

Culworth Newsletter

April & May 2023

Coronation of King Charles III

Saturday 6th May - Sunday 7th May – Monday 8th May



Our plans for our community as part of the nationwide celebrations

The Coronation in Westminster Abbey on Saturday morning will be televised worldwide

In Culworth

Flags and bunting around the village and the return of the popular scarecrow competition

Saturday Evening from 5pm

Village [Silly] Games, Party and
BBQ on the Hill Field

To include the Grand Opening of
the refurbished Cricket Pavilion
with a Licenced Bar for the
evening
Burgers and Bangers on the
Barbecue

All welcome

Sunday 11am

Celebratory Service in St Mary's
Church

12.30 for 1pm

Traditional Community Street
Party - Sunday Lunch on the
Village Green

Bring your own food, drink and
friends

BBQs available

All welcome

Monday 8th - Bank Holiday

Community Volunteering Day at the request of the King - Plans to be advised

Parish Council News

A quarter of a million invested in our community!

The Council is delighted to have been able to authorise the signing of contracts to build the much-wanted Community play and exercise facility on the Hill Field, due to be constructed in the next few months. Along with Phase 1 of the Hill Field project, which is nearing completion and within budget, this brings the investment in the Hill Field on behalf of the community to around £250k over the last year. This investment has been funded by Sport England and HS2 with match-funding from the Village Hall Trust, the Cricket Club and the Parish Council. The work has been delivered by the Culworth Hill Field Trust and Activate Culworth working in partnership with the Parish Council and shows what can be achieved when a community works positively together.

Retirement of our Parish Clerk Mrs Jose Rowling

The Council owes a deep debt of gratitude to Jose for her many years of service to this community. She retires at the end of March and is absolutely adamant that she wants no fuss to mark the event. She might not want any fuss, but it is apparent that many of us do and are not inclined to let her get away with it. Something will happen and it may need to take her by surprise!



Our new Parish Clerk Mrs Rebecca Boasman



With great pleasure we welcome Rebecca as our new Parish Clerk. Rebecca will be known to many as the recently retired School Secretary. The Councillors look forward to working with her and we are sure that the whole community will wish her well and offer her their support in this key role in the village.

Newsletter Editor



Sadly, our Newsletter Editor Kate Smith has resigned, and we need a new volunteer. We are very grateful to Kate for what she has done and are very sorry to lose her. The role involves a few hours putting together the submitted material every two months. The newsletter is an important part of village life and a valuable way for someone to make a much-appreciated contribution to the community. If you are able to consider taking on this task, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information. If no volunteer is forthcoming, we may have to resort to the Press Gang. [Ha-ha! A rotten pun in there somewhere!] P.S: Dress style optional.

Culworth Community Park



This past month has evidenced our community's commitment and support in offering generous financial donations towards the project. Activate Culworth Community Group launched its Crowdfunding Campaign on 28th February - and at the time of writing we have raised £3,651 from 48 donors, exceeding our £3500 goal. Donations came both from residents of Culworth and the surrounding villages who will also enjoy the new facilities - and this should also benefit our local businesses. The crowdfunding page remained open until 28th March 2023.

A quiz night took place at Forge Coffee on 11th March raising £45 in ticket sales towards the project with a raffle running alongside which has already sold over 80 tickets worth approximately £200 (to be confirmed). Culworth Bingo night is being held at the village hall on Saturday 1st April. All places were reserved ahead of the evening; we estimate funds raised being in the region of £300-£500. On Tuesday 14th March Maddy and Karen met with the Culworth School CPSE to update them with the progress of the project. Maddy met with members of the Cricket Club at Forge Coffee on Saturday 18th March to listen to their feedback on the project.

We are extremely grateful to the Parish Council for their ongoing support and guidance. They continue to push this Community Park Project forwards and are currently in communication with the selected company Kompan around final contract details.

The sooner this community park is installed the better; all residents and visitors to Culworth will benefit.

Karen Mullins-Blyth, Maddy Green, Cllr Michelle Koster

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 10am from The Green.

There were 7 of us on the first walk in March. Dogs are welcome as long as they can get over the stiles. The next walks are on 4th April and 2nd May.

