Brian's legacy of £5k), Santander current account £3312.18 and £56.07 in petty cash. There is one outstanding Invoice from the film of about £100. Booking revenue was £933 and there has been a refund of £239.35 from an accumulation of monies in the Water A/C. The Insurance is now due and will show an increase of £12.88 per month. The Electricity supplier is to be changed to British Gas. The hall is now being cleaned once a fortnight instead of weekly.
5. Buildings and Renewals: During one sudden storm a leak appeared for a short time but was not deemed sufficiently severe to warrant further investigation. MR reported that he had inspected the manholes outside the toilets and had removed a pullover, obviously put there as a prank!
6. Fete: The date for this year's fete has already been decided on Sunday 11th Sept. In conjunction

with the Church. A Fete meeting was set for Thursday 14th April in the village hall at 7.30pm. JO will advertise this open meeting in the next Newsletter to gather a small committee to run the Fete.

7. AOB: After the recent incident when someone stumbled on the steps outside it was decided that further thought should be given to more safety measures if it was felt they were necessary.

The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 24th May at 7pm in the village hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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

Don't forget -Royal 90th Birthday Celebrations

Sunday 12th June.. keep it free!

The Queen's actual birthday is on 21st April but the celebrations will be on 12th June.

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

Sunday 12th June

11.00am Service of Thanksgiving in St Mary's Church Culworth.

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.

We need someone to organise some races and the rounders. Can you help?

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 10 till 12

Theme; Gluten free Cakes

1st Saturday of the month, every month in the Village Hall.

Free coffee, cake and chat.

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 in April, May and 8th June are in Culworth Village Hall. The 22nd June meeting is in Sulgrave Village Hall.

April 13th: Tea Dance 3-5

April 27th: Quiz, Tea and chat 2-4

May 11th: Talk on the original Culworth Gang by David Hewitt 2-4

May 25th Outing to Wardington Antiques and Garden Centre

June 8th A talk on the Samaritans by Will Adams 2-4

Saturday 18th June Table Top Sale

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 07799 846313

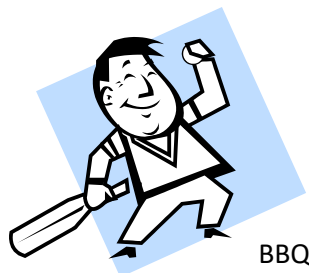
Culworth Cricket Club

Annual Spring Clean of

Pavilion Sunday 17th

April from 10am with

lunch for those helpers



BBQ

News from St Mary's



Services for April

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

Church spring Clean

If you've got a spare hour on Tuesday 5th April please come and help us clean the church. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! 10 a.m. start.

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 21st April and 19th May.

Help needed to mow the churchyard!

Thank you so much to all those who have volunteered to mow the churchyard. There are still a few slots that need to be filled. If you feel able to help please fill in the rota in the church. **Thank You.**

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 April

- 1 Keep weeds under control
- 2 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- 3 Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- 4 Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
- 5 Start to feed citrus plants
- 6 Increase the water given to houseplants
- 7 Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- 8 Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- 9 Prune fig trees
- 10 Divide bamboos and waterlilies



Recipe of the Season

Wild Garlic Pesto

- 200 g wild garlic
- 200 g leaves of any other fresh herbs, such as parsley or chives
- 200 g hard cheese, such as parmesan
- 200 g hazelnuts
- olive oil, for drizzling

Wild garlic pesto is great in salads, served with soups, mixed in to mashed potatoes or as a sauce for pasta.

Method

1. Place all of the leaves and herbs into a bowl and blend using a stick blender. Strain off any juices before adding the cheese, nuts and a good pinch of salt.
2. Mix well to combine and drizzle with olive oil to taste.



Tips and Suggestions

This recipe freezes very well. Just pour the mixture into an ice cube tray and pop out the cubes a few hours before you are ready to use them.

Wild Garlic (also known as bear's garlic and even Stinking Jenny!) will be available at the Village cafes... in April, if it is ready, and definitely in May.

Village Café Saturday 2nd April

Theme; Gluten free cakes
Free coffee, tea, cakes and chat
10 till 12. First Saturday of the month in the Village Hall

Geoff Mold

Geoff Mold died peacefully on 9th March in the Horton General Hospital aged 93 years. He had lived in Culworth for many years until he moved with his wife Enid to Banbury about 14 years ago.

He had served in the army in Italy, Africa and India. He worked on the Flying Scotsman as a stoker. He then worked for over 20 years as a security sergeant at Export Packing in Chipping Warden.

Our thoughts are with his children Martin and Gloria and grandchildren Jaime and Ryan.

