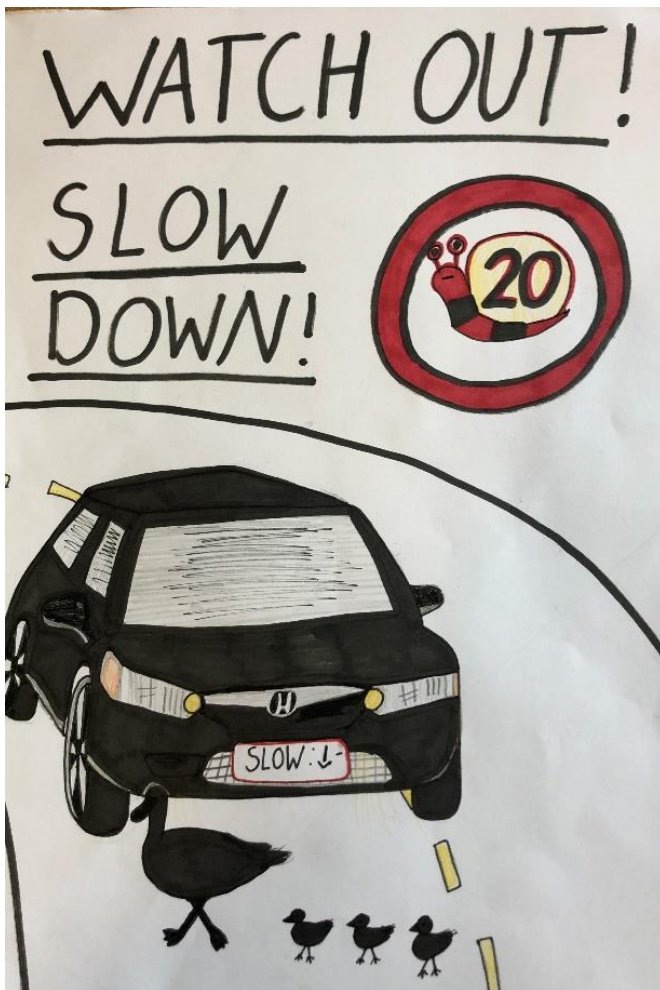


# Culworth Newsletter

February 2022 and  
March 2022

Culworth Village Slow Down Sign Winner



We are delighted to share the winning poster from the school competition. We have been told that it was incredibly hard to judge as the quality of entries were so high but after much deliberation we are delighted to announce the winner was Lauren, well done. Watch out for these appearing around the village soon.

The Annual Litter pick will take place on Saturday March 5th starting at 10am from The Forge.

Martin Rowling will give out litter pick sticks and black bags but could you try to find a havis jacket and your own safety gloves.

Filled bags will be collected up unless you like to leave yours at The Forge.

This Annual clearance is highly successful. Martin welcomes able people from aged 12 upwards. All children must be accompanied by an adult known to them.

Do come along, please to make the village tidier.

## Culworth Film and Pie Night

Our next film night in Culworth is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and we are doing a 'film and pie night' with renowned beef or vegetable pies from The Red Lion served with mash and veg. Please specify which pie you would like when you book your tickets. **Last booking day is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February so that the pub can prepare for us.**

Doors will be open from 6.45pm so that we can start the supper at or near to 7pm. We will be showing 'The Dressmaker', a quirky comedy from Australia starring Kate Winslet and Liam Hemsworth.

01295 768184/760855 - email: [jules.tinn@gmail.com](mailto:jules.tinn@gmail.com)

Tickets - £12.50 with supper/£ 6.50 film only

Don't forget to bring a glass and liquid refreshment

## Queens Jubilee Celebrations

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June**

The Community Group is assisting the Parish Council in planning events for this very splendid rare occasion. NO monarch has reached this Jubilee before.

It is hoped to have a street party, a church service and much more. Your ideas and offers of practical help are most welcomed. Please send your ideas and offers to the Clerk

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

One member would welcome knowing how those who were around, celebrated the Coronation. Was it watching a television in your home or others or in a Village Hall. Did you have a tea provided in a paper bag, and a mug? Have you got your mug?

We are hoping to have a time line of events in Culworth over the last 70years. When did mains drainage come? and mains water? Did all households connect up?

Do you remember who lived in which house?

What houses have been built in last 70 years or demolished?

Trafford Bridge will be closed from January 20th for four weeks.

## Village Café Saturdays

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, in the Village Hall.  
Free coffee, cake and chat.

**Will resume on February 5th**

### Avian flu reminder for bird keepers

Bird keepers are reminded of the restrictions that remain in place to minimise the risk of avian flu. An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone came into force across the country in November, making it a legal requirement for all bird keepers across the UK (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) to keep their birds indoors and follow strict measures.

It is the largest ever outbreak of bird flu in the UK, with identified across the country, including the neighbouring counties of Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

While the risk to people is very low, the disease is highly contagious among birds and often proves fatal. Wild birds migrating to the UK from mainland Europe during the winter months help spread the disease, so West Northamptonshire Council is reminding all bird keepers to follow the biosecurity measures needed to keep their birds safe and help stop the spread.

Poultry keepers must:

- House or net all poultry and captive birds to keep them separate from wild birds
- Clean and disinfect clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing
- Reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and use effective vermin control
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect housing on a continuous basis
- Keep fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all farm and poultry housing entry and exit points
- Minimise direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds.



### Road Closures

Banbury Lane will be closed from 31st January for four weeks.

