

## **Regular events**

**Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall** 10 till 12 (every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month). **Culworth Gang** Contact: Judith Robbins on 07799 846313 for more information.

Parish Council Meeting second Tuesday every other month

Village Hall Committee Meeting

**Circle Dancing** (every 1st Thursday, 2.30-4.30pm). Contact Joan Gottowik on 760737 for more information.

Village Cafe 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month. (30<sup>th</sup> November, see advert later in newsletter) Tai Chi noon every Tuesday Village Hall

## **Other Events**

## **Culworth Snappers**

## **Culworth Snappers Camera Club**

Presents an evening with Professional Photographer Robert Harvey

Robert will be showing his fantastic photographs and talking about

British Wildlife for all Seasons

Culworth Village Hall

Friday 6th March 7.30PM

Tickets are £10.00 per person, and can be obtained from: John Emmett 07867 918960 or johnemmett5@gmail.com

Norman Green 07768230791 or ndgreen184@hotmail.com

Margaret Watts 01295768118 or margaretwatts59@gmail.com

For further information contact John 07867 918960

Culworth Snappers dates for 2020, in the village hall, 7.30pm

Thurs 27 Feb Thurs 26 Mar Thurs 23 Apr Thurs 21 May Thurs 25 June Thurs 23 July Thurs 27 Aug Thurs 24 Sept Thurs 22 Oct Thurs 26 Nov

#### **Culworth Gang**

The Culworth Gang is an informal group for the over 60s. The group has been going for many years and Judith organises interesting talks and events from March to December. For more information ring Judith on 07799 846313.

#### **Brackley and District U3A**

Thursday 20th February 2020 Speaker: Ian Jones MBE Topic: 40 Years Bomb Disposal (Still 10 Fingers)

All monthly meetings are held in the Methodist Church, High Street, Brackley 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Come along and learn about your local U3A <u>www.u3asites.org.uk/brackley</u>



On behalf of The Royal British Legion, I would like to thank everyone in the village that contributed towards the 2019 Poppy Appeal resulting in £845.41 being collected during the two weeks of the appeal. Special thanks go to The Red Lion, Mumfords Butchers, Culworth School and Forge Coffee for hosting collection boxes and to also David Mold for knocking on doors!

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War and the RBL are the country's largest Armed Forces charity, with 235,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners and charities; helping give support wherever and whenever it's needed.

The first ever Poppy Appeal was also held in 1921. The poppies sold out almost immediately and raised over £106,000; a considerable amount at the time. This money was used to help WW1 veterans with employment and housing.

Today the Legion's role is broad; From supporting veterans and their families in debt and emergency situations to providing breaks for service families, it's initiatives provide vital support for the Armed Forces community.

The same support is also available for those who are experiencing multiple challenges such as being out of work, dealing with mental health problems, financial issues and alcohol abuse.

The programme's flagship is the £27m <u>Battle Back</u> <u>Centre at Lilleshall</u> in the West Midlands, which provides sports and adventure activities designed to promote self-confidence and improve motivation to aid recovery.

More information can be found at the website <u>www.britishlegion.org.uk</u> Kind regards

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# **Dog News**

The regular request for owners to pick up dog poo tends to get pushed to the back of this newsletter, but there are so many dog owners in the village, and there have been a number of incidents over the last few months, so it is being given more prominence this time. Reproduced here in full is the Kennel Club Dog Walking Code.

For safe and happy walks with your dog, and to avoid causing problems for others:

1. Ensure your dog is under effective control, which means:

You have a short lead with you and use it when needed (e.g. around livestock, near cliff edges or where signage requests it)

You do not let your dog off the lead unless you keep it in sight and close enough to come back to you on command.

2. Prevent your dog from approaching horse riders, cyclists, or other people and their dogs uninvited.

3. Keep your dog with you on paths or access land and don't let it stray into crops including fields of grass, fruit and vegetables.

4. Never let your dog worry or chase wildlife or livestock. Follow advice on local signs to reduce disturbance to plants and animals.

