



# Culworth Newsletter

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Diary dates for May 2016

## Regular events;

**Village Walks** 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am on The Green (every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall** 10<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> June from 10 to 12 (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**Culworth Gang** alternate Wednesdays at 2.15.

Contact: Judith Robbins on 07799 846313 for more information.

**Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7.00pm

**Circle Dancing** (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Contact Joan Gottowik on 760737 for more information.

**Culworth House 2pm** (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). Short Service.

**Village Cafe** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June (every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) In the village hall. 10 - 12

## Other Events

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May; Police and Crime Commissioner Election

14<sup>th</sup> May Forge2 11-4 Meet the Maker

21<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May Open Studio Wheatsheaf House 2.30 till 6.17<sup>th</sup> June Culworth Film Night Bridge of Spies

## **NEW CRICKET PAVILION AND VILLAGE HALL?**

See inside... Parish Council's Chairman's report on page 3

## **Closure of Trafford Bridge**

This has now been rescheduled for 2nd May for 10 days.

## **Don't forget -Royal 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June... keep it free!**

The Queen's actual birthday was on 21<sup>st</sup> April but the celebrations will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

These are provisional plans. If you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know. ([jenny\\_howse@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny_howse@hotmail.com).)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

About 4pm we propose to have a royal toast (provided by the Parish Council) and cut a village cake. Medals will be presented to all the children (once again provided by the Parish Council)

**Rounders' teams of 9 players needed! All ages and abilities.**

## **Memories of the Queen**

We would also like people who have met the Queen, seen the Queen or have memories of her, to write on paper plus with photos if there are any, their recall. We could then display these in the church.

If you are happy to talk about your experiences at the Service of Thanksgiving, please let Jose know.

## Culworth Fete

Following a meeting earlier in April it has been decided to hold a fete this year... date **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. There are quite a few new suggestions. All you need to do at the moment is keep the date free and watch out for further announcements. There will be the very popular dog show and also live music and food stalls. If you would like to be more involved, please come to the next meeting which will be in the village hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

## Church spring Clean

Please do call into Culworth Church to see the excellent spring cleaning efforts by Mary Whittingham, Phyllis Wade, Julie Tinn, June Oxley, Dick and Jennifer Winter, Phillida Walker, Martin and Jose Rowling, Diana Langdale, Christine Emmett and the Rector. Thank you to all those who helped.

## Culworth Library

For those of you who are new to the village, we have an excellent collection of books donated to the village library. This is at the back of the church and is now very neatly organised alphabetically thanks to June and Christine. No fines if you hand them in late. You could pick up a good selection of paperbacks to take on holiday too.

If anyone thinks having a similar collection of books for children is a good idea, please feel free to start the scheme rolling.

## Culworth Directory

Last chance to be included in the Directory. Any suggestions please let me know before May 6<sup>th</sup>  
[Jenny\\_howse@hotmail.com](mailto:Jenny_howse@hotmail.com)

**Culworth Ladies** had a very enjoyable evening ten pin bowling at Hellidon Lakes in February. Last month it was Easter so nothing was arranged. We try and meet once a month and if you're interested

in coming along email Sarah Powell  
(sarahandpowell@hotmail.com) All welcome

## 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](mailto:suzannecubitt@icloud.com)



## Tidy Britain Reception

April saw a trip for Martin Rowling to the Houses of Parliament to attend a Tidy Britain reception on the terraces overlooking the Thames to thank local organizers of community litter-picks throughout the country. To coincide with Her Majesty's 90th birthday, this year's campaign was entitled "Clean for the Queen" with the aim of highlighting how much of a "bete noir" littering has become. Martin has organized an annual litter pick for Culworth for a number of years, held on the first Saturday of March, irrespective of any jazzily titled dictum from on high. This year's tidy-up resulted in about 35 bags being filled as well as the odd bulkier item such as a wine fridge. The Westminster canapes were reported to be worthy of the trip although the champagne was shunned in favour of orange juice, sparing that for the more permanent residents to toast the submission of their latest expenses. Speaking of whom, Banbury MP Victoria Prentis as well as Rory Stewart Under Secretary of State for DEFRA and Greg Clark Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government all addressed the assembled throng, among whom Martin was enthused to see others as passionate about the need to rid ourselves of this troublesome habit.

