



# Culworth Newsletter

## February/March 2018

Diary dates

### Regular events;

**Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall** 10 till 12 (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

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

**Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

**Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

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

**Village Cafe** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month.

**Culworth Snappers**

**Tai Chi** noon every **Tuesday**

Culworth Book Club Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April

### Other Events

**13<sup>th</sup> February** Shrove Tuesday Quiz

16<sup>th</sup> February Culworth Film Night

22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.30 Fete meeting

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** Annual Litter Litter Pick

6<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Lent Lunch

15<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent Lunch

**6<sup>th</sup> April** Culworth Film Night

7<sup>th</sup> April Culworth Snappers Exhibition at the Village Cafe

### **New emergency numbers**

**105** power cuts

**101** for Police

**111** for NHS

**Culworth Village Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 10 till 12 Village Café**

### **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)

### **Do you remember the Village Fete in 2016?**

It was a lovely day, everyone was happy and having a good time and the weather was kind too. And we raised just over £3000 for the Village Hall and the Church.

Why don't we see if we can do it again in 2018?

Please come to the Village Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm for a glass of wine, tea or coffee to discuss the possibility of a Village Fete this year.

We need your support and ideas.

### **Litter pick**

The Annual Litter Pick is on **Saturday 3rd 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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and the second on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Water Aid.

### **Carols on Green**

A record number of people started Christmas with plentiful Carols led by Justin Thurgur, Jacob Stone,

Mavis Lamb on recorder and John McCree on [Guitar](#). Mulled wine and sausages flowed from the Manor. Thanks to Simon and Petrina Martin for their generosity and Mumfords too. Richard Edwards kindly supplied the homemade pork pies.

Victorian Carol Service. Thanks to all those who came, took part and provided refreshments. £92 was sent to The Children's Society.

The Christmas Day Service. About 186 were in church- a record, with nearly 40 children.

## Myra Kilmister

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, we saw the funeral of a member of the village who had lived here for over 40 yrs. Myra was laid to rest with her husband John in the cemetery in Culworth.



Myra had lived in the village for the past 47 years, when she moved here with John as a newly married couple in 1970. They built 2 houses on the land that John had purchased and made this their home.

Myra was born and went to school in Chipping Norton. She started work in the Nissan Huts at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, testing blood samples for TB. She then went to Police Training College and became a Policewomen in the 1960's. She worked for the Oxfordshire Constabulary, Southend -on-Sea and Bristol, where she was promoted to Sergeant.

Myra left the Police Force to raise her family – Jane, Adrian, and Sara, returning to work once the

children were at school doing various administration jobs.

After Myra's stint of poor health in 2012, she made her home in the 'Garage' of



Culworth Court. She has spent the last 5 years living happily there, regaining her abilities. She enjoyed watching the television – she had a wide variety of programmes she liked to watch and very much enjoyed the visitors that she received. She very much enjoyed having her Grandchildren, Phoebe, Edward, Francesca, and Joshua around her. They kept her smiling and made their Granny play ball games from her chair-- even though the children said she wasn't very good, it made them all laugh—Mrs Butter Fingers they called her.

## The Culworth Gang.

Meetings are in Culworth Village Hall and Sulgrave Church Hall.

For any more information please call Judith Robbins on 07799 846313

## Culworth Snappers

### 2018 Club Nights

#### 19.30 hrs in the Village Hall

Tuesday 27th February

Thursday 29th March

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

## CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm in Village Hall

Councillors present: S. Rolt(Chair), M. Koster ,B.

Leadbeater, D. Mumford, M. Rowling, N. Guinness (7.40pm) and the Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Lamb (work)

Members of public present: Mrs. J. Gottowik, Mrs.

R Courtney, Mrs M. Claridge, Miss M. Watts, Mrs.

Gascoigne, Mr and Mrs T. Perutz, Mr J. Powell, Mr

J. Duggan (7.10pm) Mr C. Buckley (7.20pm)

## **OPEN MEETING**

NCC Budget Possible subsidised bus service cuts. The group of ladies had prewritten to the Chair concerned that reduction/curtailment of this service would greatly affect their lifestyle. They produced an excellent poster showing the ladies consigned to the skip. The Chair expressed concern for their plight and said that the Parish Council would inform the County Councillor and write to the Chair of County Council Cllr Heather Smith. They left at 7.10pm

**Cricket field /cricket pavilion.** Mr Simonsen expressed some concerns regarding the recent Open Meetings and ballot of village. He gave copies of address to members a copy of which is attached to the Minutes. The Chairman thanked him for his well-made points. Cllr Rolt will answer Mr Simonsen's concerns after the meeting by letter. He pointed out that the project is moving ahead as the ballot showed the village to be in support.

