

Culworth Newsletter

April & May 2026



16th Annual Culworth Litter Pick – Saturday 7th March

Unfortunately, it appears to be the case that too many people are totally irresponsible with regard to their duty to deposit litter in a bin or take it home. Consequently, the annual litter pick is an important part of attempting to keep the countryside free of rubbish. Some residents may have observed that a few of the roads which receive attention are beyond our parish boundary, but, as far as I am aware, neither Sulgrave nor Moreton Pinkney organise a litter pick. This year there were a total of 22 people helping, which made it possible to include all the road verges which are normally covered.

My thanks to all who took part, especially to the Ruffley family for covering the Chipping Warden road as far as Trafford Bridge, and Charles Buckley and his staff for collecting the bags which totalled 30. Please put **March 6th 2027** in your diary for next years' event, and in the meantime if you see litter please pick it up and dispose of it responsibly.

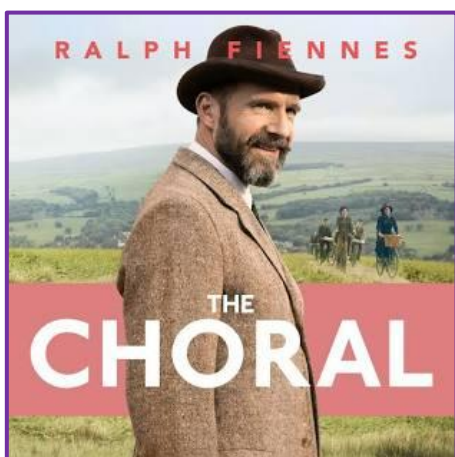
Martin Rowling

Culworth Village Café

There will be a village café on **Saturday 4th April** from 10.30am till 12 in the Village Hall. Refreshments are free but donations are invited towards Village Hall upkeep. The following one will be on **Saturday 2nd May**. Please come along and meet your fellow villagers, and enjoy delicious refreshment.



Village Hall Film Nights



Friday 10th April - Doors open at 6.30pm – We will be showing “The Choral” starring Ralph Fiennes, a British historical drama set in 1916 during World War 1, which follows a choral society who enrol some of the locals for a performance of “The Dream of Gerontius.” Tickets from Julie - 0776 973 0668 - jules.tinn@gmail.com. £15 (to include supper); £7.50 film only.

The May film night will be on Friday 29th May and we will be showing '**Song Sung Blue**' starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson - Based on a true story, when two down-on-their-luck musicians form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams.

Culworth Snappers



The February meeting covered the topic of “After Dark”, while March saw images of “People at Work.” Both produced a wide and imaginative selection of offerings. The photograph on the left is from the topic of “People at Work”, but do check out the Culworth Snappers Facebook page, where a selection of images from our latest subject is regularly updated.

A group of members recently visited Colready Farm and had an enjoyable session photographing their iconic Highland Cattle. The 30th April and 28th May topics are “From Below” and “Empty”, which should be interesting challenges for the Snappers. If you are interested in joining us or just want to come along and see what it's all about, we generally meet at Forge Coffee at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of the month.

News from St Mary's Culworth

Easter 2026

This Easter the service in Culworth will be at 6pm –Evensong. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a priest to take Communion on Easter morning and we have decided to have our Easter service at 6pm.



Other parishes in the benefice will have a communion service should you want to go. Moreton Pinkney 9.30am (Bishop Ed), Chipping Warden 9.30am (Revd Celia Parkes), Edgcote 11am (Revd Celia Parkes).

The pattern of services in Culworth is as follows:

- 1st Sunday 10am Benefice Holy Communion– alternating churches in the benefice
6pm Evensong Culworth
- 2nd Sunday 11am Family Service
- 3rd Sunday 10am Mattins
- 4th Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday 10am Benefice Holy Communion

Church Wardens Martin Rowling – 01295 760571 (josephine.rowling@gmail.com)

Jenny Howse- 01295 768110 (jenny_howse@hotmail.com)

During the interregnum, please contact the church wardens or the Rural Dean for any information on christenings, weddings and funerals etc. Rural Dean; Father Matthew Robinson- 01295 811364 (fathermatthew.r@icloud.com) The Vicarage, Church Avenue, Kings Sutton OX17 3RJ

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year our APCM will be after Evensong on **Sunday 3rd May at about 6.40pm**. It is the PCC's responsibility among other things to maintain the church buildings and 'other assets'.

