



Culworth Newsletter

December/January
2018/9

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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 January

Village Hall Committee Meeting Thursday 15th January at 7.30

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

Culworth Book Club Thursday 13th December 7.30

Other Events

Friday 7th December Culworth Film Night – The Children Act

Sunday 9th 11am Christingle in the church

Monday 10th December 11am Good Neighbour meeting, Village Hall

Wednesday 12th December HS2 Drop- In, Forge Café

Sunday 23rd December 5pm Carol Service in the church

Christmas Eve 6pm Carols on the Green

Carols on The Green

After a brilliant response last year we are looking for anyone with a musical instrument that would be willing to help us out at "Carols on The Green" again. It doesn't matter how good or how old you

are, as enthusiasm and effort are the keys to success on this evening!!

If you think you can help and want to have a great time on Christmas Eve, please email or call Simon Theobald on 01295 768955 or email on simontheobald@hotmail.com

Village Café

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

Free Coffee/tea and mince pies on December 1st with lots of chat and village news.

Everyone welcome.

Culworth Book Club

The Book for the next meeting is English Passengers by Matthew Kneale and will meet at Danielle's house on 13th December at 7.30 Any further info please contact Susan (therapysos@gmail.com)

Bus Services

Following a letter from the Chair of Sulgrave Parish Council, asking for support if they organised a bus once a week or once a fortnight to Banbury, Cllr Guinness is working with Miss Margaret Watts, bus spokesperson for Culworth and Sulgrave. This venture is likely to include Eydon Thorpe Mandeville and possibly Marston St Lawrence.

Blackbird Hill bridge- work has commenced on this repair which is scheduled to take four weeks.

HS2

Book in to the HS2 Drop-in on Wednesday 12th December 2018. Forge Coffee The drop- in session is being held by Nisha Mejer from HS2 and Chris James from main works contractor Eiffage Kier to inform local people about the HS2 works. If you would like to attend a session please add your name to the list in Forge Coffee or contact Jose. We are working with Culworth Parish Council and will be holding further engagement events in the New Year.

Rural Isolation

It is said that Rural isolation is a real problem both for young and old with the lack of public transport and the decline of village facilities. It would be unthinkable that as a caring village community we could not do something to stop people feeling isolated. There are many things going on in Culworth but maybe these are not enough and we need to provide other activities where people can get to know other villagers and become involved. Whether this means providing a voluntary lift rota to doctors, dentists, hospitals etc, more coffee mornings for younger villagers and their children or anything else you feel would help.

To that end, please can a group of us consider the needs of the village, what exists and if there is anything we can do collectively to reduce this isolation, maybe setting up a Good Neighbour scheme. If you are interested there will be a meeting on Monday 10th December at 11am in the Village Hall. Phone 01295 760571 for more details.

Candles at Christmas

Over many years, the late Mrs Courtney has raised money for Church fabric by asking people to light a candle on Christmas Day in memory of a loved one or loved ones. Their names are read out at the commencement of the service. Candle money has included the purchase of new altar linen, large new door mats and last Christmas a donation was made to the Church Clock fund.

This tradition will continue- her family have given the church candles for this. if you would like to have a candle or candles lit in memory of someone, please send their names and donation to Jose Rowling at The Forge OX17 2BA or preferably come to the Christmas Day service.

Forge Coffee Art Exhibition

I hope you have taken the chance to see our current exhibition at Forge Coffee from Val and Chris Pendleton. If not, or if you need an excuse to visit again, then surely the news that we now have croissants baked to order everyday will hopefully provide that extra incentive...

Soon we will be moving on to our third exhibitor, Lizzie Coulter, whose work ranges from still-life

paintings to etchings to jewellery. Lizzie's work will be in place from Monday November 26th

Rupert

Culworth Snappers

Anybody interested in joining this very friendly local camera club, next club night is 29th November at Culworth Village Hall meet at 19.30hrs. or contact John on 07867 918960. We would love to see you.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES



This photo was taken in Culworth parish on 14th November 2018. There have been 4 sheep-worrying incidents locally in recent weeks. Unsurprisingly the sheep died.

Remembrance Service 2018- one hundred years since the end of World War One.

