

Culworth Newsletter

August and September 2023

Culworth Community Park



What a significant moment in our village history. After over 40 years of multiple efforts, Culworth finally has its very own Community Park. It has been heartwarming to see all the children playing, having fun and enjoying the space. Not to forget the adults too, yes we have seen you!!! 😊



We would like to offer our gratitude once again to Phil Staniford who completed the final grass trim & cut before the fencing finally came down. This project really has taken a whole community effort. From evidencing the need in our initial survey monkey questionnaire over two years ago, attending fundraising events and providing personal donations to offering support to volunteering in the final stages, we thank you. None of this would be possible without our Parish Council offering their ongoing support, the land, and taking ownership of the facility moving forwards so that we can all benefit for many years to come.



We hope that all users will take ownership and look after what we have all worked so hard to create. We kindly ask that if you see any litter during your visit, please pop it in the bin provided. Any concerns around equipment etc can be emailed across to clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Lastly, it is necessary for us to complete project outcome reports for funders at key stages after completion to gather information about frequency of usage and the benefits for physical and mental wellbeing. This is likely to be via another survey monkey questionnaire in around six months' time. It would be helpful if you could make a mental (or physical note) of how often you use the Community Park each week, what pieces of equipment you enjoy most and the difference it has made to your family's physical and emotional wellbeing. We will let you know via the usual means when and how to share your feedback.

Use of the Community Park area after dark is not permitted by children of any age. Children will be approached, and parents/guardians will be contacted if deemed necessary. This is to respect the nearby residences' right to a peaceful evening. Please explain this to your children so that they understand and ensure that you know where they are after dark. They are your responsibility.

We did it!!!, ACCG (Activate Culworth Community Group), Karen Mullins-Blyth, Maddy Green & Cllr Michelle Koster

Cricket Club News

School holidays are upon us and this means we have come to the end of our normal junior cricket season. Culworth casuals, our men's team, have still got two more matches left, but Tuesday night training has finished. Apart from the last two Tuesdays, which were disrupted by rain, we have had very good training sessions. We welcomed a number of new members, to further consolidate our squads. Our under 9s have competed in two kwik cricket tournaments, the first one we hosted and although there was a cold wind, was sunny and very well attended with three visiting teams joining our team in a round robin tournament.

Our under 11's have continued to improve during the season and are currently unbeaten beating big cricketing clubs such as Brackley and Middleton Cheney. The most recent win was against Spencer Bruerne who we lost by 50 runs at the start of the season, but last week we won by 70 runs which goes to show the improvement the team has made. They have a couple more matches and intend to continue netting during the summer holidays.



Our men's team have had some good matches against Blakesley and Eydon and we had a very nice afternoon playing against a Presidents X1.

The new wicket, after a lot of very hard work from John Pritchett, Justin Thurgood, Joe Cox, my son and myself has played very well. The nets have also been a good addition and have been the reason for at least half a dozen new members to the club. It is just a shame about the amount of rubbish we are having to clear up from the nets before we can use them each time. Rubbish includes broken glass beer bottles, cigarettes and vodka

bottles. It is also a real shame that dog owners are not adhering to the rules of the field and keeping their dogs on a lead and clearing up their dog mess.



We had our awards evening this week where we gave out awards for the best batters and bowlers in the individual age groups. We also acknowledged the help the club has received during the year including sponsorship of the team shirts from Jeremy at Culworth Garage, David & Sally Mumford for sausages and help from Vernon and Lizzie Phipps.

We hope to have an extra couple of coaches for next year, but we can always do with more, so if anyone is interested in coaching on a Tuesday evening or wants to play a friendly game of adult cricket, please contact me. Details of the club can be found on our website.

Culworth Snappers

This friendly group of amateur photography enthusiasts meet monthly at Forge Coffee to view our photos, chosen to fit a different theme each time, and to share tips and knowledge.

