



# Culworth Newsletter

October & November 2022



**The Proclamation for Parish & Town Councils on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2.30pm**

**Cllr Andrew Wilby Chair of Culworth Parish Council standing on the Auctioneers Seat on Village Green said:**

**We come together this afternoon following the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our sadness at this time is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest-reigning Monarch.**

**But the basis on which our monarchy is built has ensured that through the**

## Remembrance Sunday



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.15 Service of Remembrance at Culworth Church**

**11.00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**

**centuries the Crown has passed in an unbroken line of succession.**

**Today's ceremony marks the formal Proclamation to the people of the Parish of Culworth of the beginning of our new King's reign.**

**Yesterday the Accession Council met at St. James's Palace to proclaim our new Sovereign. The flags which had flown at half-mast since The Queen's death were raised briefly to their full height to mark the start of His Majesty's reign. The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read in the areas of their jurisdiction. The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire discharged that duty earlier today and now, with my humble duty, I bring the words of the Proclamation to the residents of the Parish of Culworth.**

## **Ladies and Gentlemen. The Proclamation of the Accession...**

**Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George: We, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm and Members of the House of Commons, together with other members of Her late Majesty's Privy Council and representatives of the Realms and Territories, Aldermen and Citizens of London, and others, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.**

**Given at St. James's Palace this tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.**

**GOD SAVE THE KING**

## **Chair called for three cheers for His Majesty The King.**

A large number of residents summoned by email attended to hear the Proclamation.

The proclamation of the new Sovereign is a very old tradition which can be traced back over many centuries. The ceremony does not create a new King. It is simply an announcement of the accession which took place immediately on the death of the reigning monarch.

In an age where modern methods of communication convey news around the globe in an instant, the proclamation is no longer the means by which people learn for the first time that they have a new Monarch. Today, however, is one of the first occasions when communities have an opportunity to come together and reflect on the moment in our nation's history when the reign of our longest-serving Monarch came to an end and our new Sovereign succeeded.

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**CHFT PROGRESS BRIEFING NOTE  
(PC/VHT/Newsletter/) Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2022)**

### **Overview**

Good news; I'm pleased to say we are making good progress:

- Sport England have transferred the grant of £109k to Culworth Parish Council, to benefit from its VAT status, and the necessary Match Funding of £50k is in place.
- A Partnership Agreement has been entered into between Culworth Parish Council (PC) and Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT) for CHFT to be responsible for the

management all the works on behalf of the PC.

- The tenders are within budget and the PC will be finalising the contractual arrangements and signing the contracts shortly. The names of the successful contractors will be released when this process is complete.
- The work necessary to satisfy the pre commencement conditions to start Phase 1 Works, to implement the planning permission for the new Community and Recreation and Facility on Site A is nearly complete. Before we start these works an archaeological survey will be carried out on the site of the new facility. Work is expected to start in early Autumn, but the findings of the archaeological survey, will determine the order in which the different elements of the works listed below, will be started and the work finished. It is possible that some of the work may be completed next year. The Phase 1 Works consist of the following elements:
  - Protection of those trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), removal of other trees, in accordance with the planning permission. There will be new trees planted in due course.
  - The establishment of a new entrance, with retractable bollards.
  - Modifying of the existing entrance/exit, retention of the old gates and retractable bollards.
  - The establishment of a two way drive (consolidated hard core).
  - Car parking for the new facility (consolidated hard core).
  - New Crossovers, (access across the existing verge for the entrance and exit) in accordance with a Section 278 agreement with the local authority.
- Work on the re-alignment of the cricket pitch, reinstatement of the new practice nets and the interim re33pairs to the pavilion, to enable it be used for a little longer, is expected to be started in September and completed before Christmas. Access for all the work will be via the existing entrance in Banbury Lane.

- This note and the plans showing the Phase 1 Works will shortly be displayed in the church and The Forge Coffee.

