



Culworth Newsletter



August & September 2026



Monday 31st August – Village Barbecue

The Parish Council is pleased to be organising a BBQ on the cricket field on August Bank Holiday Monday, and we'd love to see as many people there as possible.

As well as the BBQ, there'll be games and activities throughout the afternoon. There will also be a baking contest and a scarecrow making competition. Entries for both competitions should be prepared in advance and ready to be judged on the day. Scarecrows should be displayed outside your house on the Monday morning for everyone to enjoy before judging takes place.

The BBQ will be a great opportunity to get together with neighbours, meet new faces, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon as a village. More details, including how to enter the competitions, will be shared over the coming weeks, but for now, please save the date!

Red Kites & Hummingbird Hawk Moths

This year for the first time, a pair of red kites have been nesting in the spinney at the bottom of the hill near the Eydon turning. Their screeching call is unmistakable and serves as a very early alarm call in the early hours, especially during this hot weather with all the windows open. They have been sweeping low over the house and although some people think they take other bird eggs and small birds, the RSPB website states their diet consists mainly of carrion and worms with occasional small mammals. They are monogamous, only lay one to three eggs and often return to the same nesting site each year. *(Photo: Jenny Howse)*



Like many other people in Culworth I have been fascinated by the sight of Hummingbird Hawk Moths this year. On a sunny morning after church a solitary one was flitting all over the lavender along the church path and later in the day one was filling up from my salvias in the garden. I had hoped to take a photo but they are so incredibly fast. The bumble bees take their time but the hummingbird moths are far quicker with their long proboscis.

Unlike other moths they are day flying moths and lay eggs on various species of bedstraw. This includes the rampaging goose grass – had lots of that in my garden this year. *(Photo: Online search)*

Jenny Howse

Culworth Film Nights start again on Friday 11th September - film to be decided. Doors open at 6.30pm, we serve supper from 7pm and then show the film at approximately 8pm. Would you like to help run the Culworth Film Nights? They run roughly every six weeks, usually on a Friday night. I am moving and would like to find someone to help me organise these evenings with a view to taking over. Please get in touch if you think you would like to help - Julie 0776 973 0668 - jules.tinn@gmail.com.



Culworth Christmas Shopping Trail

Sorry to remind everyone, but it's only four months until December! Thankfully, that also means the Culworth Christmas Shopping Trail isn't far away. This year it's on **Sunday 6th December**.

If you're an artisan who would like to take part, please get in touch as soon as possible. We're nearly full, but there may still be room for a few more exhibitors.

We're also looking for anyone who might be willing to help by either opening their home to serve teas and coffees or offering space for one or two artisans to exhibit and sell their work. The McKenzie and Rolt families very kindly did this last year, but unfortunately, it's unlikely they'll be able to this time.

Serving refreshments raised a significant amount for our community last year. Although we'll have use of the Village Hall this year, we'd love to keep as much of that valuable space as possible for exhibitors, so any offers of help would be hugely appreciated.

If you'd like to exhibit or can help in any way, please contact me, Ginny Staniford on [07766 710523](tel:07766710523) or ginnystaniford@gmail.com.

Please put the date in your diary! We'll be looking for around 40 volunteers to each do a three-hour shift to help the day run smoothly, as well as a few stalwarts to join the organising team from September as we build up to the event. Or simply come along and enjoy what promises to be another wonderful community day.

Culworth Village Café

The next village café is on **Saturday 1st August** from 10.30am till 12 in the Village Hall. Refreshments are free but donations are invited towards Village Hall upkeep. The August Café will be hosted by Darryl and Charlie Timmins and will include breakfast baps.

The following month's event will be on **Saturday 5th September**. Please come along and meet your fellow villagers, and enjoy delicious refreshment.



Culworth Snappers



The June meeting tested club members on the subject of “Ripples”, while July dealt with images of “Shadows”. Some imaginative and creative offerings were on show. The photograph on the left is from the topic of “Shadows”, but do check out the Culworth Snappers Facebook page, where a selection of images from our latest subject is regularly updated. The 27th August and 24th September topics are “Corners” and “My Favourite Photos”. 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 (or occasionally penultimate) Thursday of the month.

Culworth Cricket Club

We had a very rewarding season, with a large influx of new youngsters joining the club. The annual awards ceremony took place on Tuesday 14th July, alongside a barbecue and kids & parents diamond cricket match. We’re looking forward to next year already!

HS2 Visit

Several Culworth residents enjoyed (yes, really!) a visit to some nearby HS2 locations in June, with a particular focus on learning about the substantial efforts being made to mitigate all the current and future ecological disruption. We were told about work on relocating not only animals such as great crested newts, toads, and snakes, but also areas of marshland and watercourses. Some members of the Culworth Snappers are hoping for a visit in August, which should provide some interesting photos too!



Congratulations to... Sebastian and Issy on the birth of their twins Frederick and Phillipa, and Charlotte and Ollie on the birth of their twins.

Culworth has had 13 new babies in the last year. Quite a record. We hope the parents and the children will enjoy their time living here.

Baptisms

Sunday 26th July - 10.30am George Childs, baptised by Rt Rev Ed Condry; 2pm Posie Nickell Lean, baptised by Father Matthew Robinson. We welcome them into the church and wish them every blessing.

Weddings

Thursday 21st May - Alex and Lizzie, married by Father Matthew Robinson.

Saturday 30th May - Stephen and Georgia, married by Rt Rev Ed Condry.

We wish them much happiness together.