A very full church remembered those who had died and those families who had lost their loved ones or returned from the conflicts scarred for life by injuries. Wreaths from the Royal British Legion, Culworth Parish Church and Culworth Parish Council were laid on the altar during the service. Following the service, the congregation led by Gerald Cadogan processed to the War Memorial. During the short Act of Remembrance, led by Mr Cadogan, Simon Theobald read the names of the fallen from both World Wars, the Royal British



Legion wreath was laid by David Mold, the Parish Council by Cllr Colin Lamb Vice Chair, Parish Church by Mrs June Oxley. Other people laid wreaths, flowers, and crosses. Two- minute silence was kept with the sound of Church and Forge clock striking 11am.

The collection at the service raised £379 which went to the British Legion.

St Mary's Church, Culworth Remembrance Service

10.00 a.m., 11 November 2018

This is an edited version of Gerald Cadogan's address

When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

This prayer — in fact, it is an epitaph for putting on a grave — is known as the Kohima Prayer, since it appears on the memorials of the Battle of Kohima of 1944, when the Second Infantry Division had a huge and costly battle to stop the Japanese from invading India from the north east. It dates back however to the First World War. One John Maxwell

Edmonds wrote it, almost certainly with the famous lines in mind that the Greek poet Simonides wrote to commemorate the fight, and total death, of the 300 Spartans at Thermopylae in 480 BC, when they tried to stop the Persians from invading southern Greece. It reads:

Go tell the Spartans, thou that passest by,
That faithful to their precepts here we lie.
Such was the Spartans' moral code. The women expected their men to return either carrying their shields or, dead, being carried on them.
Poetry, as we see in the poems we have just heard by Edmund Blunden and Siegfried Sassoon (both of whom won the Military Cross) and in the poem 'I vow to thee, my country', which we know as a magnificent hymn (it was written in August 1914 by Cecil Spring-Rice, when he was our Ambassador in Washington), is a fine way to cope with war, and death in war. So are song, music, dance and humour.

Monuments are another way to cope with war, and other great events. They embody memories. Here in church, quite apart from all the private monuments in church and in the churchyard, we have the two memorial plaques for the wars, and we shall soon go the village war memorial. Or, think of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey, and the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The word means an empty tomb in Greek and alludes, I think, both to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and equally to the empty tomb after Christ's resurrection. Think too of the great cemeteries of the two wars in France and Belgium. Monuments are public ways to provide what we need, throughout life, when we remember in love and gratitude our relations and friends, here in this church and churchyard, and across the world. In peace and war, monuments help us to recall what they achieved, and what we must do to make things better.

This does not apply just to this country and her allies, past, present and future. All countries that have had similar experiences have this need; and we should be wise to remember that a large reason for creating the EU was to stop war happening ever again among the countries of Europe: it has been pretty successful. May I recall the volunteers who signed up to do their bit for their country? One was my wife's grandfather. In his 30s, he enrolled in the German army in August 1914 — and was dead by October. Or read Erich

Maria Remorque's All Quiet on the Western Front. It is as powerful and heart-rending as any of the English memoirs. It is good that the President of Germany is now with the Queen at the Cenotaph.

Finally, we should thank God for the few lucky villages that have not had to put up a war memorial since everyone came back alive from the two wars. There are 18 of them in Britain, but in France only one. The 18 can be included among the 56 villages where men returned safely from World War I. One of these is in the Coln valley in the Cotswolds. Go into the church and there is a notice with a list of names, nine in all I think. Immediately one assumes these men died. But read the notice, which says as best as I remember: 'By the grace of God all returned safely'.
Amen.

"Many thanks to everyone who donated to the 2018 Poppy Appeal, as a village we raised over £450 and without your help The Royal British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work
Thanks to the following collectors:
Culworth School
David Mold
David Mumford and Sons
The Red Lion.....with special thanks as they collect all year round also."