### **Benefits of the Phase 1 works**

- It creates a much safer entrance and exit to Hill Field than the existing access via Banbury Lane. Safe access will be a key planning issue for the play area on the Hill Field.
- It creates much needed 'off road' parking for events, sports and the play area, which when constructed, will help to relieve traffic congestion.
- It implements the current planning permission, establishes the principle of development on this site, and leaves open the opportunity to deliver a new Community and Recreation Facility, as planned, when funds permit.
- The improved access will assist future construction and development of the new facility.
- The completion of the Phase 1 Works will help with future funding. It will demonstrate that the village is doing everything it can to deliver this new facility in a difficult funding environment.

### **Next Steps**

- It remains our objective is to do what we can, in a difficult economic and funding environment to deliver a new Community and Recreation Facility for the village.
- Once the Phase 1 Works have been completed, we will review all the options available in consultation with the Culworth Parish Council, The Village Hall Trust and the Cricket Club.
- Once we have agreed on the way forward we will call a public meeting to receive feedback. It is likely that this will take place late in 2023 or early in 2024.
- This has been and will continue to be a Community Project. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners, Culworth Parish Council, the VHT and the Cricket Club and all the villagers who have continued to support us. Without your

continued support we would not have got this far.

The Chair Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT) John Duggan

## Culworth Community Park Progress

We are pleased to announce that with the support of the Parish Council, we have now submitted our HS2 grant application, including park designs with equipment costs.

The next phase will be to answer in more detail to the relevant HS2 department, and alongside this, we are getting a further park design comparison quite from Komplan, which will add to our research and evidence to the needs of the community.

The Activate group would like to thank all Culworth and surrounding residents for their patience - while progress is slow, we are hopeful we can get to the next stage, and will update you as soon as we know their decision!

## You can report concerns to us by:

- Calling 999 if someone is in danger or a crime is taking place
- Call 101 for non-emergencies (select option to report an incident/crime)
- Report information online using our website [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)
- Speaking to a PCSO or Police Officer

You can contact South Northants Neighbourhood Team for non-urgent advice on our email:

Towcester Team: NT-

[SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk](mailto:SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk)

Brackley Team: NT-

[SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk](mailto:SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk)

Or

You can share information anonymously with the independent charity Crimestoppers by: Calling 0800 555 111 or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information)

If you want to find out more about what your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are working on and about crime in your local area, please sign up to Neighbourhood Alert at:

[www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

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Funded by the local Co-op Community Fund

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- ◆ Making a regular phone call
- ◆ Meeting for a coffee and a chat
- ◆ Support to join a club or a new activity

**Is this something you could do?**

The project will be focused in the Abington area of Northampton. Applicants ideally need to be able to travel within this area

Interested please email:  
[coopcommunityfund@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:coopcommunityfund@northamptonshire-carers.org)  
Or call Jacqui Falcolner-Blake or Delia Gordon  
01933 677907 - Option 1

Northamptonshire Carers  
The Anne Goodman Center for Carers  
123 Midland Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1LU  
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### [Coming up at Katharine House](#)

The arrival of autumn and winter is no reason to slow down. There are some brilliant events and plenty of ways to support our hospice in the next few months. We know that Christmas can be a busy time, so we're letting you know nice and early so you can get ahead of the game and head into the festive season with a smile. Your support helps us to keep making every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Here are just a few things that are coming up...

#### **Santa Fun Run – 4 December**

Forget mince pies and mulled wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. This much-loved event is taking place on Sunday 4 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in a stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now! [www.khh.org.uk/santa](http://www.khh.org.uk/santa)

#### **Schools Santa Run**

Back by popular demand! We can't wait to see the return of the Schools and Tots Santa Run. Last year, more than 10,000 tots, school pupils and staff took part in our festive fun run at school – and we'd love to make it even

bigger and better this year. So if you know of a nursery, primary or secondary school who might like to take part, then let them know. [www.khh.org.uk/schoolssanta](http://www.khh.org.uk/schoolssanta)

#### [Lights of Love – 8 December](#)

We will be holding our annual Lights of Love event on Thursday 8 December at St Mary's Church, Banbury. We'd love you to join us for a special gathering where we come together to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved and lost. Find out more [www.khh.org.uk/lights\\_](http://www.khh.org.uk/lights_)