Tidy Britain are seeking suggestions for next year's campaign. Send your ideas into Jose at [josephine.rowling@gmail.com](mailto:josephine.rowling@gmail.com)

*Rupert Rowling*

# CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## Dog fouling.

It is disappointing to report that large quantities of dog excreta have been left in the Village Green area splattering all over the mowing contractor today. Dog bins located at the allotment gate by the school, at Banbury Lane end of Cricket Field, along concrete road by Red Lion footpath and at junction of Barley Hill Queen Street should make it easy for dog owners to bag the dog excreta and place in the weekly emptied bins. Some kind person has attached poopscoop bags near the dog bins for everyone to use.



## Highway Maintenance

Routine maintenance of footpaths like weed removal and sweeping is unlikely to be carried out by NCC or SNC this year. Could householders kindly weed outside their houses in the pavement area and perhaps sweep leaf debris up. At the litter pick three large barrowfuls of leaves, stones and other rubbish were removed from just a small section of High Street

Jose

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

## Chairman's report April 2016

The most significant matter to report is the handing over of Berry Hill Close to the PC.

We now own the freehold of the whole of the castle and the surrounding field, apart from the land that has been leased to the school for their play area.

This is good for the village because with the local authority cut backs and pressure on funds, there have been fears that NCC might be losing interest in such historical places.

We paid £1 for the freehold.

*Staying with land matters, I am delighted to be able to say that we have had a very generous offer from the owner of the cricket field, Shirley Trott, to make a parcel of land available to us suitable for a new pavilion. This should make the fund raising for a new pavilion a viable proposition. The village hall committee, the cricket club and the PC can now work together to try to find a way to fund the pavilion. One possibility is to sell the village hall site, and use the funds to help pay for a new village hall which would also be a pavilion. There is a huge amount of work to do before this can happen, but the very kind offer from Shirley Trott allows work to start.*

During the year, we were successful with our petition to the House of Commons, to have sound barriers built on this side of the HS2 line, something that HS2 were keen to avoid doing for cost reasons, but which the Commons Select Committee instructed them to do following our petition.

I would like to express my thanks to my fellow councillors for their hard work during the past year:

Martin... maintenance of everything

Michelle ...footpaths

Michelle and Colin...planning committee

Nancy ... liaison with school and local plan for the village

David... Berry Hill Close negotiations, street lights and cricket field

Barbara...accounts and countryside matters

And of course our clerk...Jose ..who keeps everything going with great energy and determination.

Stuart Rolt

PLEASE do use 101 for nonemergency police matters. It is important that the Police are aware that there are issues in the countryside. The local break-ins or attempted break-ins should be reported in this manner. The local police tell me that the police do visit the village /patrol the village.

Incidentally there have been a few attempted break-ins in the last month or so and also a

considerable amount of fuel was stolen from the HS2 depot on the old railway line, despite 24 hour security.

## 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. Traffic continues apace along the track. According to delivery vans etc they will continue with the investigative work until July or August.

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](http://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/117184)

## CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL



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](mailto: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 Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 10 till 12**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, every month in the Village Hall.

Plant Bring and Buy Stall  
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 8<sup>th</sup> June are in Culworth Village Hall. The 22<sup>nd</sup> June meeting is in Sulgrave Village Hall.  
May 11<sup>th</sup>: Talk on the original Culworth Gang by David Hewitt 2-4  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Outing to Wardington Antiques and Garden Centre  
June 8<sup>th</sup> A talk on the Samaritans by Will Adams 2-4

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June Table Top Sale  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Day Trip to Waterperry Gardens.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 07799 846313

## Culworth Cricket Club

### Cricket Club Report

The season has started. We had one Tuesday night practice session in glorious sunshine, the next one was cancelled due to snow!



We had a very good turnout on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April to give the pavilion and outfield a spring clean. A big thank to all who turned out.