If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77. Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find.

More information can be [found on the Government website](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu) [ [www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu) ]

### **Pet Service**

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A Service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals. If your pet is too shy or too slippery, bring a photo or a soft toy to represent them.

Even if you haven't got a pet please come along to this informal celebration of God's creatures.

Could pets be brought in safe conditions- on a lead or in a basket or safe box. The service is short, the animals will be blessed.

as we will be dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic for a long time to come.

It is why the voluntary sector remains as vital today as ever. Northamptonshire stepped up to the challenge and the countless volunteers who put their hands up to help others played a vital role in helping others stay safe and well throughout the hardest times.

But that need continues and the Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corps, or NERC, brings together voluntary organisations and recruits individual volunteers from across the county to help out where they can.

NERC Reservists are called upon in times of need to assist with keeping their communities informed, distributing food and supplies and checking on the vulnerable. This happens during an outbreak like COVID, a weather event, a disruption in energy supply or any other man-made or natural emergency.

Luiza Morris-Warren, Chair of NERC, expressed her gratitude on behalf of the organisation to all volunteers, past and present, who have given up their time to help others: *"The difference NERC Reservists make is tremendous, and the experience is a hugely rewarding one. We have seen fantastic examples of people coming together and stepping up to support each other during the lockdowns, and I am confident we can continue to go from strength to strength."*

You don't need any specialist skills or have to commit to any set hours to be a NERC Reservist – just a desire to help your community when the need is there. Please resolve to support your community and sign up today to be a NERC volunteer! -

<https://forms.gle/sLhAzeSP5BPxKrm5A>



### **What's coming up in 2022**

As well as some old favourites, we're excited to be offering some incredible new challenge events throughout the year! So why not try something new in 2022 and help us to raise much-needed funds for our hospice? As always, your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most.

### **Walk this way...**

Our annual flagship fundraising event is back and this time it's by moonlight...

The rebranded Moonlight Walk is taking place on 9 July 2022 at Banbury Rugby Club.

We're going back to the eighties – so expect lots of leg warmers, bright colours, big hair and glow sticks galore. Get your tickets today and don't forget to tell family and friends!



### **SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY**

As the country emerges from its second COVID winter, and pressures on the NHS start to ease, it would be easy to think that it's all over.

Whilst we can certainly take pride in the way that we all came together in a spirit of unity, we know there is still more to do to support people in our communities



## Charity challenges

Help us raise money with an adrenaline rush! We have the following challenge events available to sign up to now – the sky is literally the limit!

- Extreme Abseil: Take on the 418 feet National Lift Tower, Northampton on 1 April (no joke!)
- Blemheim Fun Run: Run, jog or walk around the stunning grounds on 15 May
- Wingwalking: Take to the skies on the top wing of a Boeing Stearman bi-plane on 26 May
- RideLondon-Essex 100: Be part of Team KHH and cycle 100 miles on 29 May
- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

For more details on all these challenge events, plus even more – visit [www.khh.org.uk/challenge](http://www.khh.org.uk/challenge)

## How does your garden grow?

Our ever-popular Open Gardens will be making a welcome return in 2022 and we'd love to be able to offer even more events this year. If you'd like to get involved and welcome visitors to your garden, then get in touch. We're here to offer support and guidance to help make sure your Open Garden event is blooming marvellous.

## Tree-mendous success

Thanks to our brilliant team of volunteers, our first-ever Tree-cycle scheme was a huge success and we were able to collect and chip 107 trees – helping to raise around £1,600 for our hospice!

Next year, we plan to go even bigger and better with more postcodes, more collections and hopefully even more money raised! If you're interested in recycling your tree with us next year, then get in touch and put your postcode forward.

## International Women's Day

To mark this year's International Women's Day, which will be celebrated across the world on 8 March, a festival of arts, community and business events will take place throughout the month at The Mill Arts Centre and Lock29. This year, all money raised is being donated to our hospice in memory of 41-year-old Becky Moyce from Hempton who died at Katharine House in July 2021. For more information, visit [iwdbanbury.com](http://iwdbanbury.com) or follow them on Instagram @iwd.banbury

## Find out more

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

## News from St Mary's

### What are you worth?

I'm not talking about your worth as a person but what it would cost to make you physically?! It takes 59 different elements to make you. 99% of you is made of oxygen, hydrogen, calcium, phosphorus, nitrogen and carbon. The nitrogen would cost just 30p, the oxygen £9 and the hydrogen £ 16; but the carbon would cost £45,000 and the calcium a further £47,000. We would need some tin but only 4p worth, and some Zirconium for just 21p. Altogether we would need £96, 500 plus VAT to make you. Thankfully one of the most important things you would need is actually free – bacterial microbes. You need trillions and trillions of them but the only cost would come if you got rid of them from your body – you'd be dead within the day.

It was St Paul who took Jesus' teaching across the western world and established it. He wrote his quite famous comparison between the human body and the church, and by extension, society and the world. He explained that, just as the human body needs every single part in order to survive, and every part is therefore of equal worth - especially the microbes - so society needs people of all kinds, and therefore they are of equal worth too, whatever their status, abilities, race and religion or none; St Paul declared that God does not discriminate and intends the world to be as one.

Jesus spent much of his life going round healing those who were hurting in their body, or mind, or both; however, he is no longer physically on earth and so, in the words of the prayer of St Theresa of Avila, 'ours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion on the world, ours the feet by which he must go about doing good, ours the hands by which he can bless his people.