Vehicles for Ukraine

Last summer I made two trips into Ukraine delivering aid and then in December we took a four-wheel drive ambulance to a volunteer Norwegian medic in Kiev, then another vehicle to soldiers in Zaporizhzhia, not far from the front line. That Norwegian medic has since been badly wounded but is now back in action on the front line. What courage.

This experience of seeing a country and a people at war made me want to deliver a message to my friends and contacts. That message was simple. They could help Ukraine in many ways, including of course donations and aid, but also by supplying vehicles for the military and the front-line medics. This war is being fought by extraordinary soldiers who are short of equipment, and they use converted civilian vehicles every day. The life of these vehicles is short as their use is intensive and in terrible conditions.

My friends responded superbly to my appeal by donating money or vehicles. In January we took nine vehicles to Lviv in Ukraine in two convoys. Thanks to Jeremy at Culworth Garage for last-minute help.

My involvement in this has been due to the efforts of a remarkable young man, Fynn Watt, from Deddington, and his father Angus, who runs a car restoration business at Greatworth Park. Together they select suitable vehicles, organise the convoys and ensure they end up in the right place and in the right hands in Ukraine.

We are now putting together another convoy to go in April. If anyone in Culworth would like to support our activities in any way, please get in touch.



Stuart Rolt

Srolt@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Policing



Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert for updates from Northamptonshire Police and find out what's happening where you live and work.

Receive alerts and information from Northamptonshire Police and partners by email and stay updated about what's going on in your area.

- Police news and events
- Information about crime and anti-social behaviour
- Crime prevention advice

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

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

Brackley Team Email: NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

Twitter: @SthNorthantsNPT

Neighbourhood Alert register at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

SPRINGing into action - Whether you join us at an event, sign up to be a volunteer or shop with us – your support makes a difference! Without the generosity of our wonderful community, we couldn't keep caring for local people when they need us the most. Thank you!

Get ready to MOVIE - Our Fundraising Team is busy getting ready for the Moonlight Walk on Saturday 20 May. This year, we're going to the movies – and it's going to be spectacular. Get the date in your diary and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available on our website now. www.khh.org.uk/moonlight

Remembering a loved one - Roses are selling quickly for our new Rose to Remember event this June! You can remember a loved one by purchasing a hand-crafted metal rose as a tribute to the life and memory of someone special. These roses will then form part of a stunning temporary installation hosted by our friends at Sulgrave Manor, before people take them home to keep. We have a limited number of roses available, so find out more and order yours here: www.khh.org.uk/rose-remember.

The sky's the limit! - Experience the thrill of free-falling through the clouds from 13,000ft and help raise money for our hospice. But don't take our word for it, here's what Helen Fletcher, our Senior Community Nurse, said after taking on a skydive for us. "Just do it! I can't say loudly enough just how fantastic and exhilarating the whole experience was. I'd do it again in a heartbeat – not only for me, but for the hospice too." www.khh.org.uk/skydive

Having a spring clean? - If you're having a clear out and have good quality clothes that need a new home, how about donating them to one of our six charity shops across the area? Rather than throwing out your pre-loved unwanted items, donating to a charity shop is more sustainable and helps raise money for our hospice. Find the details for all our charity shops here: www.khh.org.uk/retail.

Open Gardens return - We have six dates for our Open Garden scheme running throughout the spring and summer! A huge thank you to all our green-fingered supporters who are opening their gardens to help raise money for our hospice. If you're looking for some fun family days out in the months ahead, then take a look at our Open Gardens page to find out more. www.khh.org.uk/gardens

A DRIVE for volunteers - Our Living Well service is desperate for volunteer drivers to transport patients to and from the hospice. Many patients are currently unable to attend the wellbeing services available to them because they can't get to the hospice. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to give up some time to pick up and drop off patients, particularly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, please contact volunteering@khh.org.uk.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice - Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. www.khh.org.uk/newsletter

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. We have regular photoshoot trips, recently to RSPB Otmoor and a local bus museum (scene of the photo on the left on the theme of Red).