Milltown Singers

Milltown Singers are a community choir for Banbury and the surrounding villages. We are about 80 strong and we welcome all comers. We do not ask you to audition and you are welcome to try us out in a free taster session.



We meet on Thursday evenings in term times at the Chasewell Centre, Avocet Way, Cherwell Heights 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. Our choir director is Mike Horth who is a professional musician and choir leader and we are extremely fortunate to have him work with us.

We sing a mix of music from folk, gospel, modern pop, old pop and music from west end shows. If you are thinking of joining a choir take a look at our website at milltownsingers.co.uk or call Val Webster on 01295786644.

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

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

Helpline: 01604 719193

Email: helpline@nab.org.uk

www.nab.org.uk

Countdown is on until voter registration deadline

Residents who are not already included on the voters' register have less than a month left to apply for their details to be added ahead of this year's election or they could lose their right to vote on polling day.

The deadline to register is 18 April.

This year there will be a Police and Crime Commissioner election taking place in South Northamptonshire on 5 May.

Sue Smith, Returning Officer for South Northamptonshire, said: "If people want to vote in any of this year's elections then it is vitally important that they ensure their details are up-to-date on the electoral register.

"Anyone who has had a change in circumstances since the 2015 elections, such as moving house or name change through marriage or divorce, will need to ensure they have updated their details as this does not happen automatically.

"Aside from the right to vote, the electoral register is also used for jury selection and to perform credit

checks for applications for things such as a mortgage, mobile phone and credit card. If details are not kept up-to-date this could affect individual credit ratings and cause complications in the future."

It is a legal requirement for people to submit their details for the electoral register – even if they choose not to vote – and failure to do so is punishable by a £1,000 fine.

This year residents in South Northamptonshire will be able to vote for a new Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire Police, who will be elected for four years, to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their force area.

There are no elections scheduled for district, town or parish councils.

To register to vote visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call South Northamptonshire Council on 01327 322128.

Red Cross Week from 8th May

You are invited to have 'A Brew with the Red Cross' on Friday 29th April 2016, 1pm-3pm

**Red Cross House, Hatton Close, Molten Park,
Northampton, NN3 6SU**

Tea, coffee & cake will be provided (of course!) – Free parking

The Red Cross responds to emergencies all over the world and offers aid and support to communities affected by natural disasters. Here in Leicestershire we respond to emergencies such as flooding and fires, providing practical and emotional support to those affected. We loan out mobility aids and offer first aid training to vulnerable community groups. Our highly trained volunteers provide first aid cover at events large. Across the world and around the corner we are here for those in crisis.

If you can spare some time and a smile to help those in crisis, fundraising materials will be provided and we would be very grateful for your support.

We urgently need volunteer collectors to help us with Red Cross Week Can you give just one hour between May and June 2016?

To help call 0116 2716258, text RCW and your name to 0784 321 8080 or email njary@redcross.org.uk.

Culworth Film Nights

The Lady in the Van



CERT 12A

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 22nd April

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

Forge2 is under new ownership.

Miki Bennett, who lives in Wormleighton, has taken over the running of the gallery. It's very much business as usual hence the Spring 2016 exhibition title, Continuum.... a continuous sequence. The Gallery re-opens on Saturday 2nd April and from then will be open Wednesdays through to Saturdays from 10 till 5.

The new exhibition showcases the latest work from some of Britain's best loved artists and makers. Forge2 will be hosting artist demonstration days once a month with complimentary coffee and cake and a warm welcome as always.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 14th May: Hollie Overton, a designer maker who uses wire and reclaimed wood to create quirky sculptures of British birds.

Saturday 4th June: Helen Clues, whose mosaic work is decorative and functional, using found, collected and traditional material.

Forge2 have their new website up and running ...
www.forge2.org.uk

Phone number 01295 768440

BYHP

Once again many thanks to the people of Culworth for their generous donation of food. Your kindness will help greatly with our work at BHYP and will supply nourishment to vulnerable young people who very often struggle to find a meal.

BHYP offers housing advice and support, family mediation, and an employability training course. As you know we are a voluntary organisation and as such rely heavily on donations and the good will of the community and contributions such as yours are so very much appreciated.

Many thanks for your backing. Without the support of the local community BHYP would not be what it is today.

If you would like to donate, here is a list of items that they will take.

Food; Non- perishable items only, Breakfast cereal, Biscuits, Crisps, Pasta, Rice, Instant noodles, custard, Spaghetti sauces, UHT/long life milk, Cup a soup, Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, Ravioli, Corned beef, Tuna, Mackerel, Hot dogs, Spam, Soup, Toiletries; Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, soap, Shower gel, Toilet roll, Tissues, Sanitary products, Deodorant.

Collection box in the church.

Emily

Welcome to the April 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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