



Culworth Newsletter

April/May 2018

Diary dates

Regular events;

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall 10 till 12 (every 2nd Tuesday of the month).

Culworth Gang Contact: Judith Robbins on 07799 846313 for more information.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 8th May 7pm

Village Hall Committee Meeting Thursday 3rd May

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

Village Cafe 1st Saturday in the month.

Culworth Snappers

Tai Chi noon every Tuesday from 17th April

Culworth Book Club Thursday 12th April

Other Events

5th April Fete Meeting Village Hall

6th April Culworth Film Night Murder on the Orient Express

7th April Culworth Snappers Exhibition at the Village Café

10th April 7.00pm Parish Assembly

11th April Church Spring Clean from 10.30

15th April Cricket Club Spring Clean

16th April Church AGM 5pm

5th May Plant Stall at the village Café

18th May Culworth Film Night Paddington 2

New emergency numbers

105 power cuts

101 for Police

111 for NHS

Village Café

Culworth Village Hall 1st Saturday of the month 10 till 12

7th April Culworth Snappers Exhibition.

5th May Plant Stall

David and Linda Mold would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and messages of sympathy and support at the sad loss of their daughter Sarah.

Culworth Book Club

The Book for the next meeting is The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain.

Any further info please contact Susan (therapysos@gmail.com)

Annual Parish Assembly Tuesday April 10th at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall

All residents are warmly welcome to attend. It is an opportunity to raise any issue that concerns you within the village. The meeting will be chaired by Stuart Rolt Chair of Culworth Parish Council. It is hoped that Mrs Sergison Brooke District Councillor and Ian Morris County Councillor will be in attendance. Please raise any issues that are SNC or NCC based, directly with them on that occasion.

The Steering Group on the Hill Field Project for a new Village Hall and cricket Pavilion will be giving an up to date report.

It is hoped that representatives of the school, Village Hall and Church will be giving a report. Stuart Rolt will update the village on HS2.

Village Hall Update

We are pleased to announce, that following Mrs Trott's generous decision to gift the land for a new combined Cricket Pavillion and Village Hall for the Village, the Parish Council(PC) have acquired the freehold of the land, on behalf of the village for £1. Residents can view a copy on request to Clerk to Parish Council 01295760571

josephine.rowling@gmail.com

Norman Green is preparing the application to the Charity Commission to set up the new Trust to

acquire the land from the PC and to develop the new facility. We are taking legal advice to make sure that it is properly constituted.

The next steps will be to draw up a number of draft sketches for the new facility and obtain revised cost estimates. The Steering Group will then seek feedback from villagers on the options. We will consult with the South Northamptonshire Council Planning department to get their input. In due course, villagers will have the opportunity to consider and comment on the proposed planing application at a public meeting before the final application is submitted.

John Duggan Project Coordinator
Culworth PC

New village hall and cricket pavilion: correction to newsletter

The February / March newsletter incorrectly states the planned location of the building is at the southern end of the cricket ground. As you will have seen clearly in the plan attached to the ballot paper, and as shown at the two village meetings, the location is on the north eastern side of the ground. Apologies for this error.

Cricket Club

Spring Clean is on Sunday 15th April from 10am. Do come along to help. Refreshments provided.

Snowy weather.

How fortunate we are to live in Culworth where on snowy days we appreciate the efforts of Jonathan our milkman who has never missed a day's supply of milk and other goods. In the earlier very snowy time when drifts blocked roads badly, Jonathan had started work at 10.30pm and by 2pm the next day was still delivering milk to us.

Nick Smith got our papers here with Margaret Watts and Martin Rowling delivering them.

Wonderful Mumfords delivered goods to many even resorting to a wheelbarrow for service in the village.

Our farmers assisted in keeping along with NCC the roads open. Edgcote Estate came through with a snow plough. The Chairman of Parish Council Stuart Rolt salted the pavements.

Assistance was given to the older persons with

frozen pipes.

The Parish Council and others checked on a number of the older persons living on their own with no local family. Did you check on your neighbour?

