

VJ Day 75th Remembrance Service August 15th 2020 Culworth War Memorial

Max Hastings wrote in the Times Monday 10th August 2020 that 'relatives of those who fought in Asia in the Second World War often complain that the VJ Day anniversary, which falls on Saturday 15th August, commands much less popular attention than that of VE Day in June. It was especially thankless to die in those final months, when some Japanese continued to resist fanatically and nobody back home seemed to notice.'



Culworth Parish Council, led by Cllr Stuart Rolt, Andrew Wilby and Michelle Koster, marked the Anniversary with a service of Remembrance led by Rev Brian Fairbank. Over 30 parishioners and members of the Royal British Legion attended, including one whose husband George served in the Far East with the Indian Navy on Combined operations, taking landing craft and troops up rivers such as the Irrawaddy. He was at sea prior to relieving Singapore when the atom bomb was dropped and consequently sailed to Hong Kong where his ship was the first to release all our internees.

Peter Koster's grandfather was also in the Far East, and his story was on display in Forge Coffee. It was fitting that Michelle Koster should lay the VJ wreath on the War Memorial. Lucy Koster played a recording of the Last Post and Reveille adding to the solemnity of the occasion. The Koster family put memorabilia of Peter's grandfather in Forge Coffee.

Philip Upton – a soldier – served in the Far East with his Anti-Tank Regiment and was taken prisoner by the Japanese. He was killed on a transport ship on 21st September 1944, whilst being moved to another PoW camp; the ship was sunk by torpedoes/bombs dropped from an American aircraft (the Japanese did not mark their PoW transport ships). Philip was 27. His parents were Sidney and Georgina Upton who lived at the cottages on Millers Lane. He was the eldest of 5 sons – Philip married a Banbury girl before he went off to the War – she had twin sons, Richard and Tony, who never met their father. Philip is Phil Upton's grandfather.

Andrew's father Ronald Wilby was a junior officer in the Royal Navy on HMS Pincher, a minesweeper. He took part in Atlantic and Russian Convoys, as well as a Malta convoy, and also swept the seas off Normandy the night before D-Day. He then went East and his ship was attacked by kamikaze pilots off Penang, where he witnessed other ships around them being sunk. His ship arrived into Singapore as the Japanese officers lined the quayside and committed suicide by falling on their swords as the navy arrived.

George Ruck.Keene served in the Far East with the Indian Navy on Combined opérations taking landing craft and troops up river such as the Irrawaddy. He was at sea prior to relieving Singapore when the atom bomb was dropped and consequently sailed to Hong Kong where his ship was the first to release all our internees.

Gerald Cadogan at an earlier Remembrance Service in 2018 had stated that

KOHIMA PRAYER

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.

Covid – 19 Update

The volunteer team who helped collect and distribute essentials through the previous lockdown are monitoring the situation and will take action and be available if required. If any resident has any issues, please contact Peter Coville, Andrew Wilby, Stuart Rolt or Jose Rowling on 01295760571 or culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

Culworth Snappers

Despite the lockdown the Culworth Snappers are still going strong with zoom nights and photoshoots. The last photoshoot was to a very photogenic avenue of trees near Chesterton Church followed by a visit to Chesterton Windmill to try and capture the Neowise Comet.

You can now keep up with the club news and activities on facebook "Culworth Snappers". For further information contact John Emmett 07867918960.

Culworth 5 Miler Run Report

Sunday 13th September saw the successful third edition of this two-lap race around Culworth. Covid restrictions meant entries were limited to 30 people, a figure that was neatly achieved on the day to actually represent the best turnout so far. A communication error on my part on where the marshalls needed to stand resulted in runners having to do 5.4 miles (including an extra four stiles) rather than the distance advertised. Without this handicap, Simon Mayes' winning time of 34:14 would have surpassed Sam Weaving's course record of 33:32 from the previous year. We did have a new record for the ladies, with Rachel Morison successfully defending her title to complete the course in 39:35, over a minute quicker than in 2019.

The village looked its best in the September sunshine and rewarded the runners who had travelled from afar afield as Nottinghamshire to take part and it was encouraging to see so many club runners taking part as word starts to spread. Of course, the event wouldn't be the same without the support from the local community with Michelle Koster, Simon Martin and the McGowan family all worthy of special praise for now having run in all three years.