Please note that on Sunday 13 Feb at 11am in church we shall hold a Pet service so you and your pet are very welcome to come and join the fray!

Then, every second Sunday at 11am in the village hall we shall hold Messy Church which is an informal hour of fun, making things, singing a song and having some food. In March it will be about Noah's ark so we can make our own boats, animals and then - set them afloat!

Rev. Mike Chesher.

01295 768626

[m.chesher559@btinternet.com](mailto:m.chesher559@btinternet.com)



## **Culworth Benefice Services February/March 2022**

February

### **6th February 5th Sunday after Epiphany**

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney

6p.m. Evensong Culworth

### **13th February 6th Sunday after Epiphany**

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11.00. Pets Service Culworth

### **20th February 7th Sunday after Epiphany**

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Culworth

11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

### **27th February Last Sunday after Epiphany**

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

11.00 Mattins Edgcote

## **March**

### **Thursday 3rd March Ash Wednesday**

### **6th March 1st Sunday in Lent**

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden

11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney

6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

### **13th March 2nd Sunday in Lent**

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11.00. Messy Church Culworth

### **20th March 3rd Sunday in Lent**

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Culworth

11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

### **27th March (Mothering Sunday)**

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10.00. Mattins Chipping Warden

11.00. Holy Communion Edgcote

### **Light a Candle to remember**

CHRISTMAS CANDLES 2021 were lit in memory of the following and their names read out at Christmas Day service by Gerald Cadogan. £143 will be added to the Church Fabric Fund.

Horace and Hilda Busby

John Busby

Henry Humphrey

The Claridge Family and Fred Eaton

Geoff and Enid Mold

Whiteley and Nevill families and their friends

Rupert and Cherie Rowling

Nigel Rowling

George and Laura Cole

Eric Bates

John Bird

Mary and Reg Tustian

Stella and Jim Oxley

Bill and Jane Appleton

John Turner

Kit Hall

Valentine Butler

Michael

Francis Beresford

Mark Whittow

Nigel and Val Viney

Tony Midgley

Rosie Stewart

Phoebe Stewart

Tina Worrell

Sinclair Hood

Robert Barrington Ward

Mark Barrington Ward

Elizabeth Warren

Eleanor Linnell

Kevin Billington

Varsos Karageorghis

## Christmas services

Thank you to everyone who came and took part in the services over Christmas. The collection at the Carol service of £91 was sent to The Children's Society.

## Pet Service

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## Village Hall Quiz

The Shrove Tuesday Quiz will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March starting at 7.30pm. Bring your own Nibbles and drinks. Cost will be £2 per person. Teams of 4 to 6. Any profits will go to the Village Hall and St Mary's Church. Any info ring Jenny 01295 768110

## Lent Lunches

There will be 2 Frugal Lunches this year in the Village Hall. The first will be on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and the second on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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. All donations will be given to Water Aid.

## Church spring Clean

If you've got a spare hour on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April please come and help us Spring clean the church ready for Easter. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! We will start about 9.30.

## 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 few 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? 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 inside the church.**

Thank You

## Newspapers

Those receiving newspapers will have received a letter advising them that Nick Smith will no longer deliver papers to Culworth after 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. That part of his business will be dealt with by a large newspaper supplier. It will be a seamless transition.

Nick took the paper business over from Jack Claridge 30years ago. He has been exceptional in his service making sure we all had the papers we wanted.

We have been lucky that amazing Margaret Watts during six days a week has delivered papers in all weathers as promptly as ever. The Rowlings have delivered Sunday papers for about 15 years. It is hoped this service will continue for the present. We all will miss his cheery chatter.

## Dates for your diary

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

## Did you know?

Martin Rowling has now published his book on the turret clock which adorns the gable end of The Forge which details the steps taken and the materials used to make this masterpiece. It is a rare confluence of skills to have the design and manufacturing knowhow to make a clock and also the literary capability to be able to write a book on it. The clock was made in the mode of an 18th century blacksmith whose tools were hammer and chisel. Martin has mirrored that by not using any electrical aids in the process, even extending as far as using wooden rather than metal scaffolding during its erection.

The book is available in hardback from Forge Coffee at £15. Reviews of it are in Antiquarian Horological Journal March 2022 edition and British Horological Institute March 2022 magazine.

## Recycling

Candle recycling- There is a box just inside the door to receive any bits of candles or whole candles which are then recycled into a number of candle products which too are in Forge Coffee.

### Farthinghoe Recycling Centre

The Centre is temporarily closing on **28 January at 5pm** for refurbishment and a new contractor, and will reopen from March 2022.

Please do not dump rubbish at the centre while it is closed.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

**To find an alternative recycling centre please visit [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc)**

#### 1. Introduction

The Farthinghoe Recycling Centre was operated by the former South Northamptonshire Council from 2002 and is now part of the waste collection systems operating within West Northamptonshire Council. Because of its history as an SNC service, this recycling centre is operated separately from the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract, which provides a further 5 recycling centres within WNC. The Farthinghoe recycling centre recycles around 800 tonnes of material as well as providing a reuse shop for

items such as furniture, books, crockery, bicycles and toys.

There are 2 contracts associated with the operation of the site:

1. A contract for the running and management of the site has been held by Day Recycling Limited since 2002 and was due for renewal in 2021;
2. A contract for haulage of different materials from the site to treatment locations. This is held by Dial-A-Bin.

For personal reasons Day Recycling has given notice to WNC and consequently, their contract will expire on 31 Jan 2022.