SNC did empty our bins too.

How lucky we all are

Jim Mumford

Jim Mumford has died after an incredible battle with cancer for many years. He showed us all how to cope with any form of treatment by not giving in. Getting out of hospital so many times, clad in boiler suit and cap he was off on his various pieces of equipment mowing grass, ploughing in matches or on his land, hedge cutting or enjoying going on a shoot. He was very busy and reliable. How he loved getting on his land even working up there a day or so before he died.

In preparation for his son Mark's wedding to Catrin last year, he mowed and mowed the Cricket Field getting the family to rake the grass each time until it was like a lawn. What a happy day that was- Jim looked so proud.

Jim was born in Butts Close, the third of seven children of Edward and Mary Mumford. The family moved to Foxhill where Jim was allowed to tinker with any kind of machinery whilst the rest of the family rode horses. He raced up and down the old railway line on an old mini. Jim became an excellent mechanic enjoying tinkering about outside his home.

Never ceasing to help him fight the cancers, Alicia and sons Mark and Christopher encouraged and supported him with his treatment. In turn his parents, brother and sisters were always there for him. Since Christmas he has attended the family party and his father's 90th birthday.

So many of us will miss him. He was a special person. We send our sympathy to Alicia, Mark and Christopher

His funeral will be at St Mary's Culworth on Thursday 5th April at 12midday followed by private cremation.

Stan Ruddlesden

Stan's daughter, Shirley McGill, sent this message this morning (March 20)

Just to let you know that Dad died last night. He had been failing for some time so not entirely unexpected.

We are having a very small funeral in Hereford Crematorium and will have a memorial service at Long Buckby sometime in (probably) June/July.

Stan was born on September 26th, 1922. He lived and worked his whole life in Northamptonshire, born in Newnham, attended Daventry Grammar School. He was a telegraph operator in the Navy during World War 2. After training as a teacher he taught in Northampton until obtaining his headship at Culworth. He became headmaster of Culworth school in 1965, at a time when it was only for Culworth children. At the time there were only two classes with about 40 children in the school. Jean Swift, who started at the same time as Stan, was the infant teacher and Stan took the juniors. During his time (he was headmaster until 1983), he saw the closure of Thorpe Mandeville (1967) and Moreton Pinkney (1973) schools and Culworth became a 4- teacher school. (Sulgrave school closed a little later -1991) He was passionate about children learning to swim. During his time a swimming pool was built in the school grounds. He received an award for maintaining a 100% record- no child left the school without learning to swim. He is remembered with great affection not only by the children and parents but also the village. The school was far more part of village life when Stan was around.

Stan was also a church warden for many years. His passion was bell ringing. He taught many of his pupils to ring. He rang his 1,000th peal in 2007 at the age of 84. Stan retired in 1983, a year after his wife, Hilda, had had a stroke. Hilda had also been a stalwart of Culworth school and in her time had been secretary and dinner lady. For many years his home was in Long Buckby. He continued to ring until just a few years ago, Our sympathy extends to his son, Ian and daughters Elaine and Shirley.

He was elected as a Life Honorary Member of the Peterborough Guild of Church Bellringers on June 11, 1983 for giving outstanding service.

Sheila Harle

Mrs Sheila Harle late of Walnut Close and Towcester has died. She moved last year to the Midlands to be near her son. She originally came from the Lichfield area

Her husband Ted died last year.

Whilst in Culworth, Ted and Sheila enjoyed taking part in village activities and Sheila especially the Women's Institute.

We send our sympathy to her family

Litter pick

Sadly the litter pick was cancelled due to the snowy conditions. Martin hopes to reorganise but if you could kindly pick up litter and keep the weeds at bay outside your house please that would help. A small litter pick was carried out on 25th March when two full bags including 11 bottles dropped in a heap along the Sulgrave Road were collected. Please wear hivi jacket if working on the road area, and protective gloves.

Martin Rowling

CULWORTH'S SUNFLOWER COMPETITION IS BACK.