A big thanks as ever to the volunteers who gave up their Sunday morning to help marshall and particularly to Michael for us ultra-cool timekeeping. Our runners may be getting faster, but they still lack the speed of the cars at Silverstone he is more accustomed to timing.

We already look forward to next year's race (pencilled in for Sunday September 12th) ideally with the village fete as the finishing line, a format that worked well for the event's debut.

Culworth Hill Field Trust: Progress Update 6TH September 2020

South Northants have turned down our third application for a grant for the new Recreational Community Centre to replace the existing village hall. This is disappointing, although not unexpected. Despite the increasing importance of rural amenities in a post Covid-19 world, investment in a new recreational and community centre to serve this catchment is not high up their agenda. The pandemic has had a big impact on funding opportunities; many sources have closed their doors for the time being; we are in for the long haul! We are working on a number of initiatives and will keep the funding opportunities under review.

It is now more important than ever that we demonstrate that we are doing what we can to help ourselves. The first priority is to bring as much certainty as possible to the funds that can be generated from the eventual sale of the existing village hall site. We need The Village Hall Trust to call a public meeting to approve the sale of village hall site as soon as practicable in the post Covid-19 situation. It is also important that they carry out a pre planning application consultation with the local authority to establish whether planning permission for residential development for this site is likely. This is necessary to demonstrate to other potential sources of funds that we are serious about wanting to raise the funds to get this new and much needed new Community and Recreational Facility built!

In due course, when we have secured sufficient funding, we will be able to complete the technical design and agree the final specification for the new facility. As part of this process we will review the scale of the building, to ensure that it meets our

requirements, and value engineer the design to minimise the cost of building and running the new facility.

John Duggan, Chair Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT)

News from St Mary's Church Culworth

Our village church has maintained some sense of normality during the crisis. We have been able to continue our usual pattern of church services and with social distancing and face coverings we



think we are keeping to the Covid rules. Of course, as yet, no singing, but hopefully new rules about small church choirs might mean we can soon have voices to accompany the organ.

Churchyard

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped with the churchyard tidy up at the beginning of August, to those who have strimmed and mowed over the summer and kept the borders pretty.

Fun Run

Thanks to Rupert Rowling for organising a very successful fun run, the third such event. About 30 runners came, the sun shone and all proceeds have gone to church funds. The total raised so far is £336.96, an excellent total with more possibly coming in.

Rev Brian Fairbank

As you will all know the Rev Brian Fairbank will be retiring at the end of November. He will be taking holiday leave from 1st November. His final communion service in Culworth will be on Sunday October 25th at 9.30 and his final service in the Benefice will be at 10am on 1st November at Chipping Warden. We had hoped to have a true celebration with a reception afterwards to commemorate his retirement after 8 years in Culworth and over 40 years as a priest. However, this is now impossible. Chipping Warden church is large and it can cope with self- distancing better than most churches. I know Brian would love to see as many of you as possible at this service. We wish Brian and Catherine a happy retirement in their new home in Banbury.

Interregnum

When Brian leaves, the vacancy will be taken by what is called a "house of duty" priest. The incumbent will be required to work 2 days (could be 4 half days) plus of course Sunday and as such receives no stipend but lives in the Rectory free of charge. Our benefice is now down to 4 parishes (Moreton Pinkney, Chipping Warden, Edgcote and Culworth) and therefore the workload should be less. Until someone is appointed (which the Archdeacon seems to think will be sooner rather than later) the Rural Dean (Rev, Carolyn Oley) will legally be in charge. Any queries however should initially be made through the church wardens, so weddings, funerals and baptisms can continue as usual. With any luck, interviews for the house of duty priest could take place as early as April. During the interregnum (the time when we are without a priest) our services will continue as usual apart from the 3rd and 4th Sundays switching over. We have been extremely fortunate to have been offered the services of the Ven David Painter, Archdeacon of Oakham from 2000 to 2011. He has agreed to take the benefice communion services on the 1 st Sunday of each month and communion in two churches on the 3rd Sundays. Therefore our Mattins and Communion Sundays will swap - Communion service will be on the 3rd Sunday at 11am and Mattins will be on the 4th Sunday at 10am. David will also be taking our Christmas Day service at the usual 11am. The 5th Sundays in the month will be benefice services but will be lay lead and therefore not Communion services.