2. Options for Replacement Arrangements  
Due to the short timescales to secure alternative arrangements, waste officers took advice from the procurement team to consider the options which may enable continued operation of the site.

The 3 primary options which were considered were:

- i. Including Farthinghoe recycling centre within the HWRC contract. This was not a preferred option for the following reasons:
  - A variation to the HWRC contract would need to be negotiated and it is not anticipated that this would be good value for money;
  - The HWRC contract is hosted by NNC until its natural expiry in 2025 and therefore WNC would lose the direct control of the services provided at Farthinghoe.
- ii. Bringing the operation of the recycling centre 'in house' as part of the South Waste services. This was not a preferred option, since to continue to offer a reuse service, the site staff would need to handle cash. Note that the service had been contracted out prior to the formation of WNC and there is no compelling reason to change this approach.
- iii. Procurement of alternative arrangements. This was option was further investigated via 'soft market testing' to ensure that there was sufficient market interest.

Following further consideration and discussion with the Portfolio Holder and Director, it was agreed that a competitive procurement process would commence with a view to implementing option 3.

### 3. Procurement

Procurement of a new contract to replace the Day Recycling contract is currently 'live' and tenders are due back in mid January.

The new contract will be co-terminus with the HWRC contract (ending 31 March 2025) which will enable a full review of these Recycling Centre services in advance of decisions regarding the strategy for provision of these services from 1 April 2026.

Following receipt of tenders in mid January, they will be evaluated, a preferred bidder selected and with the Portfolio Holder and Director's agreement, a new contract will be awarded. The timing is such that the new contractor will not be able to commence on 1 February 2022.

### 4. Temporary Closure of Farthinghoe Recycling Centre

Due to the timing of the procurement and award of contract outlined in section 3 above, it will unfortunately be necessary to temporarily close the Farthinghoe Recycling Centre for approximately one month (i.e. during February). A reopening date will be confirmed as soon as the new contractor is appointed. During this temporary closure, the site will be cleared of all waste and we will take the opportunity to complete some refurbishment work.

We are working with our colleagues in the communications team to ensure that residents are aware of the temporary closure and we will emphasise the reopening date.

#### **Cabinet agrees changes to garden waste collections**

Waste collection services across West Northamptonshire will be harmonised from April 2022, when all residents of the area will receive the same service at the same cost.

For some residents of the area this will mean important changes to their current garden waste service from April, when plans for a fair, equitable and consistent collection service across West Northamptonshire are implemented.

At its meeting this week (Tuesday, 18 January), West Northamptonshire Council's Cabinet approved plans to introduce chargeable garden waste collections to homes in the former South Northants Council area, to harmonise the service for all households.

Harmonisation is a requirement set by Government in establishing the new Council, which inherited three different garden waste schemes from the old district and borough councils it replaced last spring.

The changes, which will be introduced to collections from 4 April this year, will bring households in the former South Northants Council area in line with residents in the former Daventry District and Northampton Borough areas, who have chosen whether or not to subscribe to paid-for garden waste collections since 2018 and 2020 respectively.

The annual subscription charge for all West Northamptonshire residents who opt in to use the service will be set at £42 per year per bin for 2022/3. All residents also have the option of purchasing a discounted home compost bin for £10 or using the network of 6 recycling centres across the area that accept garden waste for free.

Work is now underway by the Council to ensure all arrangements are in place ahead of the service launch in April, and residents will be able to sign up to the scheme from the middle of February via the council's website. Information on how to subscribe will be sent to all homes across West Northamptonshire next month.

At their meeting, Cabinet members considered the findings of a recent review by the Council's Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and, taking into account all related issues including the council's current financial position, decided to proceed with the proposals, whilst also making additional recommendations for introducing discounts and instalment payments in future years for people on low incomes.

For more information about the new service, including frequently asked questions, visit [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

Councillor Phil Larratt, WNC's Portfolio Holder for Climate, Transport, Highways and Waste, said: "With the Government requiring us to harmonise the services we inherited from the old councils, it's important we address the great disparity in how our residents currently receive garden waste collections to ensure the same, equal service for everyone.

"Although really valued by some people, others don't need or use these collections, so giving everyone the same choice of whether or not they wish to receive them makes the service fairer for all.



"The chargeable garden waste service is already well established for residents in the Daventry and Northampton areas, but we realise that introducing this in the south area is a change from their current service arrangements, so we'll be doing everything we can to support, guide and inform residents in the run-up to the service launch in April.

"We would encourage residents to visit our website or call the Council on 0300 126 7000 to find out more. Residents should also look out for some important communications being delivered to all households early next month containing the details everything they'll need to know about the changes, when they're happening and what they need to do."

## ARTS NEWS, January 2022

### South Northamptonshire area, West Northamptonshire Council

Links to websites and emails will show when you hover your cursor over underlined words – click or press to open.

#### JANUARY 2022

##### On now to 27 January: Two Local Printmakers

Original handmade prints by Iain Hodgkinson & Lindsey Graham for sale, Towcester Library  
The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD. Mon. – Friday 9-6pm, Sat. 9-5pm.

**Independent and Resilient:** A Level Art and Photography in the Age of Lockdown  
View creative work by 10 students (2020-21 academic year at Chenderit Academy) on the Heseltine Gallery's website (link in title above).