It's time to let the Sun into our gardens and attract the birds and the bees.

Can you grow a giant of a plant and win?

Competition will be judged on fete day.

Delivered with this news letter are Sunflower seeds for you to grow and win.

From the packet:

Sunflower giant single (hardy annual). Height 1.8m (72") plus

This is the one to grow for the tallest sunflowers! Very easy and great fun, they quickly grow to great height with enormous golden yellow heads.

Wildlife friendly flowers are a magnet for bees, butterflies and other pollinators that play a vital role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

*Sow outdoors March, April & May
Flowers June, July, August & September*

Can be sown direct where you want them to grow but if you want to get a head start you can sow into pots before hardening off and planting out side. Cover lightly with 1.5cm of fine soil or compost, firm gently and keep moist. Seedlings usually appear in 2-3 weeks. The plants should be spaced 45cm apart in a position of full sun. To produce a real giant feed and water regularly. Tall plants will need support.

Seeds harvested from grown plants can be used as snacks and in baking. (Not the ones in the envelope).

Get sowing details on how to register and prize information will follow.

Lent Lunches

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Lunches and also gave donations. £235 has been sent to Water Aid.

Culworth Junior Cricket Club Spring Newsletter

Spring is here (well nearly) and this means the start of the cricket season.

The club is preparing well. We have been doing winter coaching sessions at Magdalen School, Brackley, where half the club turned out on the Sunday nights. Some of our players have been in county and district trials. To date India Harrison has been selected to play for Northants county at under 15. We still have Guy Wilkinson and Samuel Powell in the final stage of district under 13 trials. Georgie Williams is also in under 13s district girls' selection.

We are very proud to announce two sponsors for the 2018 season. Many thanks to Jeremy at Culworth Garage and Justin and Bronni at The Red Lion, Culworth. They are both sponsoring our team shirts for this season.

For 2018 we have new team shirts which every player will have. We also have a range of clothing such as trousers, jumpers, hoodies etc that all feature the new team logo. We have got a newly designed logo for the club. If any adults would like

to purchase a team shirt, we are selling them at £28 each with a £5 donation going to the club. To purchase one, please call Jim on 07860 638557.

Chris Williams has finished his training for becoming a level 2 coach and has just to complete his assessments to become qualified.

We will be having a Sunday morning spring clean on the 15th of April to prepare the ground and pavilion for the new season.

The new season starts with the first practise session on Tuesday 17th April at 6pm. Everyone is welcome between the ages of 6-16. We will be entering four teams into the South Northants Junior Cricket League. This is kwik cricket (under 9s), Under 11s, Under 13s (joint with Marston St Lawrence) and Under 15s (joint with Marston St Lawrence). We are also hoping to actively encourage girls into the club. As you will have read, we have good experience with training girls successfully and we hope to continue this.

Robert MacKenzie our club president hosted a very successful drinks party for potential Vice presidents and supporters, which managed to raise awareness of the club and raise supporters for the club, with some very kind donations from those who attended. We hope to cement this relationship with those who chose to become vice presidents and supporters by arranging visits to Edgebaston, or holding a presidents eleven cricket match. In the short term the donations will enable us to buy a bowling machine which can be altered in speed depending on the age group in the nets.

To find our more information about the club, please call Jim on 07860 638557, or email me on jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk. You can also follow the club's progress during the season on <http://culworth.play-cricket.com/>.

The Culworth Gang.

Meetings are in Culworth Village Hall and Sulgrave Church Hall every other Wednesday.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 07799 846313

Culworth Snappers

2018 Club Nights

19.30 hrs in the Village Hall

Tuesday 24th April
Thursday 24th May
Tuesday 26th June
Thursday 26th July
Tuesday 28th August
Thursday 27th September
Tuesday 23rd October
Thursday 29th November
For further information contact
John Emmett 07867 918960
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CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th March
2018 at 7pm in the Village Hall
Councillors present: S. Rolt, C. Lamb, D. Mumford,
M. Rowling, B. Leadbeater, M. Koster and the Clerk
Mrs J.M. Rowling