#### **RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 17 December**

We're thrilled to announce that the RC Baker Tractor Run will be bringing the bling once again this Christmas. On Saturday 17 December, a fleet of fairy-lit tractors will be taking a tour around local villages to spread some Christmas cheer and raise lots of money for Katharine House. Get the date in your diary now! [www.khh.org.uk/tractor](http://www.khh.org.uk/tractor)

#### **What's on the cards this Christmas?**

We have another fantastic selection of charity Christmas cards this year. Sending a Katharine House card is a great way to support our hospice and to spread some joy. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online in our hospice eBay Shop. Take a look at all the designs on offer and order yours today. [www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop](http://www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop)

#### **The Rose returns**

Our Autumn issue of our supporter magazine – The Rose – has landed. The issue is packed full of stories about our services, incredible examples of fundraising, facts and figures about how your support is making a

difference, details about upcoming events and much more. You can download the latest issue here: [www.khh.org.uk/rose](http://www.khh.org.uk/rose)

### [Find out more](#)

[Head to our website for more details, events and news: khh.org.uk.](#)

## **Culworth 5 Miler on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>**



A big thank you to all of you for your participation and help with yesterday's Culworth 5 Miler. Now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, it's fantastic to see the quality of the field improving year on year with some very fast times posted.

Congratulations to Fergus Scott and Rachel Morison for successfully defending their titles as fastest man and fastest woman. Special mention to Richie Mack who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in a time of 34:39 even though he is under 15.

Congratulations also to Freddie Hinton as fastest boy, closely followed home by Huw Proger with Daisy Irvine fastest girl. A mention also to Culworth's two loyalist runners, Simon Martin and Michelle Foster, who have participated in every edition of the race. See attached spreadsheet for full results. Let me know if any issues or errors. It

should appear on RunBritain shortly for those of you that have profiles linked to the site.

A personal thank you to all those volunteers who gave up their time to marshall, in particular Catherine and Jonathan Ruffley for their expert timekeeping.

Finally, thank you to Zoe Timmers who was on hand to record the event and has posted a fantastic video on Forge Coffee's Instagram. Please do share any other photos or videos you may have.

Look forward to seeing you at the 2023 edition.

Place	Race Number	First Name	Last Name	Time
1	78	Fergus	Scott	32.28
2	58	Tim	Webster	33.08
3	65	Dewi	Thomas	33.41
4	82	Alfie	Ratcliffe	34.11
5	69	Richie	Mack	34.39
6	79	Lawrence	Scott	35.01
7	71	Peter	Cartwright	35.43
8	57	Liam	Casson	35.51
9	81	Rachel	Morison	37.59
10	73	Ben	Hinton	39.37
11	80	Lizzie	Phipps	39.46
12	68	Alistair	Ezzy	42.34
13	64	Katie	Bird	43.40

14	66	Chloe	Yamada	45.01
15	67	Lachlan	Ezzy	45.15
16	59	Harriet	Spence	49.12
17	60	Iain	Wood	53.05
18=	62	Ann	Tarry	57.17
18=	63	Jane	Coxall	57.17
20	61	Frances	Owen	1.11.4 4
21	56	Michelle	Koster	1.27.4 0
One Lap				
1	72	Freddie	Hinton	18.09
2	70	Huw	Proger	18.28
3	74	Daisy	Irvine	23.40
4	76	Emma	McGowan	23.56
5	75	Wayne	Skantharajah	23.59
6	77	Simon	Martin	30.39

## Culworth Snappers



Some members of Snappers recently enjoyed a photoshoot at Hook Norton Brewery including a nice drink of Hookie afterwards.

Members visited Prescott Hill Climb where the Vintage Sports car club were holding an event.

The club meets once a month in Culworth village at 19.30 hrs remaining club nights this year are Monday 17th October and Thursday 24th November. Why not come and join us for an evening, where we enjoy viewing our images via a projector and screen followed by tea and biscuits. Beginners are very welcome.

Check out our facebook page at "Culworth snappers"

For further information contact John 07867918960.

## The Forge

<https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on>

## CULWORTH FILM NIGHTS –

Saturday 8th October - 'Phantom of the Open' starring Mark Rylance

Saturday 12th November - 'Operation Mincemeat' starring Colin Firth

Friday 2nd December - 'The Duke' - starring Helen Mirren & Jim Broadbent

## News from St Mary's

Dear parishioners,



It's such a short time ago since we were celebrating the Queen's jubilee, and now she's died; she must, I think, have been hanging on for that, and since then she has prepared herself to go peacefully.