**Light in school path.** Mr and Mrs Perutz were concerned at the amount of light pollution into their kitchen from this updated light. They offered to pay for a more 'heritage' type light and also fix a gutter to the overhanging roof of their building which allows water and ice to be a hazard on the school path. They accepted that the shades hadn't helped. Cllr Mumford considered that if the current light and pole was moved to the school end of the building belonging to Ivy House, this would assist lighting the area near the defibrillator and the lower school path. A new light would then be required towards the Queens Street end to light the initial part of the path. Cllr Mumford would seek advice from Aylesbury Mains (Parish Council current street lighting providers) and submit the costings for the Perutz opinion. The Clerk stressed that the Parish Council represents all parishioners and cannot favour any. Mr and Mrs Perutz left at 7.28pm.

**Declarations of Interest.** None declared  
Minutes of meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were confirmed as correct.

No outstanding matters were raised.

**CRICKET FIELD.** Cllr Rolt reported on the success of the village ballot with 89% of those who voted in favour of the project. Since then, John Duggan has taken on the role of Project Coordinator with a Steering Committee consisting of Stuart Rolt Chair of PC, Jim Powell Chair and Coach of Culworth

Cricket Club, Julie Tinn Chair Village Hall, Norman Green Fundraising and Jose Rowling Clerk.

**Maintenance of field.** Cllr Rowling will season treat the two new picnic tables. Competitive quotations will be obtained for tree conditions of TPO trees.

**Recreation Field** Cllr Koster had nothing to report  
**Local Plan Part 2** All comments and suggestions had been sent to SNC.

**FUSION-** no date had been fixed for their visit Culworth Castle site. All councillor agreed that the site was well maintained. Clerk to ask Cartwrights, depending on weather conditions, to mow three times a year instead of two. Routine weed control to continue. Animal shelter roof has been repaired using second hand slates courtesy of M and P Scott and work carried out by Help in Hand.

**Defibrillator check** carried out 29/11 and 21/12. Cllr Leadbeater to check in January with Clerk and Cllr Mumford in February.

**Street Lighting** Cllr Mumford reported two more street lights needed new bulbs. These are in hand. He would liaise with the contractor and Mr and Mrs Perutz.

**20mph Speed limit.** Cllr Koster had been unable to attend the briefing session in November. Nothing further to report

**Good neighbour piloting scheme.** Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January at SNC with Rebecca Breakwell of ACRE. Cllr Koster is not now available due to work commitments.

**Rights of way.** Cllr Koster is unable to help the volunteer. Cllr Leadbeater will negotiate with landowner over high stile at Eydon End. Long standing problem which landowner has said he would attend to but hasn't yet been completed.

**NCC Budget 2018-9.** Chair asked that letter be sent to Local County Councillor Ian Morris and Chair Cllr Heather Smith noting concerns of residents re possible reductions in rural bus services and thus restrictions on their lives.

**Winter gritting and salt spreading.** Cllr Rolt will contact Local farmer who has a salt spreader. The Chair keeps a local supply of salt. All grit bins are full. The Parish bin located near Culworth garage needs replacement.

Clerk to action HS2 draft minutes and Mrs Leadsom letter. Cllr Rolt was pleased to note that Culworth PC's proposal for a sound barrier at Thorpe Mandeville was included in the current plans.

**Annual Parish Assembly** 17<sup>th</sup> April 7pm in Village Hall. Main emphasis to be on the updates on the Cricket Field.

**Annual Litter Pick** SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 10am to 12 midday starting at The Forge. Equipment has been ordered from SNC.

#### **FINANCE**

Budget for April 2018- March 2019 confirmed. Residents had been informed by newsletter, website and notice on Parish Council noticeboard. Precept confirmed as £18400 agreed by all councillor present.

Audit requirements 2018. As Cllr Lamb was away, for March agenda.

