

Culworth Newsletter

June & July 2022



Platinum Jubilee edition

This year the Queen will be celebrating seventy years on the throne giving the village a reason to celebrate with different fun-filled events across four days.

We seem to have had a weekend of celebration that exceeded our cautious expectations. Many people were involved and the danger of this email is that it will miss a few that ought to be thanked! Could you therefore pass on this note of thanks to any that contributed and are not included here.

It is estimated that there may have been 200 watching the Beacon. There were about 100 in church and at least that number if not more at the party afterwards. The competitions were very well supported and the Street Party had an estimated 150 or more despite the weather. Our thanks to the "Green Team" for making it a success. The feedback has been excellent!

There is clearly an enthusiasm in the community for more to happen in the future and after a brief recovery period we must turn our minds to future activities!



My thanks to you all for being such a supportive team and making it happen.

Best wishes

Andrew

HM the QUEEN ELIZABETH PLATINUM JUBILEE 2-5TH JUNE 2022

Culworth Parish Council delegated the celebrations to a team led by Chairman Andrew Wilby.

Every resident was delivered an envelope containing the planned celebrations around Easter time to give residents good notice to participate. In it were invitations to the special events. A further booklet was delivered just fortnight before detailing each days events.

From Thursday onwards there was a flower festival in church with just anyone bringing a jar of flowers. It was glorious

There were old photos taken by the late Stan Bailey, an avid photographer recording events in Culworth, photographs of every house for the Golden Jubilee taken by George Cole. The archaeological dig, opening of the new Burial Ground, the refurbishment of the Church let alone the History of the Women's Institute as Her Majesty is President of Sandringham WI. Martin Rowling had worked out a timeline for the church. A team has started to put together a timeline of the village. Rosy's special handwriting enhances the work. The last two remain in the church for some while along with the photographs of the village today taken by Culworth Snappers. Please do add to the Timeline by putting your items on paper left on the church table.

Thursday 2nd June from about 9.15pm, a skilled band of bellringers from Towcester welcomed the start before the Bonfire was lit in full view of the Cricket Field. Thanks to Vernon and Lizzie Phipps, Stuart Rolt, Andrew Field and David Smith, a large number of residents welcomed the lighting of the bonfire about 9.45pm. In the beautiful night sky the bonfire provided the Culworth Snappers the opportunity for some good photos.

Friday 3rd June The Civic Service was held at 6pm in St Mary's Church. The Towcester and local bellringers welcomed everyone to the service which was led by Rev Mike Cheshier with Jenny Howse at the organ in the presence of Rupert Fordham Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, and Dr Nicola Trott, members of the Parish Council, the Village Hall Trust, Culworth Cricket Club and residents making around 80 in the congregation. Gerald Cadogan, Churchwarden Emeritus read the Proclamation. The Rector's well received sermon spoke of the Queen's loyal and devoted service to the country through all the ups and downs in life.

The collection for the New Community Building amounted to £320.60.

The whole village was invited to Forge Coffee for wine and canapes hosted by the Parish Council, Village Hall Trust, Culworth Cricket Club and the Parochial Church Council. During the evening, Andrew Wilby, Chair of Parish Council proposed the Loyal Toast to HM The Queen.

Saturday 4th June saw the scarecrow judges Jonathan Ruffley and scarecrow Martin Rowling touring the village enjoying the 25 very professional scarecrows. Many residents too enjoyed them

Debbie Rolt and Mary Gribbin had a formidable task of judging the 29 gardens in the various categories. More of that separately. Many thanks for their time and thoughtfulness.

Jubilee cake competition was held in the Village Hall. Judges Catherine Ruffley and Kate Smith found judging 17 entries from young and old quite a tough task.