Apologies for absence Cllr Guinness (diary clash)

Members of public present None

Declarations of interest None

OPEN MEETING- no matters raised

Minutes of meetings of 9th January and 29th January
were confirmed as correct and signed by the
Chairman

Any matters arising not on agenda- none

Cricket Field Cllr Rolt stated that the Parish
Council now owned the required parcel of land for
the proposed new Village Hall and Cricket Pavilion
with land for a carpark. He expressed grateful
thanks to Mrs Trott for her generosity. The
Chairman informed the Council that Spratt Endicott
solicitors had acted for the Parish Council but had
made no charges. A letter of thanks is to be sent.
The next Steering Committee is on 28th March
when the next stage would be discussed.

Defibrillator Check 29th January Cllr Leadbeater
/Mumford no problems identified, March 2nd Clerk
and Cllr Rowling

Street Lighting- Cllr Mumford spoke about
the report from Aylesbury Mains and estimate of
proposals following Mr and Mrs Perutz wish to
alter street lighting near their property. The Parish
Council is concerned that the footpath to the
school should be adequately lit particularly as the
defibrillator is on the school wall. Cllr Mumford will
continue to liaise with Mr and Mrs Perutz The
guttering on the barn adjoining the school footpath

has been erected. NOTE Eon unit increase from
£15.75 to £17.90 per kWh.

Good neighbour scheme. Cllr Koster unable to
attend. ACRE officers did not attend. No further
date fixed as Chairman considered little support
from Parish Councillors. To be raised at Annual
Parish Assembly for a volunteer from the
residents.

Rights of Way Cllr Koster. Footpath from Eydon
Road towards Trafford Bridge still needed to be
lowered for ageing dogs to jump. Cllr Leadbeater
would again ask the landowner to attend to.

Bus services – response to members of public
request for PC support and County Council had
been forwarded to those members by letter from
Clerk. Clerk to pursue quotations from Local Bus
companies for a Parish Council subsidised bus.

NCC Budget- Parish Council is aware of the dire
state of NCC finances via the national press. No
new work is being allowed.

Winter gritting and care of vulnerable people.
Pavements had been salted prior to recent heavy
snowfall. Snow plough from Edgcote estate cleared
a track. Local services provided excellent help.
Thanks to Jonathan Taylor milkman who worked
from 10.30pm one night not reaching Culworth
until 2pm next day, Newsagents, and local paper
deliverer and Mumfords taking goods out
individually. Many residents expressed thanks for
care during this time.

HS2 and Groundworks- HS2 Road safety fund Cllr
Rolt stated there was £1.65m available. The
Chairman had invited Steve Barbour Road Safety
Officer to visit Culworth for his advice.

Annual Parish Assembly TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018
AT 7PM. to include Report on Steering Committee,
Good neighbour scheme. Reports from Village
Organisations, District and County Councillors.
Annual Litter Pick 3rd March – abandoned due to
snow. Further date awaited.

General data protection regulations (GDPR) Cllr
Lamb will provide a summary for May meeting
when it is hoped that NCALC will have provided
templates and guidance for small Parish Councils.

FINANCE

Report from Internal Controller. None
Precept submitted to SNC
Audit control and transparency from January
meeting Cllr Lamb will report in May. Internal
Auditor aware of new regulations