Benefice Magazine

For many years the benefice magazine, *Now we are Six*, has been delivered free of charge to all households in the Benefice. For the last few years Brian has taken on the job as editor, June Oxley has organised the advertising and it has been printed at minimal cost by Don Thompson at Rainbow Press. Even with the adverts it was making a loss of around £200 a year. Therefore the decision has been made that the October/November edition will be the last one, until a new incumbent is appointed and their views are sought. In the meantime, with the permission of the Parish Council, we hope to include benefice news and a list of benefice services in the village newsletter. Many thanks to Brian and June for all their efforts with the Benefice Magazine over the years.

Harvest Festival 4th October 6pm

This will have to be a more muted service but nevertheless Diana will be rallying her troops to make sure we have a beautifully decorated church for the occasion.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day service will be at 10am on 8th November. We have yet to hear whether there will be a service at the War memorial because of Covid restrictions.

Services for October and November 2020

OCTOBER 2020

<u>Sunday 4th</u> 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote **6pm HARVEST EVENSONG CULWORTH** B.F.

Sunday 11th 11.00 Family Service J.H.

Sunday 18th 10.00 Mattins G.C.

Sunday 25th 9.30 Holy Communion B.F.

NOVEMBER 2020

<u>Sunday 1st November</u> 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden (Brian's farewell service) **6pm Evensong**

<u>Sunday 8th</u> 10am Remembrance Day Service *followed* at 11.00am by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

*N.B. Sunday 15th 11.00 Holy Communion (Ven David Painter)

*N.B. Sunday 22nd 10.00 Mattins (G.C.)

<u>Sunday 29th</u> Benefice Morning Service Moreton Pinkney

December

<u>Sunday 6th December</u> 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden (Ven David Painter)

Culworth historic records

Mrs Shirley Trott ex Culworth Hall and stepdaughter of the late Charles Hill has kindly handed over a quantity of documents relating to Culworth.

These have been added to the extensive collection already available at the Northamptonshire County Record Office where anyone can apply to see them.

We are most grateful to her for her thoughtfulness. Jose Rowling

Poppy Appeal

There will be no door to door collection this year but there will be static collection boxes in the normal places in the Village i.e. The school, David



Mumfords, The Red Lion and The Forge Coffee.

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 14th July 2020 at 7pm virtually

- Councillors present S. Rolt, N. Guinness, M. Koster, D. Mumford, B. Leadbeater and the Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling
- Apologies for absence Cllr Rowling unexpected delay, Cllr Wilby unable to access zoom/ poor signal.
- Declarations of interest on agenda items- None declared
- 4. OPEN MEETING- One member no specific issue.
- 5. Minutes of 19th May 2020 meeting confirmed by all for Chair to sign later
- 6. Matters arising not on agenda- none
- 7. Clerk's notes
 - a. Covid support still required. Food parcel requirements have reduced as access to shops or online services is easier.
 - b. Prescriptions may need to be collected from Pharmacies for those continuing to isolate.
 - c. No updates on Highway issues which still remain
 - d. Issues with Rights of Way raised with local footpath personnel. Stiles too high particularly on two edge of village paths. Waymarkers missing.
 - e. Defibrillator checks -
- 8. K6 telephone box on Village Green. BT is in consultation with SNC for Parish Council to adopt kiosk. Parish Councils consulted that have adopted boxes had no problems highlighted. Await confirmation from BT that adoption can take place
- 9. Website Cllr Rolt will liaise with volunteer to seek new compliant website.
- 10. Standing orders 2020 approved by all councillors
- 11. Financial Regulations approved by all councillors
- 12. Burial Ground regulations approved by all councillors
- 13. Complaints procedure approved. Items 10-13 to be signed by Chair later
- 14. CHFT update. Cllr Rolt stated that funding would be a major issue but there was much goodwill in the village.
- 15. HS2 updates Cllr Rolt gave an overview in which the compound at Magpie will be set up. Interesting archaeological finds may result in exhibition locally. Village speed cameras expected shortly.
- 16. Shadow West Northants Council. In the absence of Cllr Wilby, it was noted that senior team has been appointed.