We are fielding four teams this year: Under 17s, Under 13s (joint with Woodford Halse), Under 11s and Kwik Cricket (Under 9s). Our fixture list is:

#### Culworth Junior Cricket Fixture List

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday 1st May     | U11s v Towcester away           |
| Wednesday 4th May  | U13s v Horley home              |
| Sunday 8th May     | U11s v Marston St Lawrence home |
| Wednesday 11th May | U13s v Middleton Cheney A home  |
| Sunday 15th May    | U11s v Middleton Cheney away    |
| Wednesday 18th May | U13s v Towcester away           |
| Wednesday 25th May | U13s v Middleton Cheney B home  |
| Sunday 27th May    | U11s v Westbury B away          |
| Wednesday 1st June | U13s v Towcester away           |

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Wednesday 8th June  | U13s v Brackley home     |
| Sunday 12th June    | U11s League match T.B.C. |
| Wednesday 15th June | U13s v Marston St        |
| Lawrence away       |                          |
| Friday 17th June    | Kwik Cricket tournament  |
| at Woodford Halse   |                          |
| Sunday 19th June    | U11s League match T.B.C. |
| Sunday 26th June    | U11s League match T.B.C. |
| Sunday 3rd July     | U11s League match T.B.C. |
| Friday 8th July     | Kwik cricket tournament  |
| at Byfield          |                          |
| Sunday 10th July    | U11s League match T.B.C. |
| Sunday 17th July    | U11s League match T.B.C. |

All Under 17s matches are to be played on a Thursday night at 6pm starting on 23rd June. Fixtures are not yet confirmed. If anyone wants to spend a couple of hours watching cricket, please come and support your local team. There are not many better views in Northants than watching cricket at Culworth. We are always looking for more members, anyone between 6 and 17 is welcome. We practice at 6pm every Tuesday. For more details please contact Jim on 07860 638557.

## News from St Mary's



### Services for May

#### May

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am** Benefice Holy Communion: Culworth

**6.00 pm** Evensong

**Ascension Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm** Holy Communion Culworth

**Sunday 8th 11 am Family Service**

**Sunday 15th 10 am.** Matins

**Wednesday 18th 10am** Mid- week H.C. Sulgrave

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am** Holy Communion

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 10am** Benefice Holy Communion Sulgrave

### Family Service

The family service at 11 o'clock on the second Sunday of every month is a far less formal service... no formal Book of Common Prayer. It is organised by members of the congregation and we try to be quite topical in our approach. Children particularly enjoy the refreshments at the end of the service! It is a family service aimed at all ages but children are particularly welcome.

### Culworth House Care Home

There is a short service at Culworth House at 2pm usually 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday this month)

### Churchyard

The churchyard looks particularly pretty at the moment with so many primroses. The provision of a controlled wild life area seems to be working. This area will be cut in July and the grass cleared. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to mow the grass this year.

### 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](mailto:jmoxley@fsmail.net).

### Talk about our church

Bruce Bailey is a Trustee of the Historic Churches Trust who also helps update the Pevsners guides. He arranges a tour every year for the supporters of the Trust. This year he is going to include our church.

The date provisionally arranged is SATURDAY 23rd JULY and he will visit Culworth church at 11.45 and be there for roughly half an hour. He is an

architectural historian and will talk about the church. Everyone welcome.

## Ringling for The Queen

Along with all the churches in Northamptonshire, the bells in Culworth were rung on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Queen Elizabeth. If anyone is interested in bell ringing please contact Martin (01295 760571).

## Things to do in the garden in May

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
- 2 Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
- 3 Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
- 4 Collect rain water and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation
- 5 Regularly hoe off weeds
- 6 Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
- 7 Mow lawns weekly
- 8 Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
- 9 Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
- 10 Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs



## Plant Sales

At the Village Cafes 7<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June in aid of the church and village hall. A bring and buy plant sale. Any spare plants, seedlings and produce can be brought to the cafes (10 till 12)

Also there will be a plant sale at the school's Maypole Dancing on the 20th June this year!! Any contributions gratefully received.  
suzannecubit@icloud.com

**Plant Sale (Bring and Buy)**  
**Village Café Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

## Recipe of the Season



Home grown lettuces and radishes are just beginning to come into season... this sounds a delicious recipe!

### Radish and mixed greens salad

Delicious as a vegetarian starter with a hunk of good bread, or alongside barbecued mackerel for a sophisticated summer supper.

Serves 4

**450g radish, trimmed, large ones halved**

**2 tbsp olive oil**

**1 tbsp runny honey**

**3 heads of chicory – we used red and white**

**1 round lettuce, leaves separated**

**1 cos lettuce, chopped**

**1 avocado, chopped**

For the dressing

**1 shallot, finely diced**

**½ garlic clove, crushed**

**A handful of dill, finely chopped**

**A handful of flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped**

**A handful of mint, finely chopped**

**6 tbsp olive oil**

**Juice and zest of 1 lemon**

**1** Heat the oven to 200C/400F/gas mark 6. Put the radishes on a tray and drizzle with the oil, season with plenty of salt and pepper, then cook for 35-40 minutes, stirring halfway though, until tender and starting to blister. Remove from the oven, spoon over the honey and allow to cool.