RECEIPTS

Jane Kilmister Fees for burial £303
 Payments since last meeting
 16/1 Marcus Young Dog waste bins emptying for one year £780+£156=£936 (0007480)BL/DM
 Paul Lewis Replace cricket field gatepost £230+£46=£276(000749)DM/BL
 9/2 Texprep Photocopying £3.92+0.78 =£4.70(000751)BL/DM
 Mrs O Sullivan Website Dec £12.99+£2.60=£15.59(000750)BL/DM
 ACRE Model Constitution £28 (000752)SR/DM
 Paid 13/3/2018
 Mrs J. M. Rowling Salary Jan – Mar 2018 £996
 Expenses £112.96, Broadband £75 and Use of Office £100 Total = £1283.96(000753)DM/BL
 Anglian Water 01/12/2017-21/02/2018 £16.31(000754)DM/BL
 TEXPREP Newsletters £83.30, Photocopying £9.37
 VAT £1.87=£94.54(000755)DM/BL
 Mrs Trott Lease of Cricket Field £25(000756)DM/BL
 Hewitsons Legal Fees for Cricket Field £1027 +£200
 VAT = £1227.(000757)DM/BL
 CAB (section 142) Annual Donation £100 (000758)DM/BL
 HMRC 4th payment £249(000759)DM/BL
 Current Account £15210.84 with cheque for £15.59 outstanding.
 Deposit Account £18971.13
 Complete Weed Control Quotation for 2018(2017) Berry Hill Close 2 treatments £260 and £180 (£440)
 Paths, bus shelter, Red Lion footpath etc £115(115)
 Cricket field £260 and £120(£380) All accepted
 G. Taylor Mowing Village Green per cut £70 (70) Accepted

Newsletter. charge for advertisement. Councillors agreed that instead of advertisement, a notice should be in the form of an announcement taking up no more than small box. All requests are at Editors discretion.

PLANNING

Applications from SNC
 S/2018/0334/FUL and 0368/LBC Westhill House High Street Change of use of agricultural Land to residential garden and tennis court. Reinstate opening in boundary wall. PC comments. To avoid damage to the walnut tree to rootball during excavations and levelling. No external lighting had been mentioned.

S/2018/0521/FUL Hillway High Street Two storey rear extension PC comments- welcomed the improvement.

Decisions from SNC

S/2018/0027/LBC removal of two modern lean to stores Thorpe View approved
 Sheltered units- request from Residents. SNC reply had been forwarded to them. No further action from the Parish Council

Correspondence (mostly emailed)

NCALC Update
 Clerks Councils review
 Any other business for May 8th meeting following AGM- none requested
 Close of meeting 8.50pm

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 Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting

Tuesday 27th

March 2018 at 7.30pm



Those Present: June Oxley(Secretary) Jane Field (Treasurer) John Emmett, Julie Tinn (Chair) Sarah Powell, Martin Rowling and Margaret Watts.

There were no apologies

The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising: JF has sent off the water meter reading. The letter from Ian Simonsen has been replied to by Stuart Rolt. It was proposed by JT and seconded by MW that John Emmett should join the Committee as a Trustee, this was unanimously agreed and he was welcomed to the Committee.

2. **Chairman's Report – 27th March 2018**

I mentioned in my last report the suggestion of John Duggan, co-ordinator of the new hall project (now named The Hill Field Project) to deal with this project in three stages.

- a) The day to day management of the existing Village Hall, under the current Trust, will remain as normal with the current Committee.
- b) The development and pre-development funding of the new building will be managed under a new Incorporated Charitable Trust (Culworth Hill Field Trust) with Trustees made up of those on the steering committee.
- c) The day to day management of the new building (name to be decided) under a reviewed or new Incorporated Charitable Trust with newly elected Trustees.

Can I have a show of hands please to confirm you are all happy with this resolution.

The Committee agreed with the resolution unanimously.

The steering committee has drafted a constitution for the new Incorporated Charitable Trust (Foundation model) so that it can proceed with the planning and construction phase of the new building. The wording is standard and the Trustees will be – Stuart Rolt, Jim Powell, Julie Tinn, John Duggan and Norman Green. The objects of the new CIO are to establish and run a community hall, cricket pavilion and recreational facility for the benefit of the residents of Culworth.

Are you happy for me to agree to this CIO?

All in agreement.

The next job for me to do as representative of the Village Hall on the steering committee is to appoint a Chartered Surveyor to advise on the best way to sell the existing site and to report on same prior to a public meeting. Also to apply for planning permission for the site. John Duggan has suggested we use Savills since they have already given a rough value of the site and we will meet with Savills soon to get this in motion.

I add here that any initial costs incurred for planning etc will be met by the Parish Council and the New Homes Bonus.