On **Wednesday May 17th** at Forge Coffee starting at 19.30hrs, Culworth Snappers Camera Club will be hosting an evening with Bob Brind-Surch, a professional wildlife photographer. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the evening. This is a limited ticket only event with tickets costing £10.00 per person.

For tickets or information contact johnemmett5@gmail.com or margaretwatts59@gmail.com.

Our next meetings are on Thursday 27 April and Monday 15 May.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Byfield Tennis Club will be holding an **open afternoon** on April 29th 2023 from 2pm

Calling all residents of Byfield and the surrounding villages –

If you are interested in joining your local tennis club you are invited to come along to meet club members, have a knock, talk about tennis opportunities, and see what we have on offer. We are actively looking for new members of all standards from social to team level players.

Contact: info@byfieldtennis.co.uk

Website: www.byfieldtennis.co.uk

News from St Mary's Church



We are still in an interregnum. The service pattern is currently as follows below.

Please note the Family Service will now start at 10am to conform with all the other morning services.

1st Sunday of the month 10am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the month 10am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10am Mattins

4th Sunday 6pm Evensong

5th Sunday Benefice Communion

For baptisms, weddings and funerals during the interregnum please contact Father Matthew Robinson from Kings Sutton and Newbottle, our Rural Dean. (fathermatthew.r@icloud.com. or 01295 811364.)

Easter services

Good Friday 11am Informal service of readings and prayers for Good Friday led by Gerald Cadogan.

Easter Day 11am Holy Communion led by Bishop Ed Condry

Parochial Church Council

The AGM of the PCC will be held at 2pm on Monday, 17th April. We really do need a few more people to join the PCC. You do not have to be regular church goer to become a member, just someone who wants to see Culworth Church survive and the building protected for the next generation. Culworth church belongs to the people who live and worship in Culworth. Without some support it may not be here in a few years' time. We meet about 3 or 4 times in the year. If you would like to become a member of the PCC but can't make the meeting please let Martin or Jenny know.

Spring Clean

Every year we have a Church Spring Clean to welcome Easter. This year the Spring Clean will take place on Monday 3rd April between 10 and 12. If you've got a spare hour please come and help us clean the church. Dusters and polish provided or bring your own! We will start about 10.00.

If you would like to help but can't come on that Monday, or feel you would rather do something on your own, there is a list of jobs to do on the table inside the church. Anyone at any time is very welcome. Any more info please ring Jenny (01295 768110)

Help Needed

Our church and churchyard relies on volunteers to keep it clean and 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 cleaning and/or churchyard mowing we would be most grateful. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me.

It was intended to have a working party to give the churchyard its first tidy up and cut of the year on 3rd April. However the primroses seem to be rather late in coming out so we will postpone this until after Easter – sometime in the week beginning 10th April. If you can help, please let me know when you could do something. Thanks.

Lent Lunches

We had 2 Lent lunches this year. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to provide soups and puds and to help.

£240 was raised and sent to Water Aid.

We hope everyone who came enjoyed their lunches.



Village Café

Every First Saturday of the Month 10 till 12

Culworth Village Hall

Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Donations welcome for the Village Hall and Culworth Church

Get to know others from the village

Culworth Benefice Services

April/May 2023

2nd April Palm Sunday

10.00 Holy Communion Culworth (E.C.)

10.00 Palm Sunday service (with donkey)
Chipping Warden

7th April Good Friday

11.00 Service of prayer and reflection Culworth

18.00 Moreton Pinkney Fiori Musicali perform
Allegri's Miserere (Tickets online from Fiori
Musicali)

9th April Easter Day

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (E.C.)

10.00 Holy Communion Chipping Warden (P.B)

11.00 Holy Communion Culworth (E.C.)

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (J.D.)

16th April

10.00 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (C.P.)

10.00 Mattins Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

23rd April

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (C.P.)