5. Stay SAFE around farm animals and horses: Stop, look and listen before entering a field; be aware of any animals present

Always keep your dog on a short lead Find the safest route around animals, giving them plenty of space and using paths or access land where possible

Exit the area calmly and quickly if threatened, releasing your dog to make it easier for you both to reach safety. 6. Always bag and bin your dog's poo wherever you are. You can use any public waste bin or your bin at home.

7. Never leave bags of dog poo lying around, even if you intend to pick them up later. Containers and deodorised bags can make them easier to carry. The Dog

8. Ensure your details are on your dog's collar and it is microchipped, so you can be reunited quickly if it is lost.

Walking

9. Keep your dog's vaccinations and worming up to date. Ask your vet for more information.

10. Contact your local authority, or look out for signs, to get more information about what to do and where to go in your area.

This is general advice for dog walkers developed with input from:

Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, Kennel Club, Forestry Commission,

National Farmers' Union, NFU Cymru, Ramblers, Ramblers Cymru, National Trust,

Country Land and Business Association, Hampshire County Council, The British Horse Society and the British Mountaineering Council.

Please follow this guidance, for the wellbeing of all of the residents of Culworth.

As the newsletter was going to press, the media coverage continues to suggest that HS2 will happen, and that it won't. Stuart Rolt attends bi-monthly liaison meetings on behalf of Culworth and reports three items of interest following the last meeting in Towcester.

HS2 will be seeking input and comment on their design for the Lower Thorpe viaduct. They will hold a meeting at Thorpe, where designs will be shown and comments can be made by the public. HS2 architects and designers will be present. They will be in touch with Thorpe and Culworth to advise of a date.

A compound will be built in the field near the Magpie where currently model aircraft are flown. This will have offices for white collar staff. On the same site will be a concrete batching plant.

Speed awareness devices for Culworth should be installed in April.

## **CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Parish Council Election in May**

Can I encourage residents to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council in May. We have just had a vacancy caused by Colin Lamb's departure from the village, and it was very encouraging to have four applicants for his replacement. I hope those who applied will have another go in May, when all positions on the council will be open for election. Being a Parish Councillor is not as time consuming as some people think it is. We meet once every second month, unless there are particular planning issues that need a more urgent response.

If you are interested, there is a formal process that requires applicants to offer themselves by 8th April, and the election will be on May 7th.

Stuart Rolt Chair, Culworth PC

On Thursday May 7th 2020 there will be Parish Council elections which anyone who is on the electoral roll that is over 18 years old or who owns or tenants land within the Parish or whose main work is in the Parish can apply for nomination.

Nomination forms will be available from South Northants Council or via the Clerk to the Parish Council. Each person must be proposed and seconded by persons who are electors of this parish. The nominee must sign the form. The completed forms MUST be returned to South Northants Council at The Forum by a certain date and time. No late nominations are accepted.

The Returning officer for South Northants Council is in charge of the elections. The Polling station, usually the Village Hall is open from 7am to 10pm. Electors can apply for a postal vote if they prefer.

The result of the election may be known the next day. Parish Council meetings are held bimonthly currently on a Tuesday night at 7pm. The meetings last about an hour. Councillors receive an agenda and other papers three clear days before a meeting. There may be need for extra meeting to discuss and submit Parish Council comments on planning applications. The first meeting after the election is the Annual General Meeting when officers are elected for the forthcoming year.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm in Forge Coffee due to long-term booking of Village Hall