Simon Theobald

CULWORTH FILM NIGHT

Our next film night in Culworth will be on Friday 7th December and we will be showing '**The Children Act**'. In the midst of a marital crisis, a High Court judge must decide if she should order a life-saving blood transfusion for a teen with cancer despite his family's refusal to accept medical treatment for religious reasons. Adapted by Ian McEwan from his book of the same name.
DOORS OPEN 7PM TICKETS £10 TO INCLUDE LIGHT SUPPER - £5 FILM ONLY CALL JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE 760855 TO BOOK OR EMAIL
jules.tinn@gmail.com Bring your own liquid refreshment & glass

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came and helped. £247 was sent to Macmillan nurses.

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2018 /2004/FUL Change of rooms above garage from clinical use to residential use

Parish Council note prior to clinical use, the rooms were residential. NO objections.

S/2018/2148/FUL Mobile home for Pig unit manager – retrospective

Mobile Home Culworth Grounds Farm OX17 2HW. PC comments- No objections as already present but aware that this could set a precedence for development outside village confines.

S/2018/2255/TCA T1 Conifer fell,T2 and 3 Apple trees reduce by 50% Amended application for info only Warden House The Green OX17 2BB

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018

AT 7PM IN THE Village Hall

(1) Councillors present S. Rolt (Chair), C. Lamb, Vice Chair, N. Guinness, M. Rowling, M. Koster, D. Mumford and B. Leadbeater. The Clerk Mrs J M Rowling was in attendance.

(2) Members of public present 12 including Danny Moody Chief Executive NCALC

(3) No apologies for absence

(4) Declarations of interest- Cllr Rolt as Chair of Culworth Hill Field Trust

(5) **Open Meeting**

(a) **Letter from resident 7th August** re draft minutes 10th July and Chairman's visit to the resident's house in June. The Vice Chair Cllr Lamb took over the Chair. The resident read out a prepared statement outlining his concerns, one of which was for Cllr Rolt to resign as Chair of PC and

also CHFT . He had been in contact with the Monitoring Officer at SNC regarding the Councillors failure to observe the Code of Conduct and for a serious breach of funds of Parish Council. In response Cllr Rolt had already explained that he had not visited as Chair of Parish Council but as a member of Culworth Hill Field Trust. He apologised to the resident for any distress caused and also for not saying which organisation he was representing. Cllr Rolt said he had not advised the resident to stop writing to the newsletter. Although the newsletter is paid for by the Parish Council it does not exert any editorial control. The resident said that the serious breach of funds was the booking of Village Hall for a private meeting on 22nd August for Cllr Rolt and the resident along with others. The Clerk acknowledged that she had booked the Hall from 6.30pm. The Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.30pm finishing at 8pm. (Note-The Parish Council hasn't paid for the hall hire yet). Another resident noted that the Chairman acted impeccably in his duties and wished that the village could work together to achieve the landowners wish for Community facility. Cllr Rolt resumed the Chair In response to the resident's letter of 7th August, the Clerk had omitted the request for information regarding Parish Polls. A copy of the email was available for inspection but it looked as though this related to the heading- Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government... She apologised and the minutes are now amended. The resident has the information. Regarding the request for resident's letter in Minutes and conflicting reasons- GDPR had been stated prior to knowledge that Cllr Rolt had not visited as Chair of Parish Council. Draft minutes are sent to the Chair and Vice Chair for correction prior to being distributed to Councillors. Disclaimer for newsletter had been discussed under Finance on July 10th meeting. The Vice Chair who chaired the meeting asked for the disclaimer to be inserted before the Finance for logicity. The Chair closed that discussion at 7.43pm asked Cllr Lamb to resume the Chair

(b) Request from Hill Field Trust

- (i) to request Parish Council to ask SNC for a preplanning meeting
- (ii) to ask if the Parish Council could increase its contribution from £5000 to £10000 as a contribution to enable necessary surveys to be completed in order to apply for Planning. Once

Planning consent given, funding can be applied for from other sources.