Sunday 5th June from 9am, the Green Party with trailers gathered Gazebos, tables chairs, benches and BBQ's to make the street party happen. With the road closure, it enabled the party to be held on the tarmac. In spite of inclement weather, from 12.30 onwards around 200 people gathered to enjoy their picnics with neighbours and friends. The Jubilee cakes were shared around. It was an historic occasion. Included among the residents were Lord Wilson of Culworth and his wife, our 100 year old and our 94 year old resident. Our oldest resident of 105 years was given some flowers. The Loyal Toast was given by Andrew Wilby. This was followed by the prizegiving for the scarecrows, cakes and gardens. Music of 1950's was provided by Simon Martin, BBQs by Probets. It was a remarkably happy occasion. Thank you to all the Green team for their hard work in preparation and clearing up and to all the residents who joined in the fun.

So ends the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for Culworth until

Tree planting will take place in November.



Jubilee Scarecrows 2022

The scarecrow judges Jonathan Ruffley and Martin Rowling- himself as a scarecrow, had a difficult time. The 25 scarecrows were all of a high standard giving much pleasure to us all. Thank you to all the scarecrow builders for taking the time and trouble to make this Platinum Jubilee extra special.



To name the scarecrows, there was Scarequeen, Agatha jumping out of the hedge ,Henry overindulged in wine, Charles Le Cluk, Flora, Lazy, de Pfeffel, Bobby, Harry Potter, Allium Titchmarsh, Queen Elsa, Ol Man Collett, `Jubilee Jim and Jenny, George'Crow' Michael, Old Sally on the pull, Sasha, Chef, outside court, Corn Dolly Parton, Captain Gummage, Pearl, Miss Amelia and Miss Abigail, Tom, Geraldine the gardener and an escaped animal.

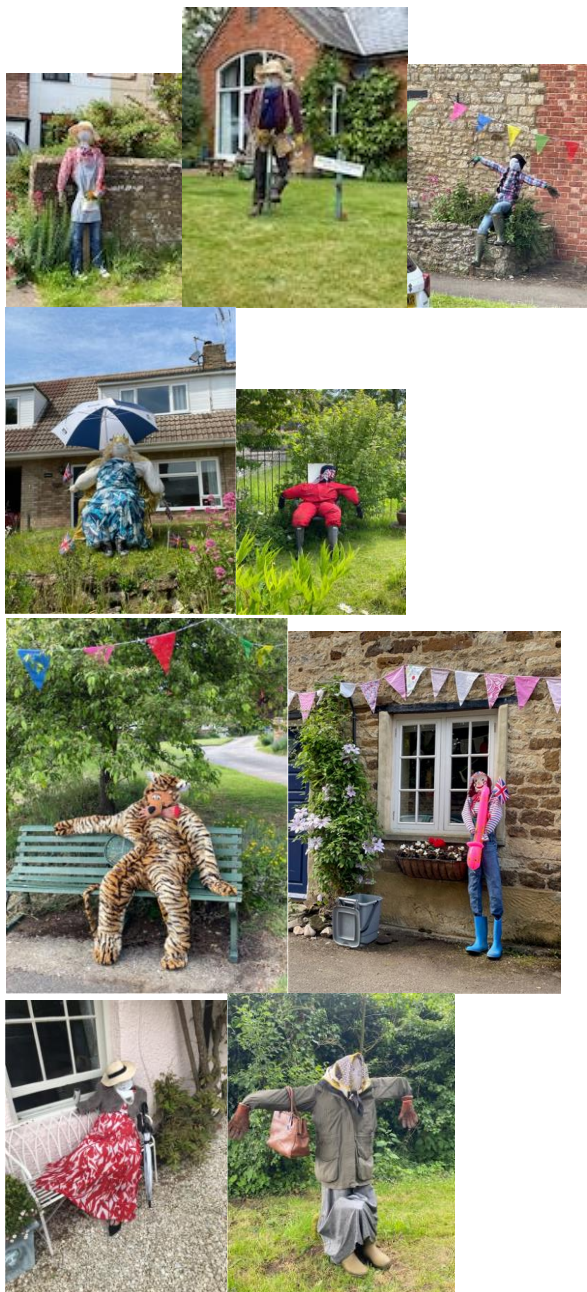
In view of the high standard, there was no outright winner but 9 particularly caught the judges eye

Harry Potter, CornDolly Parton, Allium Titchmarsh,
Ol Farmer Collett, Pearl the mermaid,
George(Crow) Michael, Miss Amelia and Miss
Abigail, Jubilee Jim and Jenny and de Pffeffel.