- Councillors present: S. Rolt Chair, M. Koster, M. Rowling, N. Guinness, B. Leadbeater, D. Mumford and the Clerk Mrs J. M. Rowling
- 2. No apologies for absence
- 3. OPEN Meeting- members of public can raise any issue with the Parish Council. Please notify the Clerk in advance.
  - a. Culworth House- it is intended as a family home.
- 4. Declarations of interest on agenda items No new declarations. Note Cllr Rowling and Clerk landowners of Forge Coffee only.
- The Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> September 7<sup>th</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed as correct signed and dated by the Chairman. For inclusion in December newsletter
- 6. Clerks notices
  - a. Berry Hill Close account £568 +£113.60VAT=£681.60
  - b. Sulgrave Road sign now erected by SNC.
  - c. Village Directory now completed and distributed to all households. Spare copies available for new residents. Thanks to three Residents who collated and checked all information.
  - d. Street Light outside Ivy House on High Street to be attended to by Aylesbury Mains as non functioning. Quote from Aylesbury Mains New bulb to be requested. Some residents have not removed foliage from street lights unfortunately. Clerk to advise them.
  - e. Rights of way issues reported via Street Doctor and promptly dealt with by NCC Rights of way officer.
  - f. Defibrillator checked monthly- in good order by Cllr Leadbeater and Clerk 12/11/2019
  - g. Website- still problems hopefully soon resolved.
- Casual vacancy Cllr Lamb's notice of resignation had been received. SNC advertise the vacancy until 7<sup>th</sup> November. SNC Notice of Casual Vacancy displayed on Parish Council noticeboard and sent as attachment to email

contact list. Advertised in Banbury Guardian under Culworth Column. SNC advise Parish Council they can co-opt. Notice to be displayed on Noticeboard, and on email circulation. Ballot of candidates at January 2020 meeting.

- 8. Parish Council keen to promote candidacy at the May 2020 elections. This will be for a fiveyear term. To be included in November newsletter
- Cricket Field update. Planning determination still awaited. Delay due to local Government Reorganisation leading to loss of staff. CHFT request £10000 to complete any further planning issues. Copy of accounts requested.
- Update on Local Government Reorganisation in Northamptonshire- Statutory Regulation Order was not laid before Parliament before dissolution.
- Report from Clerks Conference SLCC at Hinckley-keynote speakers John Sergeant and Derek Redmond. Emphasis on innovation and stepping outside the box. Encouragement to speak one's mind.
- 12. FINANCE
  - a. Budget 2020-21- draft approved by Parish Council. For inclusion in November newsletter, notice board.
  - External audit report noted Fixed Assets for 2018-9 column should read £29651 for previous year and £29652 for 2018-19
  - c. Internal controller accounts- Local Auditor checked on 4 November 2019
  - d. Receipts SNC Precept £9500
  - e. Payments
    - Royal British Legion Wreath £17 (Sect 137)- account awaited
    - ii. Texprep Booklet NCALC £9.60(1023) DM/BL
    - iii. G.Taylor Mowing verges at Barley Hill £40 (1024) DM/BL
    - iv. Paul Lewis Supply and fit new wooden gate and gateposts.£568+£113.60=£681 .60 (1025)DM/BL
    - Roger Smith Mowing Burial ground 3,10,17 October and strimming 4,18. Hedge 15/10 =£221(1026) BL/DM
  - f. Current account £15213.17
  - g. Deposit account £9147.68
- 13. Planning SNC
  - a. applications
    - i. S/2019/2072/LBC Westhill House Variation of condition 4 (gates finish) to

S/2018/0625/LBC (Extension to existing entrance wall and new gates) To paint entrance gates in keeping with other gates in the vicinity. No observations.

- b. Consent- None received
- c. Electronic planning consultationsprovision of equipment from SNC and advice on purchasing additional software.Parish Council do not require support services.
- 14. Correspondence emailed
  - a. NCALC Building communities
  - b. NCALC Clerks Update
  - c. SNC- updates on Local Government
  - d. HS2 works- road closures and one way working around A361 imminent.Minor road to Greatworth closed from 18 November.
- 15. Any other business for January 2020 meetingnone requested. Co-option of new councillor
- Next routine full council meeting January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm –Forge Coffee OX17 2AZ
- 17. Meeting closed 8.05pm
- PLANNING MEETING Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7pm venue to be confirmed.

#### VILLAGE HALL NEWS



#### Film nights

Two film dates have been announced, although there has not been a decision of what films will be shown. The two dates for your diary are March 7<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes of Culworth Village Hall AGM Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 at 7.30pm.

Those Present; June Oxley (secretary) Mark Izzett (Treasurer) Margaret Watts, Sarah Powell, Martin Rowling, John Emmett and Julie Tinn (Chair). Apologies: None Visitors: Kirsty Hawkins.