- (iii) Having requested surveys invoices to be sent to the Parish Council for VAT reclamation
- (iv) To support the CHFT in their application for New Homes Bonus of about £12000. In response to a question on funding for this project, a resident expressed concern that funds from HS2 would be applied for when the majority of the village were against HS2.
- (v) The proposals from CHFT would be discussed under Agenda 8 OPEN MEETING closed at 7.58pm
- (6) Cllr Rolt resumed the Chair Amended Minutes of 10th July , Minutes of 26th July and 22nd August were confirmed as correct by all councillors present and dated and signed by the Chair.
- (7) Complaints Committee – membership either Cllr Rolt or Cllr Lamb with Cllr Koster and Leadbeater
- (8) Cricket Field Cllr Rolt asked Cllr Lamb to resume the Chair. Cllr Rolt took no part in this item.
- (a) It was resolved and agreed by all councillors present that
 - (i) the Parish Council along with CHFT would apply to South Northants Planning for preapplication advice
 - (ii) to increase support from £5000 to £10000 to assist with costs prior to gaining planning permission
 - (iii) Having requested the work, pay invoices up to £10000 to enable the VAT to be reclaimed
 - (iv) to support CHFT New Homes Bonus application
- Cllr Rolt resumed Chair
- (9) **Newsletter**- it was agreed that the Parish Council exerted no editorial control
- (10)**NCC Grit bins**. NCC would only finance the grit bins at the top of Banbury Lane and High Street and Queen Street Sulgrave Road. Parish Council will advise NCC that it wishes to take over the remainder.
- (11)**Street Lighting**- Cllr Mumford will meet again with Aylesbury Mains on 19th September
- (12).NCC Blackbird Hill Bridge No further information on the timescale for the work to be started and completed
- (13)**GDPR**- work in progress
- (14)**Defibrillator** checks on 6th September by Cllr Leadbeater and the Clerk. In working order South Central Ambulance Service have details recorded of location and code. New sign erected at High

Street end of school path due to vandalism of the last one

(15)**Culworth Burial Ground.** Headstones all checked for stability by Cllr Mumford in July. No issues.

(16)**Speed monitoring and HS2 funds for road safety.** Details had been circulated. Cllr Rolt, Leadbeater and Mumford to decide on preferred monitor and confirm the locations.

(17)**Future Northants Local Government reform-** Feedback from the consultation showed that while there were differences of opinion across the county, with a strong preference among many respondents in the West for a 3-unitary solution, ORS concluded that: 'the government requirement for the proposal for two unitary councils to command "a good deal of local support as assessed in the round across the whole area of the proposal" is more than satisfied'. The proposal has now been submitted for consideration by the Government as it was not a requirement for all councils to agree to it.

(18)**FINANCES**

(a) Report -Internal Controller had checked all accounts. No errors noted

(b) Budget preparation meeting for November date. Clerk to confirm dates with Cllr Rolt, Lamb and Mumford

(c) Receipts

(i) 15/7 S and P Martin Hire of cricket field for parking £50

(ii) 15/7 Humphris funeral burial fees £606

(iii) 20/7 G. Gross Hire of cricket field for wedding £50

(d) Payments

(i) 26/7 G. Taylor Mowing Village Green £120(000787)DM/BL 11/8

(ii) Texprep Newsletters £83.30 and printing £4.24, VAT £17.51= £105.05(000788)BL/DM

(iii) Anglian Water Business A/C for Pavilion 22/5-15/08 £16.73(000789)BL/DM

(iv) A.M. Mumford Mowing-Burial Ground £96, Recreation and Cricket field £175=£271(000790)BL/DM

(v) Paid 11 September Mrs J. M. Rowling Salary July-Sept £996, Use of house as office £100, Broadband £75, Expenses £8.05 total=£1179.05(000791)DM/BL

(vi) Texprep amended account to correct VAT overpayment PC £5.44 in credit

(vii) MK surveys for topographical surveys £1260 +£252 VAT= £1512(000792)DM/BL

(viii) Defibrillator signs Key signs a) Projecting sign £22.95+ Del £4.95+£5.99VAT= £33.48 and adhesive signs £14.91+delivery £4.95 +VAT £4.57=£27.43

Cheque to Clerk as prepaid.(000793)DM/BL

(e) Current account £13670.78 (22/8 Anglian Water cheque £16.73 outstanding)

(f) Business deposit account£19051.95 inc annual interest of £80.82

(19)Planning

(a) To note-

(i) S/2018/1869/HS2 Junction of B4525, Sulgrave Road, Greatworth and Marston St Lawrence earthworks and fencing (Approval of plans and specifications under paragraphs 2 and 3 Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017