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

10.00 Family Service Chipping Warden

4.00pm. Evensong followed by Annual Meeting
Moreton Pinkney

6.00pm. Evensong Culworth

30th April

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
(TBC)

May

6th May Coronation

7th May

11.00 **Coronation Celebration services** at
Culworth, Moreton Pinkney and Chipping Warden

14th May

10.00 Holy Communion Chipping Warden (C.P.)

9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney

10.00. Family Service Culworth

21st May

10.00 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (C.P)

10.00 Mattins Culworth

10.00 Mattins Chipping Warden

28th May

9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney

11.00 Holy Communion Edgcote (C.P.)

10.00. Family Service Chipping Warden

6.00pm. Evensong Culworth

June

4th June

10.00. Holy Communion Culworth (P.B.)

(P.B.) - Philip Ball

(E.C.) - Bishop Ed Condry

(C.P.) - Celia Parkes

(J.D.) - John Duncan

Culworth Cricket Club



As I write this, it is a glorious spring day with the sun shining and the birds singing. A perfect day for the start of the cricket season. Unfortunately, I bet that will change by mid-April and we will have snow (it has happened before); but I must remain positive, - it *will* be sunny.

I have been pleasantly surprised that I have already had enquiries by three families wanting to bring their children along for the 2022 season, after having heard good things about the club.

We have organised a spring clean for Saturday 1st April from 9am to 1pm, and training sessions will start on Tuesday 25th April at 6pm.

For the 2022 membership, we have decided to keep the fee at pre-covid levels of £40 for the season. Also, any new juniors to the club will be given a free team shirt. We welcome both boys and girls between the ages of 6-16

years. We have previously run under 9, under 11, under 13 and under 15 teams. We have also been developing an adult team who play friendlies on a Sunday afternoon. So, if you are an adult living in or around Culworth and are interested in playing cricket, please get in touch with the club. We have spare kit that you can use.

Even if you do not have a child of the right age, the club is always looking for people to help as either coaches, to help with ground maintenance, to act as admin support, or become a scorer. It is a hugely satisfying job when you see the smiles on the children's faces, and the good thing is that it is all done generally in the sunshine. If you want some green exercise, why not offer to mow the ground? You get to drive a tractor. Or you could mow the wicket, which gives you a nice walk in the sun.

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

Village Litter Pick

This annual event took place on Saturday 4th March, ably organised by Martin Rowlings as ever. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to help with this worthwhile task. Disappointingly, as well as the usual collection of items thrown from vehicle windows or discarded by walkers who cannot manage the weight of a crisp packet or sweet wrapper once it is empty, there was a large quantity of doggy poo bags. Sadly, Culworth does not have a Doggy Do Fairy to magically dispose of these; it does however have several Dog Litter Bins around the village, clearly marked as such and positioned close to regular dog walking routes. PLEASE make use of them and do not inflict your litter on others.

Obituary

Lynne Gottowik

Lynne was born in 1950 when we lived at Chipping Warden and was seven when we moved to Culworth. She was a pupil at the village school when Mr Knowles was Head and Miss Holloway his assistant. She later attended B.H.S. in Brackley and was nicknamed 'Gus' by her friends.

Lynne became a teacher (a good one, I'm told). At the beginning of her career, she moved to Hamburg. She was a member of staff at an International School there, teaching English to students from many diverse nations. When again she returned to her homeland she taught English as a Foreign Language (E.F.L.) and lived for a time in London, Yorkshire and also in Bournemouth.

Lynne was active in C.N.D. and joined the Greenham Common Women, undergoing with them the taunts and indignities they were subjected to. Her concern for animals found in her a keen supporter of Hillside Animal Sanctuary, The Sidmouth Donkeys, and more locally, Cat charities.

Lynne and her friend Jacqui canvassed this village to assess the need for a bus. This has now been accomplished, but they (and I) were pioneers in this respect although as residents of Bristol, they were not self-serving!

Long years ago, a villager known as "Old Ritchie" (who drove taxis when needed and knew her father Erich), seeing Lynne as a child remarked, "Bye! He'll never be gone while she's here", so his words resonate with me, her Mum, at this time.

Her ashes will, as she wished, join Erich's in Culworth churchyard.

The committal of Lynne's ashes will be accompanied by a celebration of her life, at Culworth Village Hall on Saturday 22nd April at 2pm. All are welcome

Joan Gottowik



"Without the support of Joan and Lynne, Culworth would not have been seen as a priority, but jointly we made it work and regularly filled a bus from Eydon, Culworth and Thorpe."