##### [Focus] on Photography '22 – opportunity for photographers

This exciting exhibition returns for a second event, showcasing photographic artwork by both emerging and established photographers, including a youth category. **Open for online submissions now until 29 January 2022.** Download entry form and information from the website (link in title above), or email [friends@theheseltinegallery.gov.uk](mailto:friends@theheseltinegallery.gov.uk)

**Exhibition Monday, 28 February to Wednesday, 30 March. The Heseltine Gallery** at Chenderit School, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR. Monday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Admission free.

##### Monday 10 January to Sunday 6 February 2022

###### **First Imprints: Oxford Printmakers Exhibition**

*First Imprints* is a unique science/art collaboration between **Oxford Printmakers** and the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. This touring

exhibition aims to give an artistic expression of the amazing story of how complex life developed from just single cells. Rare fossils, around 500 million years old, were loaned from as far away as China and Greenland. Many of these fossils were mere impressions on the rock surface, of strange, soft-bodied creatures. The task of bringing these precious creatures to life visually fell to 22 enthusiastic artists from Oxford Printmakers, led by earth scientist and printmaker Sally Levell.

**The Heseltine Gallery** at Chenderit School, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney OX17 2QR. Monday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Admission free.

**JAZZ @THE WALNUT TREE** - January  
Station Rd, Blisworth NN7 3DS. Sundays, 12.30-3pm  
Reservations: [tadjazzfriends@gmail.com](mailto:tadjazzfriends@gmail.com) or call Tad on 01604 858549 in January.

##### **Sunday 9 The Hot Jazz Vagabonds**

Django to Dixieland Delights.

##### **Sunday 16 'Baby' Jools and the Jazzaholics**

One of Britain's most popular traditional outfits.

##### **Sun. 23 Ewan Bleach Quintet**

Multi-instrumentalist Ewan brings his great young band to The Walnut. Ewan is regular member of "Frog & Henry" and has played many times in New Orleans with the iconic Tuba Skinny.

##### **Sun 30 Simon Spillett Quartet**

The fantastic tenor/soprano saxophonist with Alec Dankworth (bass), Pete Cater (drums) and Rob Barron (piano) rockin' the Walnut on Tubby Hayes' 87th birthday!

#### **MUSIC & DANCE PARTICIPATION**

##### **Elders Dance Company**

Come and join an enjoyable and relaxed contemporary dance class for over 60s run by Dancemind. Sessions are supportive and adaptive to suit all abilities and are accessible to anyone over age 60 who is able to move independently and has a willingness and curiosity to explore movement and dance. Northampton Museum & Art Gallery Studio, Thursdays 1-2pm from 6 Jan. Join during term if you wish. Bookings: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nm-elders-dance-company-where-age-has-no-limits-tickets-224874574907](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nm-elders-dance-company-where-age-has-no-limits-tickets-224874574907) or call 01604 838111.

##### **Brackley Morris Men**

Practices on Thursday evenings, 8pm, Brackley Town Hall, from **Thurs 6th Jan**. No cost, no pressure, no commitment, just a chance to try it for yourself. We're proud of our colourful 400-year-old tradition locally and are only able to continue thriving because men are still keen to join us. Female and male musicians also welcome. For details, call Stephen 07764 799947, or e-mail [brackleymorris@gmail.com](mailto:brackleymorris@gmail.com).

## Rose & Castle Morris

Men's North West Morris side. Practices on Wednesday evenings at Stoke Bruerne Village Hall, 8.30pm. Information on the website, or call 01604 713360.

## Music and Drama groups

Many types of music-making groups can be found on the **Making Music website** and drama groups here, but if you can't find what you're looking for, get in touch with Arts Development Officer, Sue Carverhill.

## Theatre, youth arts and more

Links to more opportunities and organisations here.

## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, COURSES AND PROJECTS

### *Dear Me @18*

Community project for all ages. Write a letter to your 18-year-old self, either looking forward or back. What would you say? Submit it to the **Renew 169** wellbeing café in Towcester (or email to [laurahrpatterson@gmail.com](mailto:laurahrpatterson@gmail.com)) and you can be part of an exhibition. Contact Laura for more information.

There are many opportunities to attend **workshops and courses** around our area. Learn all sorts of arts and craft skills, or purchase a session as a gift for someone else. Links to local places here.

**Pottery Classes** at Chenderit School: next 10-week course starts Tuesday 11 January, 7pm. Information and enrolment 01295 660126.

**Adult Learning courses** January to March 2022 include many creative subjects, publicised in brochures and online.

## FUNDING & ADVICE

**New funding for freelance arts practitioners**, to help with financial problems caused by the effects of the pandemic on work.

## Let's Create Jubilee Fund

Charities, voluntary and community groups planning a project April to June 2022 that involves creativity (including any of these artforms: music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, combined arts - including festivals and carnivals - museum and library activities) may be eligible to apply for funding. Download the information and if you want to find an ACE-funded partner organisation, contact the Arts Development Officer.

## West Northants Council Community Funding Grants - online Expression of Interest Form

We are now taking **expressions of interest** for Community Funding Grants online. The application process is by online form. Are you planning an arts

project that would benefit our communities this year? The Grants Officer will advise, on receiving your form.

The latest funding information can be found on **South Northants Volunteer Bureau** website and you can sign up for the regular newsletter.

Arts information, opportunities and new funding guidelines: **Arts Council England** website. Sign up for the newsletter for updates so you don't miss new grant opportunities. Also details of how to enjoy many exciting cultural activities and projects from around the country.

**Creative Lives** supports creativity for all and is a good source of information, including guidelines on restarting group activities.

The Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance also has a wealth of resources and information.

Our **Healthy Communities web pages** can still be accessed via the new website from <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/culture-and-tourism/local-tourism> or <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/health-leisure-and-parks> - click on 'Leisure Centres and Sports Clubs', then 'South Northamptonshire'.

Information is current at the time of issue. Please check all organisations' updates, especially if there are changes to government guidance which affect public opening and activities.

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## CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

November 2021 at 7pm

in Culworth Village Hall

1. Councillors present A. Wilby (Chair), S. Rolt, D. Mumford, J. Mullins Blyth, M. Rowling and the Clerk Mrs J. Rowling Cllr A. Eastwood WNC
2. Apologies from Councillors Koster (on holiday) and Guinness (School duties)
3. Members of public present. One
4. Declarations of Interest on agenda from the Councillors None

5. OPEN MEETING- Overgrown hedge on footpath in Queens Street.  
Letter drawing attention to the problem noted.  
[Post meeting note that the matter has been resolved]
6. Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.  
Proposed by Cllr Mullins Blyth and seconded by Cllr Mumford and carried.
7. To raise any issues not separately itemised - None
8. Community Park. The Parish Council thanked the group for reporting their progress.

It was agreed that the next steps will be: -

a. The PC will request a plan of the available space on the Hill Field site where are potential Play area might be located from the CHFT. This to enable the group to produce designs for both the Recreation Field and the Hill Field.

b) When the plans are ready the Parish Council will make provisional enquiries of WNC as to whether planning permission is required and what potential conditions if any may be imposed.

c). At this point, the group will write to the Parish Council requesting that permission is sought from the Crutchley estate Trustees to construct the proposed facilities on their property.

d) When the scope, costs and location of the proposed facility are established the Parish Council will assist with fund raising and act as the Accountable body on behalf of the project team.

9. Report from WNC Cllr Eastwood - None

10. Clerk's notes: -

- a. Outstanding litter bin Eydon Turn
- b. Drains in Culworth Road Eydon reported

- c. Vehicle Activated signs-Cllr Rolt stated no news, but Cllr Eastwood would raise the matter with Highways.
- d. Defibrillator training and emergency procedures. Trainer awaited from East of England ambulance services. Plenty of people interested in attending
- e. Use of telephone box- after discussion of possibilities, it was agreed that the Phone Box would remain empty
- f. Afghan refugees. Generous donations of clothing and goods taken to Salvation Army in Banbury

11. Community group- Cllr Wilby reported that around 80 people had responded to survey. Three groups had been formed a) History, b) Recreation c)Environmental. All these groups will meet before Christmas. Work to include Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and maintaining a Village Diary

12. Culworth Hill Field Trust- No new details

13. HS2 ltd – Note Road closures. Banbury Lane from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 Hard copies of documents Greatworth to Boddington to be available in Forge Coffee.

14. FINANCE

a. Receipts

- i. WNC Community Infrastructure Levy- £2846.28
- ii. WNC second half of precept £11750

b. Payments by BACS-

- i. 28/9 HMRC £387.20
- ii. Unity Bank service charge for 3 months £18.00
- iii. 11/10 Yu 1-30 Sept 2021 sensors £13.03 +£0.65VAT=£13.68
- iv. 11/10 Yu 1-30 Sept 2021 unmetered street lighting supply £59.88+£2.99=£62.87
- v. Roger Smith Mowing Burial Ground Sept 21 £59, Mowing recreation field £55 =£114
- vi. Mrs JM Rowling salary and expenses of office July – Sept £1423.53

- vii. Cartwright Landscapes Mowing August and September and cricket field perimeter £330+ £66 VAT = £396
  - viii. Texprep Printing newsletters x2 etc £210.90 +£3.64 VAT = £214.54
  - ix. 9/11 Yu sensors 1-31 Oct21 £14.01+£0.70=£14.71
  - x. 9/11 Yu unmetered supply 1-31 October 2021 £68.58 +£3.43 = £72.01
  - xi. Cartwright Landscapes Mowing Green etc 26/10 and green areas Mow mound in Berry Hill Close £153 total £259+£51.80 = £310.80
  - xii. Royal British Legion wreath for Remembrance Day £17.00
  - xiii. Roger Smith Mowing October Burial Ground £74, Mowing Recreation Field £55, Cutting Burial Ground hedge £125 Total £254
  - xiv. Citizens Advice LGA 1972 Sect 142 £100
  - c. Unity Bank account 2/11/2021 £38,836.28 at end of October
  - d. Draft budget proposals. Cllr Wilby outlined the draft budget produced by the Finance Committee. It is for publication in December/January newsletter. The Budget is due for adoption at the January meeting and implementation in the next financial year commencing April.
  - e. New street lighting contractor to be considered. Aylesbury Mains no longer in business. Forde and McHugh contacted. Other suppliers to be considered.
15. PLANNING Applications from WNC [with comments from Planning subcommittee]
- a. WNS/2021/1745/FUL Proposal Creation of a new outdoor (uncovered) swimming pool and pool house to include the associated landscaping of the area immediately around the proposed pool and pool house.  
Gate House Farm High Street Culworth OX17 2BG- please note site.  
For review at Planning Committee meeting in 2 weeks' time
  - b. WNS/2021/1755/TCA  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
Proposal T1 - Lime - Reduce height by 3.0 to 3.5m and shape. Carry out a 5% crown thin.  
T2 - Sycamore- Reduce height by 5.5 to 6m and shape. Remove 3-off smaller stems to main stem.  
Barn Hill Banbury Lane Culworth OX17 2AY
  - c. WNS/2021/1775/TCA  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
Proposal Willow (T1) fell to provide room for other tree species  
East Wing Danvers House High Street Culworth OX17 2BD
  - d. WNS/2021/1854/TCA  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
Proposal  
T1 Laurel - Reduce height by 2.00m. Shape and prune back to wall.  
T2Leylandii - Section fell to ground level. Impinging on ornamental plums on either side.  
T3 Holly - Reduce height by 3.00m and shape.  
T4 Rowan - Fell. Dead.  
T5 Pine - Reduce branch by 2.5 - 3.0m and shape.  
T6 Box Elder - Reduce height by 2.5 - 3.0m and shape.  
Rhigos Banbury Lane Culworth OX17 2AY
  - e. HS2 Sch17 Approval plans and specifications  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
Application No. WNS/2021/1822/HS2  
Proposal Package 4 Works to form the HS2 railway between Thorpe Mandeville and Culworth Grounds; inc Thorpe Mandeville Embankment (Part); Lower Thorpe Viaduct, Lower Thorpe South Embankment; Lower Thorpe South Cutting; Lower