**2** Mix the dressing ingredients together, taste and season. Set aside.

**3** Lay the leaves out on a platter or serving plates, scatter with avocado, then drizzle with dressing. Scrape the radish off the tray with any juices and gently toss with the leaves. Finish with more dressing and serve

**Village Café Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Plant bring and buy stall**

Free coffee, tea, cakes and chat

10 till 12. First Saturday of the month in the Village Hall

# **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](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)

## **South Northamptonshire Council - Planning Policy Consultations**

South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2A  
Options Consultation Document

You've been invited to participate in the South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2A Options Consultation Document consultation by the consultation manager, South Northants Council (Rosalind Brettle).

This consultation is open from 4 Apr 2016 at 08:00 to 10 Jun 2016 at 12:00.

The consultation sets out the key issues impacting the district and suggested options.

The Plan covers:

- Options for the scale and type of housing development at Parish and Settlement level
- Options on the location on new employment sites
- Options for policies on town centres and economic development
- Options for community / leisure development
- Options for environmental designations; including green spaces and special landscape areas and
- Options for policies required to manage development in a sustainable way

How to view the consultation documents:

The consultation documents can be viewed on our webpage at [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy).

Reference copies of the consultation documents are also available to view at the following locations:

- The Forum, Towcester
- Brackley Library
- Middleton Cheney library
- Roade library

- Deanshanger library

For library opening times please visit the library pages on the County Council's website at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

Upon request the document can also be made available in different formats.

How to comment on the consultation documents

Tell us what you think by:

- Registering and responding via our online consultation system (this is the most efficient way of responding to the consultation and we encourage you to use this method). You can access this online consultation system via the Council website [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy)

- Emailing us on

[planning.policy@southnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@southnorthants.gov.uk)

However if you are unable to provide your comments using the Council's interactive consultation system you can submit your questionnaire response and comments by post to the address below:

Planning Policy Team  
South Northamptonshire Council  
The Forum  
Moat Lane  
Towcester  
NN12 6AD

What happens next?

Your comments will help us draft the next stage of our plan. Once this has been carried out another round of public consultation will then take place on the preferred options near the end of the year.

**The NAB Unit** (Northamptonshire Association for the Blind) will be located outside Brackley Town Hall on the first Wednesday of the month (4<sup>th</sup> May) between 10.00 and 12.30, for advice and information. 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](mailto:helpline@nab.org.uk) [www.nab.org.uk](http://www.nab.org.uk)

## Keep-Fit for over 55s

Having noticed an advert in The Villager recently I went along to Chipping Warden Village Hall on Wednesday morning 10.30-11.30 to find out more. I have never enjoyed exercise groups or joined a gym but I was delighted by this class. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming and all the movements were to music. Nothing was too easy nor too hard and the routines were perfectly planned for this age group. The tutor, Debbie, was a delight and coffee was offered at the end. I think I have found just the class for me and I am now a regular and eager member. For more information, ring Brenda Heath on 01295-660665. I hope to see you there.

*Juliet McKenzie*

DANCE to 60s and 70s Music  
by THE ROYALS  
at Chipping Warden Village Hall  
8.00 p.m. Saturday 21st May  
Bar - Tickets £6  
EVERYONE WELCOME

## Culworth Film Nights Bridge of Spies

Steven Spielberg film starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance about the exchange of spies during the cold war.

**CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

**FRIDAY 17 JUNE**

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM - BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS  
AND GLASS

TICKETS FROM JUNE 01295  
768184/JULIE 01295 760855  
£10 Film & Light Supper  
£5 Film only

**Forge2** The Gallery re-opened on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and from then will be open Wednesdays through to Saturdays from 10 till 5. 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 14<sup>th</sup> May: Hollie Overton, a designer maker who uses wire and reclaimed wood to create quirky sculptures of British birds.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.forge2.org.uk)

Anne Crawford will be opening her studio at Wheatsheaf House as part of Oxfordshire Art Week from May 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 till 6. Her work includes stone lithography prints and mixed media paintings. Birds, circus and animals.

## BYHP (Banbury Young Homeless Project)

Many thanks for your backing. 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 May 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](mailto: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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