

Culworth Newsletter

April and May 2024

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Owing to the resignation of Nancy Guinness due to pressures of work and family, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to offer yourself to serve the village community in this way, please look out for the formal notice of vacancy which will be published in due course. If you are interested and would like more information as to what is involved, please contact one of your Parish Councillors.

Andrew Wilby
Chair of Culworth Parish Council

Spring in Culworth



Annual Village Litter Pick - For many years Martin Rowling has arranged this event for the first Saturday in March. This year the team consisted of Stuart Rolt, Simon Martin, Jane Kilmister and Michael Johns, Julie Tinn, Diana Cliff, Barbara Leadbeater, Peter Coville, and Luke Annaly. The village was scoured to its extremities for litter, from the Magpie to Trafford Bridge, Blackbird Hill and Lower Thorpe. Joanne Wilby washed down the Culworth village signs. The resulting bags of litter were collated by Charles Buckley and his team before being collected on Monday morning by West Northants Council. Martin thanks you all for your time to make Culworth tidy.

Church Spring Clean

Monday 25th March saw a small but determined team undertake a thorough Spring clean of St Mary's Church in preparation for Easter. Jenny, June, Mary, Diana, Joanne, and Sarah set to with dusters, brooms, vacuum cleaner and polish to bring sparkle to the building in readiness for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

The annual cleanup and start of efforts in the churchyard were delayed by the abundant display of primroses scattered throughout the grassy areas, but work will soon be underway, followed by regular grass cutting in designated areas. In the meantime, enjoy the Spring flower display while it lasts!

Lions Club – Medical “Message in a Bottle”

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location – the fridge.

Message in a Bottle helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time in identifying an individual very quickly and knowing if they have any allergies or take special medication.

Paramedics, police, fire-fighters and social services support Lions' life-saving initiative and know to look in the fridge when they see the Message in a Bottle stickers. The initiative provides peace of mind that prompt and appropriate medical assistance can be provided, and next of kin / emergency contacts can be notified.

A number of people within the village already have this scheme.

If you would like to have one maybe because you are asthmatic, epileptic, diabetic on regular medication or live alone this is for you.

Jose Rowling will deliver one to you free if you contact her on 01295 760571.

Culworth Snappers

Culworth Snappers Camera Club has now entered its 10th year and to celebrate this anniversary there will be an exhibition of the members' photographs. This will take place in September, and will run for 3 weeks at Forge Coffee, so look out for more details nearer the date.

Our membership is slowly growing with some new members joining from the surrounding villages; it would be nice to have more members from Culworth, so why not come along to our next club night on Thursday 25th April and see what we do. The venue is Forge Coffee starting at 7pm. We will be looking at members' images of the latest topic, "Nature". The following month's topic will be "Water".

There are also photoshoots planned throughout the year. The latest ones took place in Birmingham and Badby Woods. It is hoped to hold one in April to coincide with the Bluebells. For further information contact John 07867 918960.

Culworth Junior Cricket Club

As I write this report it is raining again, but hopefully it will dry up soon. After the winter we've had, we should be in for a dry summer, perfect for cricket, but who knows?

We have our AGM on Wednesday 24th April at 7pm at The Forge Coffee, Culworth. The prospects are good for this season. We have all the improvements which were made in the winter of 2022, and then in autumn 2023 we improved the outfield (if only the rain will stop for long enough for me to mow the field!) We are improving our volunteer support team. We now have a pool of seven coaches we can call upon to train the juniors. I am also seeking about half a dozen parent helpers who can assist the coach if required, and we now have two first aiders.

There have already been several new parents contact me during the close season to register with the club, which is a good sign. This season we have entered teams into the South Northants Junior cricket leagues for Under 9's, Under 11s and Under 13s. We also have our Culworth Casuals adult team who play once a month on a Sunday afternoon. All the fixtures can be found on the club website at <https://culworth.play-cricket.com/home>.

Junior cricket training sessions start on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm. If anyone is interested in either the children's cricket, or joining the adult team, or helping with the club in any way possible such as coaching, or mowing the ground, please get in touch with Jim Powell on 07860 6389557, or at jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk.

Culworth Circular Walks



Want to walk round Culworth but can't find the right footpaths? On the first Tuesday of the month there will be a group walking round the Culworth footpaths. Each walk will last about 2 hours and will give those who are not sure of the footpaths a chance to see the lovely countryside where we live and have a chat with fellow villagers at the same time. Walks start at 10 from The Green. Dogs are welcome as long as they can get over stiles. The next walks are on 2nd April and 7th May. Jenny Howse

Culworth Village Café



The village cafe is open on the first Saturday of every month from 10 till 12. There is no charge for the coffee, tea and home-made cakes but there is always a donation plate, the money going to the Village Hall and church funds. We have a regular group of people who come but it would be lovely to see new faces and for the many newcomers who have moved into our village it is an opportunity to meet those of us who have lived here since the Stone Age. Pop in for a few minutes or longer if you've got the time.