Are you all happy for me to appoint Savills to act in the sale of the existing site?.

In principle all were in agreement but thought that we should get two more valuations of the site and quotes on selling. It would not look good if we just appointed Savills (one of the more

expensive Estate Agents) without looking at others.

As we have had three resignations from the Committee and a new member joining I thought it time to renew the Trustee Eligibility Declaration, and so ask you all to read the notes and add your names and sign in the appropriate space.

We have had two films since our last meeting – Sully on 19th January which made a profit of £220.70 and Hidden Figures on 16th February which made a profit of £209.50

Three more films have been booked –
6th April – Murder on the Orient Express

18th May – Paddington 2

22nd June – Darkest Hour

[We held a fete meeting on 22nd February – a small turnout as usual was there to discuss plans.](#) We have booked 9th September as the date and I have contacted all the visiting stallholders from last year. [The next fete meeting will be on 5th April at 7.30pm.](#)

As there will be a public meeting to agree the sale of the existing site of the hall JE asked what would happen if the vote went against the sale, should there be an alternative plan and MR suggested a ballot instead of a show of hands, I will look into both of these queries.

3. Treasurers Report: Funds in hand are £21799.62 (including Brian's legacy of £5K) and there are no outstanding Invoices. The problem with Castle Water regarding the sewage part of the water bill is still ongoing but no money has been paid to them. The booking revenue is £955 and expenses are made up as follows: Electricity £276.87, Water £13.00, Insurance £75.52, Cleaner £36.00 and cleaning materials £6.20

4. Buildings and Renewals: After the recent bad weather there was a leak in the kitchen which has been resolved with no permanent damage and JE offered to lag the pipe to prevent any further damage. MR will look at the two strip lights that are not working.

AOB: A letter was read out to the committee from Mr and Mrs Scott informing them that work will be starting on the new build next to the hall shortly. JF informed the committee that she had sent the cheque renewal form to ACRE.

The next meeting fixed for 3rd May at 7pm.

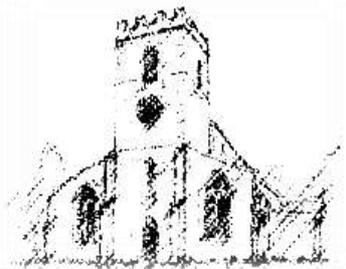
The village hall is now used 5 times a week by Julie Russell and her Pilates class. For more information

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 £12 per hour for occasional bookings. To book just ring me (June) on 01295-768184.
juneoxley99@gmail.com.

News from St Mary's



2018: The Year of Northamptonshire Churches

A year of celebration of Northamptonshire's historic churches was launched on 27th March 2018 at St Mary's, Great Brington by The Earl Spencer, The Reverend Richard Coles, Simon Jenkins, James Lowther and James Miller, Deputy Lieutenants of Northamptonshire.

2018 is The Year of Northamptonshire Churches is organised by The Northamptonshire Britain's Best Surprise campaign, an initiative launched in 2017 to promote the county's significant tourism offering and to strengthen the local visitor economy and communities. Its Year of Churches builds on last year's hugely successful focus on historic houses, which attracted increased visitor numbers to historic houses countywide against a backdrop of declining numbers elsewhere in the country.

It will put the county's churches firmly on the map and inspire both local people and visitors to discover their beauty and diversity. It will also create a lasting legacy in the form of a website www.northamptonshiresurprise.com containing an online treasury of beautifully written descriptions for 100 churches, visitor information, details of worship and services, and it is hoped that more

volunteers will be recruited to help care for the county's churches over the longer term. Among the county's churches are Brixworth, the largest remaining 9th century church of its type in Europe, Ninian Comper's 20th-century masterpiece of St Mary's, Wellingborough **AND St Mary the Virgin church, Culworth, Chipping Warden, Edgcote and Sulgrave churches from our benefice.** For more information see leaflets in the church. The website is an excellent source of ideas for places to visit in Northamptonshire.