Help Needed in the Churchyard - Have you noticed the magnificent display of primroses at this time of the year? Please walk through the churchyard and admire them. We try very hard to keep our churchyard not only neat and tidy but a place for flora and fauna. Over the years we have succeeded in producing a wonderful display of Spring flowers. However, church and churchyard do rely on volunteers to keep both 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. The mower is kept at the forge and the areas to be mown are on a map in the porch. Much of the churchyard is left for the flowers to set seed and not cut until late July/early August. Please fill in any times you could help or contact me jenny_howse@hotmail.com, 01295 768110.

Lent Quiz - Thank you to all who came to our Annual Lent Quiz held on 4th March. The money raised was divided between the Village Hall and St Mary's Church.

Lent Lunch

The Lent Lunch this year was held on Tuesday 17th March. Thank you to everyone who came and were very generous with their donations and also those who cooked the soups and puddings. Diana Langdale has sent £180 to Parkinson's UK.

Library

Christine Emmett has done a wonderful job again spring cleaning the books and shelves. Thank you so much. We have also acquired another bookcase to hold the growing number of books. Thanks to Andrew and Penny Field for sourcing it and transporting it to the church. We welcome donations of books, but only ones you think someone would want to read. Please do not just use the church as a dumping ground for old and tatty books that no one wants.

Culworth Benefice Services:

April & May 2026

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day – 9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (EC)
9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden
11am Holy Communion Edgcote
6pm Evensong Culworth

Sunday 12th April - 9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden (GS)
9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11am Family Service Culworth

Sunday 19th April - 10am Mattins Culworth
4pm Evensong Moreton Pinkney followed by Annual Meeting

Sunday 26th April - 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth (CP)
10am Mattins Chipping Warden
11am Mattins Edgcote

Sunday 3rd May – 10am Benefice Holy Communion Culworth (EC)
6pm Evensong Culworth followed by Annual Meeting

Sunday 10th May - 9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden (GS)
9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11am Family Service Culworth

Sunday 17th May - 9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (CP)
10am Mattins Culworth

Sunday 24th May - 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth (CP)
10am Mattins Chipping Warden
11am Holy Communion Edgcote (CP)

Sunday 31st May– 10am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden (CP)

Sunday 7th June - 10am Benefice Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (EC)
6pm Evensong Culworth

Clergy Key

- E.C. – Rt Rev Ed Condry
- G.S. – Rev Greg Shaw
- C.P. – Rev Celia Parkes

News from The Red Lion Culworth

Your Countryside Pub, Barn & Community Hub. Spring is here, and we're excited to welcome you to The Red Lion for great food, drinks, and events in a relaxed countryside setting.



Opening Hours Tuesday – Thursday: 12:00- 21:00

Friday – Saturday: 09:30- 22:30

Sunday: 12:00- 18:00

Monday: Closed

The Barn – Sports & Private Events Our Barn is now open for major sports events, showing all the big games in a lively atmosphere.

✓ Big screen viewing ✓ Drinks & Food available ✓ Perfect for groups

Also available for private hire: Birthdays - Baby showers - Corporate events - Special celebrations

Message us to book your event or ask about packages.

Easter Opening Hours Join us over the Easter weekend:

Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Sunday Roast: Open as usual

Easter Monday: 12:00-18:00 Open for drinks and bar menu.