17. FINANCES

- a. Accounts forwarded to PKF Littlejohn in June for external audit.
- b. Unity bank account change. Closure of Santander accounts on 31 July 2020.
 Clerk to arrange closure of Deposit account and transfer funds to Current account Unity Bank live on 11th August 2020.
- c. Receipts
 - i. Western Power £5.10
- d. Payments paid
 - i. Came and Co annual insurance £364.65 (001054)BL/DM
 - ii. Zoom for Culworth PC for year £119.90+£23.98VAT=£143.88 (001055)BL/DM
 - iii. IONOS website payment £15.59DD June
 - iv. Tree Profiles Work on Berry Hill Close as per quotation 15/3 £425+£85VAT=£510(001057)D M/BL
 - v. Texprep Printing including newsletters £67.98+£5 VAT =£72.98 (001058)BL/DM
 - vi. Roger Smith MAY-Mowing Burial ground £96, Football Field £55=£151(001059) BL/DM
 - vii. Cartwright Landscapes mowing Green areas etc, Cricket Field boundary Berry Hill Close £752+£150.40=£902.40 (0001060)DM/BL
 - viii. 23/6 HMRC Ist instalment £260(001061)DM/BL
 - ix. Aylesbury Mains Light 2 opp 8
 Barley Hill £355+£71VAT=£426
 (001062)DM/BL
 - x. NCALC Zo0m 101 for Clerk £38 (001063)BL/DM
- e. Payments agreed
 - i. Clerk's salary £1040 and expenses £198.48April to June= £1238.48 to be paid when new account opened
 - ii. Ionos website DDJuly £15.59
 - iii. EON 1/4-30/6 Unmetered supply

- £321.98+£16.10=£338.08(106 4)DM/BL
- iv. Roger Smith June Mowing Football field £55,Burial ground £96=£151(1065)DM/BL
- v. Complete Weed
 Control(Prysebros) as per
 Quotation
 £675+£135VAT=£810
 (1066)DM/BL
- f. Current Account- Santander£16933.31 NO outstanding cheques
- g. Deposit account- Santander £9147.68
- h. Internal checker report. None
- 18. PLANNING Matters-
 - a. S/2020/1120/TCA Silver birch to be cut back. Overgrown Leylandii hedge to be cut back. Culworth Hall Parish Council no comments
- 19. Correspondence emailed NCALC Updates, HS2 Ltd updates.
 - a. Letter from resident re parking on pavement was read out. Chair will speak to particular residents. Forge Coffee do not have tables on the front of premises. Email from Police sent to Clerk in March 2020 to be reforwarded to Councillors and to resident noting that compromises needed to be made for safe access for road users.
 - Letter from resident thanking Parish Council for card to mark a milestone birthday.- noted.
 - c. Clerks Council direct magazine
 - d. VJ Day 15th August 2020. Member of public RBL member will update Cllr Guinness and Koster who may arrange a wreath-laying ceremony although neither available on the day. Aware that residents may not wish to mark this.
 - e. SNC Part 2 Local Plan report and for consideration at SNC Full Council 22nd July 2020. Councillors urged to read the report.
- 20. Any other business for September 8th meeting None
- 21. Meeting closed.7.42pm.

Minutes of virtual planning meeting

17th August 2020 at 7.30pm

- Councillors present: A. Wilby, B. Leadbeater, D. Mumford and the Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling
- 2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Rolt, Guinness and Koster (annual leave)
- 3. In absence of Chair Cllr Leadbeater proposed and Cllr Mumford seconded Cllr Wilby to be chair. No other nominations.
- 4. Members of public present
- Declarations of interest Councillor Rowling personal- no pecuniary interest, Cllr Leadbeater neighbouring farmer but no pecuniary interest.
- Planning application S/2020/1280/SCR
 Culworth Grounds Farm Screening opinion for solar farm. Proposed by Cllr Mumford and seconded by Cllr Leadbeater that Parish Council support the need for Environmental Impact Statement. All councillors present agreed.
- 7. Finances routine for Santander account whilst awaiting transfer to Unity Bank
 - a. Mrs J. M. Rowling salary etc April-June-£1238.48(001067)DM/BL
 - b. Cartwright Landscapes Mowing 20/7 and 22/6 =£139.20 inc VAT £23.20 (001068) DM/BL
 - c. Roger Smith Mowing Burial Ground July £125, Recreation Field £55= £180(0010690)DM/BL
 - d. Royal British Legion wreath for VJ Day 15th August 2020 £18.50 (001070) DM/BL
 - e. IONOS Direct debit July £12.60+ £2.99=£15.59
- 8. Meeting closed 7.40pm