Nigel - ABILITY Bus

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 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



Music for Mike

St Mary the Virgin Church

Queens Street, Culworth OX17 2AT

7pm Saturday April 22nd 2023

A Concert in Memory of Michael Aveline

Raising Money for Katharine House Hospice

Polyphonica (recorders), Anna Fleming (violin), Sarah Turnock (cello),

Rosemary Robinson (spinnet) and Michelle Koster (recorder)

The programme includes music by
Handel, Fontana, Isabella Leonarda,
Vincenzo Ruffo, Janequin and John Wilbye
and concludes with Bach's Brandenburg Concerto no 4

Tickets £10 adults, no charge for accompanied children,
available from www.khh.org.uk/music-for-mike, or scan the QR code



Culworth Hill Field Trust – Update

Overview: The work to realign the cricket pitch and install new practice nets and carry out repairs to the Cricket Pavilion has been completed. The Phase 1 Works to implement the current planning permission have also been substantially completed.

Phase 1 Works remaining:

- The installation of the bollards in accordance with the planning permission and entrance and exit signs. PC formal approval awaited to proceed with this work.
- The 'Crossovers' are subject to a Section 278 agreement and are currently being designed. The work is to be complete this year.
- The Cricket Club has arranged with a local farmer to remove the pile of subsoil at no cost. There was no provision in the original budget.
- The Cricket Club plan to use the pile of topsoil to level up the outfield. This will be done after the close of the cricket season.

The Parish Council is considering further fencing options around the building line of the new Community and Recreation Facility to help secure the Hill Field from vehicular access. There is no provision in the original budget.

The Parish Council is planning a hedging scheme on the Western and Eastern boundaries of the Hill Field.

Budget: The cost of all the works is expected to be completed, within the original budget of £159k. There are provisional sums in the budget for all of the remaining work above, except where indicated. We will review the latest cost report at our next meeting.

Next Steps: We will now consider all the options available for the new Community and Recreation facility on Hill Field in the context of the current economic and funding outlook and consult with villagers on the plans in due course.

John Duggan Chair Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT)

Culworth Parish Council – Minutes of 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.

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

Dates for your Diary –

(Please see News from St Mary's for details of all church services)

April

Saturday 1st – Culworth Cricket Club, 9am – 1pm Spring Clean

Saturday 1st – Village Café, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall – All Welcome

Saturday 1st – Bingo Night, 6.30pm in the Village Hall, in aid of the Community Park

Monday 3rd – Church Spring Clean 10am – 12noon

Tuesday 4th – Culworth Circular Walk, meet at 10am on The Green

Tuesday 11th – Coffee & Chat, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall – All Welcome

Monday 17th – St Mary's Parochial Church Council AGM, 2pm

Friday 21st – Film Night – 6.45pm in the Village Hall. The Lost King starring Sally Hawkins

Saturday 22nd – Lynne Gottowik – 2pm Ashes Committal & Celebration of her life, Village Hall

Saturday 22nd – Music for Mike Concert – 7pm, St Mary's Church in aid of Katharine House

Thursday 27th – Culworth Snappers Club Night, 7.30pm, Forge Coffee

Saturday 29th – Village Café and Plant Bring & Buy, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall

May

Tuesday 2nd – Culworth Circular Walk, meet at 10am on The Green

Saturday 6th – Monday 8th - Coronation Weekend – look out for more details of Culworth events

Sunday 7th – Coronation Celebration Service at 11am in St Mary's Church

Tuesday 9th – Coffee & Chat, 10am – 12noon in the Village Hall – All Welcome

Monday 15th – Culworth Snappers Club Night, 7.30pm, Forge Coffee

Wednesday 17th – Talk by Bob Brind-Surch, wildlife photographer, Forge Coffee 7.30pm

Friday 19th – Film Night – 6.45pm in the Village Hall, film to be confirmed.