The Minutes of the last AGM were signed as correct.

1. Matters Arising; None.

- 2. Chairmans Report: Thank you to all members of the Committee for their hard work and support during the year. Jane Field stood down as Treasurer at the AGM last year but stayed on in the position until we had found a replacement. Mark Izzett was co-opted onto the Committee as Treasurer on 15<sup>th</sup> January this year. Michelle Koster resigned as Parish Council representative at the PC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May due to time restraints. Martin Rowling took over the role on a temporary basis. The film and supper nights continue to be popular social events for those in the village and surrounding area and provide extra funds for the Village Hall. we have shown the following films- The Children's Act, King of Thieves, First Man, Stan and Ollie, Bohemian Rhapsody, Fisherman's Friend, Mary Queen of Scots and Johnny English Strikes Again. I would like to thank those who helped prepare the suppers for the film nights, we are very grateful for their help. Jenny Howse organised two frugal lunches again this year in March and also another well attended Shrove Tuesday Quiz. Regular events in the hall, Pilates, Snappers Camera Club, T'ai Chi, Coffee and Chat, Circle Dance and the monthly village cafes together with hirings all contribute to the running costs of the hall. The Village Hall Committee decided to abolish the historic two hour minimum hire fee making the hall more competitive for short hirings. There was no village fete this year. We hosted the Harvest lunch in the hall which was well attended and enjoyed by all, the proceeds going to the Church Roof Fund. The Culworth Hill Field Trust, set up to oversee the design and build of the proposed new hall, submitted final plans to SNC in April. We are still waiting for approval. Funding applications are continuing but without planning approval it is difficult to proceed. The Village Hall Trustees have decided how to market the existing Village Hall site and who to appoint to do this in readiness. We have continued to care for the Hall to provide a useful space for the village.
- Treasurers Report: The Accounts for the year are attached. The amount in hand is £24550 (which includes £5K from the estate of Brian Harris) which is a drop of £609 on last year mainly due to the legal fees incurred in the preparation of selling the original VH site in the future.
- Nomination of Village Representatives and Trustees: It was proposed by JT and seconded by JE that these should stay the same, namely JE, MR, SP, MW. Carried unanimously.

- Election of Officers: It was proposed by MW and seconded by JE that these also should remain as JT, Chair, MI, Treasurer and JO as Secretary. JT welcomed Kirsty Hawkins (KH) as a new member of the Committee, she was proposed by SP and seconded by JT. Carried unanimously.
- 6. Hiring Rates: There was a unanimous decision that these should stay the same.
- 7. Review of Health and Safety and Risk Assessments: The Health and Safety forms were taken by JT to be amended and updated to include a warning of hot water from the boiler tap in the kitchen (SP) and the provision of socket covers on all sockets (SP). The First Aid Kit was examined and left for another year. JT will contact ACRE for a more up to date Health and Safety Policy. JO to obtain a new exercise book for the Defect/Damage log.
- 8. Equal Opportunities Review: Although we do have a policy it was felt the it should be brought up to date, JT to contact ACRE.
- 9. Repairs and Renewals: The front roof may need repairing, JT will contact Steve Law to advise. A replacement cooker has been donated to replace the existing one in the kitchen which does not work properly and JT will ask Mark Mumford to connect it and provide a PAT test on all the other appliances.
- 10. AOB: MI informed the Committee that the VH Insurance is up to date as advised by Allied Westminster.