The Culworth Snappers enjoyed a very interesting and informative evening at The Freedom Sanctuary and Falcon Centre in Cropredy on 3rd July, where we were allowed to have some of the Owls etc on the glove. Check out our Facebook page "Culworth Snappers" for some fantastic images. At our club night on the 17th July we enjoyed members' images of our monthly topic "Windows" along with images from the photoshoot at the Falconry. This month's topic is "Doors and Entrances". A photoshoot is planned for next month at the Cotswold Sculpture Park.

Our club nights are held at Forge Coffee in Culworth starting at 19.30hrs, new members, especially beginners, welcome. The next three club nights are Thursday 24th August, Monday 18th September, Thursday 26th October, starting at 19.30hrs in Forge Coffee. Everyone is welcome. For further information check out our Facebook page, "Culworth Snappers", or contact John on 07867918960

News from St Mary's Culworth

Our New Rector

We are delighted to welcome our new rector Revd Karen Jongman to Culworth. We hope Karen will be very happy



here.

A Note from the Rectory

Thank you for inviting me to become your Rector. I do hope over the next few weeks and months we can become better acquainted. Here are a few bits of information about me.

I was born in Redditch, then lived at my aunt's village shop in Marston Green with my mother, and aunt and uncle's family. When I was three, my mother took a job as housekeeper, and we moved to Kings Norton. At the age of ten, we moved again to my grandmother's in Northampton, leaving St Martins in the Bull Ring, and joining St Albans, and Broadmead Baptist Church. I went to Sunday School with my new friends. We heard amazing bible stories, which we used to read after school, sitting on our doorsteps. We learnt the verses ready for the next Sunday. I joined St Albans Choir, and the Youth Club. I was fortunate to attend Northampton School for Girls, I loved sport, maths, and RE. Maths helped me through my working life. Sport and Church have given me lasting friendships and a lot of joy.

My interest in God paved the way for the rest of my life. I wasn't confirmed until I was 26. I always asked questions, at school, and after church, I would corner the minister, to question what he meant by '....?' I knew the Bible Stories, but I needed to get more understanding, and then after many discussions with the vicar at Sywell, where I lived, my two children were baptised, and my faith grew in a God who loved me, for who I was, and knew everything about me. I realised that God sent His Son to show me how to live, how to be kind, how to love, and then he died to give Me eternal life! WOW!

We moved back to Spinney Hill, then Spratton and East Haddon, where the Vicar asked me to 'type his letters'! The PCC beckoned. I became Treasurer. The Vicar retired. I was appointed Church Warden. A lovely retired priest encouraged me to lead Evensong, I trained as a Lay Reader. The Rural Dean suggested ordination and after several years of training, my lovely husband died.

A year later I was ordained, and I served my title at St Mary's Far Cotton, and then Guilsborough, and became Priest in Charge of the Walgrave Benefice, and then Rector of the Amelcote Benefice.

Here I am – finding walks with Austin my black Labrador.

My grandson has come to live with me, for a few months.

My son lives near Ipswich with his wife and their son.

My daughter lives in Blaby, with her youngest son.

Her eldest son has just got engaged and lives in Nottingham,

I watch Northampton Saints RFC and enjoy cricket.

I love singing and enjoy most music, especially Jazz.

I look forward to meeting you, living in Culworth and becoming your Rector and friend.

May God Bless you

Rev'd Karen

Induction service

Culworth Church hosted the Institution by Rt Rev Jonathan Meyrick and Installation by Archdeacon of Northampton Ven Richard Ormston of Rev Canon Karen Jongman to the Benefice as the new Rector with House for Duty. This very joyful service included many of Rev Canon Karen's family and friends from her previous Benefices.



Archdeacon of Northampton Ven Richard Ormston, Rev Canon Karen Jongman and Rt Rev Jonathan Meyrick asst Bishop of Peterborough

Churchwardens from all four parishes as well as one of the patrons The Hon Mary Anne Sergison Brooke presented Rev Canon Karen to the Bishop. Lessons were read by Brenda Hewison and Gerald Cadogan. Various people were presented to her including Cllr Andrew Wilby, Chair of Culworth PC, WNC Councillor Alison Eastwood, Lorraine Stanley, Clerk to Chipping Warden Parish Council, and Mrs Judy Davies long serving member of Edgcote Church.