(ii) S/2018/1870/HS2 Land at the junction of Byfield Road and Welsh Road and the Chipping Warden Relief Road Chipping Warden Earthworks and fencing (Approval of plans and specifications under paragraphs 2 and 3 Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017

(iii) Planning decision- none received

(20)Correspondence

(a) ACRE Invitation to Good Neighbour Scheme October 1st Moulton Community Centre 10.15-15.45

(21)Any other business for November meeting- None

(22)Meeting Closed.8.27pm

(23)Date of next scheduled meeting November 13th 2018

CULWORTH PARISH MEETING

In Culworth Village Hall

Held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at 7pm

Chair Cllr C. Lamb Vice Chair of Culworth Parish Council

Clerk Mrs J. Rowling

64 residents present

Cllr Lamb welcomed all present.

He stated the purpose of the meeting.

Meeting had been called by six residents to discuss 'the conduct of the Parish Chair and the Parish Council complicity in that conduct which we feel is unbecoming of that office'

He explained why he was chairing the meeting.

The Vice Chair invited Mr Simonsen as the representative of the group to address the meeting.

Mrs Rolt read a statement from Cllr Rolt. After a lengthy discussion in which residents made their comments, the Vice Chair asked for a vote. Mr Simonsen asked for a vote of no confidence in the Chair.

9 residents voted for this

1 abstention

2 non voters

The remainder were against this motion.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Mr Simonsen objected to the omission of items properly added to the agenda on October 15th 2018 which he said were allowable under LGA1972 contrary to advice taken by Clerk and Vice Chair. Cllr Lamb signed minutes at 8.35pm 16/10/2018.

Please note that from now

any emails regarding the Parish Council are to be sent to this email address.

culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

Dear Culworth Villagers

"Que Será, Será"

I'd like to thank everyone who turned up with an open mind ready to listen to what was supposed to be an open Parish Meeting (16-10-18), for everyone's views to be heard on several subjects (Buses, HS2 funding, Hill Field Trust and Newsletter). However, the PC (Parish Council) found a regulation to prevent this. During that meeting it was heartening to see one other courageous person who felt able to stand up and state they had also been visited in a similar bullying and intimidating manner. I know of others who have been on the receiving end of this type of behaviour for speaking out against the popular view, and fully understand why they didn't wish to be identified.

Why have I made such a fuss? In November many of us wore poppies with pride in remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price to allow us to have an open, free and democratic society. I wore mine for those reasons and in particular for the "boys" I joined up with who didn't return. It made me cross that because something seems a good idea that it should not be challenged. I sleep well at night knowing I tried to make things more open and democratic. One good thing to come from this

is that everyone is now able to write to our newsletter without fear of censorship.

To my wife and best friend, I'm sorry that you've had to bear witness to all this unpleasantness. Your belief in always doing the right thing gives me strength (as always) to see things through. To those of you who have contacted us thank you for your kind words and letters of support.

Now perhaps it's the time for others to have their say and for me to put down my pen, pick up my sewing and lower my blood pressure.

Ian Simonsen

Equality Statement

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

*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...
culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com*

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of Culworth Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 20th November 2018

Those Present: June

Oxley (Secretary) Julie Tinn (Chair) Jane Field (Treasurer) Sarah Powell, Margaret Watts and Martin Rowling.

Apologies: Michelle Koster and John Emmett.

Visitors: Kay and Norman Green and John Duggan.

The Minutes of the last AGM were signed as



correct.