The judges loved the eight childrens entries some of which some are in the nine.

Certificates and small prizes were awarded to every entry





Edward and Ginny Thompson most imaginative garden with beautiful tubs to shady glade and on to rock garden

John and Barbara Leadbeater. Best plantsman's garden with beautiful annuals grown from seed
Sally Mumford Best Escapist Garden

Platinum Jubilee Cakes



As part of our village Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we hosted a cake competition, pleased to report we had numerous entries within all age groups. A big thank you to all participants, there were some fantastic creations on display in the village hall when we came to judge them. We can boast some very talented bakers here in Culworth, maybe we'll see one of you on the Great British Bake Off!

Kate and Catherine had the impossible task of judging, it really was too close to call so the judges decided to award prizes to each and every one that entered, no wooden spoons for anyone!

As you can see from the pictures the scarecrow making, cake baking competition, torch lighting and lunch on the green many of us got in the spirit of the weekend, how nice to see so many people out and about after the last two years. Being blessed with nice weather (for the most part) was an added bonus.

Here's to many more events within our lovely village helping to connect our community here in Culworth.

Culworth Cricket Club

Culworth Cricket Club June Newsletter

We are now half way through our season. We are having a good number of children turn out to Tuesday training sessions. There have been a number of new children join the club, and we have a strong group of Under 11s and Under 9s.

Gardens

Thank you to all who entered their gardens, what a beautiful selection as always making in a very difficult decision.

Ann Crawford. For an Artistic Haven

Susie Cubitt. Most Innovative evolving garden and a Flower Arrangers Paradise

Pam Duggin. Exceptional Landscaping and planting with wonderful use of a 'borrowed' view

Diana Cliff. Outstanding garden of character with clever co-ordinated planting

Olivia Lewis. Best front garden with beautifully co-ordinated coloured tubs and a fine esplanade

Patricia Ruck Keene Best mature Garden with immaculate mown lawn and edging

Nancy Guinness. Exceptional garden with new planting around a stunning view

The Under 11s have been playing league matches since the beginning of May on a Sunday morning, and they have been improving week on week. The Under 9s hopefully have a tournament coming up soon.

We have had one match for the Culworth Casuals adult friendly team. This was a narrow loss against Eydon. We have a match against Marston St Lawrence, another against Bicester Hunt and a return fixture against Eydon planned.

Robert MacKenzie our President is hosting a fundraising party for the Phase 1 of the Culworth Hill Field Trust Building project at the end of June.

Continued thanks must go to the parents who help me keep the ground looking tidy, and the Phipps family for supplying the club with diesel to run the tractor. Also to Adrian Kilminster for mending our pavilion door, and Jonathan Ruffley for helping to mend the garage roof after the high winds in March blew a proportion off.

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

Culworth Community Park

Culworth Parish Council and Activate Culworth Community Group have been in regular discussion over the past year to progress this project forwards. Explorations of all potential sites in the village have taken place concluding that the most viable and suitable would be on the Hill Field.

Karen & Maddie have met with Wicksteed Leisure & Playdale to explore potential designs which blend in with the surrounding area. Here is an example of what types of equipment could be selected depending on space available.



HS2 funding application is now in progress but not yet secured. We will keep you updated on any developments going forwards

Activate Culworth Community Group

CULWORTH CHURCH LIBRARY BOOK SALE

We have a surplus of books which cannot be accommodated within the church library. You will find these books stacked in the corner to your left as you enter the church.