Following the service, afternoon tea was served in the church. Many thanks to all the helpers but especially Diana Langdale and her team for the lovely flowers, Cindy Lika and Jenny Howse for organising the hospitality and the bellringers from Towcester.

Pattern of Services

The pattern of services in Culworth from August will be as follows;

1st Sunday of the month 9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Holy Communion – alternating churches in the benefice

6pm Evensong Culworth

2nd Sunday of the month 11 am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10am Mattins

4th Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion

5th Sunday 9.30 Benefice Communion

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

Help Needed

Our churchyard relies on volunteers to keep it beautiful. Could you spare some time to help? We still have a few slots to fill. A list is on the table in the church. If you could help with the churchyard mowing we would be most grateful. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me (Jenny_howse@hotmail.com)

There will be a working party in the churchyard on the morning of **Monday August 14th** from about 9.30 when the conservation area will be strimmed, ivy will be removed from the gravestones, and generally tidied up. Please come and help us. If you enjoyed the snowdrops and primroses this Spring in the churchyard you will realise what a difference this regime has made.

Dedication of the Turret Clock, Chipping Warden



The Benefice Holy Communion at 11am in Chipping Warden Church was led by the Archdeacon of Northampton Ven Richard Ormston. It included the dedication of the restoration of the Turret Clock. Built in 1762 by Thomas Pinfold of Middleton Cheney, it ceased to function many years ago, laying dormant in the tower.

Martin Rowling, Churchwarden Culworth, and Ian Chapple from Whitfield offered to restore the clock but into a case viewed from the floor of the North Aisle.

The various participants (including a number of Culworth residents) in the clock refurbishment were;

Martin Rowling. All of the iron modifications and additions. The bell support and striking mechanism, the new leading off work, the dial frame and support, various cleaning of parts, the winder chain support, many small iron items, deep discussion and understanding.

Ian Chapple. Project management, dial numerals, hands, and motion work, electric winder concept and build, escapement rebuild, pinion rebuild.

Paul Brook Nolan. Sourcing the bell, many useful suggestions and help with the re-assembly.

Nigel Williams. For the beautiful oak cabinet to protect and display the clock.

A B Race Engineering of Wappenham for welding work on the clock pinions.

Watermans goldsmiths of Banbury for fine work on the escapement.

Michael Pringle (a personal friend of mine and expert wood turner) for beautiful woodturning parts.

Rev. John Roberts for bearings and precision metalwork on the going train and the motion work.

Rupert Rowling and Jonathan Howse for their exhausting morning making multiple trips transporting the parts of the clock downstairs.

Adrian Kilmister for his generous donation of the finished oak for the cabinet.

Those present were able to appreciate the flower festival using garden flowers and enjoy the delicious lunch and pimmis.

The working clock is well worth inspecting.

Village Cafes

Village Cafes usually take place on the first Saturday of the month. However, there will not be one in August and so the next Village Café will be on Saturday September 2nd from 10 till 11. Coffee, tea and cakes are provided free but any donations will go to the church and the village hall. Come along for a chat .

The Village Café on Saturday October 7th will be The Macmillan Coffee Morning with all proceeds going to Macmillan Nurses.



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 the stiles. The next walk is on Tuesday 4th September.

For your Diary

Tales from the Auction Room

Steven Bruce, an auctioneer will give a talk entitled 'Tales from the Auction Room,' hopefully sometime in October, in aid of Culworth Church. Supper will be included and there will also be a chance to have items valued. Further details nearer the time.

Ride and Stride 2023, 9th September

The Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1955 with the object of raising funds to make grants to churches in Northamptonshire of all denominations for their "preservation, repair and maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction".

Grants are made to churches and chapels during the course of the year.

The Trust's funds are raised by donations, subscriptions from friends, and the proceeds of the annual sponsored Ride & Stride, which takes place on the second Saturday in September each year.

Ride and Stride was 'born' in Suffolk in 1982 as a sponsored cycle ride or walk and is held annually, in virtually every county in England. It is the main fund-raising event for the county churches trusts. It is now a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers and horse riders. Any mode of transport can be used as long as sponsors are happy; a couple of people have used vintage cars!