Thorpe North Embankment; Lower Thorpe North Cutting  
 (Partf); Culworth Grounds Accommodation Overbridge.  
 retaining wall at Lower Thorpe North Cutting; Culworth  
 Grounds Culvert (above ground elements only); location of  
 the vehicle restraint barriers; 2. drainage ponds; drainage  
 ditches; watercourse diversion of Culworth Brook; earthworks  
 required for the access tracks off Banbury Lane, East and  
 Banbury Lane, West and over Culworth Grounds Overbridge;  
 noise barriers; and the location of permanent (security) fencing.  
 Development authorised by the High-Speed Rail (London-West  
 Midlands) Act 2017.  
 Location Land within HS2 Act limits from a point 250 metres  
 north of Banbury Rd east of Thorpe Mandeville, passing through  
 Lower Thorpe to a point nr Culworth Grounds 120 metres  
 south of PRoW AG9 & 1.5km west of Culworth.  
 WNS/2021/1893/FUL. Tithe Cottage Conversion of garage into gym  
 and storage, with roof extension providing additional living  
 accommodation  
 Comments by 9<sup>th</sup> December. For Planning Committee meeting in  
 2 weeks' time.

16. Correspondence received by email: -
  - a. Notice of Casual Vacancy – new form issued by WNC
  - b. NCalc updates and weekly mini updates with training opportunities.
  - c. Brackley Community Hospital
  - d. WNC severe weather updates
17. Any other business for January 18<sup>th</sup> 2022, - Clerks contract
18. Next meeting of the Council - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022
19. Meeting closed 8.10pm

1. Councillors present A. Wilby, S. Rolt, D. Mumford, M. Koster, J. Mullins Blyth, M. Rowling and Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling
2. Apologies for absence Cllr Guinness (school pickup)
3. Members of public present - None
4. Declarations of interest - None
5. PLANNING
  - a. Applications
    - i. WNS/2021/1745/FUL Proposal Creation of a new outdoor (uncovered) swimming pool and pool house to include the associated landscaping of the area immediately around the proposed pool and pool house. Gate House Farm High Street Culworth OX17 2BG. No objections
    - ii. WNS/2021/1893/FUL. Tithe Cottage Conversion of garage into gym and storage, with roof extension providing additional living accommodation .

No observations

6. Additional items
7. Tree work. Treetops quotation for Tree safety survey and report on trees identified on visit with Cllr Mumford and Clerk on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 £590 +VAT. All councillors agreed to accept this quotation.
8. Play Area- The Community Play park had forwarded Cllr Wilby the quotation from Wicksteed Play equipment. He advised the group that before considering quotations, it was agreed in Minutes 16<sup>th</sup> November that the next steps will be: -
9. The PC will request a plan of the available space on the Hill Field site where are potential Play area might be located from the CHFT. This would enable the group to produce designs for both the Recreation Field and the Hill Field.
10. When the plans are ready the Parish Council will make provisional enquiries of WNC as to whether planning permission is required and what potential conditions if any may be imposed.

## CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of brief planning meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
 at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall



11. At this point, the group will write to the Parish Council requesting that permission is sought from the Crutchley estate Trustees to construct the proposed facilities on their property.
12. When the scope, costs and location of the proposed facility are established the Parish Council will assist with fund raising and act as the Accountable body on behalf of the project team.
13. No further business Meeting closed 7.32pm

## Minutes of the Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm

Those present:

Julie Tinn (JT)-Chairperson, Mark Izzett (MI)-Treasurer, Sarah Powell (SP)-Secretary, Margaret Watts (MW), Charlie Timmins (CT), June Oxley (JO), Martin Rowling (MR), John Mullis-Blyth (JMB) and Kirsty Hawkins (KH).

Apologies for Absence:

John Emmett

Minutes of the last meetings:

These were signed as a true & correct record.

Matters Arising:

A copy of the plans for the new building had been requested at a previous meeting- JT has a meeting of the Culworth Hill Field Trust tomorrow and so will ask for one then. She will also request that they come to our next meeting to update us.

JT & SP were to update the Health & Safety Policies and the risk assessment but they haven't had the time between meetings and so it is still to be done.