The next meeting was fixed for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

# News from St Mary's



February 2nd Benefice

Service at Sulgrave 10am when both Rev Brian Fairbank and Rev Nick Leggett will be present. This is the last service of Sulgrave in the Culworth Benefice before it moves to Chenderit Benefice joining Middleton Cheney, Chacombe, Warkworth, Marston St Lawrence, Thenford and Greatworth with Rev Nick Leggett and Rev Carolyn Oley as priests. Thorpe Mandeville will also join the Chenderit Benefice. 6pm Evening Prayer Culworth February 9th 11am Family Service or Mattins followed by refreshments. February 16th 10am Mattins February 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion WEDNESDAY 26th February 6pm. ASH WEDNESDAY Imposition of Ashes CHIPPING WARDEN 1st March 10am Moreton Pinkney 6pm Evening Prayer 8th March 11am Family Service or Mattins followed by refreshments 15th March 10am Mattins 22nd March 9.30am Holy Communion 29th March 10am Benefice Service Holy Communion

5th April 10am Benefice service Holy Communion Chipping Warden 6pm Evening Prayer Culworth Rev Brian Fairbank retires after 42 years of Ministry including 8 years in Culworth Benefice on November 1st with a service at Chipping Warden. Father Brian and Catherine have been supporters of all the Benefice activities in their time here. We are grateful for their ministry and guidance.



#### Lent Lunches

There will be 2 Frugal Lunches this year in the Village Hall. The first will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and the second on 26<sup>th</sup> March, from 12 till 2. As with previous years there will be a choice of home-made soup, home-baked bread and a choice of puddings. Cost will be £5 each and all the money will be given to Banbury Food Bank.

#### Shrove Tuesday Quiz

The annual Shrove Tuesday Quiz will take place again this year. As the Village Hall is in use on Tuesday nights for Pilates, it will be on another date – to be advised.

#### **Culworth Church Roof**

Many thanks to all those who gave so generously to the cost of replacing the lead from the south aisle of the church roof which was stolen over 16 months ago. We are lucky to have in Culworth so many people to whom the church means a great deal. The bureaucratic process has meant that we have been unable to start the work any sooner but work will start in the second week of March. We hope to put any excess funds towards the cost of redecorating of the interior. Culworth PCC

### **Other News and Events**

#### Spring Flower Workshop

Local flower grower and florist, Suzy - From Garden to Vase - is teaming up with Woodford Halse based potter, Jacqueline Rappaport - Ragstone Pottery, for a floral workshop scheduled for the evening of Thursday 2nd April @ Forge Coffee. Full details will soon be available at <u>www.fromgardentovase.co.uk</u> Facebook/fromgardentovase

Instagram fromgarden2vase

#### **Annual Parish Assembly**

The Annual Parish Assembly is on Monday 20th April at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall. it is an open meeting when you can raise any matter. The meeting will be chaired by Cllr S. Rolt, Chair of Culworth Parish Council.

Miss Caryl Billingham will be at the meeting to talk about Brackley Community Hospital. She will bring the plans with her and will have information on whether patients of surgeries in Brackley can use the facilities.

#### **Annual Litter Pick**

This very worthwhile exercise will take place on Saturday 7th March 2020 at 10am starting at The Forge. Although Martin Rowling will have black bags and some hi vis jackets, please bring your own gloves, wellingtons, and thick coat.

Ideally Martin likes people to work in pairs. One person should have mobile telephone with them. Filled bags of rubbish are left by the roadside to be collected by a resident with a trailer for stacking outside the Forge for SNC ease of collection.

Litterpick sticks will be provided.

Do come along and see how untidy the village is. One diligent resident regularly clears litter along the Eydon Road.

Look forward to seeing you. Martin Rowling

#### **Byfield Medical Centre**

Following a show of support for the medical centre by about 400 people at the planning meeting at Daventry District Council, a final decision on the building of a new surgery and 78 houses has been deferred to allow the Council to gather more details about some of the proposals and consider any conditions that would allow them to recommend approval. The authority also urged the developer to reach agreement with the highways department at Northamptonshire County Council, which had objected to the scheme in its current form.

#### **HOPE CENTRE Northampton**

The centre near Campbell Square police station caters for those in the night shelter without accommodation by providing beds, food, washing facilities and the chance to regain their self-esteem. It is a very caring centre. People can be rehoused and employment opportunities found.

People in Culworth are very kind and supply toilet rolls, paper towels, towels, soap, shaving creams, razors, cleaning materials, warm clothes and bedding. Male socks and pants are urgently required. Ladies sanitary wear is needed.