For those of us old enough, it has been said that one of the defining moments in one's life is to remember where you were when you heard that President Kennedy had been assassinated. I actually can't but I shall never forget the moment I heard that the Queen had died; you had that sense of being caught up in a moment of history, history that the Queen herself had made for 70 years. On that Thurs evening, after we had heard the quite sudden and sad news that the Queen was very ill, lots of people had gathered outside Buckingham Palace, waiting, for news of how she was. Then, came two powerful and poignant signs; firstly, just before the news of her death was announced, a double rainbow appeared over the Palace; the rainbow, the sign, going back 3000 years, of God's promise to be with us always. And then the Union Jack was lowered, and millions of people, not just in our country but around the world, began to grieve. Just down the road from the palace 20 or so black taxi-cabs lined up to show their respect. Some Americans grieved bitterly; 'we don't have anyone like her.'

She had such a profoundly positive and even cathartic effect on people who met her – and even on those who didn't. It's ironic in a sense to see she had just the same effect on countless millions of people that Princess Diana had, but for half a century longer.

Just two examples; the Queen visited the Manchester children's hospital after the Manchester arena bomb attack. One teenage girl in the hospital had been traumatised by the horror and her injuries and the nurses couldn't reach her, she was just closed in on herself. A nurse told her that the Queen was coming to her ward; immediately the girl spoke, asked for her make-up and a clean nightie and was transformed, when the queen spoke to her. Word got round to other wards that the queen was coming and another teenage girl asked. 'Is it true?' Yes she was told; What time?'; 12 noon she was told. 'But I'm going down to theatre for more treatment , I shall miss her; can't I go afterwards?' refused that. When the Queen visited that ward she asked why the empty bed. A few days later the girl received a personal letter from the Queen; Revd Mike. 01295 768626

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## Culworth Benefice Services

### October/November 2022

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> October

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote  
11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney  
6p.m. Evensong Culworth

#### 9<sup>th</sup> October

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden  
9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney  
11 .00 Harvest Festival Culworth

#### 16<sup>th</sup> October

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney  
10.00 Mattins Culworth  
11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> October

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth  
9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney  
10 .00 Mattins Chipping Warden  
11 .00 Mattins Edgcote

#### 30<sup>th</sup> October

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion Culworth

#### November

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney  
11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney  
6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

#### 13<sup>th</sup> November

#### Remembrance Sunday Services

9.30 Chipping Warden (with Edgcote)  
10.15 Culworth ( followed at 11.00 by Act of Remembrance service at the War Memorial)  
3pm Moreton Pinkney

#### 20<sup>th</sup> November

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney  
10.00 Mattins Culworth  
11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

#### 27<sup>th</sup> November

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth  
9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney  
10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden  
11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote

#### December

#### 4<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote  
11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney  
6 p.m. Evensong Culworth



## *Harvest Festival*



Culworth Church

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October , 11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Harvest nibbles afterwards!

## **Births, Deaths and Marriages**

Culworth's oldest resident **Mrs Lucy Mold** died on 16th July 2022 aged 105years and 7 months.



Lucy was born on 27th December 1916 in the midst of the First World War, the 6th of 7 children to William and Annie Burgess of Little Tew. The family moved to Foxbury living in the grounds of Upton House where her father was employed as a shepherd.

Lucy attended Radwell School with her siblings by walking across the fields.

Once whilst returning from school her oldest sister Kath poked a hornets nest causing them to run fast to escape them.

Like so many, Lucy went into service at 14 years old as housemaid at Evenley Hall and Chacombe House. There she met her lifelong friend Flo. The pair got into mischief. Luckily Flo was the cook so food was in plenty.

As part of her service, she used her rations to give to her mother whom she cycled to on her day off. She met Gilbert Freegard marrying in 1937

# **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Culworth Village Hall

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

10 till 12

Coffee, Cakes, Bring and Buy,  
Raffle

All in aid of Macmillan Nurses

Any info and offers of help; Kay

01295 760726

or Jenny 01295 768110

raising Nigel and Pauline. Lucy was a valued member of Chacombe being the homehelp and then caretaker of the school.