Internal Controllers report. Cllr Leadbeater reported she had examined bank statements and accounts and found no concerns

**RECEIPTS** – none

**PAYMENTS** since last meeting

Susan O Sullivan website Sept, Oct, Nov  
£38.97+VAT £7.80=£46.77(000737)DM/BL  
JE Mumford Burial Ground Hedge and mowing  
£188, Cricket Field. Recreation  
Field£480=£668(000738) DM/BL  
SLCC/ALCC Annual Subscription £110(000739)  
BL/DM  
RBL Wreath Section 137 £17 (000740)BL/DM  
Texprep Newsletters £99.30(000741)BL/DM  
Anglian Water Business Ltd 30/7-28/11 estimated  
£24.53 (000742) BL/DM  
HMRC 3rd Instalment £249 (000743)DM/BL  
Help at Hand S. Law repair to animal shelter  
£168(000744)BL/DM  
EON 01/10/2017-31/12/2017 unmetered supply.  
£231.99+£11.60=£243.59(000745) BL/DM  
Clerks salary Oct-December £996, use of house as  
office £100, Broadband £75, Expenses £38.08  
=£1209.08(000746)DM/BL  
SLCC Clerks Study day £75+£15 VAT=£90  
(000747)BL/DM  
Current Account £18,136.74 with o/s standing  
cheques £273.53  
Deposit Account£18971.13

#### 24. **PLANNING**

##### a. **Applications**

i. S/2017/3051//MAF Change of use from Care Home (Class C2) to single dwelling (class C3) PC comments No objections except to note that residents of sheltered accommodation within the curtilage need parking for their vehicles.

ii. S/2018/0027/LBC removal of two modern lean-to outbuildings Resubmission of Application S/2014/0965/LBC Thorpe View The Green PC comments no objections.

iii. S/2018/0040/TCA for information only Fell three trees – spruce, leylandii and alder. Ivy Cottage Sulgrave Road

b. **Decisions by SNC**- none

25. Correspondence emailed. Clerks

Councillors update. NCC Budget. NALC Update

26. Any other business for Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018- None given.

27. Close of meeting

#### **CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Additional Parish Council meeting** held on MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in Culworth Church (Village Hall had prior booking) Meeting convened on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at request of Chairman. Notice on PC noticeboard, email contacts to village.

Councillors present: S. Rolt Chairman, N. Guinness, C. Lamb, B. Leadbeater, D. Mumford, M. Rowling and the Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling  
Apologies. Cllr Koster work commitment but had given her consent to the proposal.

Members of public present None.

**Hill Field transfer.** The Chairman outlined the need for this meeting which was to give approval for the Chair and Clerk to accept the gift of land from Mrs S. Trott and to sign the legal documents when they are completed. He informed the meeting of the progress of the Steering Committee to negotiate with Mrs Trott and Hewitson's her solicitors and Spratt Endicott for the Parish Council. The latter has agreed to do this work pro bono. The Chairman understands that Mrs Trott is in agreement with the proposals to acquire about one acre of land, outlined red on attached map, for £1. This will be transferred to the Parish Council until such time as the Hill Field Trust is set up when it may be transferred to it for £1. There is no time completion clause. The Parish Council would remain guardians of the freehold land.

In the 2018-9 budget confirmed at 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 meeting, it was agreed that £5000 should be allocated to the Cricket Field project.

The Chairman also asked the Parish Council to approve the New Homes Bonus application for £9654.

The Chairman asked that PC give approval to offer to pay all reasonable legal fees for Mrs Trott. The decision on that figure to be taken by Chair and Clerk.

**ON ALL THESE MATTERS ALL COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT gave their full approval**

Meeting closed 7.41pm

**New Village Hall Update) Culworth Newsletter  
January 2018 (Revised Draft)**

The Parish Council, who have a long leasehold interest over the cricket field, The Cricket Club and The Village Hall Trust have formed the Hill Field Project Steering Committee to deliver the new combined Village Hall and Cricket pavilion on behalf of the village. The current members of the Steering Committee, are Stuart Rolt (representing the Parish Council, Julie Tinn (Village Hall Trust Chair, (representing the Village Hall Trust), Jim Powell, Cricket Club Coach, (representing the Cricket Club), Norman Green (coopted as Fundraiser), John Duggan (coopted as Project Coordinator) and Jose Rowling as (Clerk to the Steering Committee). Stuart Rolt has agreed to act as Chairman. All offers of help with the project from villagers are greatly appreciated and will be taken up in due course.