Follow us for updates, menus, and events: Instagram and Facebook: @theredlionculworth

Bookings & enquiries: 01295 760050 or message us directly on social media

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th April – Village Café 10.30am – 12noon, Village Hall

Sunday 5th April – 6pm Evensong at Culworth

Thursday 9th April – 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall

Friday 10th April – 6.30pm Film Night in Village Hall – “The Choral”

Sunday 12th April – 11am Family Service at Culworth

Tuesday 14th April – Coffee & Chat, 10-12, Village Hall

Sunday 19th April – 10am Mattins at Culworth

Wednesday 22nd April – Red Lion Quiz Night, 7pm

Sunday 26th April – 9.30am Holy Communion at Culworth

Thursday 30th April - 7.30pm, Culworth Snappers at Forge Coffee – “From Below”

Saturday 2nd May – 10.30am – 12noon Village Café at the Village Hall

Sunday 3rd May – 6pm Evensong at Culworth followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 7th May – 7pm Annual Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall

Sunday 10th May – 11am Family Service at Culworth

Tuesday 12th May – 10am – 12noon, Coffee & Chat, Village Hall

Sunday 17th May – 10am Mattins at Culworth

Sunday 24th May – 9.30am Holy Communion at Culworth

Thursday 28th May – 7.30pm Culworth Snappers at Forge Coffee – “Empty”

Sunday 31st May – 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Chipping Warden

Saturday 6th June – Village Café 10.30am – 12noon, Village Hall

Culworth Parish Council

The Parish Clerk, **Peter Coville** can be contacted via clerk@culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk
See below for the list of responsibilities your Councillors have:

| Councillor | Responsibilities |
|-------------------|---|
| Andrew Wilby | Chair, Finance Committee, CHFT Representative |
| Andy Field | Vice-Chair, Finance Committee, Village Maintenance |
| Amy Harrison | Finance Committee, Communications, School Liaison |
| Jose Rowling | Finance Committee, HS2 Representative, Internal Audit |
| Clive Waller | Planning Committee, Hill Field & Facilities Maintenance |
| Rob Stuart | Planning Committee, Footpaths & Trees Maintenance |
| Catherine Ruffley | Community Events & Social |



West Northamptonshire Council has introduced a booking system for its Recycling Centres.

You can book a slot online, or over the phone if you prefer. Bookings can be made up to two weeks in advance or on the day at least 30 minutes before arrival.

Find out more at <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/household-waste-recycling-centres-hwrc>



Neighbourhood Watch

Culworth is now part of the national Neighbourhood Watch network, giving residents the opportunity to work together to keep Culworth safe. By joining, you'll receive regular updates on local crime, be part of a supportive community, and help deter crime through increased awareness.

Neighbourhood Watch is also about looking out for one another and building stronger connections amongst neighbours. You can sign up or contact Amy Harrison (the scheme coordinator) for more information by following this link:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/scheme/182785/culworth-neighbourhood-watch>

West Northamptonshire Council is the single unitary council responsible for providing a range of public services to residents and businesses in the areas of Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire. These services include:

- collection of your household waste
- maintenance of parks and open spaces
- street cleaning
- environmental health
- planning services



WNC also delivers the ex-NCC services of Education, Highways, Adult Social Care and Libraries. Culworth is in Rural South Northamptonshire Ward, represented by Councillor Alison Eastwood. Please contact her for WNC issues on alison.eastwood@westnorthants.gov.uk or 07967867726.

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

These are available on the Culworth Parish Council website (Hover over the link, Press CTRL & click): [Culworth Parish Council](http://www.culworthparishcouncil.co.uk)

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

Whilst the Parish Council funds 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 text and formatting of submissions for readability.

Please send items for the next newsletter to 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 online for:

Culworth Village News & Information
Facebook
Culworth Facebook
Culworth Community Facebook
Nextdoor Culworth
Red Lion website and Facebook
Forge Coffee website



FORGE COFFEE

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

Thanks for all your support.

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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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Forge Culworth – in the garden!

www.paulwhartonartist.com

07768 897390



Pilates Solutions: Julie Russell

Hi everyone - I am a Culworth resident, and I am excited to be returning to Sulgrave Village Hall to teach regular Pilates Classes.

For more information you can visit my website www.pilates-solutions.co.uk

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If you are interested in joining or would like to ask me any questions my mobile number is 07778 673677. Email address julierussell007@gmail.com.

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Free local pass available if you live in Sulgrave, Culworth, Thorpe Mandeville or Stuchbury
Pop in, call 01295760205 or email enquiries@sulgravemanor.org.uk

Proof of address needed, £5 admin fee applies. Does not include free entry to events.

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