Open for browsing 7 days a week for the next week or so after which they will be removed.

There are cookery, history, biographies, wildlife, gardening, and other non fiction interest books. Many of them are hardback and in great condition. There are also ex church library paperbacks.

A donation in the Church Expenses box will be appreciated.

Culworth Snappers Camera Club



There is an exhibition of photographs of Culworth taken by the members in the village church, please go along and take a look.

The next club night is on Monday 20th June 19.30hrs Culworth village hall, when we will be viewing members' photographs on the subject of "Old". New members are welcome, especially beginners.

Further club nights are on Thursday 21st July and Monday 15th August, there is a photoshoot at the canal at Cropredy planned for July.

For further information contact John 07867918960

Flower Workshop



Saturday 6th August 2022

9.30am - midday

£45 per person

**Join Suzy in her cutting garden to
celebrate the Flower Farmer's**

Big Weekend.

Come and Pick Your Own summer flowers and learn how to create a hand tied bouquet.

There will be an informal chat about how Suzy grows the flowers, why British Flowers are here to stay and how to cut and condition fresh flowers. She will show you round the garden and its interesting buildings, you'll cut some fresh flowers before Suzy demonstrates how to make a garden fresh bouquet. Then it will be your turn to have a go, taking home your creation to enjoy.

Refreshments will be available including homemade cake!

Spaces are limited to book contact Suzy on
fromgardenovase@icloud.com



There are so many ways to support our hospice throughout the spring and into summer. Whether it's signing up for our Moonlight Walk, taking on one of our challenge events or enjoying a gentle stroll at one of the Open Gardens – there's something for everyone. Our community events help raise vital funds for our hospice, and we couldn't keep providing specialist care without the support of local people and businesses. Thank you!

The countdown in on...

There's not long to go until our biggest fundraising event of the year. Join us on Saturday 16 July for the Moonlight Walk! Whether you're walking in memory of a loved one or just want to support our hospice, we'd love to see you there. This year, we're going back to the 80s – and it's going to be spectacular. Get some friends together, dig out your shell suit and sign up now. khh.org.uk/moonlight

Calling all runners

We have a range of running events coming up later this year that are not to be missed. Help us to raise money for our hospice and sign up today.

- The Big Half – Have a taster of the official London Marathon race route on 4 Sep
- Chicken Run – We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club for a 10k run on 18 Sep
- Oxford Half – Join us for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks on 16 Oct

We'll be there to support you every step of the way. For more details and to sign up to any of the above events, visit khh.org.uk/challenge

Going swimmingly

We're excited to have secured four places for the Swim Serpentine event again this year. The one-day open water swimming event is taking place on 17 September in the beautiful setting of Hyde Park. Sign up for the

half-mile or one-mile swim for Katharine House and join around 6,000 others taking part in the event this year. Don't miss out – find out more here: khh.org.uk/challenge

Gardens galore

Our Open Garden events are already under way and off to a great start. We wanted to grow our Open Garden scheme this year, and our supporters did not let us down. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. khh.org.uk/gardens

The Rose

Our supporter magazine has had a shiny new makeover! As well as a new name – The Rose – we've given it a fresher look, which we hope you'll love. Each spring and autumn we publish The Rose magazine to say thank you to our supporters and to keep you up to date with what's happening at Katharine House. You can download the latest issue here: khh.org.uk/rose

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: khh.org.uk.