Services for April and March

April

Sunday 1st (Easter Day) 11am Holy Communion. Celebrant will be Rev Will Adams
Sunday 8th 11.00am Family Service
Sunday 15th 10.00am Matins
Sunday 22nd 9.30 Holy Communion
Sunday 29th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion **Edgcote**

May

Sunday 6th May 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion **Culworth**
Thursday 10th May Ascension Day
Sunday 13th 11.00am Family Service
Sunday 20th (Whit Sunday) 10.00am Matins
Sunday 27th 9.30 Holy Communion

Help needed to mow the churchyard!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to mow the grass last year. The rota has worked really well for the past 2 years 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 (I was told last year that was a bit optimistic and 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 week slots in the year.

Please fill in the rota on the table in church

Church Spring Clean

If you've got a spare hour on Wednesday 11th April please come and help us clean the

church. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! We will start about 10.30

Culworth Church Clock

As you will be aware, Culworth PCC are in the process of raising funds to electrify the church clock. At the moment Martin climbs the near vertical ladder into the clock chamber and the 3 clock barrels are wound every Sunday morning. We have applied and now received the faculty (church planning permission) to do the work and the Cumbria Clock Company will hopefully start the work in the new year.

Many thanks to the Parish Council for agreeing to assist with the financing of the project.

The total cost is in excess of £9,000. Over £6,000 has already been raised and so we are looking for more donations and grants to cover the full amount.

Martin has written an illustrated pamphlet about the clock and the tower. For a very reasonable £2 not only will you have some great information about a village treasure but your contribution will help towards the cost of the electrification.

Booklets are available in the church.

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 juneoxley99@gmail.com.

Dear Editor

I read Ian Simonsen's letter (Newsletter Feb/Mar) with interest. I have not been following the debate on the new facility in any detail due to recent personal circumstances, but based on the minutes and correspondence, I believe some fundamental questions have been raised.

When I voted for the new facility, I did so believing that a new location had to be found - ie that Mrs Trott's generous offer of land was predicated by her deciding which (singular) parcel of land to make available - a quite reasonable thing for her to do, but not one that actually happened, it seems. I did not realise that Site 1 was a viable option, but

had been ruled out, not by Mrs Trott, but by the steering committee.

So, 'no brainer' choice offered in the vote, ie Site 2 or nothing, now appears to have represented less than the full picture. I would like to understand: Given that the existing site appears to present fewer planning challenges (even at this early stage) than Site 2, why exactly was Site 1 excluded from the vote? If, as Ian Simonsen states, it was on the grounds of cost, then given the substance of the pre-planning reports, the decision seems to have been taken rather prematurely (as indeed was the vote).

Who is the Banbury Lane landowner and what is the nature of the deal that has been struck?

Openness & accountability is required here - items which appear to be in short supply. If ruling out Site 1 in exchange for help with planning costs was the basis of an agreement, then the substance of that agreement should be in the public domain; for example, is the planning cost money contingent on the new facility actually being built on Site 2?

Ideally, I would like to see Site 1 'back in the mix', but if not - then should Site 2's planning obstacles prove uneconomic to overcome - will Site 1 become the preferred choice? If not, why not? Surely the project will not be dropped just because Site 2 is not a runner planning-wise?

I support the project and hope that it comes to fruition. It is pleasing that so many public-spirited people are happy to donate their time, expertise and energy to it, but it seems to me that Site 2 is being progressed to the exclusion of a viable (perhaps more viable) alternative, on reasoning that I, at best, find elusive.

Andrew Barnes

Walnut Close

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

Bins Over Easter

Easter opening hours and bin collections
Bin collections will go ahead as usual over Easter but South Northamptonshire Council offices will close for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Residents who usually have their bins emptied on a Friday or Monday will be asked to put their bins out as usual as crews will work the bank holidays to ensure services are unaffected by the Easter break.

It is expected additional recycling will be created over Easter as cardboard and tinfoil used to package eggs can be recycled in the blue bin, as can Easter cards and packaging from boxes of chocolates.