Village Hall

CULWORLTH VILLAGE HALL

ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Present: John Emmett, Margaret Watts, Mark Izzett (Treasurer), Charlie Timmins, Julie Tinn (Chair) Martin Rowling, Sarah Powell, June Oxley (Secretary)

Apologies: Kirsty Hawkins

Minutes of the last Zoom committee meeting (04.08.20) and those of the extra meeting (11.08.20) were taken as correct.

Matters arising: None

Chairman's report: As hall is still closed there is not much to report. I have been to two halls recently for classes where the onus is on the hirer to make sure attendees comply with the risk assessment. Byfield VH is open, max number of people applies as with the other halls, social gatherings only in groups of 6. I think as the strict measures for cleaning have eased little we should consider opening Culworth VH to our regular users. CT - would it be financially viable? Probably not but we have been given a large grant to cover any losses and costs of reopening and it is a community building. The kitchen should be out of bounds (as with other halls), toilet facilities open to be cleaned by users after each use, a one-way system through the hall may not be necessary. Wearing of masks, on entry to and exit from the hall but optional during a class. MI – new guidance is due from ACRE.

JO – to contact Emily – can she clean once weekly.

JT – to contact Pilates, Tai Chi, Snappers – do they wish to return to the hall. Also Phoenix to see if we can somehow run a film show.

CT – volunteered to wash and store curtains.

MI – will do risk assessment if opening up is viable.

Treasurer's Report: 5th August to 16th September 2020

<u>Current funds</u> totalling £33,776.80 are held as follows:

National Savings Account £31,117.58 (including £5,000 from Brian Harris' estate)

Santander Current Account £2,566.50

Petty Cash £92.72

There has been no income since the last meeting as the hall has remained closed. Utility bills have been reduced as a result of the closure but there have been two repair and maintenance bills as mentioned below.

Outgoings since last meeting

Insurance £114.90

Electricity £14.50

Water £ Nil (water charges have been suspended since April but may resume this month)

Repairs and maintenance

The sum of £51.58 has been paid to Bee Safe Fire Services for the annual inspection and service of the fire extinguishers and the sum of £960.00 has been paid to M. Mumford Electrical Ltd for the consumer unit upgrade and other works recommended in his inspection report earlier this year.

While the hall remains closed, it is a condition of the insurance policy that an internal and external inspection of the hall is carried out every week and a log kept of these inspections and of any action taken. The water supply also has to be flushed through regularly. June has kindly been carrying out these tasks for nearly six months now, so grateful thanks are due to her for this.

Buildings & Renewals: JE has received a quote from Beesafe for refurb of fire door (£420) – to be discussed at next meeting.

AOB: None

Next meeting – AGM – date not fixed due to update of leglisation for public meetings.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Culworth Junior Cricket Club End of Season Newsletter Report

My last report was written at the end of July, when the club had effectively finished for the season. We always stop as soon as the school holidays start, because we always lose members because of family holidays. This year is different in a number of ways, and unfortunately us stopping coincided with the start of South Northants Junior leagues of Under 11, 13s and 15s. Normally the leagues would run from May-July. For the same reason as ours, the leagues were very depleted, with only 3 or 4 teams in each league instead of the normal 8-10.



I was still confident that every child who had turned up to the practices in June and July would get a game of cricket. So on Sunday 6th September we had two games of cricket. In the morning the Under 11s had a home match v Towcester. The children really enjoyed it and we did well. Culworth batted first and reached a respectable 317 (under 11 rules mean we start at 300, then runs scored go as positives to the score, but wickets mean you lose 5 runs. Children bat as pairs and all have 4 overs per pair). At the halfway point of the Towcester innings we were on parity with them due to wickets from Spencer Cowan and Georgie Johnson. Then Towcester brought out their secret weapon which was a county player and he took the game away from us.