The next Village Café meetings are on **6th April and 4th May**. There will be a Bring and Buy Plant Stall at the May meeting. Please bring any spare plants along. Proceeds are shared equally between the Village Hall and Church.



St Mary's Culworth

The pattern of services in Culworth is as follows:

1st Sunday of the month 10am Benefice Holy Communion, 6pm Evensong Culworth

2nd Sunday of the month 11am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10am Mattins

4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 10am Benefice Communion



For baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact Revd Canon Karen Jongman, The Rectory, Queen's Street, Culworth, OX17 2AT. 07980 881252 or email karenajongman@gmail.com

Culworth Benefice Services April and May 2024

7th April Low Sunday

10.00am - Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote
6.00pm - Evensong Culworth

14th April

9.30am - Holy Communion Chipping Warden
9.30am - Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11.00am - Family Service Culworth

21st April

9.am - Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
10.00am - Matins Culworth
3pm - Evensong Chipping Warden

28th April

9.30am - Holy Communion Culworth
10.00am - Matins Chipping Warden
11.00am - Matins Edgcote
5.00pm - Evensong Moreton Pinkney
(followed by APCM)

5th May

10.00am - Benefice Holy Communion
Culworth

Thursday 9th May Ascension Day

12th May

9.30am - Holy Communion Chipping Warden
9.30am - Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11.00am - Family Service Culworth (followed
by APCM at 12.00)

19th May Pentecost

9.30am - Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
10.00am - Matins Culworth
6.00pm - Prayer and Worship with Bishop
Debbie (new Bishop of Peterborough)
Culworth

26th May

9.30am - Holy Communion Culworth
10.00am - Matins Chipping Warden
11.00am - Holy Communion Edgcote
6.00pm - Evensong Moreton Pinkney

2nd June

10.00am - Benefice Holy Communion
Chipping Warden

6.00pm - Evensong Culworth

Culworth in the last 100 years

It is interesting to look back at the history of the village we are lucky to call home. Jose Rowlings has put together a list of dates and developments, but there are gaps and uncertainties, so if anyone can correct or add to the list, please get in touch with her on 01295760571 or josephine.rowling@gmail.com

1. Mumfords' Butchers shop established 1925
2. War Memorial erected about 1922. Old Auctioneers seat moved onto the village green
3. Village Hall erected about 1938 on land owned by Hill family
4. Primary School developed though first established in 1789
5. No railway line since 1963
6. Moravian Chapel in High Street built in 1810 disused by 1950's, became a scout hut then converted to a property in early 1960's
7. Greenhouses and orchard of Danvers House sold off. Now Culworth Court
8. Parish rooms demolished about 1972 to allow new Rectory to be built
9. Wheelwrights became a builders' yard, then engineering works which ceased in 2007
10. Building became an art gallery now Coffee Shop
11. Post Office was once at Dial House then Old Bakehouse before locating in Banbury Lane. This became a carpet shop and later closed – but when?
12. Culworth House became a Nursing Home in 1988, which closed in 2019
13. 5 retirement cottages built in the walled garden of Culworth House in ?
14. Barley Hill built in two sections - numbers 1-6 then much later 7-31 from open fields
15. Butts Close built on land from Hill family sometime before 1939
16. Walnut Close of 8 properties started in July 1987 from open piece of land with old Walnut Tree in centre
17. Petrol filling station became Beech House in 1980's
18. Baptist Chapel on Village Green closed. Property demolished to be replaced by modern house retaining graves in garden.
19. Allotment gardens at back of the Manor House ceased in 1960s
20. Three properties built on land opposite Culworth Engineering in late 1960's. Used an iron frame
21. Wheatsheaf Public House became a dwelling
22. Other public houses (apart from Red Lion) closed. Red Lion now has Barn which is a delicatessen.
23. Farms – Paddocks, Gate House Farm, Westhill, Wheatsheaf, Fulford, Happylands now Culworth House Farm, all ceased.
24. Existing farm - Culworth Grounds and Westhill relocated to Chipping Warden Road, Blackbird Hill Farm
25. Village shop on the Green to rear of War Memorial ceased in 1990's
26. Shops now:
 - a. Mumford's Butchers, which supplies not only meat but fruit and vegetables, dry goods, kindling, frozen and chilled foods. Vans tour not only Culworth but many other villages. Noted for its sausages. Open 6 days a week
 - b. Red Lion Barn – delicatessen and gifts
 - c. Forge Coffee - milk, eggs, pies pasties, cakes - Open 7 days a week