Reported conflict of Interest:

JT is on the Culworth Hill Field Trust and SP is representing the cricket club

Chairman's Report:

JT reported that Tai Chi has gone back to being online and there hasn't been a village café because of the Omnicrom virus.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> we showed the film 'The Courier' to 30 people and made a profit from the screening. The January film has been postponed until perhaps February.

Treasurer's Report:

28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Current funds totalling £41,009.12 are held as follows:

National Savings deposit account	£39,303.56
Santander current account	£1,641.29
Petty Cash	£64.27

Hiring Income (since last ordinary meeting on 28.9.2021)

Culworth Snappers	£18.00
Hotshots	£99.00
Party hire	£36.00
Film Night	£308.00 (less film cost £225 and food expenses £25)

Usual outgoings (since last ordinary meeting on 28.9.2021)

Insurance	£236.76
Electricity	£174.51
Water	£39.46

Building and renewals

Steve Law – porch repairs £350.90

Northants ACRE have recently informed us that another Government support grant has become available, known as the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant. The grant is discretionary and is being administered locally by West

Northamptonshire Council as with the previous grants. Village Halls are one of the types of business mentioned in the leisure category so we should be eligible to apply and, if the application is successful, the amount of the grant would be £2,667 based on the rateable value of the hall.

MI reported that it looks like we are eligible to apply for the Omnicrom grant and the committee unanimously felt we should.

Business:

Film Nights

We will try and put another one on in February. JT asked for film suggestions.

We now have a Film Bank Media account set up and so we can get a licence.

Building and renewals:

No work to be done at present.

Following on from a previous meeting, a notice has now been put in the ladies toilet to request that the blind be left down.

Any other business:

JMB suggested several events including a children's film club, a 'bake off' competition, bingo etc. It was felt that perhaps it would be a good idea to have a bake-off competition as part of the Queen's jubilee celebrations. After further discussion it was felt that April may be a good time to hold a bingo night and JMB would investigate running one.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Would you like to join in and support these village activities?

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## Birthday, Deaths and Marriages

**Mary Whittingham** died on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January. She moved to Culworth just over 10 years from Herefordshire, a few years after the death of her husband Frank Whittingham. After a long and varied life as the wife of a Wing Commander and then training as a teacher, she had a wide variety of interests and expertise. Determined to be involved in village life, despite starting a new life here in her 80's, she brought many gifts to the village and became involved in many village activities. The Lady Chapel Altar frontal is a very lasting memorial to her.

A brilliant cook, Mary cooked really tasty food for Film nights, church events, fetes, Lent lunches and much more. Her delicious cheese biscuit recipes have been passed round many of us in the village.

The Christmas lunch experience for a group of Japanese visitors a few years ago in the village hall was most memorable and quite a unique way to raise funds for the church. Our church and Village Hall have benefited so much from her generosity.

A committed Christian and a woman of immense faith, St Mary's church has lost a dear friend. Those who knew her will miss her erudite, perceptive advice.

Our heartfelt condolences go to all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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**Richard Murdin** came to the Rectory, now the Old Rectory, as a tiny baby having been born in Peterborough, when his father became Rector of Culworth. He went to a small school in Brackley. His father took Richard and his older sister Felicity to catch the train at Culworth Station on the road to Moreton Pinkney in the morning but would come home with the coal man if the truck was being loaded getting his uniform slightly grubby against his mother's wishes.

He boarded at Swanbourne, St Edwards and Worcester College Oxford where he read Theology after leaving his Oxford entrance too late to apply for Classics. Whilst in Bristol doing his PGCE, Richard enlisted at Gloucestershire County Ground for an MCC cricket coaching course. After completing his training, he became a master at Winchester House School in Brackley in 1964 where he stayed until his retirement, teaching Classics, coaching sport especially cricket, taking children on Canal and camping trips, singing in the choir and playing a full part in the life of the school. He and his wife Valerie were houseparents at The Red House until Valerie started teaching at Slapton. He was a legend at the school.

Mr Murdin loved choral singing. More recently some of us will have appreciated his talents at Edgcote and other churches. Any reading he gave was delivered slowly with a careful enunciation of the words, an approach he gave as advice to all pupils performing in carol services and plays. Aside from teaching, sport and singing, Richard's other love was the countryside, particularly in the North of England.

His memorial service in St Peters Brackley on 13th January 2022 was attended by representatives of the choirs he sang with, members of staff from Winchester House, parents, family and friends. Donations in his memory were for Chance to Shine, a charity to promote cricket in all schools, and the Cathedral Music Trust.

It was a privilege to know him. His pupils developed the love of Classics and language.

We send our sympathy to Valerie, his wife, Victoria and Patricia.

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**Dawn Smith**, Nick's wife died on Saturday 22nd January aged 66 years after 16 weeks in the Horton Hospital She has been cared for well. We send our deep sympathy to Nick

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### Welcome back to the Village

Mark, Katrin and Maggie Jem Mumford have moved back to the village. We are so pleased that another generation of Mumford will live on in Culworth.

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## FORGE COFFEE

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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... [culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com)*

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### Want to know what is happening in the village?

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

-serving the local community for over 90 years  
fresh Meats and fruit and veg delivered to your door



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25<sup>th</sup> March for April/May edition  
27<sup>th</sup> May for June/July edition  
22<sup>nd</sup> July for Aug/Sept edition  
23<sup>rd</sup> September for Oct/Nov edition  
25<sup>th</sup> November for Dec/Jan edition

Do you have a local business, please tell us about it via the village newsletter.