Gilbert died in 1971. Through her sister May she met Reg Mold marrying in 1979 and moving to Culworth where she lived quietly, helping with the church flowers and cutting hair.

She belonged to the WI and the Culworth Gang, attended needlework classes, a member of the Horticultural Society and a good friend to many. Her garden was a true cottage garden.

Thanks to the devoted care of her daughter Pauline, she remained in her own home until her death

The photograph shows her with the Card from the Queen on her 105th birthday.

What a remarkable and wonderfully longlife.

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The Late **Ann Crawford** – known as Paddy to her family by Susan Crawford

Service held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022. We have tried to capture the essence of Paddy in this beautiful church . I first met Paddy in about 1970 , when she met Peter , my Father , so I have known her for over 50 years. One lovely thing that we had in common was that we shared a birthday , 11 th November , Armistice Day . A day of Peace and Remembrance . Paddy was always a person who strove for peace and calm , and so that birth date suited her well. It also meant we had many lovely celebratory meals together including her 90 th at the Randolph in Oxford last year .

Paddy was brought up in South London , and in the Kent area , with her sister Barbara . After going to a local girls school, where tennis was her favourite sport , she went on to Chelsea Art school, her original idea then apparently wanting to be an architect . She then took a cataloguing job in the Tate Gallery where she made friends with various art restorers in the Gallery's restoration department . To further this interest she studied art restoration in Florence , living in

the home of an elderly Italian couple who spoke no English , but from whom she learnt Italian , and developed her love of cooking .

My siblings and I are well recall delicious and sometimes for the early 70s somewhat exotic meals cooked for us when we went to visit .

But ... On returning to London from Italy , she found herself hardup....

So ever resourceful, Paddy jumped at the offer to type up a film script . Apparently the film was for Zsa Zsa Gabor , who was just about to go filming in the South of France , but had sacked her travelling companion . Paddy didn't just type the script she went to France too, to accompany the film star. They stayed all summer in a grand hotel in Nice! Zsa Zsa liked to talk to someone on set in between takes : so Paddy took that role , keeping her company and talking about Zsa Zsa's early life in Hungary and her numerous marriages . Zsa Zsa also insisted on taking with her all her personal jewellery , which she took off after every take , Paddy chasing around finding it along with a posse of police !! She then took another job in the South of France typing a film script for Graham Greene , adapting the book The Comedians : Paddy enjoyed discussing on a daily basis the various changes necessary to adapt the book to film.

To my mind these experiences – these characters , the South of France, Italy ,the vibrancy and beauty - clearly influenced Paddy throughout her life ,in everything she did : her personality , her homes and , of course , her art ...they all displayed such warmth and colour .

From her fun in France, Paddy came back to London , and became an apprentice to a picture restorer , taking a degree in History of Art at

London University in her spare time . During this time she made two very good friends , Margaret Bryan and June Daventry : the three of them shared a love of art , all their lives visiting exhibitions and galleries together . They also all loved cats ( and I have to say Paddy has had many

cats over the years but her recently acquired British Blue- Oasis - is going to miss her ). Margaret , and also June's daughter Claudia , are here with us today .

Paddy's study of art restoration allowed her to become a freelance art restorer working in her own private studio, taking in pictures from top art galleries and private collections . Her experience in Florence, the Tate , and her degree, as well as her exceptional eye for detail and beauty, allowed her to become a well known art restorer . Art restoring requires detailed knowledge of all painting techniques and a mastery of one's own talent : to paint in and touch up any gaps. She worked on high profile paintings by Van Gough, Stubbs Grimshaw , many Dutch masters and Vanessa Bell amongst others. Her time working on the Vanessa Bell pictures was particularly formative : she said once " the Bloomsbury characters - like Virginia Wolf , Lytton Strachey , must have been extraordinary characters : I got terribly involved". That's is the Paddy we know so well: her absolute enthusiasm and interest . Whether it was my husband's bee keeping , a grandchild's choice of school project ,one of my siblings overseas trips -she always was enquiring and interested.