In the afternoon we had a Lads, Dads & Lasses game against Eydon Occassionals at Eydon. We fielded four under 15s and seven dads. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day. I am not sure how mobile the dads were the next morning (it had been 32 years since I last played a competitive cricket match, and it was similar for some other parents). Eydon batted first and scored 142 for 3 (two retired when they got to 25 runs). I made sure everyone got a chance to bowl. We then batted, and we just lost out by scoring 125 for 7 (two retired on 25). It was a really nice game, played in the right spirit, and we will look to do the same next season. Maybe even have one friendly a month. So if you fancy a game of cricket and thought you were too old, fear not.



In the last 2-3 weeks a number of our children have been participating in county trials. I do not know the results yet as to whether they have been picked, but even if they do not, the experience of playing and being coached by county coaches can only help their cricket skills.

Our support staff at the club have also been recognised by county. Northamptonshire County Cricket awards OSCA's to people who have helped recreational cricket flourish in their clubs and the community. Tommy Mills won the Young Volunteer (14-18) Award. He was nominated for all the hard work he did last year in mowing the outfield every week. Moses Harrison won the Young Volunteer (19-25) Award for his help in coaching the children.

2020 has been a weird year, but we as a club have tried to keep the connection with the children as much as possible, and we can only hope that next year we can play some proper cricket.

To find our more information about the club, please call Jim on 07860 638557, or email me on jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk...

BRACKLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL 2020 TRUST

I am delighted to be able to announce that our first target has been reached. The trustees have been amazed at the very enterprising ways in which people have, in spite of or maybe because of the Covid19 pandemic, managed to engage with others and continue to raise funds despite so many activities being currently not possible.

We have almost reached the magic figure of £165,000 which would ensure the provision of the digital, state-of-the-art X-ray machine with fixed table, and discussions earlier this week with the Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust clarified that this piece of kit is now not going to cost quite as much.

This means – more good news – that we already have adequate funds also to ensure the provision of a Smart TV set in each room which will not only combat loneliness for the patient but will also enable consultations with specialists and family, all compatible with the NHS Pathway which will ensure total confidentiality. Also, most importantly, the televisions will be free at the point of use to the patients – no slot machines at all.

Now, we move on to the next challenge. There is more that is needed to enhance the facilities for local residents within the building. The first item on the list is the ultrasound scanner of which we have been aware since the beginning. Next, we understand that cardiologists have expressed an interest in holding

clinics at Brackley but this will require equipment, so, in order to benefit our local residents who would then not need to travel to other hospitals and who would thus also reduce their carbon footprint, that is added to our list. For the same reason and for different beneficiaries, equipment to enable ophthalmologists to come here rather than us all go to them is also being investigated.

Your continued support is therefore requested and required. If you can think of innovative ways to raise funds, we are happy to help in whatever way we can. Personal donations are of course welcomed: there are many ways to help including through EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile, and our Treasurer, Paul Bennett, is always happy to drop by and pick up a cheque if you would like!

The bricks and mortar are almost complete; the fitting out will start in the next month or so. Not everything will be on site and operational from Day One, but in due course, together, we will ensure that the new Brackley Community Hospital is the best it possibly can be so that all of us, residents of Brackley and of all our surrounding villages, are able to benefit from the wonderful new facility.

Caryl Billingham MBE, Chairman of Trustees

Ability Bus Service

The service restarted early July in a safe and limited way in line with Government guidance. Currently the Culworth to Banbury service is operating on a Thursday only and is subject to demand. Journeys have to be booked in advance. To book or for further information please contact the new telephone number for Ability which is 01327 604123.

Useful websites

The link below identifies road works all over the country including HS2 works. http://www.roadworks.org/

For problems with HS2, please use the address below, and the relevant organisation will be contacted HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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

Whilst the Parish Council fund the publication of the newsletter, the views expressed in it may not be those of the Parish Council.

Please send items for the next newsletter to the editor, Michelle Koster, michelle.koster@btinternet.com