Following the Village Referendum, which demonstrated overwhelming support for the development of this new facility, to be located on the southern side of the cricket field, Mrs Trott confirmed her agreement to gift the land for it. Solicitors have been instructed to draw up the contract for the sale of the land for the nominal sum of £1 to the Parish Council (PC). The Steering Committee would like to thank Mrs Trott, on behalf of the village, for her very generous gift of the land, Hill Field. This gives the village a wonderful opportunity to create a new combined Village Hall and Cricket Pavilion.

Mrs Trott would like "Hill Field" included in the name of the new facility. The process for naming the new facility will be agreed and announced in due course. The Steering Group have agreed to approach the development of the new facility in three phases:

Phase I The Village Trust and the Cricket Club will continue in their present form, managing business as usual, until the new facility is constructed. The current Village Hall Trust is being advised by ACRE and will, when planning permission has been obtained and funding secured, sell the site of the existing facility, the net proceeds from which is expected to make a significant contribution towards funding the total development cost of the new facility.

Phase II The Hill Field Project is still in its formative stage. The Steering Group will take responsibility for the predevelopment, checking out the feasibility of fundraising for and development of the new facility. The time period for and delivery of the new facility is still uncertain, but is assumed that it will take at least three years.

Solicitors will be instructed to draw up the legal documents for the constitution of the new Incorporated Trust for the new facility. This will be done when contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of the land by the Parish Council from Mrs Trott. The members of The Steering Committee will become trustees of The New Trust until such time as the new facility becomes operational.

The New Trust, when properly constituted will purchase the land, 'gifted' by Mrs Trott, on completion of the contract entered into by the Parish Council or directly from the Parish Council, for the sum of £1. The Steering Committee will take advice from ACRE to ensure best practice and compliance with Charity Commission requirements and take independent advice from solicitors as required in drawing up the constitution of the New Trust.

Phase III The constitution of the new Incorporated Trust will provide for the election of new trustees to manage the new facility when it is fully operational. The Village Hall Trust will then be wound up.

Villagers are welcome to ask questions or raise concerns about the project with the PC Clerk Jose Rowling, or the Parish Council representative Cllr Stuart Rolt. Full contact details are on website and in the newsletter. The PC representative will bring

matters raised to the attention of the Steering Committee. Regular updates on progress and notice of public meetings will be published in The Culworth newsletters. Public meetings will be called prior to key events, e.g the submission of a formal planning application for the new facility and when The Village Hall Trust makes the final decision to sell the Village Hall site. Committee Meetings will be minuted, and be a matter of public record to be kept by the Parish Council Clerk.

*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](mailto:Josephine.rowling@gmail.com)*

## CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Culworth Village Hall Committee  
Friday 12th Jan 2018  
Those Present: June Oxley  
(Secretary) Julie Tinn  
(Chair) Jane Field  
(Treasurer) Margaret Watts, Martin Rowling and Sarah Powell.



Apologies; Michelle Koster and Ruth Gross.  
Village Member: Ian Simonsen invited by JT.  
Ian Simonsen read out his prepared statement concerning the proposed new Village Hall/Cricket Pavilion (attached).  
1. The Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct.  
2. Matters Arising; We are waiting for better weather to repaint the front steps and replace the airbricks. The curtain pole and curtains have been fitted and help with the draught from the kitchen.  
3. Chairmans Report; The last film, My Cousin Rachel, was well attended and made a profit of £261.70. The next film Sully, has been booked for Friday 19th January. The film for 16th February has yet to be chosen. An E Mail from Ruth Gross has been received tendering her resignation as Trustee due to family and work commitments which leaves a vacancy on the Committee. JT will write to her to

thank her for her valuable input during her time on the Committee. John Emmett was the only person to have responded to the advertisement for Committee members in the last Newsletter and he will be co-opted onto the Committee at the next meeting. JT reported on a meeting she had had with John Duggan who has been co-opted onto the new Village Hall/Pavilion steering committee as co-ordinator. She also referred to two E mails she had received from Francis Harris of ACRE. It has been suggested that the project be looked at in 3 stages, (1) the day to day management of the existing Village Hall remains as normal with the current Committee, (2) predevelopment funding and development of new building managed under a new Charitable Trust to be incorporated to provide more protection, (3) the day to day management of the new facility under a new Trust and with newly elected Committee. JT to ask ACRE whether we need to hold a further public meeting to approve the sale of the VH site. The current Trustees will need to appoint a Chartered Surveyor to report on the site prior to sale and Architects to apply for planning permission. We also need to be mindful that we comply with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