There is a box in the church for any items of food too. Pasta, sugar, tea, biscuits, tea, coffee, soup, baked beans, cereals- any non-perishable food is welcomed. Please leave any items in the church or at The Forge. Many thanks. Jose

#### **Bus Service**

Ability runs a weekly service, allowing people to get to Banbury for shopping, health or leisure purposes. It picks up passengers from agreed locations in the villages. It departs at 9:30am from Eydon, then to Culworth and Thorpe Mandeville, arriving at Banbury at approximately 10:30. It allows a couple of hours in Banbury (dropping off at the Bus Station in Banbury) before returning to Culworth, Eydon and Thorpe Mandeville

To use the service, each person will be required to register for the service and pre book a seat. Ability takes concessionary bus passes or cash. CALL 07799 522097 to register, or get more information at <u>https://abilitycic.org.uk/</u>

#### Library in the church

Just in case you haven't discovered our wonderful village asset.

We have an amazing library in the village at the back of the church. A huge selection of the latest novels, classical fiction and even children's books. All are free to borrow, no fees for late return and right on your doorstep. Go and have a look.

#### **Good Neighbour scheme**

Obviously we cannot provide professional services but we may be able to help you to contact people who can and we are certainly very good at putting the kettle on and making a cup of tea.

We understand that you may not be comfortable for someone to call on you whom you may not know and

we would therefore make sure you are properly introduced to one or more of us able to help by someone you do know.

Please don't feel isolated or alone this winter. We would love to see you and offer a helping hand. Just ring one of the people below and we will take it from there.

Alternatively, if you are in a position and have time to help others in the village, and would like to join us in providing help when it is needed, please do let us know.

Sarah and Mark Izzett 01295 760640 Cath and James Jeffries 01295 768555 Diana Langdale 01295 760222 Juliet McKenzie 01295 768131 June and Mick Oxley 01295 768184 Jose Rowling 01295 760571 If a resident needs transport they can contact Margaret Watts on 01295 or Sarah Izzett on 01295 760640

#### **Medical emergencies**

In all cases, please dial 999.

Should the defibrillator be required, the call handler will advise you of the location and code of the one in Culworth. It is located adjacent to the school along the school path, OX17 2AT. The defibrillator is maintained by the Parish Council and is checked regularly.

#### **Volunteer Car services**

There are several organisations which can provide transport for those people, particularly the elderly and disadvantaged, who find it difficult to get to essential medical or social care appointments, as they do not have ready access to public or private transport. All the drivers are volunteers and give their time without charge. Passengers pay a mileage charge to help cover the driver's fuel cost

#### **Brackley Area Volunteer Car Service**

BAVCS provides a service based in Brackley at the SNVB (South Northants Volunteer Bureau) 01280 841099

TADD (Towcester Area Door to Door) runs a similar service 01327 701665 or 701666

#### **Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed**

Can you or anyone you know spare a few hours a week to help people in YOUR community?

Due to an unprecedented lack of volunteers, TADD (Towcester Area Door to Door) is unable to meet demand from people in Towcester and surrounding villages for journeys to health and well-being appointments. The service is invaluable in helping the elderly, disabled and others in need to remain independent in their own homes as well as combating loneliness and isolation. We have a long waiting list for membership and desperately need to recruit more drivers. Drivers use their own cars, insurance is not affected and mileage is reimbursed. Please help us continue to provide this essential service in YOUR community.

https://www.towcesterareadoor2door.com/volunteer @towcesterareadoor2door.co.uk

**Volunteer Connect**, based at Citizens Advice in Banbury provides a service for people in or very close to Banbury. Call 0300 3030 125 to book a journey or find out more.

#### New emergency numbers

105 power cuts 101 for Police 111 for NHS

Contact the editor at September Cottage, phone number 01295 760119, email address <u>michelle.koster@btinternet.com</u>

#### Want to know what is happening in the village?

Here are some of the websites that may be helpful Culworth Village website Culworth Facebook Culworth Community Facebook Next door Culworth Red Lion website and Facebook Forge Coffee website

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

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