1. **Matters Arising:** None

2. **Chairmans Report:** I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their hard work and support during the year. At the last AGM we said goodbye to Joan Gottowik and Colin Hall and, in January this year, to Lady Gross. John Emmett joined the committee in March. The film and supper nights continue to be popular social events for those in the village and surrounding area and since the last AGM we have shown the following films- My Cousin Rachel, Sully, Hidden Figures, Murder on the Orient Express, Paddington 2, Darkest Hour, The Greatest Showman, The Post and Edie. I would like to thank the small band of volunteers who prepare the suppers for the film nights- we are very grateful for their generous help. Jenny Howse organised two frugal lunches again this year in March and also another nail biting Shrove Tuesday quiz. Regular events in the hall, Pilates, Snappers camera club, Tai Chi, Coffee and Chat and Monthly cafe together with hirings all contribute to the running costs of the hall. The village fete this year raised just over £3,000, a new record, and the proceeds were split between the Church and the Hall. It was decided to keep our half of the proceeds in the kitty as we are expecting legal fees in connection with the new hall. A new village Trust, The Culworth Hill Field Trust, was set up to oversee the design and build of the proposed new hall. Those on the steering committee were elected as Trustees of this new Trust. An architect has been appointed together with a Quantity Surveyor and plans for the new hall approved by the CHFT and Design Committee (a sub-committee of the CHFT) have been submitted prior to a pre application meeting with a representative from South Northamptonshire Council. The Village Hall trustees have been considering how to market the existing village hall site and who to appoint to do this. We have continued to care for the hall to provide a useful space for the village.

3. **Treasurers Report:** A detailed copy of the year's accounts are attached. Opening funds at the beginning of the year were £20,901 and has increased by £4,258 to £25,159 and are held as follows: NSI Deposit A/C £21,295, Santander Current A/C £3,325 and £539 in Petty Cash. The closing funds continue to include £5K from Brian Harris's Estate. It is noted that the Electricity

charges have increased by £488. There are no outstanding invoices for the end of the year. Thanks go to Dick Winter for producing the accounts.

4. **Nomination of Village Representatives and Trustees;** Representatives are SP for the Cricket Club, MR for the Church, MW for Snappers and MK for the Parish Council and the Trustee is JE. These were re-elected and approved unanimously.

5. **Election of Officers:** JF has asked to stand down as Treasurer but will continue to do the banking until another Treasurer can be elected. Thanks were given for her contribution to the committee. JT as Chair and JO as Secretary were proposed by MW and seconded by SF to remain, this also was carried unanimously.

6. **Hiring Rates:** The rates for regular users have not been increased since 2012 and the Casual rate was increased in 2016. After some discussion it was proposed by MW and seconded by JT that the rates should be raised to £9 per hour for regular users with a minimum of 2 hours per session, casual users £15 per hour and the Polling Station rate to £400. The evening rate is to stay the same.

7. **Review of Health and Safety and risk Assessment:** These were discussed and amended where necessary. JT will query with ACRE as to whether we need a PAT test on small electrical appliances. JO will liaise with the cleaner to move the cleaning products to a high cupboard out of the way of children.

8. **Repairs and Renewals:** MR will attend to the gutter over the porch which drips after rainfall.

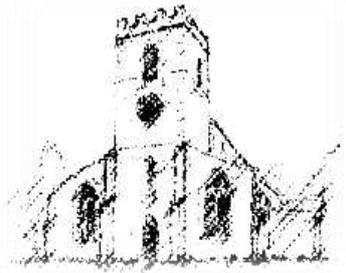
9. **AOB:** It was reported that some heaters had been left on after the hall was used, JO will contact all regular users to stress the importance of switching off all heaters after use, SP will provide a poster for the inner door as a reminder. JT advised that we had had a meeting with Savills regarding the sale of the existing site and, after contacting ACRE as to the necessity to approach another solicitor was told that using BWB (Charity Lawyers) was the way forward. The Invoice from BWB is £3600 to date.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7pm There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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 £15 per hour for occasional bookings
 To book just ring me (June) on 01295-768184.
juneoxley99@gmail.com.

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

News from St Mary's



Services for December and January

December

Sunday 2nd 10am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden

6pm Evensong

Sunday 9th 11.00am Family Service **Christingle**

Wednesday 12th 10am Mid week Holy Communion Chipping Warden

Sunday 16th 10.00am Matins

Sunday 23rd 9.30 Holy Communion

5pm Carol Service

CHRISTMAS DAY 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th 9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

10am Carols at Edgcote

January

Sunday 6th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Thorpe Mandeville

6pm Evensong

Sunday 13th 11am Family Service

Sunday 20th 10.00am Mattins

Sunday 27th 9.30 Holy Communion

Harvest Celebrations

As usual the church was beautifully decorated by Diana Langdale and her helpers. Thanks to all those who helped with that and the refreshments afterwards. The collection of £164.40 went to the Tear Fund's Indonesian Tsunami Appeal fund.