4. Treasurers Report; Total funds stand at £20994.52 (including £5K from Brian's estate) and there are no outstanding Invoices. See attached. JF will obtain water meter readings and send to Anglian Water.  
5. Buildings and Renewals: MR will look at the cupboard door in the kitchen which has become unhinged and check why the heating in the kitchen is not working.  
6. AOB: JT to send electronic version of Ian Simonsen's letter to Committee Members. We now have two new regular users of the hall, Culworth Snappers and Tai Chi. It was decided that there should be a Summer Fete this year perhaps incorporating a Fun Run which Rupert Rowling has offered to organise. A meeting to discuss this and set up a committee was fixed for Thursday 22nd Feb 2018 at 7.30pm and wine and nibbles will be offered, hopefully to encourage more interest from the village residents.  
The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 6th March at 7pm.  
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

## **Culworth Village Hall – a decision about its possible future**

A big 'thank you' to all of you who took the time to vote in the recent ballot regarding the future of your Village Hall.

The results of that ballot are published below. Steps will now be taken to start what will be a long process towards a new Village Hall and Cricket Pavilion.

Julie Tinn

On behalf of The Village Hall Committee and the Steering Committee New Village Hall & Cricket Pavilion

### ***Dear Chairperson, council and committee members***

I would like to raise several issues regarding the recent meetings and vote taken on the new Village Hall/Cricket Pavilion project.

It was stated this has come about because a generous offer was made to gift some land.

Before this new proposal became public knowledge, I was approached by a member of the Cricket Club (I was at the time still on the village Hall committee) and asked if the Village Hall would be interested in a joint project. I was told an approach had been made by a land owner in Banbury Lane suggesting that if the Cricket Pavilion was to be relocated then that land owner would be willing to help with some of the costs (Planning). All parties were asked to keep this confidential until the Cricket field land owner had been approached.

### Pre planning reports.

Site 1 (The existing Cricket Pavilion site) This report stated it was possible to build on the existing site but there were concerns over access and the report asked if other sites had been considered.

Site 2 (Area adjacent to rear gardens of Butts Close). Report states preliminary plans shown not acceptable and would not be approved because of position and orientation. No new plans were drawn up and **the vote has been taken on something the planning officer has already raised concerns over.**

The report stated this area would be treated as open countryside and it is against official planning policy to allow development on such sites.

However this could be considered when a full planning application is submitted.

### Use of existing Cricket Pavilion site.

At the meeting it was stated that the existing site could be used as the location for a children's play area which gained much support. However, the plan voted on, shows the new cricket boundary encompassing that area.

### The vote.

Many people did not vote because they were worried that due to the sequential numbering and being delivered in numerical order that individuals could be identified.

The independent counting official reported that all the slips including spoilt, duplicated, copied and unnumbered slips were counted.

I believe this to be contrary to acceptable voting and ballot management procedures.

During the public meetings the committee refused to look at any other site than other than Site 2 on the grounds of spending money. This project is going to cost many hundreds of thousand pounds; there is around £20,000 in the Village Hall fund. Yet this important once in a life time project (we only have one chance to get this right for future Culworthians) is being planned trying to save a few thousand.

In light of my comments I ask the members of this council/committee to use its influence and ask the Village Hall/Cricket Pavilion committee to hold further public meetings for all the above to be discussed preferably with the council planners in attendance.

Ian Simonsen

5 Butts Close

### ***Open letter to the editor Culworth Newsletter.***

#### ***Dear Editor,***

You will read in the various minutes that I attended the latest Parish Council and Village Hall committee meetings. This was to read out a statement raising my concerns over the recent public meetings and voting process, for the proposed project for a new combined Cricket Pavilion and Village Hall. The statement has also been passed onto the Cricket Club. I have included a copy for you to publish should it not appear in full within the minutes of those meetings.

I realise that many may see this as the rant of some nimby. I would like to point out that I was a Village

Hall Committee member for 23 years (prior to this proposal), during which time on several occasions the committee proposed to build a new village hall. I am still in favour of such a project. This project will be a great asset and benefit to the village. However it must be one that we all want and in a place that suits it best. Not just for us but for future generations

The joint committee seems to be focused only on building the new pavilion/hall in a different location. I have given reasons within my statement as to why I think this is. In addition to those comments I would like to add some further observations.