News from St Mary's

Well, there is at least one thing I share with the Queen – we both share our Platinum Jubilee this year; the spring of 1952 saw the beginning of her reign and the beginning of my life – but that's probably where the comparison ends! But what that means is that she has always been there, and that's probably one reason why, apart from the occasional royal scandal or wedding, I pretty much took her for granted. It's easy to overlook her qualities, as a both a leader and as a person. And though the Netflix series 'The Crown' probably did most of the royals no favours, on balance I don't think it did the Queen any harm; whilst leaked criticisms about it, such as Charles' description of it as 'sinister and sophisticated propaganda', the Queen came through in a clearer light. The portrayal of her wasn't always flattering, but it was honest enough to show her as a human being who had her personal struggles, who made mistakes, but who has qualities we surely all admire – the inner strength to survive them and to make amends. Public opinion is often cruel and heightened today by the social media platforms and the relentless pursuit of the press; but ultimately, if you have done nothing wrong, you have nothing to fear – and Queen Elizabeth, unlike most of her family, have survived this tempering by fire, and is someone who we can still feel respect and admiration for.

One thing she has had to bear is the resentment that many feel regarding her privileged status and life-style. And yet she did not 'seize' this privilege, and the wealth that came with it; it was placed upon her in an 'accident of birth', and it has been an undoubted two-edged sword; but few can deny how she has sacrificed a more normal life by her amazing commitment to her responsibilities – even at her advanced age. Although she is not, in a political sense, a leader, she has displayed leadership in a way that most, if not all, of our elected leaders during her reign, have not been able to, even for such short terms. She demonstrates that leadership is not about the power to enforce or impose, but the desire, and ability, to lead by example; her life has shown that integrity, genuine commitment, and a desire to serve, rather than be served, is the true mark of a leader.

I look forward to celebrating her Jubilee with you at the various feasts and festivities, and at our Jubilee service in church on Friday 3rd June at 6pm.

Revd Mike.



Please feel free to get in touch any time for any reason: 01295 768626;
m.chesher559@btinternet.com

Culworth Benefice Services June/July 2022

Friday 3rd June 6pm Culworth Jubilee service

5th June Whitsunday

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion and Jubilee Service Chipping Warden
10.15 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney followed at 11.00 Jubilee service
6p.m. Evensong Culworth

12th June Trinity Sunday

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden
9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11 .00 Family Service Culworth
5pm Choral Evensong Edgcote

19th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
10.00 Mattins Culworth
11.00 Pet Service Chipping Warden

26th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth
9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney
10 .00 Mattins Chipping Warden
11 .00 Mattins Edgcote

3rd July 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote
11.00 Pet Service Moreton Pinkney
6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

10th July 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden
9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11.00. Family Service Culworth
5pm Choral Evensong Edgcote

17th July 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
10.00 Mattins Culworth
11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

24th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth
9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney
10.00. Mattins Chipping Warden
11.00. Holy Communion Edgcote

31st July (5th Sunday in the month) 7th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion Culworth

Churchyard

Without our volunteers the beautiful churchyard would look a mess. So thank you to everyone who helps. You don't have to be a regular church goer to help – just be someone who actually takes a pride in their village. There are still a few dates when we would like some volunteers to cut the grass during the Spring and Summer. Mower and petrol supplied. List is on the table in the church. If you are not sure what it involves please see Martin or Jenny.

Culworth Church Library



Welcomes Visitors and Readers

This Fiction-Only Library is well stocked with frequent donations of novels by generous villagers and is free to use, 7 days a week.

This library is open to borrowing for all visitors to this church without any registration and free of any borrowing fee.

There is a notebook nearby in which you can let us know how many books you have borrowed or returned and the date.

Should you want to keep a book it would be lovely if you left a Donation to Church Expenses in the box on the pillar facing you as you entered the church.

There are also jigsaws for borrowing round the corner of the north aisle

Enjoy

Dates for your diary

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

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire
<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants> has

hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

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CHFT PROGRESS BRIEFING NOTE

12th June, 2022

1. With the current economic outlook it is currently proving difficult to raise the funds to build the new Community and Recreation Facility. Realistically, the only way to do this is in phases and continue to do what we can to raise money and pursue potential funding sources over time.