So those who knew Paddy well , can so understand that this colourful background , with expert training in all painting techniques, was the perfect grounding for Paddy's own art career . She started out drawing , and then used pastels , also experimenting with oils , charcoal, printing and even sculpture . Somewhere at Wheatsheaf I recall there is a clay " head " of my Father, Peter , but she wasn't happy enough to have it made into bronze. Ever the perfectionist ..... Her most recent and probably favourite medium was lithograph. We have included a couple of her later, and favourite , lithographs in today's order of service. But what inspired her painting ? Father and the family chose the first hymn today specifically : all things bright and beautiful , all creatures and small.

That is Paddy to a tee. She relished beauty : not only in objects , particularly animals and gardens , but also the beauty of music , perfume , textures , colours .My recollection , and indeed that of Claudia , who I just mentioned , is that Paddy's homes have always been filled with exquisite taste . Every object or painting or jug of flowers is beautiful , and just right . She wore lovely clothes, matching scarves , and lipstick , vibrant jewellery , clunky bracelets .Claudia tells me that as a child, she can remember that they always knew Paddy was coming into the room by the beautiful scent and clink of bangles : that's a memory that definitely resonates with me .

So back to Paddy's art : many of her pictures focus on animals – she said once that they inspired her since she felt a great affinity towards them : we have zebras , hares , cockerels , you name it !

One of her main recent inspirations was the circus : the noise , music, animals , vibrancy. She often visited Giffords Circus , sketching out acrobats and show horses for months after . As you know she exhibited in many galleries , including the Mill Arts Centre in Banbury, winning many awards. You may not know though that she exhibited a couple of times in the Royal Academy . She also loved

opening her Studio for Oxford Art Week, as recently as May this year: there are not many other 90 year olds who would do that ! She also however has used her wonderful skills for the benefit of others : as you know she designed the beautiful scenes for the Altar cloth in this church: the detail is exquisite : the beech tree and the sheep , now stitched in gold leaf by the ladies in the village , are wonderful designs: what a gift , Paddy , for which we all , and the worshippers in this church , will for ever be grateful .

How did she have time for anything else ? She met my Father, Peter , in the early 70s , and supported him in his career as a very hard working barrister and judge . They lived in London by the Thames , and then moved to Thorpe Mandeville so as to be near his job as a judge at Oxford and then as Recorder of Birmingham. Latterly , as you know

they moved to Culworth . She relished life in this village ,as you know making many friends , and taking part in village shows..

I gather the bric a brac stand will be the poorer without her helping to man it ! She also loved being a part of the large Crawford clan , many who are here today . Unfortunately my brother Julian and sister Anna can not make it , but four of her grandchildren are her , and even her great granddaughter Flora : the birth of Flora gave her particular delight .

For my part , my husband , also a Peter , and son Tom moved out of London 20 years ago. We not only met up with Paddy and Father most months for a pub lunch half way between our respective homes , but we spent every Christmas together (except when Covid stopped us ). Paddy loved Christmas : again it was her beauty, taste and enthusiasm that shone through . Her love of music has also been very influential : she was a definite Radio 3 lady , but Christmas carols at Gloucester Cathedral were very special for her. We will miss her this December .....

Ultimately we will all remember Paddy for her beauty , kindness ,serenity and warmth. She will be remembered for her smile : she always had a smile for you . She had an absolute zest for life , and was a very good friend to many . She will be very much missed .

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Congratulations to Sam and Cherith Adams who were married at Culworth Church on August 6th 2022.We wish them much happiness in their married life together.





With the schools back we've tweaked our hours to cater for the morning drop off so we're now open:  
Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm  
Saturdays 9am-4pm  
Sundays 9am-3pm

Thanks for all your support.

Do let us know if you'd like to use the venue for any events or for parties etc.

*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...*

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Here are some of the websites that may be helpful

<http://www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/culworth-parish-council-18681/home/#>

Culworth Village website  
Culworth Facebook  
Culworth Community Facebook  
Nextdoor Culworth  
Red Lion website and Facebook  
Forge Coffee website

# Mumfords Butchers

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