The existing Cricket Pavilion site is the most logical site being in a non secluded position and already connected to all services, adjacent to the cricket nets and garaging for ground maintenance. The new remoter site will divide the facilities increasing the likelihood of antisocial behaviour/vandalism. I understand that should this joint venture fail then the cricket club will be looking to replace the existing pavilion with a new building on its existing site, further confirming the suitability of this site. The two pre -planning reports were not made available to the villagers who were not even notified of them until they attended the meeting. No reasonable time was allowed to digest the information in them. Meetings held with the local planners were held "in-camera". The committee are adamant that the planner has rejected building on the existing site but no plans were produced for this site. The report only raised concerns around vehicle access from Banbury Lane; it did not say a new building could not be built on the existing site. Access will be a concern wherever the building is situated. Either location will require improved access, possibly from Queens Street.

The new site will require the County Council to go against its own planning rules to permit building on open countryside; this will set a dangerous precedent and no doubt attract objections from a wider audience.

When the vote was put to the village the emphasis was on building on an alternative site or put the future of the village hall in jeopardy ending up with no hall at all, the inference being vote for the new hall on a new site or the hall will close.

I know many in this village agree that the existing pavilion site is the best site but were not allowed to vote on any alternative. Some have talked to me

and it's good to know I'm not a lone voice in the wilderness.

I would ask all to read my statement then contact the committees and parish council to have any concerns/comments noted.

Yours faithfully

Ian Simonsen  
Butts Close

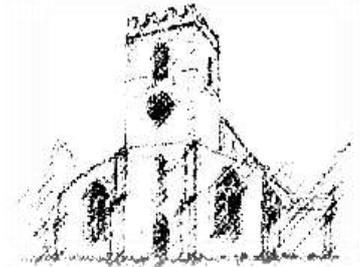
*The village hall is now used 5 times a week by Julie Russell and her Pilates class. For more information phone Julie on 07778 673677 or email [j.russell2006@btinternet.com](mailto:j.russell2006@btinternet.com)*

### **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 £12 per hour for occasional bookings. To book just ring me (June) on 01295-768184.*

[juneoxley99@gmail.com](mailto:juneoxley99@gmail.com).

## **News from St Mary's**



### **Services for February and March**

#### **February**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am** Benefice Holy Communion  
Sulgrave

**6 pm** Evensong

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 11am** Family Service

**14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday** Moreton Pinkney Holy  
Communion and Imposition of Ashes

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am** Matins

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30** Holy Communion

#### **March**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.00p.m.** Women's World Day of Prayer Chipping Warden  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00** Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney  
6p.m. Evensong Culworth  
**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday 11.00am** Family Service  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am** Mid week Holy Communion Sulgrave  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 10am** Mattins  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 9.30 am** Holy Communion  
**Easter Week (for other services see Now we are Six)**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday) 6.30** Holy Communion Chipping Warden  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) 2pm** Devotional Culworth

### **April**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter Day) 11am** Holy Communion. Celebrant will be Rev Will Adams

### **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**

### **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](mailto:juneoxley99@gmail.com).

## **SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS**

### **Mobile Library**

Dates of Visits –

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Queen St/Barley Hill 10.15 – 10.30

### **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)

# T'ai Chi Chih

## RELAX AND RESTORE HEALTH MOVING MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

### FREE TASTER SESSION – Village Hall CLASSES COMMENCE January 2018

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

If you would like to join us at the free taster session call

Laurin on 07887 404812

### **Culworth Film Night Hidden Figures (CERT PG)**

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY DOORS OPEN AT 7PM TICKETS - £10 TO INCLUDE LIGHT SUPPER, £5 FILM ONLY CALL JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE 760855 TO BOOK BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & GLASSES

## Volunteer Connect

Volunteer Connect was established April 2012 to provide two services: one for Volunteering and one for Community Transport.

Volunteer Connect promotes Volunteering primarily through the <http://oxonvolunteers.org/> website.

Do you need to get here?

Do you know people who need to get here that might benefit from a community transport scheme?

Did you know that Volunteer Connect operate a community transport scheme?

Volunteer drivers use their own cars to take people to essential appointments, when there is no reasonable alternative for them to travel.

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

To book a journey or find out more call 0300 3030 125

## 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

*Welcome to the February edition of the Culworth Newsletter. If you have anything that you think might be of interest, please send any articles/information by email to [jenny\\_howse@hotmail.com](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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