Ride and Stride is a countrywide event always held on the second Saturday in September. Money raised helps Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust to continue supporting our marvellous churches across the county with essential repairs and improvements. Ride and Stride is an opportunity to raise money not only for the Trust but for your own church, as we return 50% of the money to the church of your choice.

For more details see info in Church or go to www.nhct.org.uk

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Culworth Village Hall

Saturday 7th October

10 till 12

Coffee, Cakes, Bring and Buy, Raffle

All in aid of Macmillan Nurses

Any info and offers of help; Kay 01295 760726

or Jenny 01295 768110

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 5th August **NO** Village Café

Sunday 6th August 9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

6pm Evensong Culworth

Tuesday 8th August Coffee and Chat Village Hall 10 till 12

Sunday 13th August 10am Family Service
 Monday 14th August Churchyard tidy up 10 till 12
 Sunday 20th August 10am Mattins
 Sunday 27th August 9.30 Holy Communion
 Saturday 2nd September Village Café Village Hall 10 till 12
 Sunday 3rd September 9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden
 6pm Evensong
 Tuesday 5th September Culworth Circular walk from The Green 10am
 Saturday 9th September Ride and Stride
 Sunday 10th September 11am Harvest Festival
 Tuesday 12th September Coffee and Chat Village Hall 10 till 12
 Thursday 14th September Film Night Village Hall, film to be decided
 Friday 15th September - Dahlia growing, details on From Garden to Vase website
 Sunday 17th September 10 am Mattins
 Sunday 24th September 9.30 Holy Communion
 Thursday 12th October Film Night Village Hall film to be decided
 Sunday 15th October - Sweet Pea sowing, details on From Garden to Vase website

Harvest Festival

Culworth Church

Sunday 8th October

11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Harvest nibbles afterwards!



Culworth Parish Council News

Now that our community park is finally open, we would like everyone to enjoy using the wonderful play and gym equipment. Can all users please be aware that dogs are only allowed on the field to use the footpath that runs from the Banbury Lane entrance across to the stile, and must be kept on a lead at all times. It goes without saying that any dog mess should be picked up immediately. There is a special dog poo bin at the Banbury Lane entrance.

Would all users please also be aware of our neighbours and leave the park when it gets dark. There is a rubbish bin, or you can take your picnic debris home.

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.

The Parish Clerk has a village network list of emails. Everyone on the list is sent information such as What's On, missing dogs, break-ins, etc. - in fact anything to do with village life.

If you would like to be included, please email clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Whilst the Parish Council fund the publication of the newsletter, the views expressed in it may not be those of the Parish Council. The editor reserves the right to make adjustments to the text and formatting for readability.

Please send items for the next newsletter to clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or michelle.koster@btinternet.com

Copy dates are:

22nd September for October/November

24th November for December/January

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 Benefice Services - August/September 2023

6th August

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

6p.m. Evensong Culworth

13th August

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11.00 Family Service Culworth

20th August

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Culworth

11.00 Family Service Chipping Warden

27th August

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

11.00 Matins Edgcote

6p.m. Evensong Moreton Pinkney

September

3rd September

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden

6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

10th September

9.30 Harvest Festival Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11.00. Family Service Culworth

17th September

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Culworth

11.00 Family Service Chipping Warden

24th September

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

11.00. Mattins Chipping Warden

11.00. Holy Communion Harvest Festival Edgcote

October

1st October

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote

4pm Harvest Festival Moreton Pinkney

6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

8th October

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

11.00 Harvest Festival Culworth

15th October

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Mattins Culworth

11.00 Family Service Moreton Pinkney

22nd October

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

11.00 Mattins Edgcote

6p.m. Evensong Moreton Pinkney

29th October

Benefice Holy Communion Culworth



FORGE COFFEE

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.

For all our events, check our website:
<https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on> or
follow us on Instagram (@forge_coffee) or on
Facebook
(<https://www.facebook.com/forgecoffeeshop>)

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