Christingle Service Sunday 9^h December 11.00am



Christingle means 'Christ Light.' The Christingle can be traced back to Germany in the 18th Century but it wasn't until 1968 that it was popularised in the United Kingdom as a way of raising funds for the Children's Society. It is especially suitable for small children who love the oranges, candles and sweets... which they can eat afterwards! Please come and join us to start Christmas celebrations. The collection will go to the Children's Society which you can find out about on www.childrensociety.org.uk.

St Mary's Church Culworth

Carols and Christmas Readings

23rd December 5pm



An ideal way to start the Christmas festivities is with Christmas Carols and Readings, this year at 5 p.m. on Sunday 23rd December.

Besides the usual carols there will be seasonal readings from all ages in the village. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards and the church will be warm!

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion 11am

EVERYONE WILL BE VERY WELCOME

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.

SOUTH NORTHANTS NEWS

Update from Cllr Ian McCord, Leader of South Northants Council

To say there is a lot going on for us at South Northants Council would be an understatement. There are the proposals to create a new unitary council for West Northants (and with it abolish South Northants, Daventry, Northampton and Northamptonshire County Councils). The short story here is that we're working hard to make sure that if the Government does go ahead with this proposal, that there will be a smooth launch of the new council in April 2020, without a dip in services in the meantime. There is lot more information though, for those interested, which you can read online at www.southnorthants.gov.uk/lgr That's also where you can have your say on what you think the new Council should be named, if it does go ahead.

It looks like the Government's timetable for this big change might well have slipped back a few months. We don't yet know what impact this might have on local elections due next May (including at Parish and Town Council level) but we are pressing the Minister on this, and will let you know as soon as it becomes clear.

There are also changes that the County Council is introducing to get its house in order (its 'Stabilisation Plan'). Short story here: I for one am not yet convinced that this is yet a good enough plan to fix the situation they got themselves into. Alongside that, there are other things going on here at South Northants that are of genuine interest such as whether in light of all the changes at County Council level, we should loosen our grants criteria for the funding we still have available here at South Northants Council. We do still give out hundreds of thousands of pounds a year in grants to local community initiatives, both to community groups and to Parish and Town Councils. These range from a few hundred pounds

to tens of thousands. Find out more at www.southnorthants.gov.uk/community-grants

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

New emergency numbers

105 power cuts
101 for Police
111 for NHS

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.



Culworth Film Night

The Children Act (CERT 12A)

CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER DOORS OPEN 7PM

TICKETS £10 TO INCLUDE LIGHT SUPPER - £5

FILM ONLY CALL JUNE 01295 768184 OR JULIE

760855 TO BOOK OR EMAIL

jules.tinn@gmail.com Bring your own liquid refreshment & glass

HS2

Culworth Parish Council
Invites residents to a 'drop in' session
at
Forge Coffee
On
WEDNESDAY 12th December 2018
From

09.30 hrs at 16.00

HS2 is coming- how will Culworth be affected?
We didn't want it...so why should we be interested

What would you like to know about HS2?

* How is the project improving the environment? Is it destroying it?

* Are HS2 concerned about the residents of Culworth?

* Where will the route be?

* Will I be able to get to Banbury? All those signs saying HS2 works... are they staying until railway finished? Its mud everywhere.

* What about the security of our property with all those construction people about? Where are they living? Where is the plant being kept?

* Can I sell my house?

collection/drop off.

CULWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW PLAYGROUND APPEAL:

We are once again collecting good quality clothing as a fundraiser for the new playground appeal. If you are having a pre Xmas clear out and have anything you would like to donate (clothes, hats, belts, paired shoes, ties and soft toys) please let me know and I can arrange. Deadline is 6th Dec or drop to school car park by 9am on 7th.

Many thanks

Emma Hall

Welcome to the December edition of the Culworth Newsletter. If you have anything that you think might be of interest, please send any articles/information by email to jenny_howse@hotmail.com or post any hard copy articles through my door at Bankcroft (last house before the Eydon turn).

Closing date for the next edition is Wednesday 30th January 2019.

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