2. It is our intention to start on site with the first phase, in the Autumn of this year, before the expiry of the existing planning permission on 19th December, 2022. Prior to the start of construction of Phase 1 Works, a marked up plan, will be displayed in the church and the Forge Coffee, in accordance with the existing planning permission. Phase 1 Works will consist of the following :

- The establishment of a new entrance;
- Modification of the exiting entrance;
- New gates in the style of the old gate for both the entrance and the exit;
- The establishment of a two-way drive (consolidated hard core);

e. Car parking for the new facility (consolidated hard core).

3. Once Phase 1 works have been completed, we will apply to the planning authority for a 'Certificate of Lawful Development'. Once granted, this will give us confirmation that the existing planning permission has been implemented. If in future, we wish to materially change what we want to build, we will need to submit a new planning application, but the principle of development on this site will be established.

4. Following constructive discussions with SE we amended our original application for funding in order to be eligible for the funds they have available. SE have made and CHFT, have accepted, subject to contract, a grant of £109k to pay for the re-alignment of the cricket wicket, the installation of new cricket nets, interim repairs to the cricket pavilion and a contribution to Phase 1 Works, as per the table below.

SE Funding offer	£k	
Wicket realignment	44	
New practice nets	20	
Interim repairs to the cricket pavilion		10
Contribution to Phase 1 works	25	
Contingency	10	
Total	109	
Match Funding for Phase 1 Works	50	
Total Project Funding Required		159

5. CHFT have secured £35k of the match funding required from the Culworth Parish Council, The Village Hall Trust and the Cricket Club. We have a pending application to West Northhants., for a grant of £15k, which if successful, subject to the outcome of the tender process, have all the funds required to complete the project including Phase 1 Works.

6. SE require CHFT to commence the works asap and to have claimed all the money by 31st December, 2022. CHFT is seeking VAT advice to ensure the best possible outcome.

7. The part of the land (the cricket field, named as Hill Field to respect Mrs Trott's wishes to continue her family's connection with Culworth), on which planning permission for the new Community and Recreation Facility has been granted, was gifted by Mrs Trott for £1, to the PC. It was only "parked" with the PC because the CIO, (Culworth Hill Field Trust) had not been formally constituted at the time of the gift. We have asked the PC to grant us a long leasehold interest or transfer the freehold of this land, as originally intended, so that we can commence Phase 1 Works.

8. The Freehold of the remainder of the land, was owned by Mrs Trott and is now subject to probate. The PC have a Long Leasehold interest over that land(43 years remaining). The PC provides a license to the Cricket Club to use field and the pavilion during the cricket season. The PC have agreed to grant the CHFT a Tenancy at Will, subject to the license granted to the Cricket Club. This will enable CHFT to carry out the necessary works.

9. We have started the procurement and tender process to select contractors to carry out the work. We will if possible, subject to suitability, availability and price, use local contractors.

10. The Phase 1 works will bring real benefits to the Village Hall Trust, the Cricket Club, The church, the school and the village by providing much safer access to Hill Field than the existing access via Banbury Lane and will provide much needed 'off road' parking for events, which will help to relieve traffic congestion.



FORGE COFFEE

With the schools back we've tweaked our hours to cater for the morning drop off so we're now open:

Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm

Saturdays 9am-4pm

Sundays 9am-3pm

Thanks for all your support.

Do let us know if you'd like to use the venue for any events or for parties etc.

Jose has a village network list of emails. She sends any news or information out to all people on that list, including missing dogs, break-ins, 'What's On' etc. etc. in fact anything to do with village life.

If you would like to be included, please email her...

culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

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

Want to know what is happening in the village?

Here are some of the websites that may be helpful

<http://www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/culworth-parish-council-18681/home/#>

Culworth Village website

Culworth Facebook

Culworth Community Facebook

Nextdoor Culworth

Red Lion website and Facebook

Forge Coffee website

Mumfords Butchers

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



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copy dates are:

22nd July for Aug/Sept edition

23rd September for Oct/Nov edition

25th November for Dec/Jan edition

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