Minutes of the Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Those present: Julie Tinn (JT)-Chairperson, Mark Izzett (MI)-Treasurer, Sarah Powell (SP)-Secretary, Margaret Watts (MW), Martin Rowling (MR), John Emmett (JE), Kirsty Hawkins (KH), John Mullins-Blyth (JMB) & Charlie Timmins (CT).

JT welcomed Darryl Timmins (DT) & Catherine Ruffley (CR) to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: There were none.

Minutes of the last meetings: These were signed as a true & correct record.

Matters Arising: Window blackouts- JMB has painted the windows, but they need one more coat.

Reported conflict of Interest: JT is on the Culworth Hill Field Trust and SP is representing the cricket club.

Co-option of new committee members: Catherine Ruffley was proposed by JMB and seconded by KH. Darryl Timmins was proposed by MW and seconded by JMB. The whole committee was in favour.

Chairman's Report: JT reported that we have a new regular user who is teaching sign language on a Monday evening.

The last film saw 40 people enjoying Mrs Harris goes to Paris. The Red Lion did the food. The next film night is February 17th and we will be showing Top Gun: Maverick.

JT said that the latest report from the CHFT committee has been published in the newsletter. JMB said there are ongoing discussions about how to secure the entrance and exit of the cricket field. JE would like our concerns passed on to the CHFT.

Treasurer's Report:

22nd November 2022 to 23rd January 2023

Current funds totalling £29,478.24 are held as follows:

National Savings Account	£25,303.56
Santander Current Account	£4,108.76
Petty Cash	£65.92

Hiring income since last meeting

Film Nights (2)	£412.00 (net after expenses paid)
Hire of hall	£277.00
Hire of tables	£20.00

Standard outgoings since last meeting

Insurance	£124.56
Electricity	£Nil
Water	£30.38
Cleaner	£100.00

The hiring income includes a payment of £117 from Culworth PC for Parish Council meetings in 2021/22.

There is no longer any income from Culworth Snappers but £54 has been received from a new hirer for sign language courses.

MI informed us that the direct debit for the electricity hasn't been taken for 2 months.

MI now keeps the petty cash.

Business: Booking Clerk

Darryl Timmins has agreed to take over this role from June Oxley. He explained that all bookings are now available for any committee member to view online. MW will act as deputy booking clerk when DT is unavailable.

JT suggested that perhaps we ought to have our own hall website where all documentation could be viewed. JMB will ask for a quote for creating a website.

Whether a key safe was required was discussed and the general consensus was no as the code would need changing too regularly. Regular users have their own key but we need to make a list of who else has one.

MI is looking into online banking which would make everything easier for bookings.

Policies/H & S/Risk Assessment - We had a look at these and a few things still need altering/updating.

Lights & Heaters - JMB suggested looking into changing the tube lights and electric ceiling heaters to something more economical. He will get a quote.

Bingo - JMB is hoping to run another bingo evening and after some discussion the committee felt a good date would be April 1st.

Building and renewals: As part of the H & S policy we need to lock away cleaning liquids. JMB will put a lock on one of the kitchen cupboards for this purpose.

Any other business: DT asked about the capacity of the hall. It can hold 100 standing and 80 seated.

JMB mentioned that there will be a defibrillator training course soon, in the hall, with a maximum of 26 people. Donations for this event will go the air ambulance.

JT said that the bins will need to be put out weekly. DT & JMB offered to do this between them.

Tom Fields family have given the hall a donation. JT will write & thank them.

We have a form to fill in requiring information about the hall and set up in preparation for elections.

As June Oxley is no longer on the committee her signature will need removing from the bank. Currently the other signatories are MI and JT. MI suggested that SP be added but that will be discussed at the next meeting.

JMB reported that the new community park has been approved and they have received a grant from HS2 and a donation from the parish council. They still have a little bit more to raise and so there will be some fundraising events being held soon.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th March 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Please send items for the next newsletter to culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com or culworth.newsletter@gmail.com

Copy dates are:

19th May for June/July

21st July for August/September

22nd September for October/November

24th November for December/January



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>)

Mumfords Butchers

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fresh meats and fruit and veg delivered to your door



Do you have a local business? Please tell us about it via the village newsletter.