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

Volunteer Car services

There are several organisations which can provide transport for those people, particularly the elderly and disadvantaged, who find it difficult to get to essential medical or social care appointments, as they do not have ready access to public or private transport.

All the drivers are volunteers and give their time without charge. Passengers pay a mileage charge to help cover the driver's fuel cost

Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service

BAVCS provides a service based in Brackley at the SNVB (South Northants Volunteer Bureau) 01280 841099

TADD (Towcester Area Door to Door) runs a similar service 01327 701665 or 701666

Volunteer Connect, based at Citizens Advice in Banbury provides a service for people in or very close to Banbury. Call 0300 3030 125 to book a journey or find out more.

The 2nd Great Pilgrimage to Flanders' Fields 90-years later (GP90).

Your village will be represented at the Subject event early in August this year by two Members of Byfield & District Royal British Legion. If any of your

villagers wish to have any relative or friend who fell in the First World War remembered at that ceremony, please ask them to get in touch with us through myself at hipophoyle@hotmail.com or by 'phone to 01327 260093.

We are particularly interested in anyone who might be related to or who may have known those remembered on your War Memorial, see: <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/byfield/remembrance/culworth>

This event commemorates the beginning of the 100 days before the Armistice that ended that terrible war one hundred years ago.

If you would like to know more, please visit: <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/byfield/news-events/gp90-the-great-pilgrimage-90-years-on>

Thanks for your help.

Terry Hoyle

Byfield & District

RBL <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/byfield>

Volunteering at Sulgrave Manor

'Sulgrave Manor is just 2 miles from Culworth and the team are looking for enthusiastic people to join their team of friendly volunteers. Sulgrave is steeped in history and are on the hunt for House Volunteers, Garden Volunteers and Learning Engagement Volunteers.

House Volunteers bring that heritage to life for the visitors during opening season (Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 1st April- 30th September). They would love for volunteers to offer one day a week or fortnight for the open season.

Garden Volunteers assist the Head Gardner in developing and maintaining Sulgrave's eclectic grounds. They are looking for a team of volunteers on every day of the week Monday- Friday, 10-3. Learning Engagement Volunteers assist the team with both the schools programme and activities for school holidays and open seasons. This role is really flexible and can suit your needs as well as theirs.

All roles are suitable for anyone over the age of 18 with an interest in history and gardens, no experience necessary, all training given. Volunteers are welcome to volunteer in groups or pairs. Roles are flexible so you can fit volunteering around your commitments. If you are interested in finding out

more, please contact Sally on sally@sulgravemanor.org.uk or 01295760205.'

Equality Statement

Culworth Parish Council aims to serve the needs of all the individuals and businesses resident within the Culworth Parish.

We aim to provide fair and equal opportunities for all and consider all backgrounds and the needs of relevant groups when providing services and facilities within its responsibility.

Should any requirements be lacking, the Council will consider the best possible solution or provision within its regular meetings. Should any issues need to be tackled urgently, individual councillors can be contacted and exceptional meetings may be called

T'ai Chi Chih

RELAX AND RESTORE HEALTH MOVING MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS Village Hall

**Beginners classes commencing 17th April at 11am
and 12 noon**

T'ai Chi Chih is a series of 19 gentle movements and one pose that anyone can do regardless of age or physical ability. It's a gentle moving meditation that helps relax and refresh mind, body and spirit promoting health and wellbeing. No previous experience or special equipment is required and we practice in normal clothes. All students work within their own capabilities and feel the benefits with regular practice.

The groups are friendly and welcoming and the teacher encouraging and patient.

Practicing T'ai Chi Chih is easy and enjoyable and it has been shown to

- Relieve the symptoms of stress and anxiety
- Improve levels of pain/pain management
- Improve circulation, balance and flexibility
- Help with more energy and stamina
- Help with greater mental focus, clarity and creativity
- Strengthen the heart, lungs, bones and immune system

- Help with sounder sleep
- Provide relief for arthritis sufferers

More info please ring Laurin on 07887 404812

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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