27. New burial ground within Churchyard about 1935
28. New burial ground run by Parish Council from 1993
29. Archaeological dig 1991 and 1992 on Berry Hill Close
30. Mains water
31. Mains sewage and extension of sewage works
32. Undergrounding of electricity cables in centre of village 1993
33. Regular bus service ceased. Ability (request?) bus service
34. Major refurbishment of Church 1992 removing pews in South Aisle, creating a kitchenette. Relocating the font from within bell tower area to South aisle near door
35. Trees-
 - a. many lost due to age
 - b. Oak tree planted on The Green for Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee
 - c. Oak tree in planted on Cricket Field near wall towards church for Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee
 - d. Millenium Oak in Berry Hill Close
 - e. Diamond Jubilee Wood down concrete road beyond old railway bridge. Mixed species planted by villagers and dedicated by Rev Brian Fairbank in 2014.
 - f. Platinum Jubilee Wood just before old railway bridge in concentric circle with centre oak in memory of HM The Queen gifted by HS2 in 2023
36. Cricket Field – square and pitch levelled and relaid in 2023

Help Needed

Our church and churchyard rely on volunteers to keep them clean and beautiful. Could you spare some time to help? A list is on the table in the church. If you could help with the cleaning and/or churchyard mowing we would be most grateful. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me jenny_howse@hotmail.com, 01295 768110.

Location of Village Dog Bins

There are seven dog poo bins around Culworth. They are emptied weekly by the Parish Council at a cost to the council taxpayers of about £1000 annually. It therefore makes sense that responsible dog owners should make full use of the facility which is offered, rather than leaving mess uncollected or hanging it from the nearest bush for the Poo Fairy (who doesn't exist).

Just a reminder of the location of the dog poo bins:

1. The Banbury Lane end of the Cricket Field
2. The Concrete Road off Banbury Lane by the end of the Red Lion Footpath
3. Along the Concrete Road at the entrance to the footpath that goes through the "football" field to the High Street coming out at Paddocks Farm
4. In High Street by West Hill House, opposite Paddocks Farm
5. Off the Green at the back of the school by the allotment gate
6. At the corner of Sulgrave Road and Barley Hill
7. Along Sulgrave Road at the entrance to the footpath that goes across to Banbury Lane

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd April - 10am Circular Walk from The Green

Saturday 6th April - 10am – 12 noon Village Café in the Village Hall

Sunday 7th April - 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Edgcote

- 6pm Evensong at Culworth

Tuesday 9th April – 10am - 12 noon Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall

Sunday 13th April - 11am Family Service

Sunday 20th April 10am Matins

Tuesday 23rd April – 6pm Junior Cricket Club training begins at the Cricket Field

Wednesday 24th April – 7pm Cricket Club AGM at Forge Coffee

Thursday 25th April – 7pm Culworth Snappers at The Forge – “Nature”

Sunday 27th April - 9.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 4th May – 10am – 12 noon Village Café in the Village Hall (with Bring and Buy plant stall)

Sunday 5th May - 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Culworth

Tuesday 7th May - 10am Circular Walk from The Green

Sunday 12th May - 11am Family Service followed at 12 by APCM

Tuesday 14th May – 10am - 12 noon Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall

Sunday 19th May - 10am Matins

6pm - Prayer and Worship with Bishop Debbie (new Bishop of Peterborough) at Culworth

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Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

These are available on the Culworth Parish Council website (Hover over the link, Press CTRL & click): [Culworth Parish Council](#)

Hard copies can be obtained from the Parish Clerk on request.

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Please send items for the next newsletter to clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or wilbyjoanne@gmail.com

If anyone would like to take on the role of Newsletter Editor, please do get in touch with the Parish Clerk or Joanne Wilby.

Want to know what is happening in the village?

The Parish Council's website (the Culworth Village website) as above

Or search for:

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



Culworth Junior Cricket Club

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE NEW SEASON



- BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 TO 16 YEARS OLD
- FANTASTIC FUN PLACE TO LEARN
- WE CATER FOR ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE
- IT'S A GREAT CLUB FOR KIDS AND PARENTS
- MAKE LOADS OF FRIENDS

The season starts on Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm on the cricket field (opposite the church) - weather permitting

For more information contact Jim Powell on 07860 638557, or jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk

We are also looking for adults to play for our Culworth Casuals team playing friendlies on a Sunday afternoon



FORGE COFFEE

Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm
Saturdays 9am-4pm
Sundays 9am-3pm

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