News from St Mary's Culworth

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

There is a service in Culworth Church every Sunday apart from the occasional fifth Sunday of the month. The dates and times are on the noticeboard. Our Harvest festival this year will be on **Sunday 11th October.**

We have been trying very hard to keep things going without a rector and rely very much on a small band of volunteers. However, with numbers decreasing and old age catching up with us all, we do need help from other people in the village. We all want the church and the churchyard to look its best but at the moment there are not many people willing to help out. We need volunteers to cut the grass (it will need cutting when it eventually rains), volunteers to help clean the church (the monthly rota has a few gaps) and also help to do a couple of flower arrangements. There are rotas on the table in the church if you could help. You don't need to be regular churchgoers to want to help keep the major building in the village looking its best. The church does belong to the village. Please contact one of the churchwardens or fill in a rota in the church if you feel you can help. Thank You.

Churchyard Help Needed Saturday August 22nd

There will be a working party in the churchyard on Saturday 22nd August from 10am when the conservation area will be strimmed, ivy will be removed from the gravestones and there will be a general tidy up. If you enjoyed the snowdrops and primroses this Spring in the churchyard you will realise what a difference this regime has made. Please if you can, come and help. You will be most welcome. This is dependent on the weather. If it's too hot we will postpone it.

Ride and Stride and Drive 2026 – Saturday 12th September 10 - 6pm

Ride and Stride was 'born' in Suffolk in 1982 as a sponsored cycle ride or walk and is held annually, in virtually every county in England. It is the main fund-raising event for the county churches trusts. It is now a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers and horse riders. Any

mode of transport can be used as long as sponsors are happy; this year it was decided that driving should be included as a legitimate means of travelling from church to church.

Some participants challenge themselves to visit as many churches as they can by their chosen mode of transport. Others prefer a more leisurely approach, visiting fewer churches and taking more time at each. There is no age limit - it is a great family activity - and you plan your own route. Churches are usually open from 10.00am to 6.00pm although there are some that close earlier.

Where does the money go? In Northamptonshire, 50% of the money raised and any Gift Aid is retained by the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and a cheque for 50% of the money raised is sent to the church chosen by each of the participants. The money raised, along with other funds, is used to give grants for preserving, restoring and improving churches, chapels and meeting houses in Northamptonshire whether they are historic or not. There will be more details soon in Culworth Church or go to www.nhct.org.uk

Culworth Benefice Services:

August & September 2026

Sunday 2nd August – 10am Benefice Holy Communion Culworth (CP)

Sunday 9th August - 9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Warden (EC)
9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11am Family Service Culworth

Sunday 16th August – 9am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (EC)
10am Mattins Culworth

Sunday 23rd August - 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth (GS)
10am Mattins Chipping Warden
11am Holy Communion Edgcote (GS)

Sunday 30th August – **NO services in the Benefice**

Sunday 6th September - 10am Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote (GS)
6pm Evensong Culworth

Saturday 12th September – Ride, Drive & Stride

Sunday 13th September - 9.30am Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
9.30am Holy Communion & Harvest Festival Chipping Warden (EC), followed by refreshments & sale of produce
11am Family Service Culworth

Sunday 20th September - 9.30am Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney (CP)
10am Mattins Culworth

Sunday 27th September– 9.30am Holy Communion Culworth (EC)
10am Mattins Chipping Warden
11am Mattins & Harvest Festival Edgcote

Sunday 4th October – 10am Benefice Holy Communion Chipping Warden (EC)

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

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 6th August – 5-7pm HS2 Mobile Visitor Centre on Cricket Field

Sunday 9th August – 11am Family Service at Culworth

Tuesday 11th August - Coffee & Chat, 10-12 Village Hall

Sunday 16th August – 10am Mattins at Culworth

Saturday 22nd August – 10am Churchyard Tidy Up

Sunday 23rd August – 9.30am Holy Communion at Culworth

Thursday 27th August – 7.30pm Culworth Snappers at Forge Coffee – “Corners”

Monday 31st August – 1-6pm Village Barbecue on the Cricket Field

Thursday 3rd September – 7pm Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall

Saturday 5th September– 10.30am – 12noon Village Café at the Village Hall

Sunday 6th September – 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Edgcote

6pm Evensong at Culworth

Tuesday 8th September – 10-12noon, Coffee & Chat, Village Hall

Friday 11th September – 6.30pm Film Night at Village Hall

Saturday 12th September – Ride, Drive & Stride in aid of Historic Churches Trust

Sunday 13th September – 11am Family Service at Culworth

Sunday 20th September – 10am Mattins at Culworth

Thursday 24th September – 7.30pm Culworth Snappers at Forge Coffee – “My Favourite Photos”

Sunday 27th September – 9.30am Holy Communion at Culworth

Sunday 11th October – Harvest Festival at Culworth – details to be confirmed

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## Culworth Parish Council

The Parish Clerk, **Peter Coville** can be contacted via [culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com)

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                               |

## Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

These are available on the Culworth Parish Council website (Hover over the link, Press CTRL & click): [Culworth Parish Council](#)

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



## 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](mailto:alison.eastwood@westnorthants.gov.uk) or 07967867726.

**Please send items for the next newsletter to [wilbyjoanne@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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.

## 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

Culworth Chat WhatsApp Group



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### 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](http://www.pilates-solutions.co.uk)

If you are interested in joining or would like to ask me any questions my mobile number is 07778 673677. Email address  
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**Opening Hours** Tuesday – Thursday: 12:00-21:00

Friday – Saturday: 09:30- 22:30

Sunday: 12:00- 18:00

Monday: Closed (apart from Bank Holidays)

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.

Follow us for updates, menus, and events such as Quiz Nights: Instagram and Facebook: @theredlionculworth Bookings & enquiries: 01295 760050 or message us directly on social media

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